



THE CHURCH OF

Our Lady of Mercy



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† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation.....5:00 PM

Sunday Mass.....7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM &
5:00 PM (Sept—May)

Daily

Monday - Friday.....7:30 AM

Saturdays & Legal Holidays.....8:30 AM

Holy Day

Vigil Mass.....5:00 PM

Holiday Masses.....7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Mercy School

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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ October 1, 2017

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment.

Saturdays at 4:00 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Second Sunday of the month. Preparation Class is required. Please contact the parish Deacon prior to birth of your child.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact one of the parish priests one year prior to the proposed date of your wedding.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact one of the parish priests if you are shut-in, sick, homebound or hospitalized and before surgery.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Please contact one of the parish priests or the Office of the Director of Vocations at 401-331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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The Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor

The Reverend Joshua A. Barrow, S.T.L., Associate Pastor

Deacon John W. Dowd, Parish Deacon

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Parish Founded 1853



Parish Incorporated 1867



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THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 1, 2017

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Mass of Anticipation for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Richard Hruda—Memorial

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Shirley Wesson—Memorial
 10:30AM Mary & Emilio Moretti—Memorial
 5:00PM Patricia Werba—Memorial

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Holy Guardian Angels
 7:30AM Robert Anderson—Memorial

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Weekday
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi
 7:30AM Carol McCauley—Memorial

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Weekday/Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
 7:30AM Filomena Ricci—Memorial

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Weekday/St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
 7:30AM Jim Bergeron—Memorial
 9:00AM Martha Noll—Memorial

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary
 8:30AM Members of OLM Rosary Makers—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Michael Zwolinski—Memorial

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM John & Pat Corrigan—Memorial
 9:00 AM Barbara McMahon—Birthday Remembrance
 10:30AM Daniel Murphy—3rd Anniversary
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church





Dear Parishioners:

Yes it is October already! The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. October 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, and the Church celebrates the month of October to honor Our Lady of the Rosary.

The Feast is in honor of a great victory that took place on October 7, 1571. The Muslim Turks had already conquered the Middle East forcing all to convert to Islam. They then moved across the Mediterranean Sea and set their sights on the Christian kingdoms of Europe.

Pope Pius V called on the Christian princes of Europe to rally to defeat the Islamic threat. In addition, he called on Rosary Confraternities in Rome and all over Europe to undertake special processions and public recitation of the Rosary, asking the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

What ensued was the historic Battle of Lepanto. The Christian fleet was outnumbered and appeared to have no human hope of winning. On the first Sunday of October 1571, the Christian fleet met the invading Muslims off the coast of Greece in the Gulf of Lepanto.

As Christians all across Europe prayed for Our Lady's intercession, the Turks soon surrounded the Christian ships. But the European fleet broke through. By day's end, almost all of the Turks were driven to shore or drowned. Europe was saved.

Pope Pius established an annual commemoration to honor Our Lady of Victory, and his successor, Pope Gregory XIII, decreed that the first Sunday in

October would be the feast of the Holy Rosary.

We are to continue this tradition of honoring our Blessed Mother in this month with Devotions on Mondays at 7:00PM. As we continue to celebrate this Diocesan Year of Mary, we once again celebrate her titles with a guest preacher. A complete schedule is in the bulletin and I invite you to join us in praying the Rosary each Monday.

We had a grand and glorious celebration of Mercy last week in honor of our Patronal Feast. The solemn Mass last Sunday was a fitting start to celebrate our Parish Patroness, Our Lady of Mercy.

Of course, God gave us beautiful weather for our OLM Annual Picnic on Sunday. It was an afternoon of good food and great fun for our parish family! I am grateful to all who joined us and helped us celebrate our Parish Feast Day.

Also, as part of our Mercy celebration, on Monday we had two hours of Confessions and a Holy Hour dedicated to Our Lady of Mercy. Fr. Joseph Brice, one of our new, and talented, young priests of the Diocese, did an outstanding job as our guest preacher. It was a truly terrific way to prayerfully celebrate Mercy as a parish family.

On Tuesday our wonderful parish choirs along with our talented OLM musicians, Henri St. Louis and Deirdre Donovan, performed a concert in honor of Our Lady of Mercy. Listening to the beautiful sacred music in honor of Our Lady was truly

inspirational. We thank them for the joyful and prayerful concert.

On Wednesday night we gathered as a parish family once again. This time to help those who are so less fortunate than ourselves. In this Act of Mercy, we prepared meals for the hungry and homeless of our state.

It was a modest Act of Mercy in light of the great problem of homelessness, hunger and poverty that exists in our state. Nonetheless, it was a powerful witness to the charity and mercy that exist in our parish. I offer my deep gratitude to those who took the time to join us to help feed the hungry and homeless.

On Thursday, Fr. Barrow and hundreds of priests, friends and family members gathered at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome to celebrate the Ordination Mass of 42 young men as Transitional Deacons.

Among these new Deacons was Philip Dufour, a young man from Bristol who studied with Fr. Barrow. He is to be ordained a priest by Bishop Tobin next June. We offer our congratulations to Deacon Dufour and his classmates. Let us pray for them as they continue the path toward priesthood.

It's October so take up your beads and pray the Rosary! Come to Marian Devotions on Mondays and honor the Mother of God! Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Sox! Go Pats!



When should we genuflect?

Genuflecting in church is second nature for Catholics, but it is a (relatively) recent gesture in the liturgy. In the Old Testament the primary religious action was standing. In the Jewish religion it was the rule to pray standing. Jesus presumes that people stand to pray when in Mark’s Gospel he says: “When you stand to pray...” (Mark 11:25). Worshippers would kneel during special solemnities, for an urgent petition, or for mercy. In the Early Church kneeling became synonymous with praying and so became the dominant posture. Specifically, the act of genuflecting originated in the 1500s and became an act of adoration and reverence to the presence of God in the tabernacle. As we know, *lex orandi, lex credendi* (As we worship, so we believe), and so Genuflecting as an act of worship, serves as the reminder of the Real Presence.

When to genuflect is analogous to proper manners when you greet a person. Etiquette suggests that you first greet the person with a handshake and then another handshake when leaving the person (or similar gesture). Likewise when you enter the church (when you get to the pew) and when you leave the church (when you exit the pew) you genuflect as a sign of respect and adoration. The other general rule is to genuflect when you pass by in front of a tabernacle; much as you would greet someone you pass in front of in the street.

Thinking about genuflections in light of etiquette requirements in the presence of a person helps us reorient exactly what, or rather who, is in the tabernacle. We treat the entrance and exit of a church in the same way in which we treat greeting and bidding farewell to a person. In that way we come to both a better understanding of the presence of God and the profound truth that God is a Trinity of Persons. As one Dominican priest put it: “instead of turtles all the way down it is persons.” The universe exists for personal reasons; it is made by persons and for persons. Gradually as this thought permeates our understanding, genuflection becomes less a blind obedient act and instead a natural and intuitive gesture of adoration in the presence of the God who created everything.

If you have questions about the Catholic Faith, please send them to Fr. Barrow via email at associate@olmparish.org

Weekly Collection

September 24, 2017

Weekly.....	\$11,713.50
EFT.....	\$1,726.00
	Total=\$13,439.50
Outreach	\$1,360.00
Annual Collection (to date).....	\$50,602.00

If you have been away on vacation or visiting another parish, we kindly ask you to please make up your missed budget envelopes. We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

Thank you for your generous support!

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.

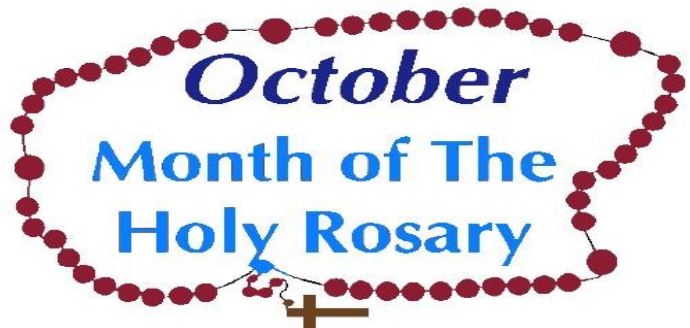


Second Collections

This Week: Building & Grounds Collection
Next Week: Seminary Collection



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of OLM Parishioners **Mary Dunn Hyde, Beverly A. Zenga, and Shirley Berlanga** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.





Upcoming Dates at OLM School

- **Thursday, October 5:** OLM Walkathon
- **Friday, October 6:** First Friday Mass at 9am. All parishioners are invited to attend.

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Upcoming RE Schedule

- **Wednesday, October 4:** **MANDATORY Meeting for ALL PARENTS of Grade 8 Children who are receiving Confirmation in Fall 2018.**

All students in 8th Grade who are members of OLM Parish, attend OLM school or another Catholic school are eligible. **Meeting is takes place at the OLM School Cafeteria at 7pm.**

- The First Day of class for Grades 3-5 and 6-8 is Sunday, October 1. Orientation for Grades 1 and 2 is Sunday, October 15th.



● **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please leave items in Food Box in vestibule. Thank you for your support.

● **OLM Bereavement Group: Thursday, October 5 a 4pm in Mercy House.** All those experiencing grief or loneliness are welcome to attend.

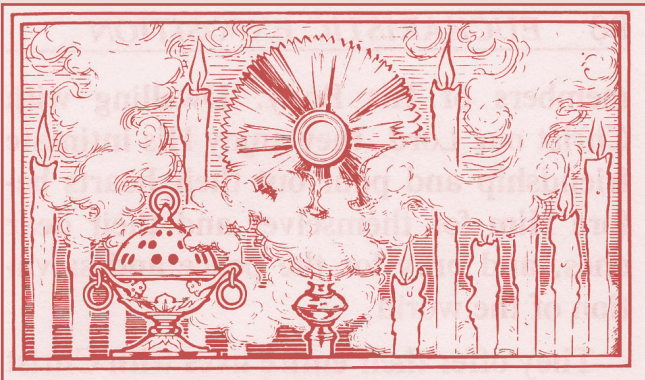
● **For more information about OLM Outreach,** please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org

Thank you for your generous support.



This week the flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in loving memory of Patricia Werba. In your charity please remember her in your prayers.

First Friday Adoration



Friday, October 6th

Exposition of the Eucharist
following 9:00AM School Mass

All-Day Adoration

Benediction of

the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00pm

Adorers are needed, please sign up in the vestibule.

“When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now.” —Saint Teresa of Calcutta



The Year of Mary

—REVEALING HER MANY TITLES—

October Devotions at Our Lady of Mercy Church

Join us for Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Rosary, Meditative Music and a Spiritual Talk on the Blessed Virgin Mary. 7:00PM each Monday in October
Confessions at 6:00 PM with two priests.

OCTOBER 2: MARY, QUEEN OF THE ROSARY

Fr. Alan Piper, O.P.
Professor of Theology, Providence College

OCTOBER 9: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Fr. Stephen Battey
Associate Pastor, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Bristol

OCTOBER 16: MARY, OUR LADY OF CZĘSTOCHOWA

Fr. Przemyslaw "Shemek" Lepak
Pastor, St. Theresa & St. Christopher Church, Tiverton

OCTOBER 23: MARY, QUEEN OF CONFESSORS

Fr. Christopher Murphy
Chaplain, Bishop Hendricken High School

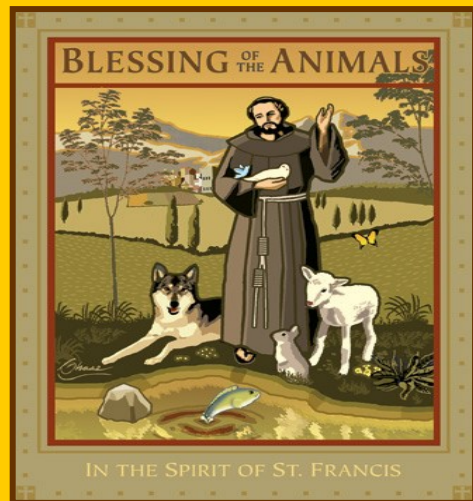
OCTOBER 30: MARY, SEAT OF WISDOM

Fr. John Sica, O.P.
Professor of Philosophy, Providence College

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Saturday, October 7th at 9:00AM
OLM School Parking Lot

Please bring your pets and farm animals to receive a blessing in honor of St. Francis

Finding Hope

A Program for Separated & Divorced Catholics
St. Pius X Church, Westerly, RI

Beginning on Wednesday, October 11th
7:00-8:30pm

Join us for an 8 part series that provides a peaceful group environment to reflect & share. For more information, contact Peter Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217. Sponsored by the Diocese of Providence Office of Life & Family.



The Men of St. Joseph meet next Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 7:00am in the OLM Rectory Meeting Room. All adult men of OLM are invited to join us for discussion, prayer and fellowship as we seek to strengthen our spirituality and renew our Catholic Faith. For more information contact Deacon John Dowd at 884-4968 or via email at Deacon@olmparish.org