



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

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

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## ***The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ October 14, 2018***

### **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](http://www.catholicpriest.com).

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**Deacon John W. Dowd, *Parish Deacon***

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*Mass Intentions*  
 for the Week  
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**THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 OCTOBER 14, 2018**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**

*The Mass of Anticipation for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM James Twomey—Memorial

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14**

*The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Gilda & Manuel Machado—Memorial  
 10:30AM Rhonda Campanale—1st Anniversary  
 5:00PM Frank & Jennie Longo—Memorial

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 15**

*St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*  
 7:30AM Vito Basilico—Memorial

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16**

*Weekday; St. Hedwig, Religious: St. Margaret Alacoque, Virgin*  
 7:30AM Marcel G. "Mike" Despres—Memorial

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17**

*St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr*  
 7:30AM Special Intention

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18**

*St. Luke, Evangelist*  
 7:30AM Shirley Berlanga—Memorial

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19**

*Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companion, Martyrs*  
 7:30AM Albert & Lorraine Tavani—Memorial

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20**

*Weekday; St. Paul of the Cross, Priest; BVM*  
 8:30AM Vivian Ross—3rd Anniversary

*The Mass of Anticipation for 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Dorothy Donohue—10th Anniversary

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21**

*The Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM James Kissane—Birthday Remembrance  
 10:30AM Marikutty Peter—Memorial  
 5:00PM Daniel Murphy—4th Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

Last week we sent in our Annual Report of Sacramental Statistics to the Diocese of Providence. Each year we compile the number of sacraments administered at OLM along with the number people attending Masses and enrolled in Catholic Schools and Religious Education programs.

We currently have 2,047 families registered at OLM with a total of 6,900 parishioners. This is a decrease from last year by 40 families. Of course, registered at OLM is a rather broad term. It includes anyone who registered and has not indicated they've left the parish.

About half the registered families with a total of 1,370 receive the weekly budget envelopes. Only slightly more than 500 parish families actually contribute with either the weekly budget envelope or through online giving (EFT).

Nearly 100 faithful souls attend our daily 7:30am Mass with about 1,200 total coming to Mass on weekends. This number has remained consistent in the last few years. Some Masses are better attended than others.

This year we baptized 42 infants into the Catholic Faith which is an increase from last year's 36 baptized babies. Also, another 8 children were baptized this year. Overall most parishes report a growing decrease in baptisms as couples seem to be having less children and many others choosing not to practice any type of religion,

We had 65 young children receive First Holy Communion last May. This is a decrease from the 82 the previous year. Again, this is part

of a growing trend in our state as there are less and less children being born and/or raised with religious faith.

We had 87 young adults Confirmed in the Catholic Faith last October. This is an increase by one over the previous year. In addition, we had another 8 adults confirmed in the faith, including one adult who was baptized a Catholic, and two others who converted to the Catholic Faith last year.

Twenty-one young couples received the Sacrament of Marriage at OLM last year. This is a very large increase from the previous year when only 9 couples were married at OLM. Of course, these numbers are also reflective of the societal trend of less couples getting married at all, or getting married in a Church.

We gave the Sacrament of the Sick to 85 people last year. Over thirty of these anointings were done as the person was dying. And we continue to get many people coming to Confession at OLM both on Saturday afternoons and Monday nights.

We laid to rest 58 souls last year at OLM. Most of these deceased parishioners received a Mass of Christian Burial. However, some had family members choose to have either a funeral home service or graveside prayers only.

This is a troubling trend as people who do not practice the Catholic Faith choose not to have their loved ones receive a Mass of Christian Burial even when the deceased are faithful Mass goers. Every Catholic by virtue of their baptism is due the dignity and honor of a Mass of

Christian Burial. May they rest in peace and may eternal light shine upon them.

The statistical report indicates that the faith is still very much alive and well at OLM. Many people continue to come to Mass and receive the Sacraments of the Church. Of course, there is always room for growth and improvement. We know many of our neighbors and family members do not practice their Catholic Faith on a regular basis.

So help us evangelize at OLM. Invite a friend or family member to attend Mass with you. If you know someone is sick or is having surgery, call the priests so we can give them the Sacrament of the Sick. If you know a young couple who are getting married, invite them to consider a Sacramental Wedding at OLM rather than a ceremony on a beach in Aruba!

We offer a fond farewell to our OLM Soloist, Deirdre Donovan, this weekend as she retires from Church singing. We shall miss her beautiful voice uplifting us to God each week at Mass. God's blessing upon her.

October is for Mary and the Rosary. Join us for Devotions on Mondays at 7:00pm. This Monday we offer our Rosary for an increase of respect for all human life. Take some time and join us in prayer.

Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox! Go Pats!!! See you on Monday at Devotions!

*Father Healey*



**What is the Natural Law?**

When Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident..." he demonstrated our founding fathers' belief that the morality of certain principles, and actions, is knowable to all. We recognize that many people elsewhere in the world are not so fortunate, and many do not even recognize the same moral laws as us. But such differences do not point to a "moral relativism" in which nothing is really right or wrong in itself, but is only perceived as such by the people.

Instead, we as Christians hold that actions are definitively right or wrong based on whether they measure up with the will of God, who is consistent and unchanging as the fullness of all being, goodness, and truth. We assert that there is a divine moral law that all people must adhere to in order to live justly and well, and to make it back to God. This law is written into the workings of creation because God creates all beings and upholds the universe, designing and ordering all things such that they reflect His wisdom, and point back to Him. That the world itself, including our God-given minds and intellect, should lead us to believe in God, to know Him, and to know what is morally right and wrong suggests that anyone can come to know and follow the divine law. It is written into nature and so we also call it "natural law". But we are also a fallen people and so our capacity for moral judgment can be easily clouded. Amid confusing circumstances we can easily see good things as bad or vice versa. Fortunately God helps us by revealing His will in the Ten Commandments, the teachings of Christ, and Church doctrine. We should follow these precepts and we can even use them to determine right and wrong in more ambiguous cases and in establishing civil laws.

In his Letter from Birmingham Jail Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. writes, "A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God...an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law. Any law that uplifts the human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust." By "personality" MLK here means the design of the human person envisioned and created by God. In our Declaration of Independence our founding fathers stated that we have a right to the pursuit of happiness by all lawful means. The writers of that document did not mean that a person has a right to pursue happiness by any means. When they write, "lawful means" the law they had in mind was not the changeable laws of congress or the Supreme Court, but the eternal and unchanging law of nature.

*Weekly Collection*

**October 7, 2018**

Weekly.....	\$9,424.00
EFT.....	\$1,515.00
	<b>Total=\$10,939.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$1,179.00
Annual (to date).....	\$50,287.00

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.

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

**Second Collections**  
**This Week: Seminarian Education Fund**  
**Next Week: World Missions**



**OLM Rosary Makers Monthly Workshop**

**Tuesday, October 16 , 2018**  
**9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**  
**OLM Cryroom**  
 Materials and instructions provided.  
 Join us in making rosaries for the missions.



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of OLM Parishioners, Virginia "Hope" Lawlor and Richard A. Bernard, whose Funerals were celebrated last week.



### Upcoming Events:

- Monday, October 14-18: OLM School NEASC Accreditation visit
- Tuesday, October 16: Weekly School Mass at 8:15am, all welcome to attend!
- Friday, October 18: Spirit Popcorn Day!

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[www.olmschool.org](http://www.olmschool.org)



● OLM Food Pantry is always in great need of non-perishable food items. Please leave items in the Food Box in the vestibule.

● OLM Bereavement Group Meeting: **Thursday, October 18th at 4pm in Mercy House.** All those experiencing grief or loneliness are invited to join us for support, prayer and discussion.

● For more information about OLM Outreach, please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at [outreach@olmparish.org](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)



### **OCTOBER DEVOTIONS AT OLM MONDAYS AT 7:00PM Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary**

**Monday, October 15**

Rosary for an Increased Respect of Human Life

**Monday, October 22**

Rosary for the OLM Confirmation Class  
Reflection by Fr. Stephen Battey

**Monday, October 29**

Rosary for an Increase of Holiness in the Church



**Sunday, October 14**

No RE Classes (Grades 3-5) in the AM. Orientation only for Grades 1 and 2 only. RE Classes (Grades 6-8) meet on Sunday evening as scheduled.

**9th Grade Confirmation Candidates**

Mandatory attendance at October Devotions on Monday, October 22nd at 7pm in Church. Parents & Sponsors should also attend.

## Music



**M**usic, especially sung music, is the preeminent liturgical enhancement.

Music allows text to speak on a deeper level, adds joy and festivity to celebration, and creates unity in an assembly by bringing all voices together in song.

Writings from the earliest church indicate that hymns were sung by Christians when they gathered, and written material dating from the second century can actually be identified as hymns.

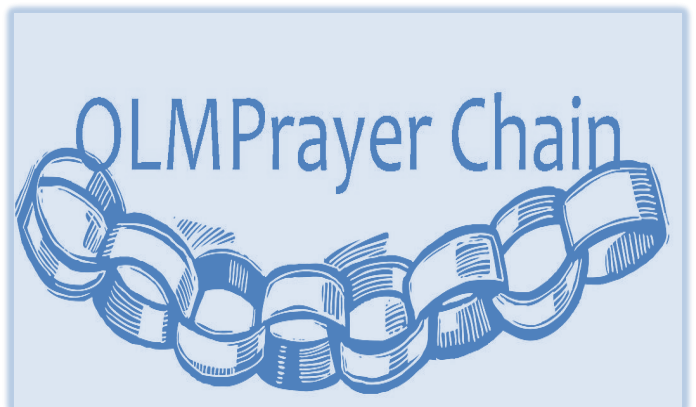
For a long time in the more recent church, choirs and soloists provided the music while the rest of the assembly remained mute. Fortunately, the reforms of Vatican II have restored a singing voice to all.



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The OLM Youth Group meets on Sundays at 7pm in the OLM School Gym. All High School students are invited to join us! For more information on the youth group please contact OLM Youth Activities Coordinator Mr. Billy Burdier at [youthactivities@olmparish.org](mailto:youthactivities@olmparish.org)



***Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain.*** The power of pray is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email directly at [2hart@cox.net](mailto:2hart@cox.net).

***If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!***

***The power of prayer at work!***