



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

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## **The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ October 15, 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

Mrs. Sandra A. Demers, Parish Secretary

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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**

**Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr.**

**William K. Wray**

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*Parish Founded 1853*



*Parish Incorporated 1867*



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**THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 OCTOBER 15, 2017**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**

*Mass of Anticipation for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Hunter Raucci—1st Anniversary

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**

*The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Doris & Donald Clark—Memorial  
 10:30AM Frank & Jennie Longo—23rd & 11th Anniversaries  
 5:00PM Donald F. Kennedy, Sr.—Memorial

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16**

*Weekday/St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*  
 7:30AM Robert Dumouchel—Birthday Remembrance

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17**

*St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr*  
 7:30AM Irving H. Clement—Memorial

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

*St. Luke, Evangelist*  
 7:30AM Gregory G. Nazarian—Memorial

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19**

*Saints John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests*  
 7:30AM Dorothy Donahue—Memorial

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20**

*Weekday/St. Paul of the Cross, Priest*  
 7:30AM John Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**

*Weekday: BVM*  
 8:30AM Vivian Ross—2nd Anniversary  
*Mass of Anticipation for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Eda Pascarella—Memorial

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

*The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM Elizabeth Doyle & Deceased Family—Memorial  
 9:00 AM Edward Quinton III—Memorial  
 10:30AM Vivian & Raymond Ericson & Hugh McGraw-Mem.  
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church





Dear Parishioners:

October is upon us and the leaves are changing color and falling! It's autumn in New England and that means apple picking, football, MLB playoffs and sweaters! I think the fall season is one of the most, bountiful, especially in this area! So enjoy the season because winter is not far away!

October is also Respect Life Month. The Respect Life Program is under the direction of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and highlights the value and dignity of every human life. The theme for this year is "Be Not Afraid".

In early September, Professor Amy Barrett, a distinguished law professor at the University of Notre Dame, appeared before the U.S Senate Judiciary Committee for her confirmation hearing as the nominee to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Professor Barrett is an outstanding lawyer and academician. She is also a committed Catholic and the mother of seven children.

At the confirmation hearings several Democratic Senators repeatedly raised questions about her suitability to serve because of her Catholic faith. The most offensive, and I believe deeply bigoted, comments came from Senator Dianne Feinstein from California. She expressed her great concern about Professor Barrett as a judge because "dogma lives loudly in you."

Of course, the Senator is also an ardent and vocal supporter of abortion on demand. Her dogma that abortion should be unlimited and paid for by

taxpayers seems to live quite "loudly" within her!

Professor Barrett, as every Catholic should, believes in the Church's teaching. She understands that all human life is sacred from natural conception until natural death. And human dignity and human life should be respected in law.

It might be news to Senator Feinstein and her cohorts in the U.S. Senate but a great many faithful Catholics do let their convictions "live loudly" in their hearts and also in their actions. It's called being a witness and it takes tremendous courage in our contemporary culture. It is a courage and conviction sadly missing in many of our Catholic elected officials.

In this Respect Life Month let us stand up with pride and with the courage of our convictions. Pray for an increase of respect for human life in our nation and in our world. Don't give in to Senator Feinstein's anti-Catholic bigotry. Do not be afraid as Catholics to proclaim with enthusiasm "the dogma that lives loudly in you!"

One great way to take up such prayer for respect life is to join us at October Devotions on Mondays at 7:00pm. This week we welcome back to OLM, Fr. Shemek who served here just a few years ago. He is to speak to us about Mary, Our Lady of Czestochowa. The Black Madonna of Czestochowa is a revered icon of the Virgin Mary housed at the Jasna Góra Monastery in Czestochowa, Poland. Come learn more about her and her powerful intercession on Monday. There

are also Confessions with two priests beginning at 6:00pm on Monday.

I want to thank you for your generous response to the recent hurricane relief efforts. The OLM Outreach Collection raised almost \$8,000 in the month of September. As a result we were able to send \$4,000 to the relief efforts here in the US led by Catholic Charities USA/ Also \$4,000 to the relief efforts in the Caribbean led by Catholic Relief Services. Your prayers and generosity are appreciated.

I also thank the many parishioners who have responded so generously to our Annual Parish Collection. This important collection taken up in late September is critical to the fiscal stability and well being of the parish. I am truly grateful for those who dug so deep to help us in this effort. If you have not yet returned your gift to the Annual Parish Collection, I urge you do so soon and I thank you for your support.

We are recruiting new Altar Servers at OLM and the training camp commences soon. If your son or daughter is interested, please contact Fr. Barrow. Yes, it's a low paying job but the spiritual benefits are priceless! So join the few, the proud, the OLM Servers Corps!

Come to Devotions on Monday, Fr. Shemek will be happy to see you! Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Pats! Go Sox! Our Lady of Czestochowa, pray for us!



**What is the Diaconate?**

According to the Vatican Council II document *Lumen Gentium*: “At a lower level of the hierarchy are deacons, upon whom hands are imposed unto a ministry of service. For strengthened by sacramental grace... they serve in the diaconate of the liturgy, the word, and of charity to the people of God.”

We can look to chapter six of the Acts of the Apostles for the origin of the Diaconate in the Early Church. As the Church rapidly grew in apostolic times, it was threatened by disunity as “Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distributions.”

The Apostles chose seven men of “good repute” and through their work these first deacons administered the earthly needs of the Church. This freed the Apostles to devote themselves more fully to prayer and the ministry of the word.

Just as the deacons of apostolic times united the Hellenists and Hebrews, so too deacons today are called for service oriented toward unity. The source and summit of our unity as a Church is the Mass. Hence besides their role as preachers and ministers of the word, the highest role of the deacon is his service at the altar.

For many years ordained ministers “ascended” from one office to another, culminating in ordination to the priesthood. The Second Vatican Council, however, authorized the restoration of the diaconate as a PERMANENT order of ministry. So, while students for the priesthood are still ordained *transitional* deacons prior to their ordination as priests, there are more than 13,000 deacons in the United States alone who minister in this Order permanently. There is no difference in the sacramental sign or the functions between these so-called “transitional” and “permanent deacons.”

The Second Vatican Council decreed that the diaconate, when it was restored as a permanent order in the hierarchy, could be opened to “mature married men,” later clarified to mean men over the age of 35. This is in keeping with the ancient tradition of the Church, in which married men were ordained into ministry. Also in keeping with ancient practice is the expectation that while a married man may be ordained, an ordained man, if his wife should die, may not marry again without special permission.

*If you have questions about the Catholic Faith, please send them to Fr. Barrow via email at [associate@olmparish.org](mailto:associate@olmparish.org)*

*Weekly Collection*

**October 8, 2017**

Weekly.....	\$10,042.00
EFT.....	\$1,530.00
	<b>Total=\$11,572.00</b>
Outreach .....	\$359.50
Annual Collection (to date).....	\$52,702.00
Seminary Collection.....	\$3,277.00

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: World Mission Collection



I-Robert William Osgood, Jr. & Michaela Gina Bonatti  
 St. Clare Church                      St. Thomas More Church  
 Braintree, MA                              Braintree, MA





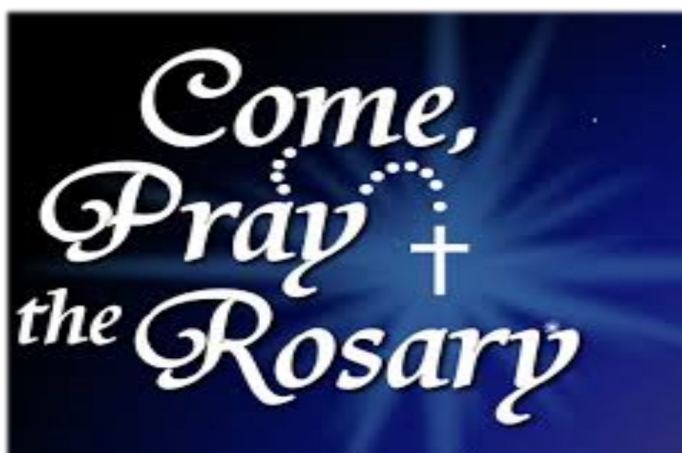
### Upcoming Dates at OLM School

- **Wednesday, October 18:** Weekday School Mass at 8:15am
  - **Friday, October 20:** No School today for the Parent Teacher Conferences
- Discover the OLM Difference!*  
[www.olmschool.org](http://www.olmschool.org)



### RE Schedule

- Orientation RE Grades 1-2: 10:00am – 11:00am  
A parent should accompany their child for this orientation class.
- NO RE CLASS for Grades 3-5
- RE Class Grades 6-8 meets 6:00pm-7:00pm
- All RE Classes meet next weekend



## OCTOBER DEVOTIONS MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT 7:00PM

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary,  
Meditative Music & Spiritual Reflection



“Mary, Our Lady of Częstochowa”

Fr. Shemek Lepak

Pastor of St. Theresa  
& St. Christopher Church, Tiverton

*Confessions with 2 priests beginning at 6:00PM*

OUR LADY'S



ROSARY MAKERS

**Monthly Rosary Making Workshop**  
**Tuesday, October 17th, 9:30am-11:30am**  
**OLM Cryroom**

*Materials and instructions provided.  
Join us in making rosaries for the  
missions. All are welcome to join us!*



# Grill the Priest

One Night! Five Priests! Any question!

Wednesday, October 18th at  
7:00PM

## 1149 Restaurant

1149 Division Road, East Greenwich

*Ask any question! Hear the answers to  
questions you've wanted to know about!*

### Panel of Priests

Fr. Bernie Healey  
Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy

Fr. Josh Barrow  
Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy

Fr. David Gaffney,  
Rector of OLP Seminary

Fr. Adam Young  
Pastor of St. Paul Church, Cranston

Fr. Nicanor Austriacho, OP  
Professor at Providence College

***Free Admission!***

***Complimentary Appetizers! Cash Bar:  
Reservations required, contact the Parish  
Office at 884-4968***



**PLEASE  
PRAY  
FOR  
OUR PRIESTS!**



## CAL BASKETBALL AT OLM

Registration for basketball is now open to all OLM students and parishioners from Kindergarten through 8th grade. Kindergarten through 2nd grade is an instructional program on Saturday mornings. 3rd through 8th grade teams compete in the Catholic Athletics League against other schools and parishes. The CAL basketball season runs from November through February.

Registration and information can be found online at [olmhoops.org](http://olmhoops.org) and any questions can be directed to Mr. Ryan Clearly, OLM Athletics Director via email to [rcleary@olmschool.org](mailto:rcleary@olmschool.org)



●**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 meets this Thursday, October 19 at 4:00pm at Mercy House. All those experiencing grief or loneliness are welcome to join our group for prayer, reflection & discussion

●**For more information**, please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at [outreach@olmparish.org](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)  
***Thank you for your generous support.***