



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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ October 21, 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.

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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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**THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 OCTOBER 21, 2018**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

The Mass of Anticipation for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Dorothy Donohue—10th Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

Weekday: St. John Paul II, Pope

7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Weekday; St. John of Capistrano, Priest

7:30AM Thomas Granahan—21st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Weekday; St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

Weekday

7:30AM Ada Pyun—Memorial

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

Weekday

7:30AM Louise Kiernan (8th Annv.) & Mary Shehab-21st Anniv.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

Weekday; BVM

8:30AM Robert Esposito—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Alfred, Julia & Alfred Joseph Mastracchio-Mem.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

The Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Vincent Lanna—10th Anniversary

10:30AM Special Intention

5:00PM Special Intention





Dear Parishioners:

The month of October is annually observed by the Catholic Church in the United States as Respect Life Month. We are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. Last Monday we offered our October Devotions for the increased respect of all human life and dignity.

For the Church, there is no distinction between defending human life and promoting the dignity of the human person. As Pope *Emeritus* Benedict XVI writes in his encyclical letter, *Caritas in Veritate*:

"The Church forcefully maintains this link between life ethics and social ethics, fully aware that 'a society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized.'"

As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights. It must lead all faithful Catholics to actively work for a world of greater respect for human life dignity and to strive for a greater commitment to justice and peace. The Gospel of Life should guide us and lead us.

This fundamental truth of our teaching cannot be changed and certainly is not a matter of popularity or polling. Last Sunday's Providence Journal released a poll that suggested a majority of Catholics support the efforts by abortionists and their allies to expand abortion law in Rhode Island. Such a poll is actually rather meaningless when it comes to fundamental Church teaching and the truth of the Gospel of Life.

The Ten Commandments, the Teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church are not meant to be polled to see which are the most popular. If moral truths are a matter of polling or popularity then there would be no moral truth! Let's be very clear that the direct killing of innocent unborn children by abortion is always evil, and a grave moral sin. This truth is unchangeable whether the Providence Journal polls otherwise or not!

I spoke with a parishioner who was polled by the Journal for last Sunday's article. He suggested that the question on abortion was rather general and misleading. The truth of the matter is that the legislation being proposed by the abortion lobby and their allies is a radical bill that does much more than codify the US Supreme Court Decision, *Roe v. Wade*.

The proposed legislation would allow for the gruesome practice of partial birth abortion, deregulate the abortion mills and provide your tax dollars to pay for abortion on demand. The question in the poll did not include a full or accurate description of the proposed legislation. It seems the Providence Journal is more

interested in manufacturing news than reporting it!

Not reported in the Providence Journal were the recent remarks of Pope Francis. At his General Audience in Rome last week, he reflected on the 5th Commandment "Thou shall not kill." He stated: "*The 'he' or 'she' that one presents as a problem, is, in reality, a gift from God, which can make me come out of my egocentrism and make me grow in love.*"

The Pope decried "*the suppression of human life in the maternal womb, in the name of safeguarding other rights.*" He compared abortion to the hiring of a Mafia assassin to kill someone, asking: "*But how can an act that 'does away' with innocent and defenseless life in its origin be therapeutic, civil or simply human? I pose the question to you: Is it right to do away with a human life to resolve a problem? One cannot, it's not right 'to do away' with a human being, although small, to resolve a problem.*"

In this Respect Life Month of October let us pray our rosaries for an increase of respect for human life and dignity. As we prepare for election day in November let us pray for candidates who believe in the right to life especially for the innocent and vulnerable of our society. Our Lady of Life, pray for us!

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

Father Healey



What is the meaning of the title Our Lady of Mercy?

This title for our Blessed Mother actually has its origins in the Crusades. During such time Christians would be captured by Muslims and sold into slavery. Tradition holds that in 1218 there was an apparition of Mary to both St. Peter Nolasco and King James I of Aragon and Calalonia (present day Spain) asking them to establish a religious order entrusted with the responsibility of rescuing the many Christians held in captivity. In 1235, the Order of Our Lady of Mercy, the Mercedarians, received papal approval as a military order by Pope Gregory IX, and succeeded in liberating thousands of Christian prisoners from captivity.

Through the course of history this title of Our Lady and the idea of ransoming those in captivity came to be understood in the larger context of grace and salvation history. The entire human race was, at one point in history, slaves and captives to sin and death as St. Paul tells us (Romans 6:20). God, in his great mercy, rescued us from slavery to sin by his death on the cross. We attribute this title in a special way to Mary because she is the mother of Mercy incarnate. Further, she received the mercy of God in a singular, excellent way through the Immaculate Conception she was preserved from Original Sin before her birth.

As St. John Paul II writes in Dives in Misericordia: "Mary is also the one who obtained mercy in a particular and exceptional way, as no other person has. At the same time, still in an exceptional way, she made possible, with the sacrifice of her heart, her own sharing in revealing God's mercy. This sacrifice is intimately linked with the cross of her Son, at the foot of which she was to stand on Calvary. Her sacrifice is a unique sharing in the revelation of mercy, that is, a sharing in the absolute fidelity of God to his own love, to the covenant that he willed from eternity and that he entered into in time with man, with the people, with humanity; it is a sharing in that revelation that was definitively fulfilled through the cross. No one has experienced, to the same degree as the Mother of the crucified One, the mystery of the cross, the overwhelming encounter of divine transcendent justice with love: that 'kiss' given by mercy to justice. No one has received into his heart, as much as Mary did, that mystery, that truly divine dimension of the redemption effected on Calvary by means of the death of the Son, together with the sacrifice of her maternal heart, together with her definitive 'fiat.'" In short, Mary knows the depth of God's mercy and its price.

By asking for her prayers under this title, we acknowledge that we are poor sinners constantly in need of God's mercy. We trust that through her intercession, God will be merciful toward us.



Weekly Collection

October 14, 2018

Weekly.....	\$11,958.00
EFT.....	\$3,369.00
Total=	\$15,327.00
Outreach.....	\$944.00
Annual (to date).....	\$63,332.00
Seminarian Education Fund.....	\$3,755.50

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: World Missions



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of OLM Parishioners **Andrew F. Rockett, Louis A. Lepry Sr., Joan C. O'Donnell and Susan A. Metzger** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.



Friday, November 2nd
Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am & Noon
Please put your All Souls envelopes with names in the Sunday collection basket prior to November 2nd to ensure your beloved deceased are remembered at the Masses on All Souls Day.



Upcoming Events:

- **Monday, October 22:** Audubon Society Field Trip
- **Tuesday, October 23 :** Weekly School Mass at 8:15am, all welcome to attend!
- **Wednesday, October 24:** Grill the Priests, 7pm at 1149 Restaurant
- **Friday, October 26:** No School/Parent-Teacher Conferences. Trunk or Treat Event at 5:30pm

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● **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, November 1st 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



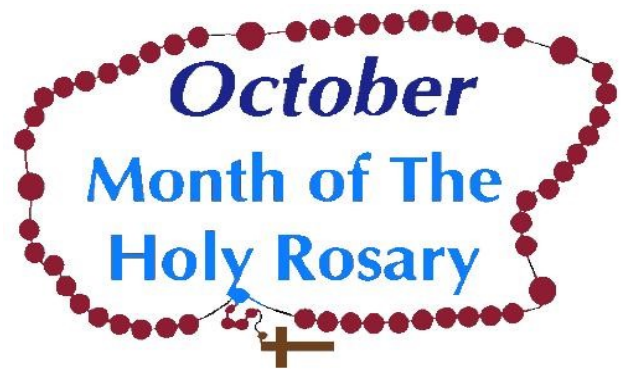
OCTOBER DEVOTIONS AT OLM MONDAYS AT 7:00PM Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary

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



October 21, 2018

All RE Classes meet this weekend.

9th Grade Confirmation Candidates

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

Best Wishes to our newly baptized



Nina Grace Colarusso,
and her parents, David & Lauren.

Lillian Pardini,
and her parents, Jonathan & Cassandra.

Theodore Ernest Paquin,
and his parents, Nicholas & Alicia.

Olivia Margaret Smith,
And her parents, Matthew & Michelle.

"Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn in baptism. They are now called children of God, for so indeed they are."
— The Rite of Baptism



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



Wednesday, October 24th
at 7:00PM

1149 Restaurant

1149 Division Street, East Greenwich, RI

Have questions? Looking for answers?

Join us for an evening of asking the questions and getting the answers!

Free Admission!

Enjoy one complimentary drink and complimentary appetizers!

Door Prizes!!

Space is limited, You must RSVP
at Parish Office

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Panel of Priests

Fr. Healey & Fr. Barrow
OLM Pastor & Associate Pastor

Fr. Nathan Ricci
Vice-Chancellor of Diocese of Providence

Fr. David Gaffney
Rector of OLP Seminary

Fr. Nick Fleming
Associate Pastor at Saints John & Paul

Fr. Patrick Mary Biscoe, OP
Associate Pastor of St. Pius V