



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 22, 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 Reverend Joshua A. Barrow, S.T.L., Associate Pastor**

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## **THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 22, 2017**

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**

*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

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 23**

*Weekday/St. John of Capistrano, Priest*  
 7:30AM Thomas Granahan—Memorial

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24**

*Weekday/St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*  
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Ada Pyun—Memorial

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Louise Kiernan & Mary Shehab—7th & 20th Ann.

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Janice Longo—Birthday Remembrance

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**

*Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles*  
 8:30AM William McDevitt—Memorial

*Mass of Anticipation for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Alfred, Julia & Alfred Jr. Mastracchio—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

*The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Sister Lucy Vescera, FMM—Memorial  
 10:30AM Hope Conway—7th Anniversary  
 5:00PM Yoka deBont —Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

We had a great showing for Devotions on Monday night. Fr. Shemek was very pleased to see so many old friends and meet some new ones. His reflection about the Black Madonna of Czestochowa was very well received and informative. I thank him for travelling all the way from Tiverton to be with us.

On this past Wednesday night we gathered for the Grill the Priest Night at 1149 Restaurant with a sell out crowd. It was a very enjoyable and informative evening exploring the Catholic Faith. I am grateful for the OLM School PTG members who worked so hard to make the evening such a success. Also, I thank my brother priests, Fr. Gaffney, Fr. Young, Fr. Morris and Fr. Austriacho who made up the panel along with Fr. Barrow and myself. We hope to do this again next fall as it is always a terrific event.

This Monday at Devotions we are joined by our Confirmation Class along with their sponsors and families. We are offering our Rosary for these young men and women as they continue to prepare to receive the Sacrament on November 5th. Fr. Chris Murphy, the Chaplain at Bishop Hendricken High School, is to offer a reflection on Mary, Queen of Confessors.

As always in this month of October there are two priests available for Confession on Monday from 6:00pm until 6:45pm. Following this Monday's Devotions our 88 Confirmation Candidates, their sponsors and families have the chance to go to Confession. There are to be six priests available following the

Devotions.

I hope you join us at Monday's Devotions as we pray for these young people of OLM. They are the future of our Church, and parish, and most certainly need our prayers. Over the last few weeks Fr. Barrow and I have met personally with each candidate and their parents. These meetings are always instructive and helpful for us as priests, and also for the Confirmation families. I know that this is a terrific group of young Catholic adults who are to be confirmed next month.

I am very grateful to my friend, Bishop James Checchio of Metuchen, New Jersey, who is travelling up to RI to celebrate the OLM Confirmation Mass on November 5th. Before becoming a bishop, Bishop Checchio served as the Rector of the North American College in Rome where both Fr. Connors and Fr. Barrow were his students. He was ordained the Bishop of Metuchen in May 2016. We look forward to his presence at our Confirmation this year.

Pope Francis reminds us about Confirmation when he stated: *"Confirmation unites us more firmly to Christ. It strengthens our relationship with the Church, and it gives us a special strength from the Holy Spirit to defend the faith and confess the name of Christ."* Let us continue to pray that the Sacrament unites our young adults "more firmly to Christ" and may they always confess His sacred name in their lives!

This Friday from 5:30pm until 8:00pm the OLM School students are gathering in the

School Parking Lot for the Annual Trunk or Treat Celebration. Fr. Barrow and I are decorating a vehicle once again for the event. The trunk is to be filled with full sized, old fashion, American candy bars! It is always a great night with some interesting and creative decorating of cars and costumes. It's hard to believe but Halloween is nearly here!

Recently a new state law went into effect that mandates that an automated external defibrillator (AED) must be placed in public view at any public gathering space that can hold 300 or more people. We presently have an AED in our school building and one in the Church Sacristy. However, they are old and in need of updating.

We hope to replace them with more modern versions, and mount the new AEDS in a more public location, both in Church and in School. They are very expensive items that cost as much as \$1,500 a piece and we need four AEDs for our parish. If anyone would like to help us purchase these life saving devices, please contact me. Once the new AEDs are in place we plan to offer a training session in their use for our ushers, faculty and anyone else interested in learning how to use them.

Come to Monday Devotions and join us as we pray for our Confirmation Class. It's worth the 30 minutes!! Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Pats!



**How is the Exposed Eucharist in Adoration different from the Eucharist in the Tabernacle?**

Eucharistic Adoration (which involves the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, hymns, incense and benediction) is one of the most important devotions in our spiritual lives. It offers us a chance to answer Jesus' question in the Garden: "Could you not keep watch for one hour?" (Mk. 14:37). Archbishop Fulton Sheen recommended a daily Holy Hour, ideally before the Blessed Sacrament. Pope Pius XII in "Mediator Dei" pointed out that the different forms of Eucharistic Adoration "have brought a wonderful increase in faith and the supernatural life to the Church."

Some would say that there is no difference between the Eucharist exposed and the Eucharist in the tabernacle. In both cases Jesus Christ is truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity. Aside from the other actions during Adoration listed above, the only difference seems to be that we can visually see the host. Yet, the act of looking at the host makes all the difference in the world because we are embodied beings. The act of religion is not simply interior, but involves the whole person, body and soul. The Incarnation demonstrates that God uses the world around us, even our very selves, as instruments to accomplish salvation. The sacraments themselves are visible, bodily signs which instrumentally cause invisible effects (particularly the transmission of grace). Even in our own contemporary lives we can appreciate the difference between seeing a person face to face and simply calling or even Skyping them.

When we see the host, which to our eyes appears as a small insignificant piece of bread, causes astonishment to realize that it is in fact the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ, God Himself. As the Eucharistic hymn, *Tantum Ergo* remarks: "Faith for all defects supplying, when the feeble senses fail." Looking at the host can trigger acts of faith and awe in the power and presence of God.

Furthermore, another important difference is that Eucharistic Adoration is a communal event with more formalized rites. In the end both practices, however, are important: adoring our Lord exposed in Adoration and adoring our Lord in the tabernacle. Pope St. John Paul II in his final encyclical "Ecclesia de Eucharistia" admirably summed up the doctrinal essentials: "The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life of the Church. This worship is strictly linked to the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice... It is pleasant to spend time with him, to lie close to his breast like the Beloved Disciple (cf. Jn 13:25) and to feel the infinite love present in his heart. In the course of the day the faithful should not omit visiting the Blessed Sacrament... Such visits are a sign of gratitude, an expression of love and an acknowledgment of the Lord's presence."

*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 15, 2017**

Weekly.....	\$13,453.50
EFT.....	\$3,336.00
	<b>Total=\$16,789.50</b>
Outreach .....	\$939.50
Annual Collection (to date).....	\$72, 509.00

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.**



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



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of OLM Parishioner **Rhonda Campanale** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.



This week the flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in memory of Andre Dayde. In your charity please remember him in your prayers.



### Upcoming Dates at OLM School

- Monday, October 23: Weekly School Mass at 8:15am
- Friday, October 27: Trunk or Treat Halloween Night, 5:30pm-8:00pm

***Discover the OLM Difference!***

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

## OCTOBER DEVOTIONS MONDAY, OCTOBER 23rd AT 7:00PM

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

**“Mary, Queen of Confessors”**

**Fr. Chris Murphy**

Chaplain of Bishop Hendricken High School  
*Confessions with 2 priests beginning at 6:00PM*



## Confirmation Mass at OLM Sunday, November 5th at 5:00PM



The Most Reverend  
James F. Checchio, J.C.D.  
Bishop of Metuchen, NJ  
Confirming Prelate

*Please pray for our Candidates as  
they continue to prepare to receive  
the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

## Outreach Update

● **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.

● **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)

***Thank you for your generous support.***

## Religious Education NEWS

- Grades 1-5 Classes meet this week: 10:00am-11:00am
- Grades 6-8 Classes meet this week: 6:00pm-7:00pm.
- The Food Drive suggested donation this week is canned vegetables and yams.
- Grade 9 Confirmation Candidates are reminded that they have Devotions and Confessions on Monday, October 23rd at 7:00pm. Available Sponsors and parents should also attend with their Candidates.

***Best Wishes to our newly baptized:***



***Connor Carl Barrett,  
His parents, Thomas & Kathryn.***

***“Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. He is now called a child of God, for so indeed he is.” – The Rite of Baptism***

## Attention Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts: Religious Emblems



*"A Scout is reverent. They are reverent toward God. They are faithful in their religious duties and respect the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion."* Any Scout wishing to grow stronger in their faith, and interested in earning their religious medal for their age group, at Mass on Scout Sunday, are encouraged to contact Jane Burley at rhajajane@cox.net.

**The deadline is November 10, 2017**



## 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)



***Have you thought about joining the Catholic Church?  
Are you a Baptized Catholic in need of the Sacraments of  
Eucharist or Confirmation?***

Initiation into the Catholic Church is a gradual process which culminates in the celebration of the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Classes are designed for those seeking to join the Catholic Church. These classes are also a chance for initiated Catholics to learn about particular topics and practices of the faith. It is also a place for those who have not yet been fully initiated (particularly those who have not yet been Confirmed).

**RCIA Classes begin Sunday, October 29th** and meet on most Sundays immediately after the 10:30am Mass. If interested in learning more, please contact Fr. Barrow at (401) 884-4968 or by email at [associate@olmparish.org](mailto:associate@olmparish.org) for more information.



**Pray the Rosary  
to End Abortion**