



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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ October 28, 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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*Mass Intentions*  
  
*for the Week*  
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**THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 OCTOBER 28, 2018**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27**

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28**

*The Thirtieth Sunday in 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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 29**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Edward & Dolly Healey—Memorial

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Hope Conway—9th Anniversary

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Rodophe Lincourt—Memorial  
*Vigil of the Solemnity of All Saints*  
 5:00PM Madeline A. Reilly—1st Anniversary

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

*The Solemnity of All Saints*  
 7:30AM Special Intention  
 9:00AM Thomas J. Sheehan—Month's Mind  
 7:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

*Weekday: All Soul's Day*  
 7:30AM Christopher Angeloro—15th Anniversary  
 9:00AM All Souls  
 12:00PM All Souls

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

*Weekday; St. Martin de Porres, Religious; BVM*  
 8:30AM Fr George Behan—Memorial  
*The Mass of Anticipation for 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 4:00PM Gianna M. Cirella—1st Anniversary

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

*The Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Mary Boyd Preston—1st Anniversary  
 10:30AM Deceased OLM Parishioners  
 5:00PM Marie Brusci—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

We begin the month of November this Thursday with the celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints. It is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics and we celebrate four Masses. All Saints Day is the day on which we commemorate all the saints, both the known, and the unknown. The Catholic Church also dedicates the entire month of November to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

On Friday, we commemorate All Souls Day as we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We celebrate three Masses, and after the 9:00AM Mass we process to our parish cemetery, St. Patrick's, to pray for the souls at rest in that sacred ground. I ask that you return your All Souls Day envelopes with the names of your beloved dead prior to Friday so they might be remembered on All Souls Day.

The Church teaches us that praying for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy. The greatest prayer we could ever offer for the dead is the prayer of the Mass. At Mass we unite our own personal prayers — those emanating from our lips, our hearts, even our bodies in all types of actions of loving sacrifice for others — to Christ's own prayer in the Mass. The Mass is the continuous, saving sacrifice once-and-for-all begun during the Last Supper and finished on the Cross.

Pope Francis teaches us: *"Church tradition has always urged prayer for the dead, in particular by offering the celebration of the Eucharist for them: it is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls,*

*particularly to the most abandoned ones. The foundation of prayers in suffrage of souls is in the communion of the Mystical Body."*

This communion, as the Mystical Body of Christ, is expressed most powerfully at Mass. Therefore, over the centuries the Church has venerated the practice of praying for the dead at Mass. The Church continues to have Masses offered for a particular loved one as well as praying, in every Eucharistic prayer, for all those *"who have gone before us with the sign of faith."*

The All Souls envelopes with the names of your beloved dead are remembered at Masses in November. The Masses celebrated for deceased loved ones throughout the month of November is truly an act of love, charity and faith. We hope and pray that others continue this tradition of faith and charity after we've gone to our eternal reward.

This work of mercy is very much honored at OLM. Many parishioners never let an anniversary of death, birthday, or wedding anniversary go by without praying at Mass for the repose of the soul of a loved one. Some Catholics routinely have Masses offered for the forgotten souls in Purgatory. These are profoundly humble, Catholic, and wise acts.

In addition to having Masses offered for the dead, I urge you to pray daily in November this prayer of St. Gertrude. She was a great 13th century Benedictine nun and mystic, to whom Jesus had revealed this prayer promising that every time it was devoutly

prayed it would help 1,000 souls in Purgatory:

*"Eternal Father, I offer you the most precious blood of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home, and within my own family. Amen."*

We invite you to join with us next Sunday, November 4th at the 10:30AM Mass as we remember those parishioners of OLM who have died over this past year. All those faithful souls who we've laid to rest will be prayed for at the Mass. We have invited their grieving families to join us at this special Mass of Remembrance. I ask you to please pray for the gentle repose of their souls and the consolation of their family.

Please note that beginning next Saturday, November 3rd, the 5:00PM Mass moves back to 4:00PM on Saturdays until April. Also, Confessions now begin at 3:00PM. Mark your calendars and spread the word!

In November please pray for the dead as it is a spiritual work of mercy. *Eternal rest grant unto them and may perpetual light shine upon them.* Don't forget to attend Mass on the All Saints Holy Day. Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox! Go Pats!!! See you on Monday at our final October Devotions!

*Father Healey*



**Why is there purgatory?**

At the beginning of the month of November we celebrate two major events: All Saints and All Souls. All Souls, in particular, reminds the faithful to pray for all who are deceased. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us (1030-1031):

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire."

A person who dies "in God's grace and friendship" is someone who at death is free of mortal sin. This takes place either through the sacrament of Confession when a person is conscious, or through the sacrament of Anointing when the person is unconscious or unable to respond. We have a founded hope that the person would have wanted to go to Confession, if able, in the second case. Once free of mortal sin, however, there is still purification and detachment that needs to take place. For example, one may be sorry for offenses of gluttony, but still desire to commit the sin again. Christ and his Church not only want to save you from your sins, but also from you committing those sins again. Such purification can take place in this life through prayer, fasting, the Mass, suffering, and so on. But if it is not done here, it is done in Purgatory.

C.S. Lewis once wrote, "Our souls demand Purgatory. Would it not break the heart if God said to us, 'It is true, my son, that your breath smells and your rags drip with mud and slime, but we are charitable here and no one will upbraid you with these things, nor draw away from you. Enter joy?'" Lewis tells us that this would break our hearts, and we would rather tell God that we want to be cleaned up first, even if it hurt. Lewis continues: "The treatment given will be the one required, whether it hurts little or much."

In this life we must always pray for the dead because we do not know their ultimate fate. Christ in the Gospels tells us not to judge. In essence this means that we cannot judge a person to be in hell or in heaven. Why is this? There are two reasons. The first reason is that we place ourselves in the position of God. Only God can judge, whether for hell or heaven for a person. The second reason is that we have limited knowledge. We do not have certain knowledge that a person is in heaven or hell, except for the saints because of the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the presence of miracles. Hence, one of the consequences of this is that we always need to pray for the dead.

*Weekly Collection*

**October 21, 2018**

Weekly.....	\$10,516.00
EFT.....	\$1,608.00
	<b>Total=\$12,124.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$1,266.00
Annual (to date).....	\$74,072.00
World Missions.....	\$3,282.50

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**  
**Next Week: Building & Grounds**



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

The 5:00PM Saturday evening Mass moves back to 4:00PM next Saturday, November 3rd. Note that the start of Confessions moves from 4:00PM back to 3:00PM.



### Upcoming Events:

- **Thursday, November 1st:** All Saints Holyday School Mass at 9:00AM
- **Friday, November 2nd:** All Souls Day School Mass at 9am followed by procession to St. Patrick's Cemetery and prayers for the dead.
- **Tuesday, November 6:** Weekly School Mass at 8:15am. All welcome to attend.

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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](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)



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

**Monday, October 29**  
Rosary for an Increase of Holiness  
in the Church

**The Sacrament of Confirmation  
Sunday, November 11, 2018  
at 5:00PM**



**The Most Rev.  
J. Mark Spalding  
Bishop of Nashville  
Confirming Prelate**

*Please pray for our Confirmation Class.*



**October 28, 2018**

All RE Classes meet this weekend.

**Wednesday, November 7**

There is a Mandatory Meeting for all Parents of the First Communion Class 7:00PM in the OLM School Cafeteria.

## All Saints



**T**he solemnity of All Saints began in the Eastern church in the fourth century as a feast of all the martyrs and was celebrated on an unknown day around the time of Easter or Pentecost.

In the year 610, the Western church adopted and expanded the feast to include nonmartyrs and the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrating it on May 13, the date on which the Pantheon, the former temple of all the Roman gods, was dedicated anew as a Christian church.

Sometime between 731 and 741, Pope Gregory III dedicated a chapel in the Vatican Basilica to all the saints and declared the first day of November to be their official feast day.

This day celebrates not only those men and women who have been canonized but all who have lived according to the will of God and died in his grace.



A BLESSED  
ALL SAINTS DAY!

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### The Solemnity of All Saints

*A Holy Day of Obligation for All Catholics*

#### Mass Schedule at OLM

Wednesday, October 31

All Saints Vigil Mass at 5:00PM

Thursday, November 1st

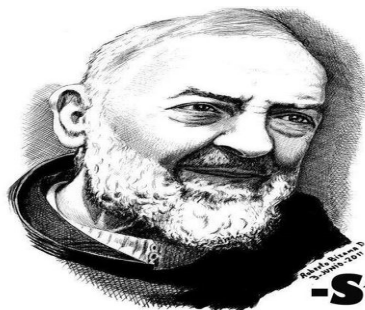
Masses at 7:30AM, 9:00AM School Mass & 7:00PM

### The Feast of All Souls

#### Mass Schedule at OLM

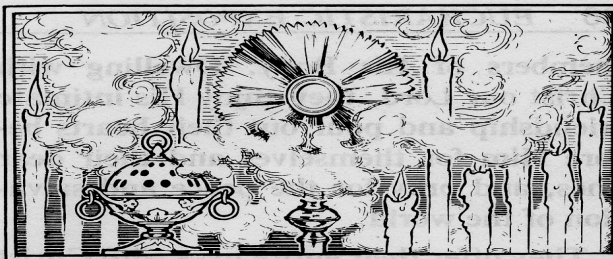
Friday, November 2nd

Masses at 7:30am, 9:00AM School Mass followed by procession to St. Patrick's Cemetery & 12:00PM Noon



**We must  
empty  
Purgatory  
with our  
prayers.**

**-St. Padre Pio**



### **First Friday Eucharistic Adoration Friday, November 2, 2018**

Exposition of the Eucharist  
following 12:00PM Mass

Adoration All Day

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00PM