



THE CHURCH OF

Our Lady of Mercy



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Sixty-Five Third Street ✕ East Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation.....4:00 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

Our Lady of Mercy School

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The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ October 29, 2017

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment.

Saturdays at 3:00 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 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.

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Parish Founded 1853



Parish Incorporated 1867



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THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 29, 2017

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Mass of Anticipation for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Alfred, Julia & Alfred J. 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

Weekday

7:30AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Weekday

7:30AM Rodolphe Lincourt—Anniversary

Vigil of the Solemnity of All Saints

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The Solemnity of All Saints

7:30AM Robert Anderson—Memorial
 9:00AM Deceased Alumni & Benefactors of OLM School
 7:00PM Shirley Berlanga—Memorial

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

The Feast of All Souls

7:30AM Christopher Angelro—14th Anniversary
 9:00AM For All Souls
 12:00PM For All Souls

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Weekday; St. Martin de Porres, Religious

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:30AM James Ferris—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM Robert Donatelli—4th Anniversary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Vincent Lanna—9th Anniversary
 10:30AM Deceased OLM Parishioners
 5:00PM Confirmation Mass





Dear Parishioners:

October ends this Tuesday on Halloween! Of course, All Hallows Eve is truly a night to prepare for the month of November when we celebrate All Saints and All Souls. So enjoy the costumes and the candy on Tuesday night but make sure to attend the All Saints Holy Day Mass on Wednesday.

November 1st is the great Solemnity of All Saints; as the Church celebrates all the saints, those canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who are in Heaven enjoying the beatific vision that are only known to God. During the early centuries the Saints venerated by the Church were all martyrs. Later on the Popes set November 1st as the day for commemorating all the Saints.

We all have this *"universal call to holiness."* What must we do in order to join the company of the saints in Heaven? We *"must follow in His footsteps and conform ourselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. We must devote ourselves with all our being to the glory of God and the service of our neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history"* (*Lumen Gentium*, 40).

We have four Masses for the Solemnity of All Saints so that you might fulfil your obligation. On Tuesday there is a Vigil Mass at 5:00PM and on the Wednesday there are three Holy Day Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am and 7:00pm.

We also celebrate All Souls Day on Thursday with three Masses. There are Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am and 12Noon. The 9:00am Mass is for the OLM School, but all are welcome to join us. Following this Mass, the Middle School Students are to process to St. Patrick's Cemetery for a brief prayer service for all the souls who rest in that sacred place. The Noon All Souls Mass features beautiful music fitting the feast.

The Church, after rejoicing on All Saints with those of her children who have entered the glory of Heaven, prays on All Souls Day for all those who, in the purifying of purgatory await the day when they are to be joined to the company of saints. By virtue of the consoling doctrine of the communion of saints the merits and prayers of each one of us are able to help all souls. The Church is able to join Her prayer with that of the saints in Heaven and supply what is wanting to the souls in purgatory by means of Holy Mass, and also the alms and sacrifices of Her children.

We remember all the souls in purgatory on All Souls Day, but in particular we remember the names of your own beloved dead inscribed on the All Souls Envelopes. They are to be remembered throughout the month of November as they are placed upon the altar. Let us continue to pray for the poor souls in purgatory.

In a special way we also remember the sixty OLM parishioners who have died this past year. We do this on Sunday, November 5th at the

10:30am Mass. Their families have been invited to join us at the Mass as we remember them.

Let us continue to pray for these grieving families who have experienced the pain and sorrow of a death of a loved one. As we pledge our prayers for our own beloved dead and for all souls this month, we are reminded of the words of Saint John Chrysostom in the 4th Century: *"Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."*

Next Sunday we welcome Bishop Checchio, of Metuchen, NJ, for the Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation for 88 of our parish young adults. Confirmation Mass is at the usual parish 5:00pm Sunday evening Mass. Please continue to pray for the candidates and their sponsors as they receive the Sacrament. St. Pope John Paul the Great teaches us: *"Through the seal of the Spirit conferred by Confirmation, the Christian attains his/her full identity and becomes aware of his/her mission in the Church and the world."*

As the month of October comes to an end and the month of November begins please note the change of time for the Saturday evening Mass from 5:00pm to 4:00pm. Also, Confessions on Saturday afternoons move from 4:00pm to 3:00pm. This "fall back" in time continues until Saturday, April 7, 2018 so plan accordingly!

Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Pats!

Father Healey



Why is there a blessing at the end of Benediction?

At the end of Eucharistic Adoration there is the benediction or blessing. The monstrance (the word monstrance comes from the Latin word *monstrare*, which means “to show”) in which the host was placed at the beginning of adoration is raised by the deacon, priest, or bishop. The celebrant blesses the congregation with the monstrance by making the sign of the cross. As a sign of respect bells and incense are used when the monstrance is raised.

Both at the end of Mass and during Benediction the congregation receive a blessing. As we know a blessing is a sacramental, rather than a sacrament. Whereas a sacrament confers unto the person grace, a sacramental does not itself confer grace. Rather, the sacramental awakens a person to the presence of God and disposes the person to receive God’s grace. Other sacramentals include: the sign of the cross, blessing with holy water, lighting candles to the saints, and so on. Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament has the particular effect of aiding us in our spiritual union with Jesus Christ.

The significance of the blessing from the host contained in the monstrance is that the blessing comes from Christ himself. This is one of the reasons why the priest covers his hands with the humeral veil during the blessing. The covering signifies reverence to the Eucharist but also signifies that it is Christ truly present who blesses the congregation at this point. Hence in this way we become more united to Jesus who is himself giving us his blessing.

If you have questions about the Catholic Faith, please send them to Fr. Barrow via email at associate@olmparish.org



Weekly Collection

October 22, 2017

Weekly.....	\$11,260.50
EFT.....	\$1,662.50
	Total=\$12,923.00
Outreach	\$2,845.00
World Missions.....	\$2,544.50
Annual Collection (to date).....	\$80,494.00

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!

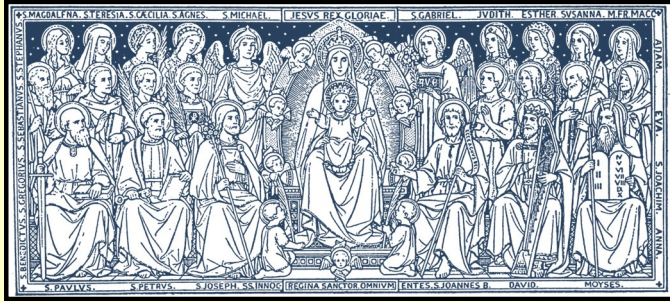
Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.

Second Collections
Next Week: Building & Grounds



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

The 5:00PM Saturday Mass of Anticipation moves to **4:00PM NEXT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH.** Also, Confession moves from 4:00PM on Saturdays to a 3:00PM start time next week.



The Solemnity of All Saints

A Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics

OLM Mass Schedule

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

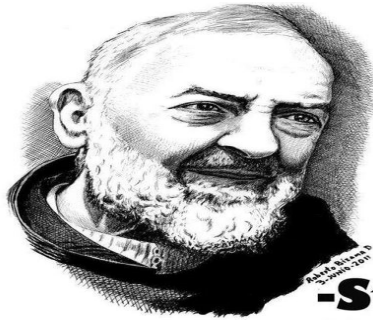
5:00PM Vigil Mass

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

7:30AM Holy Day Mass

9:00AM School Holy Day Mass

7:00PM Holy Day Mass



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

-St. Padre Pio



All Souls Day

The Feast of All Souls

Thursday, November 2, 2017

OLM Mass Schedule

7:30AM Mass

9:00AM School Mass with Children's Choir
& Procession to St. Patrick's Cemetery

12:00PM Mass with Music

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS MONDAY, OCTOBER 30th AT 7:00PM



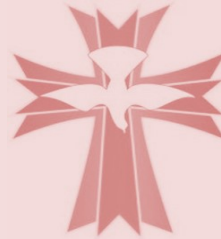
Join us for Eucharistic Adoration,
Rosary, Meditative Music
& Spiritual Reflection

"Mary, Seat of Wisdom"

Fr. John Sica, OP

**Professor of Philosophy,
Providence College**

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



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

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



- All RE Grades have classes this Sunday.
- **Mandatory Confirmation Mass Rehearsal** on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00PM. All candidates and their available sponsors must be in attendance. If the sponsor is not available, please bring a responsible adult with you.
- **All RE Classes are cancelled on next Sunday, November 5th due to Confirmation.** Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they receive the Sacrament that day.
- Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors need to arrive in the school at 4:15pm on Sunday, November 5th for the Confirmation Mass.

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



Upcoming Dates at OLM School

- **Monday, October 30:** OLM School Board Meeting in School Library at 7pm
- **Wednesday, November 1:** All Saints Holy Day School Mass at 9:00AM.
- **Thursday, November 2:** All Souls Mass at 9:00AM followed by Procession to & Prayer Service at St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Discover the OLM Difference!

www.olmschool.org



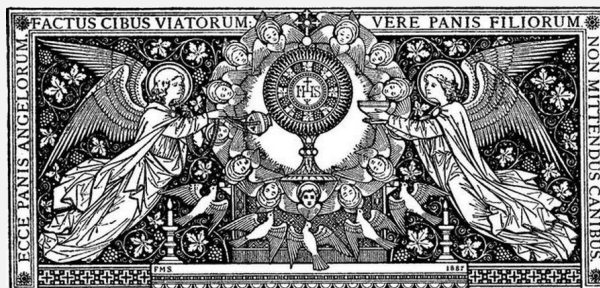
● **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please leave items in Food Box in vestibule. Thank you for your support.

● **The OLM Bereavement Group** meets Thursday, November 2nd at 4pm at Mercy House. All those experiencing grief, loss or isolation are invited to join us for discussion and prayer.

● **For more information about OLM Outreach**, please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org

Thank you for your generous support.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017



**EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST
FOLLOWING 7:30AM MASS
ADORATION DURING THE DAY
BENEDICTION AT 12:00PM**



This week the flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in memory of Alfred, Julia and Alfred Jr. Mastracchio In your charity please remember him in your prayers.

Pray
for
Vocations