



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

Holyday Masses.....7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ October 7, 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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The Reverend Joshua A. Barrow, S.T.L., *Associate Pastor*

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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 OCTOBER 7, 2018**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

The Mass of Anticipation for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Maurice O. Quinlan—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM George V. McKenna—Memorial
 10:30AM Vivian & Raymond Ericson & Hugh McGraw-Mem
 5:00PM Marie Brusci—Memorial

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8 COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday
 8:30AM Rebecca Bailey—Memorial

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Weekday; St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs
 7:30AM Gus Andolfo—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Weekday
 7:30AM Mary & James Daly—Memorial

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

Weekday; St. John XXIII, Pope
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Weekday
 7:30AM Hak-Jin Pyun—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

Weekday; BVM
 8:30AM Robert "Skeeter" Esposito—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM James Twomey—Memorial

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Gilda & Manuel Machado—Memorial
 10:30AM Rhonda Campanale—1st Anniversary
 5:00PM Frank & Jennie Longo—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

For the last few years we've heard the beautiful voice of our talented soloist, Deirdre Donovan, at Mass. Recently she took on a full-time job teaching music in public school. So after twenty-two years of singing at weekend Masses, at Catholic parishes, she informed me that she intends to "retire" from being a Church Soloist. Next weekend is to be her final weekend singing at OLM.

It is, of course, a bitter-sweet time for us at OLM. We shall miss her voice and talent that has added so much to our worship of God at Holy Mass. But we can appreciate that she might like to spend more time with her husband and family on weekends! In your name, I offer my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Deirdre for her service to OLM. We wish her well on her future endeavors and the blessings of God!

In this time of transition for our music program, our talented Music Director, Henri St. Louis will continue to play and sing at Masses along with the OLM Choir. Also, we will continue to do the great work begun by Deirdre with our Children's Choir. We thank Henri and our Choir members for continuing to share their time and talent in lifting up our worship of Almighty God!

The goal for Sacred Music, or anything at Mass, should never be "us" or "me." Let us not think so much about ourselves, but on the contrary, we should conform our lives to God. St. Thomas Aquinas, the great Doctor of the Church said: "*All things are in God as their first model.*"

Pope Pius XII in his encyclical, *Musicae sacrae disciplina*, beautifully summarized the role of sacred music. He taught: "*Thus, at the instance and under the sponsorship of the Church, sacred music, through the course of centuries, has traversed a long road by which, though sometimes slowly and laboriously, it has finally reached the heights: from the simple and natural Gregorian modes, which are, moreover, quite perfect in their kind, to great and even magnificent works of art which not only human voices, but also the organ and other musical instruments embellish, adorn and amplify almost endlessly.*"

"*He who sings,*" said St. Augustine, "*prays twice.*" The holy Bishop of Hippo meant that singing adds to our praise and worship of God—that our voices are gifts, with which we can make music to the Lord. Sung prayer expresses the joy of the heart, the happiness resulting from one who has encountered Jesus Christ and experienced his love. Sung prayer reminds us of the choirs of heaven, with whom we are called to praise God eternally in heaven.

The Second Vatican Council taught that, "*liturgical worship is given a more noble form when the divine offices are celebrated solemnly in song, with the assistance of sacred ministers and the active participation of the people.*" When the sacred liturgy is sung, it becomes more beautiful, and more reflective of the beauty of the Most Blessed Trinity.

Christians have sung in

sacred liturgy since the Church's earliest days. And the Jewish people have sung praise to God, in the context of holy worship, for thousands of years. The Psalms are the record of the liturgical song-prayers of the Jewish people. When we sing in the context of Holy Mass, we join a tradition of sacred worship that goes back to at least the time of King David himself. "*Let us come before him with a song of praise,*" wrote King David, "*joyfully sing out our psalms.*"

When we sing, we experience God's presence in a new way. Pope St. John Paul prayed that every Catholic, by "*expressing their faith harmoniously and solemnly in song, will experience its richness ever more fully and will abide by the commitment to express its impulses in their daily life.*"

St. Augustine was right—he who sings prays twice. May we sing together in holy worship, and our homes in praise and thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

Thank you to the many parishioners who have given to the Annual Parish Collection thus far. It's off to a good start, but we still have not heard from many other parishioners yet. Please put your Annual Collection donation in the basket or send it by mail. Thanks for the support!

October is for Mary and the Rosary. Join us on Mondays at 7:00pm. Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox! Go Pats!!!



What is an effect of receiving the Eucharist?

There are many effects of receiving the Eucharist worthily (i.e. in a state of grace). Before diving into these effects remember back a couple of weeks I wrote on formed and unformed faith. In that column I mentioned that the reception of the Eucharist does not restore one to a state of grace, which infuses charity, and enables these effects to take place. So, first and foremost, to have these effects one must be in a state of grace. Provided that is the case what are the effects?

St. Thomas Aquinas considers the Eucharist in a similar manner to natural food; sacramental food does in the spiritual realm what natural food does in the physical. The Eucharist: (1) Sustains the life of grace and a new share in it. (2) It enables us to advance to heaven and holiness (through infusion of virtue) which contributes to our spiritual growth and maturity. (3) It regains and recovers lost strength which was lost when one sinned in the past. (4) Finally the Eucharist delights the soul thereby provoking acts of charity and love.

Today we will focus on the notion that Eucharist received worthily diminishes one's desire to sin and wipes away venial sins. When a person has his or her sins forgiven in confession he or she is in a state of grace, but the bad habits and weakness to sin again remain. In this the Eucharist strengthens a person to move forward. It is analogous to a sick person after surgery in the hospital who is now in rehab. Communion with the flesh of the risen Christ, preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism. This growth in Christian life needs the nourishment of Eucharistic Communion, the bread for our pilgrimage until the moment of death.

The body of Christ we receive in Holy Communion is "given up for us," and the blood we drink "shed for the many for the forgiveness of sins." For this reason the Eucharist cannot unite us to Christ without at the same time cleansing us from the remaining bad habits of past sins and preserving us from future sins. As St. Ambrose writes: "For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup, we proclaim the death of the Lord." If we proclaim the Lord's death, we proclaim the forgiveness of sins.

Finally, as bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity wipes away venial sins. By giving himself to us Christ revives our love and enables us to break our disordered attachments to creatures and root ourselves in him. By the same charity that it enkindles in us, the Eucharist preserves us from future mortal sins. The more we share the life of Christ and progress in his friendship, the more difficult it is to break away from him by mortal sin.



Weekly Collection

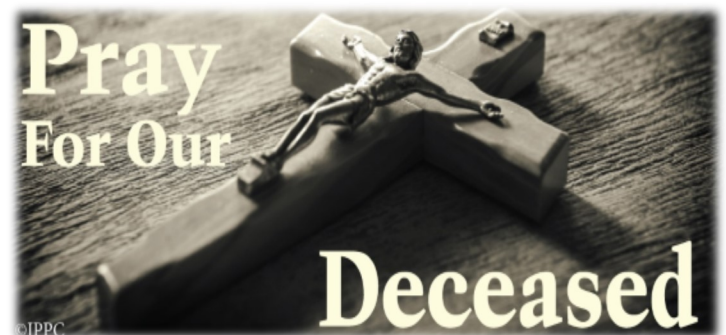
September 30, 2018

Weekly.....	\$10,468.00
EFT.....	\$2,100.00
	Total=\$12,568.00
Outreach.....	\$541.00
Annual (to date).....	\$46,987.00

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.

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

Second Collections
This Week: Building & Grounds
Next Week: Seminarian Education Fund



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of OLM Parishioner **Augustus Ise** whose Funeral was celebrated last week.



Upcoming Events:

- **Monday, October 8:** Holiday, no school today! Happy Columbus Day!
- **Tuesday, October 9:** Weekly School Mass at 8:15am, all welcome to attend!

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Best Wishes to our newly baptized



John Francis Butler,
and his parents, John & Alison
Ava Grace and Isla Rey Fuller,
and their parents Stephen & Stephanie
Benjamin Andrew Prezioso,
and his parents, Andrew & Julie

"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

Outreach Update

● **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, October 18th 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



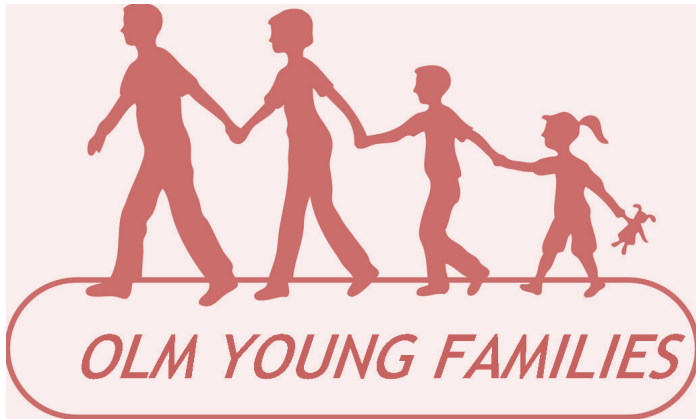
No RE Classes this weekend, October 7th due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

8th Grade Confirmation Class

Mandatory Meeting of all parents of 8th Grade Confirmation students for Fall 2019 (private, public, & parochial) October 10th at 7:00pm.

9th Grade Confirmation Candidates

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



OLM Young Families Meeting
Thursday, October 11, 2018
5:30—7:00PM, OLM School Field

All young families are most welcome to come to our first meeting of the OLM Young Families group. We are going to start with a rosary followed by pizza. Weather permitting, we will meet on the school grounds so that we can pray the rosary while enjoying the great outdoors. Children are welcome to run around on the playground or field. OLM Young Families is a group dedicated to providing a place for families to come together, learn about important topics of the faith and family life, and a time to come together to support one another. This is an introductory meeting for any and all to come and see this important ministry at OLM.

Pizza served for dinner!

For more information or just to learn more about our group contact Coordinator Kate Jelinek at: Kate_Jelinek@hotmail.com



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



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

Monday, October 8

Rosary for Increase of Vocations
 Reflection by Deacon Eric Silva

Monday, October 15

Rosary for an Increased Respect of Human Life

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



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of pray is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email directly at 2hart@cox.net.

If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!

The power of prayer at work!