



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 8, 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 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.**

**William K. Wray**

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*Parish Founded 1853*



*Parish Incorporated 1867*



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## **THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 8, 2017**

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**

*Mass of Anticipation for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Michael Zwolinski—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

*The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM John & Pat Corrigan—Memorial  
 9:00 AM Barbara McMahon—Birthday Remembrance  
 10:30AM Daniel Murphy—3rd Anniversary  
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 9—COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY**

*Weekday/St. Denis & Companion Martyrs; St. John Leonardi*  
 8:30AM Betty Jenest—Memorial

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Richard Burns—17th Anniversary

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

*Weekday; St. John XXIII, Pope*  
 7:30AM Fr. Howard O'Shea—Memorial

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Florence Burns—5th Anniversary

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**

*Weekday: St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr; BVM*  
 8:30AM Walter Jr. & Walter McKiernan III—Memorial  
*Mass of Anticipation for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Hunter Raucci—1st Anniversary

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**

*The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Doris & Donald Clark—Memorial  
 10:30AM Frank & Jennie Longo—23rd & 11th Anniversaries  
 5:00PM Donald F. Kennedy, Sr.—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

Our hearts ache for all those suffering in Las Vegas after the horror of last Sunday's shooting. Please join me in continued prayer for the victims, their families and loved ones, and also our nation. We pray for the first responders, and medical personnel, who continue to aid and assist the scores of people who are injured or are grieving a loved one's death.

Bishop Tobin issued the following statement following the Las Vegas Tragedy: *"I extend my profound sorrow, sympathy, and prayers to all the victims of the horrendous shooting in Las Vegas. What a terrible, violent and senseless act! May God help us bring an end to all the violence of our world."*

The Bishop asked us to pray this prayer: *"God our Father, our strength in adversity, our health in weakness, our comfort in sorrow, be merciful to your people. Give us new life and hope as we rest in your kindness. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary, Our Mother of Sorrows, pray for us."*

Also, Bishop Joseph Pepe of Las Vegas invited all *"our sisters and brothers around the world to join us in prayer for healing and for an end to violence."* And Pope Francis in a message to Bishop Pepe offered his prayers and support for this senseless tragedy.

Cardinal Dolan of New York along with other religious leaders stated: *"Today as we of different faith traditions mourn the tragic violence in Las Vegas, we echo the words of the Psalmist, 'Hear my prayer O*

*Lord; Listen to my cry for help.' (Psalm 39:12) We cannot remain silent as innocent lives are taken from us and thus refuse to accept what some call 'the new normal' in our society. Too often following mass shootings, we express our words of condolence and return to 'business as usual.'"*

On Saturday we marked the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. In light of the need for prayer, perhaps we might all pray the rosary once a week this month for peace and an end to violence in our world. There are rosaries and books on how to recite the rosary at every door of our Church. Take them home, find a quiet place, and time, and kneel down and pray. Don't let this tragedy go by without some prayer to Our Lady of Peace.

Also, you might join us on Monday night at 7:00pm for October Devotions. We gather before the Eucharistic Lord, recite the rosary, listen to beautiful music, hear a meaningful reflection and pray. It might be the best thirty minutes you spend on Monday and it certainly wouldn't be "business as usual" for most parishioners.

This week at Devotions, Father Steven Battey, one of our newly ordained priests, reflects on Mary, the Mother of God. He is a very talented young priest and I think you will enjoy his reflection. So turn off the Wheel of Fortune, leave the kids' soccer game early, and bring your family to devotions. Pray to Our Lady of Sorrows and ask for her peace and consolation for the many victims in Las Vegas.

In the bulletin today you

will find a copy of the Annual Parish Financial Report for the Fiscal Year of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. It reports that we've had a decline in our parish budget revenue of \$23,000. This is due to the death or moving away of twelve very generous OLM parishioners. It also reports that we've reduced our expenses and have a net cash surplus of about \$20,000.

We have also reduced the loss at our school from \$170,000 to just \$6,000. The prior year loss was due to the departure of students from our parish school. Sadly, we've had to lay off some faculty and make some cuts at the school to ensure such a large loss does not continue. This year we have 295 students and our future, and our fiscal viability, is very positive.

The report highlights the reality that there are less people practicing the faith and thus less people financially supporting parishes, and enrolling in parish schools. Meanwhile our healthcare costs along with insurance, utilities and other fixed costs continue to rise. Therefore I am deeply grateful for your commitment to the faith and your continued support of the parish.

I am away this week visiting a priest classmate who serves in Southern California. Do good. Be well. God Bless! Happy Columbus Day! Pray the rosary for Las Vegas!



**What is the Altar of the Chair in St. Peter's Basilica?**

On Thursday September 28 thirty-one men laid down on a carpet in front of Altar of the Chair in St. Peter's Basilica. The Altar of the Chair is so named because of a giant sculpture of the wooden chair of St. Peter by the famous Baroque sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini. This sculptor may be more appropriately described as a giant reliquary because inside of it rests the pieces of the wooden chair on which St. Peter himself sat.

This is no ordinary chair. In Latin the term is cathedra, whence derives the English word "cathedral." The cathedra is the seat of the bishop and is the symbol of his authority to teach and govern the Lord's Church entrusted to him by Christ Himself on the shore of Galilee. Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral in Providence has a cathedra as well.

Rather than power and domination, the ministry of the Pope is one of love and service, as depicted on the Chair by the scene of St. Peter kneeling before Jesus, making his threefold confession of love and receiving in return the threefold commission to feed Christ's sheep.

At first impression the chair appears to be held aloft by four Fathers of the Church (two from the East and two from the West): St. Ambrose, St. Athanasius, St. Augustine, and St. John Chrysostom. When in fact, the chair is held aloft by the image of the Holy Spirit in alabaster just above it. The Fathers are holding onto the chair as a source of their own authority and unity. The symbolism is clear: the Pope, as a successor of St. Peter is the source of unity for the whole Church.

Assistance for this role comes from his fellow bishops, the saints of the Church, and the great Christian theologians. Ultimately his work is not sustained by a human power, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. The chair symbolizes the ministry of St. Peter in the Church, handed on through generations in an unbroken line from the Galilean fisherman to the first Pope from Latin America, Pope Francis, the 266th successor of the Prince of the Apostles.

***If you have questions about the Catholic Faith, please send them to Fr. Barrow via email at [associate@olmparish.org](mailto:associate@olmparish.org)***



This week the flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in memory of Walter Jr. & Water III McKiernan. In charity please remember them in your prayers.

# Weekly Collection

**October 1, 2017**

Weekly.....	\$11,948.50
EFT.....	\$1,902.00
	<b>Total=\$13,850.50</b>
Outreach .....	\$1,816.00
Annual Collection (to date).....	\$64,573.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$3,207.00

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.

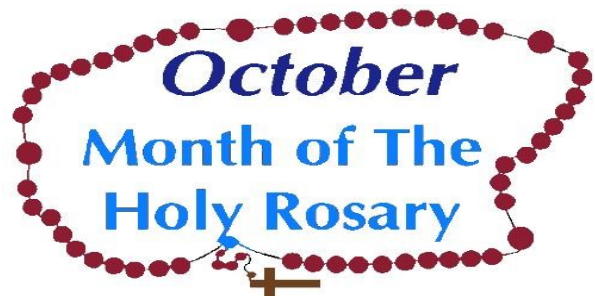
***Thank you for your generous support!***

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



## Second Collections

**This Week: World Mission Collection**





### Upcoming Dates at OLM School

- **Monday, October 9:** No School today for the Columbus Day Holiday
- **Tuesday, October 10:** Weekday School Mass at 8:15am  
*Discover the OLM Difference!*  
[www.olmschool.org](http://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.

● **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.*



### RE Schedule

- No Class this weekend due to Columbus Day Holiday. Orientation for Grades 1 and 2 is next Sunday, October 15th.



### 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)



## The Year of Mary

### —REVEALING HER MANY TITLES—

#### October Devotions at Our Lady of Mercy Church

Join us for Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Rosary, Meditative Music and a Spiritual Talk on the Blessed Virgin Mary. 7:00PM each Monday in October  
Confessions at 6:00 PM with two priests.

#### OCTOBER 2: MARY, QUEEN OF THE ROSARY

Fr. Alan Piper, O.P.  
Professor of Theology, Providence College

#### OCTOBER 9: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Fr. Stephen Battey  
Associate Pastor, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Bristol

#### OCTOBER 16: MARY, OUR LADY OF CZĘSTOCHOWA

Fr. Przemyslaw "Shemek" Lepak  
Pastor, St. Theresa & St. Christopher Church, Tiverton

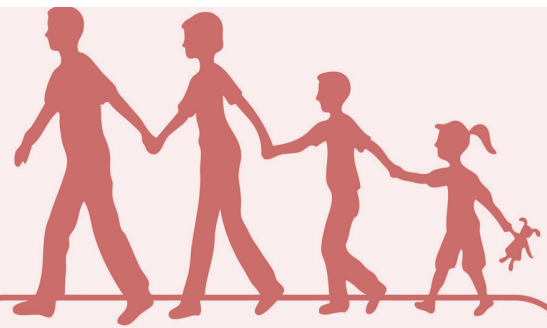
#### OCTOBER 23: MARY, QUEEN OF CONFESSORS

Fr. Christopher Murphy  
Chaplain, Bishop Hendricken High School

#### OCTOBER 30: MARY, SEAT OF WISDOM

Fr. John Sica, O.P.  
Professor of Philosophy, Providence College

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## OLM YOUNG FAMILIES

Our first meeting of the OLM Young Families is this **Thursday, October 12th**. For this initial meeting, we are gathering for a Family Mass celebrated by Fr. Barrow in Church at 5:30PM. Following the Mass, we are gathering for some light refreshments in the vestibule.

OLM Young Families meet monthly on the second Thursday of the month in the OLM School Cafeteria from 5:30pm until 7:00pm. All young families are most welcome to join with us in fellowship and conversation about our Catholic faith. *Babysitting is available for your children and delicious Pizza served for dinner!* For more information or just to learn more about our group contact OLM Young Families Coordinator Kate Jelinek at: [Kate\\_Jelinek@hotmail.com](mailto:Kate_Jelinek@hotmail.com)

### Upcoming OLM Young Family Meetings:

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Thursday, December 14, 2017

### Finding Hope

A Program for Separated & Divorced Catholics  
St. Pius X Church, Westerly, RI  
Beginning on Wednesday, October 11th  
7:00-8:30pm

Join us for an 8 part series that provides a peaceful group environment to reflect & share. For more information, contact Peter Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217. Sponsored by the Diocese of Providence Office of Life & Family.

