



THE CHURCH OF
Our Lady of Mercy



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

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time* ✕ *October 9, 2016

† **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

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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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 9, 2016

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Mass of Anticipation for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Janice & Alexander Lisy—12th & 17th Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Richard E. White—1st Anniversary
 10:30AM Robert "Bob" Belanger—Memorial
 5:00PM Joe Cotter—Memorial

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 —COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday
 8:30AM Bernard & Mary Falchini—Memorial

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Weekday/St. John XXIII Pope
 7:30AM Anthony Fandetti—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Weekday
 7:30AM Joan Murray—Memorial

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

Weekday
 7:30AM Fred Grace—Memorial

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

Weekday/St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr
 7:30AM Eda Pascarella—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
 8:30AM Melba Stevas—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Alfred & Julia Mastracchio—Memorial

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Robert Dumouchel—Birthday Remembrance
 10:30AM Joseph J. Rodio, Sr. —1st Anniversary
 5:00PM Kevin Herman Brockmann—Memorial



**We must
 empty
 Purgatory
 with our
 prayers.
 -St. Padre Pio**



Dear Parishioners:

October is Respect Life Month and the theme this year is "Moved by Mercy." When we let our hearts be moved by God's mercy, it shapes everything. As Pope Francis said, *"We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us."*

God offers his gift of mercy to each and every one of us, *no matter what*. But we have to decide to receive that gift—whether or not to turn away from sin and turn, instead, toward him. We have to decide whether we want God.

God made each of us in his own image and likeness. He desires to be united with us forever in a loving relationship. God loves us, treats us with respect, and asks us to do the same with others. Every person is sacred and must be treated with the dignity they deserve. No one should ever be treated callously or carelessly—everyone should be cherished and protected!

From each tiny child waiting to be born, to individuals nearing death, all are precious and deserve our care and protection. Women and men suffering after abortion, individuals tempted to end their lives, couples longing to conceive a child, people pushed to the margins of society by a "throwaway culture," expectant mothers facing challenging pregnancies, and every other person—each *"has a place in God's heart from all eternity."*

We live in an increasingly

secularized culture that does not respect human life and dignity. We need to pray this month for an increase in the protection for all human life, and respect for the human dignity of all.

One of the best ways to take up this call to prayer is to pick up your Rosary and use it! We had a good crowd for October Devotions last Monday but there was plenty of room for more. I urge you to take some time out of your busy schedule and join us in praying the Rosary for life as we adore Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist. It will be a better half-hour than The Wheel of Fortune! Hope to see you there!

OLM is looking for new Altar Servers to join our 63 current Servers. Any child of OLM Parish who is currently in the 4th Grade or higher is eligible. Training is provided and it offers great spiritual benefits.

We are blessed to have such a committed cadre of Altar Servers. Many of them serve our parish through high school and beyond. We are grateful to these young men and women for their commitment to serving God and our Parish.

I ask you to encourage your child, or grandchild, to join the few, the proud, the OLM Altar Servers! They will learn discipline and duty, commitment and reverence, and truly serve God and Parish.

Last week the Rock musician Bruce Springsteen was interviewed by Stephen Colbert on his late night program. They were discussing Springsteen's

new biography and their Catholic Faith. Springsteen revealed that he was *"the world's worst Altar Server."* Colbert said he too had been an Altar Server at his childhood parish and served for 11 years! Did you know Tom Brady was as an Altar Server too!

Now consider this other story about two boys, Annibale della Genga, and Francesco Castiglioni. Growing up in Italy during the end of the 18th Century, they too were Altar Servers at their parish.

One Sunday before Mass they had a fight in the Sacristy. One of the boys cracked a brass candlestick on the other boy's head causing him to bleed. Their parish priest was quite naturally upset, but kept calm, reprimanded them but gave them another chance to serve Mass.

Thankfully they were given another chance to serve! It turns out this was a good thing as later on in their lives, della Genga would become Pope Leo XII who reigned as Pope between 1823 and 1829. And his friend, Castiglioni, would follow him as Pope Pius VIII. Discipline and duty, commitment and reverence are great skills for life! Yes, Altar Serving can lead to great things!

Pray the Rosary! Join us for October Devotions! Be well. Do good. Go Sox! !!! Welcome back Tom Brady! Go Pats!!!! God Bless. A Happy Columbus Day!



Calling For New Altar Servers

*Join the few,
the proud...
the OLM
Altar Servers!*

Serve Our God and Your Parish at Holy Mass!

Training provided, Great Spiritual Benefits!

*All Children of OLM Parish, Grade 4 and Up,
are invited to join the ranks of OLM Servers.*

If interested please contact Fr. Barrow at
884-4968 or via email at associate@olmparish.org
by October 17th. Training begins on
October 24th!

Thank You

Dear Parishioners of OLM:

I write to thank you for your generosity. Your efforts have helped over 100 of our children getting ready for school this year! We wanted to take a moment to express our deep gratitude for all of the work put into organizing the recent Back-To-School Backpack Drive. Without your support, assisting these families as they prepared for this upcoming school year would not have been possible. We are grateful to your generosity and for the great work of the OLM Outreach Office. May God bless you abundantly and may His grace continue to provide you with the strength to do God's work. Once again, thank you!

With gratitude,
Father James Ruggieri
Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, Providence, RI

Weekly Collection

October 9, 2016

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| Weekly..... | \$11,796.00 |
| EFT..... | \$1,466.50 |
| | Total=\$13,262.50 |
| Building and Grounds..... | \$3,245.50 |
| Outreach..... | \$1,875.00 |
| Annual (to date)..... | \$28,228.00 |

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 Weekend: Seminarian Education Fund



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner **John M. DeGuilio, Jr.** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May he rest in peace.



**COLUMBUS DAY
HOLIDAY**

**MONDAY
OCTOBER 10, 2016**

MASS AT 8:30AM

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY.



Religious Education

NEWS

● **NO RE Classes this weekend due to the Columbus Day Holiday. All classes resume next week.**

OLM Confirmation Program for 2016

● **Monday, October 17th 7:00pm Devotions and Confession** for ALL Confirmation Candidates and available Sponsor and parents!

● **Thursday, October 20 at 7:00pm: MANDATORY PRACTICE** for Candidates and available sponsors (IF your sponsor is not available come with a responsible adult)

● **Sunday, October 23rd 5:00pm Confirmation Mass!!!** Candidates and Sponsors line up in the school at 4:15pm. We will process in to the Church at 4:50pm and Mass begins promptly at 5:00pm.



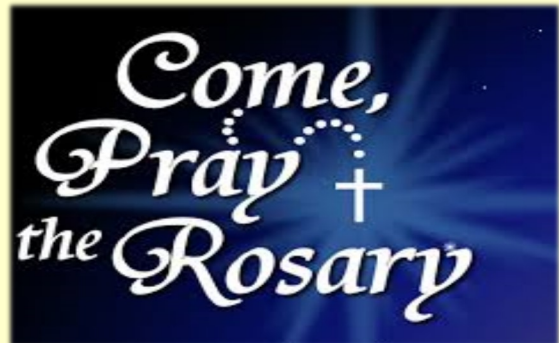
● No School on Monday, October 10th in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.

Discover the OLM Advantage!

www.olmschool.org

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

Every Monday in October at 7:00pm



*Please Join us for
Exposition of the Eucharist,
Recitation of the Holy Rosary,
and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*

Monday, October 10th

Rosary for An End to Abortion

Monday, October 17th

Rosary for the OLM Confirmation Class

NB: Confirmation Candidates, Sponsors & Parents Confession follows Devotions

Monday, October 24

Rosary for An End to Assisted Suicide

Monday, October 31st

Rosary for the United States
In advance of the National Election



Outreach Update

● **The OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please deposit all donated food in the box in the Church vestibule. **Thank you for your loyal and generous support.** ● **For more information,** contact OLM Outreach Director Doug Green at 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



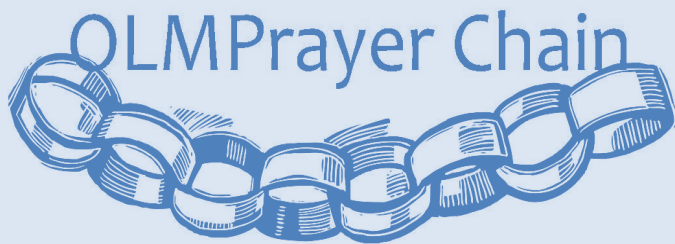
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PRAY THE ROSARY

SATURDAY EVENING MASS CHANGE OF START TIME



The 5:00PM Mass on Saturday Evening will move back to a 4:00PM start time on Saturday, November 6, 2016. Also, Confessions move back to 3:00PM from 4:00PM on Saturdays beginning on Saturday, November 6, 2016. Please plan accordingly.

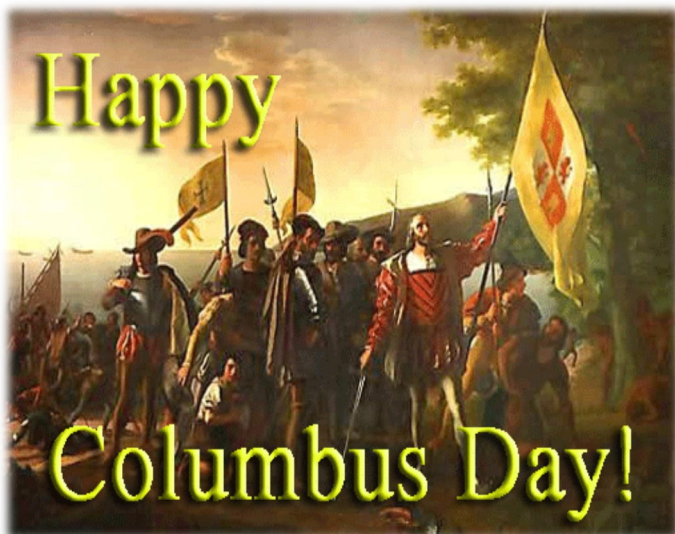
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Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of pray is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and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



The Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Mercy Church Sunday, October 23, 2016 Mass at 5:00PM



The Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester, NY
Presiding Prelate

*Please pray for our 88 Candidates
and their Sponsors.*

October Respect Life Month

"We need to
see each child
as a gift to be
welcomed,
cherished and
protected..."

Pope Francis, in his homily during the
Concluding Mass of his Apostolic Journey
to the Philippines

