



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 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ September 10, 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

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The Reverend Joshua A. Barrow, S.T.L., Associate Pastor

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THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Mass of Anticipation for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Joseph Gianardi—13th Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Armando, Katherine, Guiseppa, & James DeAngelis—Memorial

10:30AM Sean T. Healey—3rd Anniversary

5:00PM Bernard Falchini—Memorial

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Weekday

7:30AM Deceased Mbrs. of the Cantanio Family—Memorial

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday/The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30AM Edward "Bud" Reilly—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM Deborah O'Connell—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The Exaltation of the Cross

7:30AM Catherine Cabral—Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30AM Florence Woods—1st Anniversary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:30AM Decd. Of the Pundys & Dikinis Families—Mem.

Mass of Anticipation for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Michael Alix—Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Josephine Lanna—5th Anniversary

10:30AM Paul Kerin—Memorial

5:00PM Bernice Carroll Primeau—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

Labor Day has passed and with it the summer vacation! School is now underway everywhere in the state and collegians have returned to their dorm rooms. It's hard to believe that September is well underway already, where did the summer go??!

On Friday Bishop Evans celebrated the Opening Mass of the School Year for our parish school. It was an a great way to renew ourselves spiritually for the new school year on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our excellent faculty including a few new teachers were solemnly installed. We prayed together for the school, the faculty and staff, students and families.

We also recognized at the Mass the special anniversaries of two special people at OLM. Sister Lourdes celebrated 25 years of profession as a Franciscan Apostolic Sister in August and last weekend Sister Jeanne Barry celebrated 60 years as Religious Sister of Mercy. We thank them for their continued faithful witness to the Evangelical Counsels.

On Monday we begin a new event in the life of Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Our First OLM Golf Tournament at Quidnessett Country Club. We are grateful to those who are playing in the tournament. It should be a fun filled day of golf and fellowship. We thank all who sponsored the event.

Next week's Second Collection is for the Senior Priests Retirement Fund. This important collection helps to defray the costs of pensions for our Senior Priests. You have

always been generous in supporting this crucial collection for priests and I thank you in advance for your generosity. For the record, I won't receive the modest priest pension until the year 2040 and Fr. Barrow until the year 2064!!!

We continue to pray for the many victims of Hurricane Harvey. The devastation and destruction of property is costly, but the death of so many due to the storm is so terribly tragic. Let us continue to pray for the repose of the souls of those who died as we also pray for those still suffering.

For those who wish to help the Hurricane Harvey Relief, we encourage your support of September's OLM Outreach collection. If you wish to support the relief effort, I ask you to please make a check payable to OLM Outreach and place it in an envelope marked "Hurricane Relief." Simply place the envelope in the collection basket during the month of September. As always I thank you for your generous support!

We've all seen the utter devastation and destruction in Texas. However, what has been more impressive is the response of kindness and compassion offered to strangers from so many. Such charity and civility has been lacking in our society for many years now. The last time I witnessed such a tremendous outpouring of compassion and service was following the September 11th attacks upon our nation.

Sadly we recall that somber anniversary on Monday. It has been sixteen years since that fateful day on which so

many died at the hands of madmen. Sadly many still suffer loss and grief and we continue to be a nation at war with terror.

But the response of charity and service following September 11th should serve as a reminder of what we can truly be in this nation. When tragedy strikes, we respond not with fear and loathing but with courage and compassion. Let us pray that the great spirit of service and charity witnessed sixteen years ago inspires us to recommit to such courage and compassion again!

I am reminded of the words of Timothy Cardinal Dolan on the Tenth Anniversary of September 11th. He stated:

"We came together across religious, political, social and ethnic lines to stand as one people to heal wounds and defend against terrorism. As we face today's challenges of people out of work, families struggling, and the continuing dangers of wars and terrorism, let us summon the 9/11 spirit of unity to confront our challenges. Let us pray that the lasting legacy of 9/11 is not fear, but rather hope for a world renewed. May we resolve to put aside our differences and join together in the task of renewing our nation and world."

Good words to reflect on for the anniversary of 9/11 and the recent events in Texas. Pray for all victims and all those still suffering. Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Sox! Go Pats!!!

Father Healey



Can a Catholic get a Tattoo?

Here is the short answer: the Church is not against tattoos per se (in and of themselves). There is nothing intrinsically wrong with a tattoo. A tattoo is simply a permanent coloring of the skin, much like using make-up or crayons on one's skin. In Ancient Rome the soldiers were marked with the seal of the emperor. St. Paul speaks of being marked for Christ. Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders create a permanent mark on our persons. Finally, in some cultures tattoos are considered part of the identity of that culture (allowable insofar as they do not encourage idolatry).

Here is an important distinction in salvation history: ceremonial precepts vs. moral precepts vs. juridical precepts: The new covenant established by Jesus Christ retained the moral precepts of the Old Law, but not the ceremonial or juridical. The ceremonial and juridical precepts were instituted by God as a gradual way to form a people of his own that would await the coming of the Messiah. Now that the Messiah is here, they are not needed, albeit they are important to know. They were instituted to keep the people from falling into idolatry and other forms of pagan worship. Hence passages such as Leviticus 19:28: "Do not... put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the Lord," is a ceremonial precept and is therefore not necessarily binding. The Ten Commandments are moral precepts and hence are still binding.

When it comes to deciding to have a tattoo we need to consider the particular instance. We are trying to avoid any type of self-mutilation, idolatry and at the same time encourage modesty. Further, what is the image in question, is it being done as a sign of vanity, would this person get this because they question their own intrinsic beauty, is the image vulgar, profane or demonic, is it worth risking disease and infection, is it good to get something permanent, how much of the body will the tattoo cover, and so on? One person had a particularly good way of looking at: would you put a bumper sticker on a Ferrari?

As I said intrinsically there is nothing wrong with putting a mark on your body, just as there is nothing wrong with having your ears pierced; it is the subsequent and auxiliary concerns (motivation for the action, extent, and content) where the real moral issue arises. The motivation for getting a tattoo can easily degrade into vanity and idolatry.

Still, even though it is not prohibited we need to ask: would getting a tattoo constitute a movement in my spiritual life toward God? If the answer is no, then why are you doing it?

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

Weekly Collection

September 3, 2017

Weekly.....	\$12,140.00
EFT.....	\$1,541.00
	Total=\$13,681.00
Outreach	\$1,808.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$2,816.50

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.

Thank you for your generous support!

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

Second Collection
Next Week: Priests Retirement Collection



- III -David Joseph Arpin & Kelly Lynn Rantuccio
Our Lady of Mercy Church Our Lady of Mercy Church
- I-II-Daniel Francis McDonald, Jr. & Lisa Marie Fellela
Our Lady of Mercy St. Phillip, Greenville
- I-Kyle Patrick Curran & Brittney Ann Cuningham
Our Lady of Mercy Church Our Lady of Mercy Church
- I-James Joseph Massey & Justine Noelle LaMothe
Assumption, St. Mary, KS Our Lady of Mercy



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of OLM Parishioners **William D. Reynolds, Jr. and Constance Podedworny** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.



Upcoming Dates at OLM School

- **Monday, September 11th:** OLM Golf Tournament at Quidnessett CC. 1pm Shotgun Start, Dinner and Auction to follow.
- **Thursday, September 14th:** PTG Back To School Night & Meet the Teachers

Discover the OLM Difference!
www.olmschool.org

Religious Education NEWS

Upcoming RE Schedule

The calendar for the 2017-18 RE year and the schedule of events for the Grade 9 students being Confirmed on November 5th are both available on the Parish website.

- The First Day of class for Grades 3-5 and 6-8 is Sunday, October 1.
- Orientation for Grades 1 and 2 is Sunday, October 15th.
- All RE teachers, substitutes and volunteers have a meeting on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria.
- Catechetical Sunday is next Sunday, September 17th. Please join us at the 10:30am Mass as we install our RE Teachers and pray for our RE Program at OLM

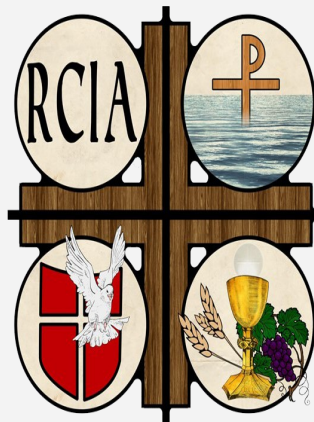
Outreach Update

● **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.

● **HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF:** OLM Outreach is working with Catholic Charities USA in responding to the relief efforts. **All financial donations to OLM Outreach in the month of September go directly toward the relief efforts.** Please make your check payable to "OLM Outreach" with "Harvey Relief" in the memo. Place all donations in envelope marked "Harvey Relief" and place in the basket. Thank you for your generous support of those in need.

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

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you an Adult Catholic in need of the Sacrament of Communion or Confirmation? Let us know and join the RCIA today!



Please join us for the OLM Class of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Class. These are friendly and informative classes and begin in October. If you have questions or are just curious, please contact Fr.

Barrow at 401-884-4968 or contact him via email at associate@olmparish.org

SENIOR PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION
SEPTEMBER 16/17, 2017

**ABOUT THE
SECOND COLLECTION**



After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living, or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely upon Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes

for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this challenged fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many who have served faithfully for many years in ministry – some of whom continue to serve well after their ‘retirement.’ The collection is also our way of saying “thank you” for that service. Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. Next weekend’s second collection will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, a significant source of support for priests that provides for basic needs such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. Please consider your generous support of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades. ***Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests.*** To learn how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation, please visit www.srpriestri.org

Thank You for Your Generous Support!



Calling All Who Love To Sing!!!!



Join the Choir...

**You'll Be Glad
You Did!**

Our OLM Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m - 8:30 p.m. The Adult Choir sings at the Sunday 10:30am Mass and major feasts. Reading music is not required.

For more information please contact Mr. Henri St. Louis 401-884-4968 or contact via email at musicministry@olmparish.org

Our Lady of Mercy Children's Choir

**New member registration:
August 27th - September 30th**



The Children's Choir is open to OLM parish and school children in grades 4 -8. The choir regularly sings at the 9am Mass on Sundays throughout the school year. They also sing for some feast days and holidays. Choir

members in the parish school sing for First Friday and other school Masses. Rehearsal: Tuesday afternoon from 2:30-3:30 (Supplemental rehearsals Saturdays after Mass, when needed) Contact Deirdre Donovan by email at musicministry@olmparish.org

