



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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ September 17, 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

Deacon John W. Dowd, Parish Deacon

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Parish Founded 1853



Parish Incorporated 1867



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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Weekday

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Weekday/St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

7:30AM Robert Anderson—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

*St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest & Paul Chŏng Ha-sang,
 & Companion Martrs*

7:30AM Joseph Zaino—8th Anniversary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

7:30AM Alexander Tagliatela—1st Anniversary

& Deceased of Tagliatela & McGlumphy Families

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Weekday

7:30AM Lewis Philips—1st Anniversary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:30AM Special Intention

Mass of Anticipation for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Celia Campopiano—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24—FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Richard T. Vespia—Memorial

9:00 AM Joseph H. Alaire III—Memorial

10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

5:00PM Edward M. Fogarty—Memorial

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
 R. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

And may the souls of all the faithful departed,
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Dear Parishioners:

What a spectacular day we had on Monday at the First Annual OLM Golf Tournament. We had 120 golfers playing at the beautiful Quidnessett Country Club. God provided beautiful weather and everyone had a grand time.

We thank Jamie Pedro and her crew of volunteers who organized, and put together, a great day in support of the Saints and Scholars Fund. We also thank Lorraine Kane and the great folks at Quidnessett for their generosity and hospitality in hosting our golf tournament.

We must also thank our corporate sponsors from Washington Trust, Ocean State Signal, Home Loan Bank, Barrington Promotions, and Wardell & Reed. We must thank those who sponsored our retired priests and faculty members. We had over 40 tee sponsors and we thank them too! We are grateful for the generous support from many parishioners, school family and friends of OLM!

We had some great golfers who put their talents on display and the winning score was an incredible 59!! Fr. Barrow won the clergy prize for lowest score for a first time golfer! It was a grand day and we are grateful for all who helped to make it possible. We are already planning next year's OLM Golf Tournament!

Sadly while we were on the course golfing in beautiful weather, our brothers and sisters in Florida were dealing the devastation and destruction of Hurricane Irma. Like Texas once again hundreds of thousands of people in Florida and the Caribbean are suffering

and in need.

All funds collected in September through OLM Outreach are being dedicated to Hurricane Relief in Texas and Florida through Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), and we will also aid those in the Caribbean through Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

If you would like to help this effort, please make a check payable to OLM Outreach and write "Hurricane Relief" on the envelope and place it in the collection basket or simply mail it to the parish office. There are many of our brothers and sisters suffering and we can aid them in their need with our support.

CRS is responding to Hurricane Irma with pre-stocked relief supplies and a skilled emergency team headed to the worst affected areas in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Cuba and the Caribbean Islands. CCUSA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, is already delivering compassionate care and support to those affected by Hurricane Harvey and Irma.

As Catholics we can take great pride that both these Catholic agencies provide essential support before, during and after disasters and that 100% of the funds collected go directly to those affected. In the name of the thousands of people suffering because natural disasters, I thank you for your generous support.

Next Sunday we mark our Parish Feast Day. The Feast of Our Lady of Mercy is September 24th and we begin the day with a Solemn Mass at 10:30am. Following the Mass, we gather for our Annual Parish

Picnic, complete with hamburgers and hot dogs, ice cream, games for kids and adults. Please join us for this great day. We ask you to please bring your own beverages (adult or otherwise), chairs, blankets, cigars, and a homemade dessert or side dish to share!

It should be another great celebration of parish family and friends. Of course there will be a large screen TV to watch the Pat's game too! The Annual Tug-of-War between Team Healey and Team Barrow is on again this year! I won't be the anchor this year as I'm a little lighter now! Join us for good fun, good food and good times!

On Monday, September 25th we have a Holy Hour of Mercy preached by one of our newly ordained priests, Fr. Joseph Brice from St. Augustine Church in Providence. Two hours of Confession precede the Holy Hour for those in need of God's mercy and forgiveness of sins.

On Tuesday, September 26th, our talented musicians, Henri St. Louis and Deirdre Donovan, lead our OLM Adult and Children's Choirs in a Concert of Mercy. Join us for beautiful sacred music in honor of our patroness, Our Lady of Mercy. And, on Wednesday, September 27th, we invite you to join us in an Act of Mercy as we prepare meals for the homeless.

Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Sox! Go Pats!!! Celebrate Our Lady of Mercy!

Father Healey



What is an Indulgence?

For any sin we commit there is a corresponding punishment or debt due for that sin which is owed to God (it may also be described as an attachment to sin). In Catholic tradition this is most often called “temporal punishment.” It is called “temporal” because the punishment is based on acts we did here on earth in the temporal world. This is very similar to our modern system of laws which assigns temporal punishments for crimes. For example, a person who commits manslaughter might receive 10 years in jail; a temporal punishment. Sometimes old missals would list indulgences and say: “100 days off of purgatory.” This was an attempt to distinguish the effectiveness of different indulgences from each other, but not necessarily a literal 100 days. How exactly temporally quantified punishments take place in eternity will have to be another column!

When we go to the Sacrament of Confession and make a good confession, our sins are forgiven, we are in a state of grace, and once again we have the supernatural life within us (we possess the supernatural virtues of faith, hope and charity). We no longer are *guilty* and incur the *eternal* punishment due to mortal sin. Yet, the punishment/debt/attachment remains as a matter of justice. Theologians distinguish between *guilt* and *punishment*. Confession removes guilt, not punishment (Baptism removes both!). God is perfectly merciful, but he is also perfectly just and as a matter of justice that punishment/debt/attachment needs to be paid. This can happen in this life or in purgatory.

So an indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment due to sin. It is granted by the Church itself through its ability to “bind and loose” according to the power of the keys granted by Christ. It removes punishment because it applies the *superabundant* merits of Christ and of the saints to a person. Christ is God and the rewards he accrued are infinite. So, instead of you paying the debt Christ and the saints pay. It allows a person to pay their debt (remove attachment; take their punishment) in this life rather than the next. An indulgence is not the only way punishment is removed: living a holy life (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) and offering up one’s life accomplishes this as well (albeit the debt is paid from the merit which the person obtains himself).

Indulgences do not release us from hell or grant forgiveness (that is the role of Confession). They do not remove the guilt of possible future sins. A person must be properly disposed to receive an indulgence. It is not automatically applied because it depends on whether the person’s desire to remove attachment to sin.

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



Weekly Collection

September 10, 2017

Weekly.....	\$12,099.00
EFT.....	\$2,867.00
	Total=\$14,966.00
Outreach	\$2,506.00

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 Collection

This Week: Priests Retirement Collection
Next Week: Annual Parish Collection



- III-Daniel Francis McDonald, Jr. & Lisa Marie Fellela
Our Lady of Mercy St. Phillip, Greenville
- II-Kyle Patrick Curran & Brittany Ann Cunningham
Our Lady of Mercy Church Our Lady of Mercy Church
- II-James Joseph Massey & Justine Noelle LaMothe
Assumption, St. Mary, KS Our Lady of Mercy



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of OLM Parishioners **Irene E. Brais and Ann Zonfrillo** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.



Upcoming Dates at OLM School

- **Monday, September 18th:** OLM School Confessions at 1:00pm
- **OLM School "Mum" Sale:** Mums will be sold after all Masses next weekend.

Discover the OLM Difference!

www.olmschool.org



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.
- Catechetical Sunday is this 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.



● **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 RELIEF:** OLM Outreach is working with Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services 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 "Hurricane Relief" in the memo. Place all donations in envelope marked "Hurricane Relief" and place in the basket. Thank you for your generous support of those in need.

● **For more information about OLM Outreach,** please contact OLM Outreach Director, 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

which begin in October.

If you have questions or just curious, please contact Fr. Barrow at 845-884-4968 or contact him via email at associate@olmparish.org

Best Wishes to our newly baptized:



Matthew Edward Curley,
his parents, David and Nichole.

Sutton M. Schlossberg,
and her parents, Jason and Lindsay.

Cole William DaPonte,
and his parents, William and Jill.

“Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn in baptism. They are now called the children of God, for so indeed they are.” – The Rite of Baptism



Patronal Feast of **OUR LADY OF MERCY** **CATHOLIC PARISH**

65 Third Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 24

Feast of Our Lady of Mercy

Feast Day Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Annual Parish Picnic, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. on the parish grounds

Monday, September 25

Night of Mercy

Confessions 5:00 - 6:45 p.m. with 2 priests

Holy Hour of Mercy 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Joseph Brice, Associate Pastor
of St. Augustine Church, Providence, Homilist

Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 p.m.

Concert of Mercy

Our Lady of Mercy Adult & Children's Choirs
Deirdre Donovan, Soloist · Henri St. Louis, Organist

Wednesday, September 27, 6:00 p.m.

Work of Mercy

Our Lady of Mercy School Cafeteria
Join OLM Outreach Volunteers as they prepare meals
for the hungry & homeless

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New Choir Members Welcome!!!

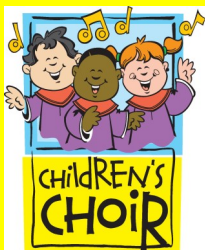
Our OLM Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-8:30pm. The Adult Choir sings at the Sunday 10:30am Mass and major feasts. Reading music is not required. For more information please contact Mr. Henri St. Louis 401-884-4968 or contact via email at musicministry@olmparish.org

OLM Rosary Makers Monthly Workshop

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 @ 10:00AM
OLM Cry Room

Rosary Makers are asked to bring completed rosaries to meeting. *Materials and instructions provided. Join us in making rosaries for the missions.*

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