



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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ September 2, 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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Parish Founded 1853



Parish Incorporated 1867



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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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**THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 SEPTEMBER 2, 2018**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

The Mass of Anticipation for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM James E. Twomey—Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Frank & Teresa Heran—6th & 28th Anniversaries
 9:00 AM Mary Owens—Birthday Remembrance
 10:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
 8:30AM Thomas Shannon—Memorial

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Weekday
 7:30AM Doris A. Jamieson—Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Weekday; St. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious
 7:30AM John & Dorothy Donahue—Memorial

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Weekday
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Weekday
 7:30AM Wanda Zwolinski—4th Anniversary
 9:00AM Deceased OLM School Faculty & Alumni

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:30AM Eric Burns—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Dec'd Members of the Catanio Family—Mem.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

The Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Ernest Knott—Birthday Remembrance
 10:30AM Sean T. Healey—4th Anniversary
 5:00PM Bernard Falchini—Birthday Remembrance





Dear Parishioners:

Last weekend Senator John McCain of Arizona died and is to be laid to rest this weekend. He was an American Hero who exhibited great faith and courage throughout his life. As a young Navy Pilot he endured incredible suffering and torture while held as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War.

Yet he overcame this adversity and survived. He went on to serve our nation as a distinguished Member of Congress and U.S. Senator. Let us pray for the gentle repose of his noble soul, may he rest in peace.

Senator McCain, a true profile in courage, once said: *"Courage is not the absence of fear, but the capacity to act despite our fears."* His words offer us inspiration as we continue to face the problems in our Church. Fear can easily overcome us and lead us into despair. We face many challenges in our Church, in our world and in our lives, let us do so with faith, hope and courage,

In *Character Is Destiny*, one of the many books he authored, Senator McCain wrote of the stories he learned from his parents and at school. The book is a compilation of stories of heroes, both famous and obscure, whose values exemplify character and courage.

Included in the book are many profiles of courage including Sir Winston Churchill, who offered simple and sage advice: "never give up!". McCain includes the story of Mary Clarke, who left her life as a Beverly Hills socialite to work in the desperate conditions of a Mexican jail. George

Washington is lauded by McCain for his wisdom and ability to adapt in the face of battle.

Although not a Catholic himself, Senator McCain writes about several Catholic Saints including Saint Maximilian Kolbe, a Catholic priest in Auschwitz who offered to take a condemned man's place. St. Thomas More, a Catholic layman who took on a king and died a martyr for the faith, is also featured. And, so is St. Joan of Arc, a young girl who exhibited great faith and courage and became the Patroness of France.

It is people of character, faith and courage such as these, as well as Senator McCain himself, who came to my mind this week. If ever there is a time when our Church and our world cries out for men, women and children, as well as religious sisters, priests, deacons and bishops of character, courage and faith it is in this moment in our history. St. Thomas More reminds us: *"You wouldn't abandon ship in a storm just because you couldn't control the winds."*

This past Wednesday was the first day at OLM School. The first day of school is always a day of joy and hope as students return, and others arrive for the very first time. It was great to welcome them all to OLM School! Our parish school declares its mission to teach our students to strive to be saints and scholars. We pray for our students, families and faculty that they continue to grow in the faith, knowledge and love of God and strive to be saints and scholars!

I offer my sincere thanks

to the many families who make the sacrifice to send their children to OLM School. Their commitment to Catholic Education and their support of our school is deeply appreciated. I also thank our excellent faculty for their sacrifice and commitment to our school. May God bless OLM School with abundant graces this school year!

In the bulletin you will find a copy of an article from the Providence Journal by Kevin O'Brien, the Director of Compliance for the Diocese of Providence. I think you may find it very informative about the Diocese of Providence's work in fighting abuse in the Church. If you would like more information about the policies and procedures of our Office of Compliance, it is readily available on the Diocese of Providence's website.

In your name, I offer congratulations and best wishes to long time OLM parishioners, John and Terry Romano. On Labor Day, they celebrate their 95th and 100th birthdays! John and Terry are at Mass every week, in fact John continues to usher at the 7:30am Mass. We wish this wonderful couple continued health and happiness. May God bestow his choicest blessings upon them and their family! Happy Birthday!!

I wish you and your families a Happy Labor Day! Be well. Do good. God Bless. *Oremus pro invicem*, let us pray for each other.

Father Healey



**Why are we called Roman Catholics?
Is there another kind of Catholic?**

There are indeed other Catholics out there, or at least other churches which belong to the Catholic Church. First things first: When we speak of the Catholic Church (notice capital “C” for the word Church) we mean: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. These are the four marks of the Church as defined by the Council of Constantinople in AD381. If a church possesses these four marks then it is part of the Church which Christ founded and it is properly called the Catholic Church. These are the marks of the Church precisely because they are the marks of Christ. He is one, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. The Church manifests the very qualities of Christ Himself and is united to Him as his bride. See the Catechism of the Catholic Church 868 for more information.

We use the term “Roman Catholic” to distinguish the liturgical and legal rite of the individual church. Other churches will still have valid sacraments, priesthood, etc., but their masses and laws will be slightly different from each other. So what are the other churches which are part of the one Catholic Church? Albanian, Armenian, Romanian, Maronite, Syriac, Ruthenian, and so on. The list goes on. Each of these churches have the four marks of the Church. To be really precise, in relation to these other churches we would not call ourselves Roman Catholics; we would call ourselves Latin Rite Catholics or simply Catholics. All of us are members of the Catholic Church, but belong to particular rites within the one and same Church.

In fact, “Roman Catholic Church” is not the proper name for the Church. The Anglicans promoted it because of a flawed theology known as “branch theory”. Anglicans think of themselves as another legitimate “branch” of the Church founded by Christ represented as the trunk. The other branches are the Orthodox Church and (what they call) the Roman Catholic Church. Unfortunately, the Anglicans are not even properly speaking a church. They (along with the Lutherans, Presbyterians, etc.) are “ecclesial communions” precisely because they are deficient in one or more of the four marks of the church (mostly in regard to “apostolic” which points to apostolic succession of bishops and handing on scripture, tradition and sacraments).

One of the consequences of this theology is that the Church is not something merely intangible or spiritual (as the Protestants hold). Rather we can point to one, enduring, true, and visible society on earth which is the Church. We can point to the coherent and stable transmission of scripture and tradition. We can point most especially to the enduring celebration and transmission of the sacraments. Hence historically speaking, we can find the same Catholic Church present right from the beginning and across the centuries (and will be until the second coming of Christ).

***If you have a questions about the Catholic Faith,
email it to Fr. Barrow at associate@olmparish.org***

Weekly Collection

August 26, 2018

Weekly.....	\$10,871.00
EFT.....	\$1,890.00
	Total=\$12,761.00
Outreach.....	\$305.00

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



III-Brendan David Palmer & Kimberly Marie MacDonald
Saints Rose & Clement Our Lady of Mercy



Labor Day Holiday Monday, September 3, 2018

Mass at 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed for the holiday.



Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, September 3:** Labor Day Holiday. No School!
- **Monday, September 6:** Lifetouch Picture Day
- **Friday, September 7:** Opening Mass of the Holy Spirit for the School Year

Discover the OLM Difference!
www.olmschool.org

Pray
for
Vocations



Outreach
Update



● **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items especially in the summer months. Please leave items in the Food Box in the vestibule.

● **OLM Bereavement Group Meeting:** Thursday, September 6th 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



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of OLM Parishioners Gaetano Tessitore, Anne Sedlock and Mildred Weedon whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.



Religious Education
NEWS



Register online today for the 2018-2019 Religious Education Year!

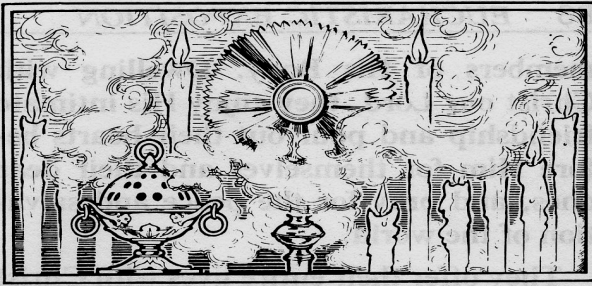
Go to the Parish website: www.olmparish.org then to Faith Formation. Scroll down until you get to Religious Education for Children. The link to register is right underneath that heading.

Catechetical Sunday

September 16, 2018 at 10:30AM Mass

Confirmation Retreats

Saturday, September 15 & September 22
11:45AM & Ends with 5pm Mass



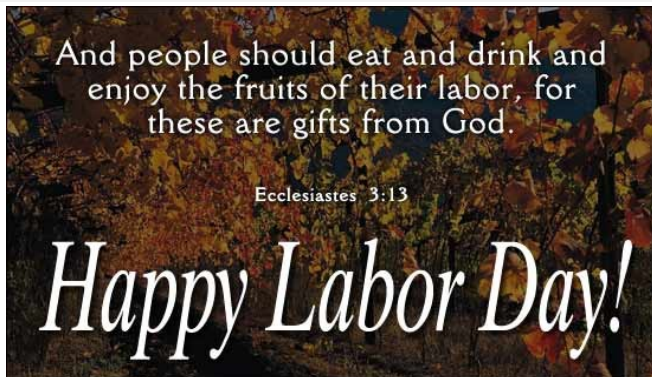
FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, September 7, 2018

Eucharistic Exposition Following First Friday
Mass at 9:00am

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at
3:00PM

“Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power”—St. Teresa of Calcutta



The OLM Youth Group meets on Sundays at 7pm in the OLM School Gym. All High School students are invited to join us! On Saturday September 8th the OLM Youth Group is kayaking (weather permitting) down in Wakefield at East Coast Paddlesports. For more information on the event or the youth group please contact our Youth Coordinator Mr. Billy Burdier at youthactivities@olmparish.org

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you thought about joining the Catholic Church? Are you a Baptized Catholic in need of the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation?

Initiation into the Catholic Church is a gradual process which culminates in the celebration of the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** Classes are designed for those seeking to join the Catholic Church. These classes are also a chance for initiated Catholics to learn about particular topics and practices of the faith. It is also a place for those who have not yet been fully initiated (particularly those who have not yet been Confirmed).

RCIA Classes will begin in October and meet on most Sundays immediately after the 10:30am Mass. If interested in learning more, please contact Fr. Barrow at (401) 884-4968 or by email at: associate@olmparish.org

“To Love & To Cherish” Program for Catholic Marriages

Office of Life and Family for the Diocese of Providence to offer the “To Love and To Cherish” program for Catholic marriages. The program embraces the Catholic Church’s teachings on marriage and provides topics and discussions designed to enrich and strengthen the sacramental journey of marriage in a sharing group environment. It will be held on Tuesday evenings, September 18 - October 16, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Saint Kevin Church, 333 Sandy Ln., Warwick, school side entrance of the church. Please note, this program is not for marriage counseling. The program and all materials are free. For information and registration, please contact: Peter Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217.