



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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ September 23, 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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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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**THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 SEPTEMBER 23, 2018**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

The Mass of Anticipation for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Bernice Carroll Primeau—Bday. Remembrance

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Alex, Diamond, & Joanne Tagliatela
 & William & Renate McGlumphy—Memorial
 10:30AM Bernard P. St. Jean—Memorial
 5:00PM George McKenna—Memorial

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

PATRONAL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY
 7:30AM Shirley Berlanga—1st Anniversary
 9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday
 7:30AM John Gardner —Memorial

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday; St. Cosmas & Damien, Martyrs
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
 7:30AM Deceased of the McGinley Family-Memorial

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday; St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz, & Companions, Martyrs
 7:30AM Jane Daly—6th Anniversary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels
 8:30AM Fr. Kevin Brassil—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Roger G. Allard—Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Doris & Donald Clark—Memorial
 10:30AM James Twomey—Memorial
 5:00PM Richard Hruda—Birthday Remembrance





Dear Parishioners:

On Monday we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy. On our Patronal Feast we pray for the continued intercession of our parish patroness for our parish and school. We begin with a Solemn Feast Day Mass on Monday at 9:00AM.

The homilist for the Mass is Fr. Brian Morris, a native son of OLM Parish and a graduate of OLM School. He now serves as the Associate Pastor at St. Luke Church in Barrington. I hope you can join us for the Mass, but if you cannot, please spend some time on our Feast Day praying for our parish and the intercession of Our Lady of Mercy.

Following the Mass on Monday, we continue the celebration at the OLM Saints and Scholars Golf Tournament at Warwick Country Club. This should be a fun filled day as we golf in support of our parish and school. I am grateful to Providence College Basketball Coach Ed Cooley and UConn Basketball Coach Dan Hurley who are golfing with us! Please pray for good weather and for the novice golfers like myself!

The Week of Mercy continues on Tuesday at 7:00PM as we gather to pray and reflect with sacred music. Join us in prayer and reflection before the Eucharistic Lord as we listen to beautiful sacred music. Father Stephen Battey, the Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Bristol, will offer a talk on the meaning of mercy. Father was ordained just last June and is a fine young priest and gifted preacher. I hope you might join us as we pray together as a parish family and reflect

upon the meaning of mercy in our lives.

On Wednesday night we continue our Celebration of Mercy by gathering for an Act of Mercy. Join us for "Socks and Sandwiches for the Homeless" at 6:00pm on Wednesday. We invite all OLM families to join us in the OLM Cafeteria as we make sandwiches for the homeless. All you need to do is show up with a new pair of adult socks, and be willing to make a sandwich for the poor and hungry! This a great opportunity to put mercy into action, so please join us!

We end our Celebration of Mercy on Friday night with the OLM Oktoberfest. This new event replaces the Parish Picnic we've had in previous years on Sundays. This fun-filled family event is a great way for us to gather as a parish family. We will have German food including bratwurst, knockwurst, sauerkraut, hot dogs, German Potato Salad, German Apple Strudel, German Pretzels and of course German Beer!

Join us under the tent or in the Biergarten. Bring your own Bavarian Beer Stein or purchase a commemorative OLM Stein. There are games planned for the kids and adults alike. Raffles and prizes! Tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend. OLM Oktoberfest is a great new and fun-filled way to end our Celebration of Mercy Week!

The German tradition of Oktoberfest began with a celebration in anticipation of the Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig's marriage to Princess Therese of Saxony in October 1810. In late September, the

citizens of Munich attended the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the upcoming happy royal event.

The fields have been named Theresienwiese ("Theresa's fields") in honor of the Crown Princess ever since. Horse races in the presence of the Royal Family marked the close of the event that was celebrated as a festival for the whole of Bavaria. The decision to repeat the horse races in the subsequent year gave rise to the tradition of the Oktoberfest.

We won't be having horseraces at OLM, but we will gather to celebrate as a parish family as we anticipate the month of October dedicated to our patroness, the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Oktoberfest is this coming Friday, September 28th from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. Stop by and say hello, celebrate our parish and our faith under the tent. We will have German music and I am told some people might even wear traditional German Lederhosen (leather shorts)!

A Celebration of Mercy is here! Let's honor Our Lady of Mercy, our parish patroness, and guide, with prayer, with acts of mercy, with sacred music, and with a little fun! Pray to Our Lady of Mercy and beg her continued intercession for our parish and for your own needs! Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us!

Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox! Go Pats!!!



What is the difference between formed and unformed faith?

In theology we distinguish between faith which is formed by charity and faith which is unformed by charity. When a person receives Baptism they are infused by the three supernatural virtues of faith, hope and charity. A virtue is a habitus, a perfection, a new disposition, a change, of a particular part of a human being that enables he or she to act in a certain way. "Virtue" in a theological sense does not mean a moral norm. In this case a person becomes a child and friend of God, able to act in a Christ-like way and so be saved. Without the infusion of faith, hope and charity, a person cannot act in this way and his or her actions are merely a result of natural/acquired virtue. As an aside, this distinction between supernatural virtue and acquired virtue is key to understanding how grace transforms us. Most people mistake the spiritual life for the cultivation of the acquired virtues of temperance, fortitude, etc. Typically they refer to such a life as "being a good person." People are able to be remarkable on a natural level (for instance, someone who has cultivated the virtue of courage is able to face many fears). Yet, the supernatural life involves so much more than simply natural acts.

The acts of a person with faith informed by charity, moved by love, will be meritorious (i.e. lead to heaven) and grow the person spiritually. And the more we make such acts of faith moved by love, the easier it will be for us to reject sin, desire God and love him above all things. One's whole being moves toward God.

The person in a state of mortal sin loses charity, but retains an unformed faith. Such a person may still believe that God exists, but they are no longer growing spiritually, moving to God, or meriting salvation. Mortal sin is a choice which excludes God from a part of our lives. In this exclusion one puts oneself outside of charity's movement toward God. To move back to God you need a resurrection, an intrusion of grace. This intrusion certainly comes by way of the sacrament of Confession. Meanwhile the reception of the Eucharist does not restore charity, but helps to grow it when present. In fact the Eucharist received in a state of mortal sin is actually harmful to a person (this is why we tell people not to receive the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin).

We can see this dynamic in the Parable of the Wise Virgins. The wise virgins have brought plenty of oil and so their lamps burn brightly, the foolish virgins do not bring enough oil and so their lamps go out. The fire of the lamp is seen as the light of faith. The oil is seen as charity. Faith is kept burning brightly with charity; with good works. In other words, for the foolish virgins it was not enough to have faith; they had faith, they were waiting for the bridegroom; clearly they did not doubt our Lord, but they did not keep watch for Christ's coming by doing good works... by being charitable, by having God's love in them

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

Weekly Collection

September 16, 2018

Weekly.....	\$12,292.00
EFT.....	\$3,044.00
	Total=\$15,336.00
Outreach.....	\$1,476.00
Priests Retirement.....	\$7,017.50

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.

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

Second Collections
This Week: Annual Parish Collection



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of OLM Parishioners **Bernard P. St. Jean and Carol A. Estabrooks** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.





Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, September 24:** OLM Feast Day Mass at 9:00am
- **Monday, October 1:** Flu Clinic at 4:00PM
- **Thursday, October 4:** Annual Walk-A-Thon
- **Friday, October 5:** First Friday Mass at 9:00AM

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● **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, October 4th 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



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 contact Fr. Barrow at (401) 884-4968 or by email at: associate@olmparish.org



RE Classes for Grades 3-5

Sunday, September 30th 10:00AM-11:00AM. All parents should stay for room assignments

First Class for Grades 6-8

Sunday, September 30th 6:00PM-7:00PM. Students only to meet in OLM Cafeteria

Orientation for RE Grades 1 & 2

Sunday, October 14th at 10:00am. A parent should plan on staying that morning only. No Class for RE Grades 3-5 that day.

8th Grade Confirmation Class

Mandatory Meeting of all parents of 8th Grade Confirmation students for Fall 2019 (private, public, & parochial) October 10th at 7:00pm.

9th Grade Confirmation Candidates

Mandatory attendance at October Devotions on Monday, October 22nd at 7pm in Church. Parents & Sponsors should also attend.



Patronal Feast of
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CATHOLIC PARISH

65 Third Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Feast Day Mass • 9:00 a.m.

Homilist: Fr. Brian Morris

Associate Pastor, St. Luke Church, Barrington

OLM Saints and Scholars Golf Tournament • 1:00 p.m.

Warwick Country Club

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Celebration of Mercy • 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration & Sacred Music

OLM Adult & Children's Choirs

Homilist: Fr. Stephen Battey

Associate Pastor, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Bristol

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Act of Mercy • 6:00 p.m.

Join us for "Socks & Sandwiches for the Homeless"

All are invited to join us in preparing sandwiches,
please bring a pair of new adult socks!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

OLM Oktoberfest • 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Join us under the tent for German food and beer,
German music, and games for children & adults.

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