

The Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Mercy
Sunday, September 24, 2017



Pray for us, O Holy Mother of Mercy.

The Church of Our Lady of Mercy
East Greenwich, RI



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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Mass of Anticipation for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Celia Campopiano—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24—PATRONAL FEAST DAY

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Richard T. Vespa—Memorial
 9:00 AM Joseph H. Alaire III—Memorial
 10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 5:00PM Edward Fogarty—Memorial

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday
 7:30AM Jane Daly—5th Anniversary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday/St. Cosmas & St. Damian, Martyrs
 7:30AM John Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
 7:30AM Dec'd Members of McGinley Family—Memorial

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday/St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
 7:30AM John E. Arrow—Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

St. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels
 7:30AM John & Joyce Shanley—Memorial

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 8:30AM Jeannette Andreozzi—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Richard Hruda—Memorial

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Shirley Wesson—Memorial
 10:30AM Mary & Emilo Moretti—Memorial
 5:00PM Patricia Werba—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

Last week we celebrated Catechetical Sunday with the theme of "Living as Missionary Disciples." It is important for all of us to reflect on the role that each Catholic plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

At last week's 10:30am Mass we commissioned our Parish Religious Education Teachers. These volunteer teachers give generously of their time and talent to teach the children of our parish the Catholic Faith. We are grateful for all that they do and thank them for their commitment and dedication. Please pray for them and for all those in our OLM RE Program.

This Sunday we celebrate our Parish Patronal Feast and ask the continued intercession and guidance of Our Lady of Mercy for our parish. We celebrate the feast with deep faith, great joy and solemnity at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday.

The Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, September 24th, commemorates the foundation of the Mercedarian Order and the apparition of Our Lady of Ransom. In this appearance the Blessed Mother carried two bags of coins for use in ransoming Christians imprisoned by Moors.

In 1218, the Mercedarian Order was legally constituted at Barcelona, Spain by King James of Aragon, and was approved by Pope Gregory IX in 1235. The Mercedarians celebrated their institution on the Sunday nearest to August 1st because it was on August 1, 1218 that the Blessed Virgin showed their founder, Saint Peter Nolasco, the white

habit of the Order.

This custom was approved by the Congregation of Rites in 1615 and in 1696 it was extended to the entire Latin Church, and the date changed to September 24th. Let us all pray this Sunday for the intercession of Our Lady of Mercy for our own intentions and those of our entire parish family. The Prayer To Our Holy Mother of Mercy:

"O Mary, our Mother of Mercy, the fullness of God's own Mercy dwells in you. With the eyes of a mother look upon your children. Intercede for everyone who suffers in body or soul, and for all who are enslaved in mind or spirit. We give ourselves to you totally – mind, heart, and senses. Keep them and help us always to be a sign of God's love. Reveal to us what it means to be yours, and teach us to live in that same generosity with which you responded to the grace of Jesus our Redeemer. Amen."

The Feast Day Mass on Sunday kicks off our celebration of Mercy and continues with the Our Lady of Mercy Picnic from Noon until 4:00pm. The Picnic is a great event for us to gather as a parish family and celebrate our faith and our friendship. There is great food and great fun for all. So stop by for a burger or dog, to root on the Patriots, maybe play some games, socialize with friends, old and new, and celebrate Mercy!

This week we continue our celebration of Mercy on Monday night at 7:00pm with a Holy Hour of Mercy at which one of our newly ordained priests, Fr. Joseph Brice,

preaches about Mercy. There are Confessions for two hours with two priests in honor of the Feast of Mercy beginning at 5:00pm on Monday. A great way to celebrate and receive God's Mercy!

On Tuesday night at 7:00pm, we gather to sing the praises of Our Lady of Mercy with a concert of sacred music. Both our OLM Adult Choir and Children's Choir are performing. Also, our very talented parish musicians, Deirdre Donovan and Henri St. Louis, perform some beautiful hymns in honor of Mary. It is truly a wonderful way to celebrate our faith as a parish family.

On Wednesday all OLM parishioners and families are invited to join us for a Work of Mercy. God has blessed us and our parish, and so in a special way we share our blessings as we together prepare meals for the hungry and homeless. Come to the OLM School Cafeteria at 6pm on Wednesday and join us in this corporal work of mercy for the poor. What better way to celebrate our faith than performing a Work of Mercy. Bring your children, or bring a friend, all are welcome!

Fr. Barrow leaves for Rome this week to attend the Ordination of Providence Seminarian Philip DuFour as a Transitional Deacon. Please pray for the new Deacons who are being ordained this week at St. Peter's Basilica. Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Sox! Go Pats!!! Celebrate Mercy!

Father Healey



How many intentions per Mass?

The merits of each and every Mass are infinite. Hence a Mass can be offered for any number of people or intentions. If someone came up to a priest and said: "Father, please offer a Mass for all the members of my family, living and deceased." No doubt that is a large number of people, but one Mass can be offered as such: "for the Smith family." Yet if two people came and one asked a Mass for intention "x" and the other a Mass for intention "y" then the priest would be obliged to offer one Mass for each intention. The priest could not combine both intentions into one Mass, since the people asked for individual Masses to be said.

Canon 948 provides a general rule: "Separate Masses are to be applied for the intentions of those for whom a single offering, although small, has been given and accepted." What if, for some reason (such as a shortage of priests), many intentions which would have had separate Masses were combined into one Mass? We read from *Mos lugiter* from the Congregation for the Clergy that combining multiple intentions for one Mass may be allowed under the following conditions: 1. The donors must be informed of and consent to the combining of their offerings before the Mass for the collective intention is celebrated. 2. The place and time of each Mass must be announced with no more than two such collective Masses per week. 3. The celebrant may only keep for himself one stipend and must send any excess intentions to the purposes assigned by the ordinary in accordance with Canon 95.

In short, when a person asks a priests to say a Mass for a particular intention (whether that intention involves one person or twenty thousand), the expectation is that you will offer a Mass for that intention and not combine that with another intentioned Mass.

This is an Ecclesiastical rule to prevent abuses. As I wrote, theologically speaking, the merits for each Mass are infinite and unlimited. Anyone who attends Mass can offer it for one or several intentions.

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



Weekly Collection

September 17, 2017

Weekly.....	\$11,422.50
EFT.....	\$2,329.00
	Total=\$13,751.50
Outreach	\$1,643.00
Senior Priest Retirement Fund.....	\$12,488.50

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 Collections

This Week: Annual Parish Collection
Next Week: Building & Grounds Collection



III-Kyle Patrick Curran & Brittany Ann Cunningham
Our Lady of Mercy Church Our Lady of Mercy Church

III-James Joseph Massey & Justine Noelle LaMothe
Assumption, St. Mary, KS Our Lady of Mercy Church



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of OLM Parishioner **Linda Canning, Evelyn D'Ambra and Sister Lucy Vescera, MPF** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated last week.



Upcoming Dates at OLM School

- OLM School "Mum" Sale: Mums are being sold after all Masses this weekend
- Tuesday, September 26: School Assembly at 8:15am
- Friday, September 29: Student Dress Down Day to benefit Hurricane Relief.

Discover the OLM Difference!

www.olmschool.org



Upcoming RE Schedule

•**Wednesday, October 4: MANDATORY Meeting for ALL families of Grade 8 Children who are receiving Confirmation in Fall 2018.**

All students in 8th Grade who are members of OLM Parish, attend OLM school or another Catholic school are eligible. **Meeting is takes place at the OLM School Cafeteria at 7pm.**

•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.

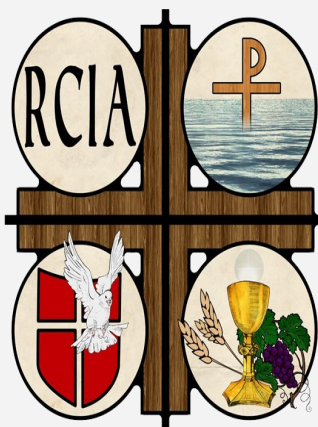


•**OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please leave items in Food Box in vestibule. Thank you for your support.

•**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

Thank you for your generous support.



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 just curious, please contact Fr. Barrow via email at associate@olmparish.org or at 401- 884-4968.





Living As Missionary Disciples

We offer our thanks and gratitude to our newly commissioned Religious Education Teachers

Grade 1: Mrs. Cindy Speranza, Mrs. Meg Maurice, Miss Elena Botsford, & Miss Carolyn Caldwell

Aide: Mrs. Carol DiGianfillipo

Grade 2: Mrs. Mickey St. Jean, Mrs. Jane Burley, & Mrs. Margaret McGrath

Grade 3: Mrs. Lory Fitzgerald, Miss Ginger Perry, Miss Claire Burbridge, & Miss Marianna Toljan

Grade 4: Sr. Emma, Mrs. Meredith Clark, & Miss Althea Clark

Grade 5: Mrs. Angela Toljan & Mrs. Tricia Murray
Morning Aide: Mrs. Meghan Welsh

Grade 6: Mrs. Carol Cavanagh, Mrs. Peg Grace, & Mrs. Kathy Bennett

Grade 7: Mrs. Sue Cienki, Mrs. Regina Jagminas, & Mr. Tom Mahoney

Grade 8: Mr. Douglas Green, Mrs. Kathy Hall, & Mrs. MaryAnne Weaver

Substitutes: Mrs. Peggy Simms & Mrs. Tara Wood

"In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the people of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19). The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization."—Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel"

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

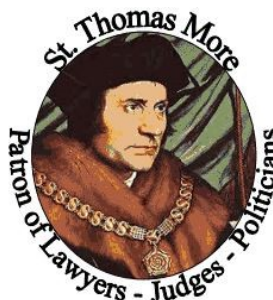
In Memoriam
Sister Lucy Vescera, MPF
1927-2017



OLM Parishioners are invited to attend a Memorial Mass for Sister Lucy Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 10:30am Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Bristol, RI

Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Sunday, October 29 at 9:00am.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers



The St. Thomas More Society of RI

Annual Red Mass

**Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 5:30pm
Holy Ghost Church. Providence, RI**

Bishop Robert C. Evans
Celebrant

Fr. John Connaughton, J.D.
Diocese of Bridgeport

Homilist

Join us as we call for the Holy Spirit to guide the members of the RI judiciary and entire legal community. All are invited to attend the Red Mass and reception to follow.