



THE CHURCH OF  
*Our Lady of Mercy*



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***The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ September 25, 2016***

† **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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**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**

**Deacon John W. Dowd, Parish Deacon**

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# *Mass Intentions* for the Week

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**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2016**

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

*Weekday; BVM*

8:30AM Special Intention

*Parish Patronal Feast Day Mass of Our Lady of Mercy*

5:00PM Deceased Benefactors of OLM Church

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

*The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM Peter Mellon & Thomas Kane—Memorial

9:00 AM Jane Daly—4th Anniversary

10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

5:00PM Frank Chess, Jr.—Memorial

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

*Weekday Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*

7:30AM John Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

*St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*

7:30AM Deceased Members of the McGinley Family

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

*Weekday/St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs*

7:30AM Ralph Caduto—Memorial

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

*Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels*

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

*Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

7:30AM Brenden Shea—Memorial

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

*Weekday*

8:30AM Special Intention

*St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

5:00PM Roger Allard—3rd Anniversary

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**

*The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Doris and Donald Clark—Memorial

10:30AM Daniel Murphy—2nd Anniversary

5:00PM Jean Arruda—Memorial



**We must  
 empty  
 Purgatory  
 with our  
 prayers.  
 -St. Padre Pio**

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Dear Parishioners:

Well it is my debut writing a Mercy Musings, and as such there are a couple of things to set straight. First, that I foresee that once again Team Healey will be defeated at the Tug-a-war at the Parish Picnic. Second, that I did indeed survive my first week of NFL Football at OLM. Finally, that in a shocking twist, I, Fr. Barrow, came in first during the first week of the Fantasy Football League between teachers, staff, and Fr. Healey here at OLM.

As you know this past week we have been celebrating a Week of Mercy in honor of our Blessed Mother under the title, Our Lady of Mercy. It has been the parish's way of cooperating in this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, started by Pope Francis. The year ends on the Feast of Christ the King in November 2016. Of course the call to be merciful never ends, and hopefully this year has rekindled in us knowledge of both God's mercy to us, and of our need to be merciful to others.

On Monday night we welcomed Fr. Adam Young, Pastor of St. Paul Parish in Cranston. He gave an excellent homily and holy hour in which he quoted St. Catherine of Siena who said that God is *pazzo d'amore*, "crazy in love with us." He said that this phrase captures exactly what it means when we say that God loves us; that he is so in love with us that he constantly tries to bring us back in communion with him.

On Tuesday night our

organist, Henri St. Louis, soloist, Deirdre Donovan, the OLM Adult and Children's Choir performed a *Performance of Mercy*. They beautifully sang several hymns in honor of Our Lady among which were the *Salve Regina*, *Immaculate Mary, Lo, How a Rose*, and *Lady of Knock*.

On Wednesday we performed our *Work of Mercy* event. We made sandwiches and brought socks for the homeless of Emmanuel House in Providence. It was an excellent example of a parish coming together, performing and act of mercy, and serving the community. On Thursday we had our Back to School Night for parents to give them an opportunity to tour OLM School, to meet with teachers, and to share with them the education and virtue formation we give to their children.

We welcomed Bishop McManus of Worcester to our parish on Saturday evening for the Our Lady of Mercy Feast Day Solemn Mass. Bishop McManus is originally from this Diocese and served as a transitional Deacon here at OLM. It is wonderful to have him back, and particularly to celebrate our Feast day.

We have our annual Parish Picnic from noon until 4pm this Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the field behind OLM School. There will be games for kids and adults, music, Pony Rides for the kids, hot dogs and hamburgers, and Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream as well. Please BYO chair, blanket and favorite beverage. Also, bake a homemade dessert for the OLM

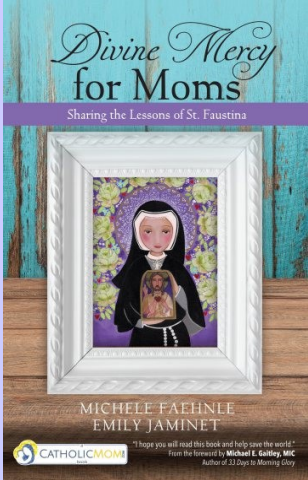
Communal Dessert Table. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event possible.

Finally, we have our annual Blessing of the Pets this coming First Saturday on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am.

This weekend is our Annual Collection. This is a very important collection and enables our parish to function: to continue to spread the Gospel, to celebrate the sacraments, to educate children in the faith and the virtues, and to have many events such as the Week of Mercy. This collection has also helped the costs of needed capital improvements and routine maintenance projects. All of these capital improvements and maintenance projects are made possible because of your generous support. We hope that such improvements can include the replacement of the roofs on our Church and School buildings, replacing the old Oil Burner in the Rectory (to save money on heating costs), and replacing the doors of the Church. Please know of our deep appreciation and gratitude for your generosity in supporting the parish and ensuring a strong Catholic presence in East Greenwich.

This ends my first Mercy Musings, and with that, I would just like to thank everyone for the warm and gracious welcome I have received here at OLM. I am very blessed and happy to be at such a parish. God Bless.

## New Group for OLM Moms!



Join us for 'Divine Mercy for Moms', a discussion and prayer group centered on the reading of "Divine Mercy for Moms". Go to the book's webpage for more information or to obtain a copy at: [divinemercyformoms.com](http://divinemercyformoms.com)

Please contact Trish Weekers who is coordinating the group at 885-8213 or contact her via email at: [twweekers@gmail.com](mailto:twweekers@gmail.com)

Dates and times of group meetings are to be determined by participants availability. This is a wonderful opportunity for solidarity and support for OLM Moms of all ages!

**All Mothers are welcome!**



*Congratulations to our newly baptized:*

**Jagger Anthony Mulhearn,**  
and his parents, Christopher and Kendra.

*"Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. He is now called a child of God, for so indeed he is."  
—The Rite of Baptism*

## Weekly Collection

September 18, 2016

Weekly.....	\$12,676.50
EFT.....	\$2,854.50
<b>Total=</b>	<b>\$15,531.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$299.50
Priest Retirement.....	\$12,743.50

*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: The Annual Collection

Next Week: Building and Grounds



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners **Agnes E. DiMarzo, Alexander Tagliatela and Lewis Phillips** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

**May they rest in peace.**





# Religious Education NEWS

● **Classes begin Sunday, October 2, 2016**

● 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM for Grades 3-5 ONLY. Parents need to stay for room assignments for pickup.

● 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for Grades 6-8 Please meet in the cafeteria.

● Orientation for Grades 1 & 2 is Sunday, October 16 2016. 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. A parent should accompany their child. No Class Grades 3 to 5 that morning.

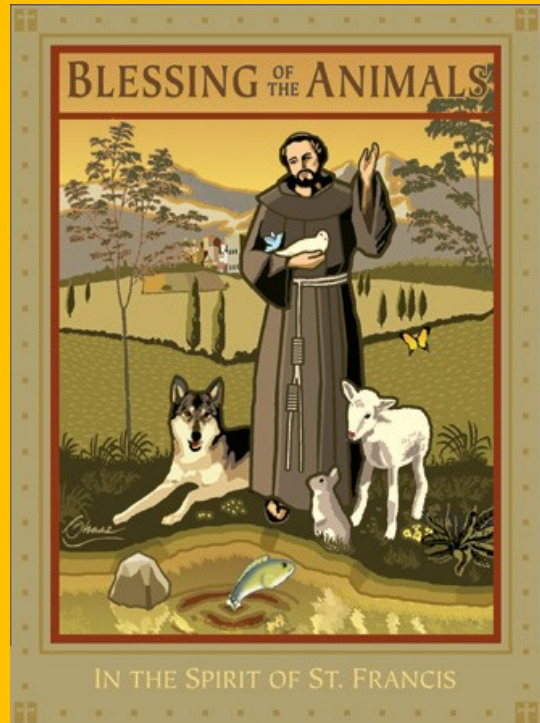
**OLM Confirmation Program for 2016**

● Saturday, October 1 **Retreat** for Candidates: last names beginning M-Z and anyone who switched with permission! 11:45-4:45 in the School Cafeteria. Attend 5:00pm mass together with available Sponsors and parents.

● Monday, October 17th 7:00pm **Devotions and Confession** for ALL Confirmation Candidates and available Sponsor and parents!

● Thursday, October 20 at 7:00pm: **MANDATORY PRACTICE** for Candidates and available sponsors (IF your sponsor is not available come with a responsible adult)

● Sunday, October 23rd 5:00pm **Ceremony!!!** Candidates and Sponsors line up in the school at 4:15pm. We will process in to the Church at 4:50pm and Mass begins promptly at 5:00pm.



**9:00AM on Saturday, October 1, 2016  
OLM School Parking Lot**

Please bring your pets, livestock and farm animals to be blessed in the Spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.



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

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Classes are for those seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith, join the Catholic Church or become fully initiated Catholics. RCIA Classes begin in October and meet on most Sundays after Mass. If interested or just curious, contact Fr Barrow at 884-4968 or by email at [associate@olmparish.org](mailto:associate@olmparish.org) for more information.

# Outreach Update

•The **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items especially in the summer months. Please deposit all donated food in the box in the Church vestibule. **Thank you for your loyal and generous support.**

••**OLM Bereavement Group** meets Thursday, October 6 at 4pm in Mercy House. All those suffering from grief, loneliness or isolation are invited to join us. **For more information**, contact OLM Outreach Director Doug Green at 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org

The OLM Men of St. Joseph is meeting next Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 7:00am in the OLM Parish Office Meeting Room. All adult men of the parish are most welcome to join us. For more information, contact Deacon John Dowd at deacon@olmparish.org or 884-4968. **The Men of St. Joseph** is a group of Catholic men dedicated to being the spiritual leaders of our families and parish. We understand we need fraternal support and shared faith and values as Catholics living and working in the secular world. Most importantly, we know that if we surrender our day-to-day problems to God we will be better fathers, husbands, friends and men. Only through Christ, we will be better Catholics and better men.

*We welcome you to join us on this journey.  
Come on, give it a shot.*



The **OLM Breakfast Club** invite you to join them for breakfast, conversation and good times! This **Wednesday, September 28** immediately following the 7:30AM Mass, join us at the Cracker-Barrel Restaurant, just over the EG town line in Coventry.



## Attention Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Any Scout wishing to grow stronger in their faith, and interested in earning their religious medal for their age group, at Mass on Scout Sunday, are encouraged to contact Jane Burley at rhajajane@cox.net.

**The deadline is October 1, 2016**



### Confessions at OLM

Mondays: 6:00PM—6:45PM  
Saturdays: 4:00PM—4:45PM