



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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ September 3, 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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Parish Founded 1853



Parish Incorporated 1867



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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Mass of Anticipation for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Thomas Shannon—Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Joseph H. Alarie III—Memorial

10:30AM Leonora Purvis—Memorial

5:00PM Victoria Hess—Birthday Remembrance

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 —LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday

8:30AM Doris A. Jamieson—Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Weekday

7:30AM John & Dorothy Donahue—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Weekday

7:30AM Carol McCawley—Memorial

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Weekday

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM Wanda Zwolinski—Memorial

9:00AM Deceased Alumni & Benefactors of OLM School

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:30AM Frank & Theresa Heran—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Joseph Gianardi—13th Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Armando, Katherine, Guiseppa, & James DeAngelis—Memorial

10:30AM Sean T. Healey—3rd Anniversary

5:00PM Bernard Falchini—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

No doubt you have been watching the news coverage of the incredible damage that Hurricane Harvey has left behind in Texas. Buildings destroyed, homes wrecked, lives destroyed and flooding beyond belief.

I have a cousin living in Houston but thankfully she fled to Dallas to be with her daughter. Others were not so lucky and I know many parishioners have friends and relatives suffering in Texas. Let us continue to pray for those so adversely affected by the hurricane.

Daniel Cardinal Di Nardo issued the following statement: *“As the Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, this crisis hits very close to home. In solidarity with my brother bishops in this area of the country, I call on people of faith to pray for all of those who have been impacted by this Hurricane, and I ask people of good will to stand with the victims and their families.*

May God, the Lord of mercy and compassion, protect all who are still in danger, and bring to safety those who are missing. May He care in a special way for those who were already homeless, or without support and resources, before this disaster. We pray in thanksgiving for the first responders who are risking their lives to save others at this very moment. We include in our intentions the everyday heroes reaching out to help their neighbors in need, those who, like the Good Samaritan, cannot walk by a person in need without offering their hand in aid.”

We need to continue to pray for the relief efforts, the rescuers, and the many victims.

But, we can also help with solidarity and support through generous donations.

All funds collected for OLM Outreach during the month of September are being dedicated to Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts under the direction of Catholic Charities USA. There is more information about this effort in the bulletin and links are available online at the parish website. If you care to donate, simply make a check payable to OLM Outreach with *“Hurricane Relief”* in the memo and drop it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass.

Here is a prayer we can offer for the victims of Hurricane Harvey: *“Merciful Father, we pray for all those affected by Hurricane Harvey, and offer the words of the psalmist: ‘May the Lord give might to his people; may the Lord bless his people with peace.’* We pray for families who seek shelter, for people who search for loved ones, for survivors who look to the future, for rescue workers who work tirelessly and for the dead and injured.

Lord, give might to those who need your strength to carry on. Fill their troubled hearts with your peace and move us with your compassion that we may respond generously to those in need. Amen.”

The damage from Hurricane Harvey is absolutely staggering. The latest news reports suggest that nine people have been reported dead and many more missing. The early estimate is that the long-term recovery needs in Houston are beyond \$20 billion and this does not include the other major cites

like Rockport, Corpus Christi, Victoria, and the hard hit rural areas of Austin. Let us continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Texas and offer our support and solidarity.

We celebrate Labor Day this weekend and so we pray for all working men and women and all those who seek the dignity of work. As Catholics we should remember that the moral and philosophical framework that energized and sustained the struggles of working women and men in the early days of organized labor are found in Catholic teaching.

The US Bishops state: *“The message of solidarity and the pursuit of the global common good builds on the tradition begun by Pope Leo XIII in Rerum Novarum in 1891 and extends through the twentieth century in a powerful series of papal encyclicals. It was embraced and expanded by the prophetic words and witness of Pope John Paul II, an apostle of solidarity, who constantly stood with workers and the poor.”*

On Labor Day we pray for workers, for a just wage for all workers, for a deeper respect of the dignity that work provides people and for an increase of opportunities for good jobs. Pope Francis reminds us: *“Power, money, and culture do not give us dignity. Work, honest work, gives us dignity.”*

Happy Labor Day! Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Sox! Pray for Texas!



When can a person receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick? (Part 2)

Should the elderly receive Anointing of the Sick? We read in the rite: "Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present." Hence if an elderly person is "notably weakened," and "has begun to be in danger of death," then the sacrament should be given, but this must be considered in a case-by-case basis. It is not so much about the age of the individual, but about his or her health.

Can this sacrament be given prior to surgery? The rite states: "A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the *reason* for the surgery." The seriousness of the surgery is not the reason for the anointing, but the fact that the person is seriously sick. This is the reason why we do not anoint those going off to battle (yes, there is a danger of death, but there is no serious illness).

Can this sacrament be given to other Christians? Orthodox Christians and other Churches can be anointed provided that they ask for it on their own and be properly disposed. This is because they still properly possess valid sacraments. Other baptized Christians (Anglicans, Lutherans, and other Protestants) can receive Anointing provided that the following conditions are met: danger of death (or other grave necessity), inability to approach a minister of their own community, ask for it on their own, manifest Catholic faith in the sacraments, and be properly disposed.

What about those who are not baptized? The non-baptized must first be baptized in order to receive this sacrament and the rite provides for a continuous ceremony in which a person is first baptized and then anointed.

What about those who are in a state of sin? Those who are in a state of sin must first repent and go to Confession before receiving the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This is because the sacrament would not be effective otherwise. If the person is unconscious and is known to have obstinately persisted in grave sin up to the point of losing consciousness, with no sign of repentance, then they cannot be anointed. Granted, if such a person showed even an *implicit* sign of repentance (e.g. "call the priest"), then that person could be anointed. This is based on the question: "would the person repent if they could."

All of these rules and conditions are not meant to keep people away from the sacraments (and therefore Christ), but are meant precisely to ensure that a person enters into a relationship with Christ and to safeguard the sacraments

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



Weekly Collection

August 27, 2017

Weekly.....	\$10,352.00
EFT.....	\$1,957.00
	Total=\$12,309.00
Outreach	\$650.50

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 Collection
This Week: Building & Grounds




Labor Day Holiday
Monday,
September 4, 2017

Mass at 8:30am

The Parish Office is closed for the holiday.

Celebrate
the work of our hands
Labor Day


Sunday Evening 5:00PM Mass Is Back!!!!



Sunday Evening Mass at 5:00PM resumes this Sunday, September 3rd and continues until May 27, 2018.

Marriage Banns

- I - Daniel Francis McDonald, Jr. & Lisa Marie Fellela
Our Lady of Mercy Church St. Philip, Greenville
- II -David Joseph Arpin & Kelly Lynn Rantuccio
Our Lady of Mercy Church Our Lady of Mercy Church



This week the flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in loving memory of Thomas Shannon. In your charity please remember him in your prayers.



Upcoming Dates at OLM School

- **Monday, September 4th:** No School in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Happy Labor Day!
- **Wednesday, September 6th:** Lifetouch Pictures picture taking for all. Formal Uniform Day
- **Friday, September 8th:** Opening Mass of the School Year, Installation of the Faculty, and Blessing of the New School Sign at 9:00AM. All Parishioners are invited to attend.
- **Thursday, September 14th:** PTG Back To School Night & Meet the Teachers

Discover the OLM Difference!

www.olmschool.org



HAPPY LABOR DAY



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you non-Catholic and like to join the Catholic Church? Are you an Adult Catholic in need of the Sacrament of Communion or Confirmation? Let us know!!

If you are, then please join us for the OLM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Class. These friendly and informative classes begin in October. If you have questions, need more information, or just curious, please contact Fr. Barrow at 401-884-4968 or contact him via email at associate@olmparish.org



Upcoming RE Schedule

The calendar for the 2017-18 RE year is 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.

All RE teachers, substitutes and volunteers have a meeting on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria.

The schedule of events for the Grade 9 students being Confirmed on November 5th is available on the Parish Website.

- **Registrations are now only done on-line** at: <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-2592082/> You may also access the link on the Parish Website: www.olmparish.org and go to Faith Formation and then Religious Education for Children. We accept children in Grades 1-8.

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

Outreach Update

●**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.

●**OLM Bereavement Group** meets this Thursday, September 7 at 4:00pm in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief or loneliness are invited to attend.

●**For more information about OLM Outreach**, please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org



Working to Reduce Poverty in America.

Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts

Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, needs your support to ensure the delivery of compassionate care and support to individuals affected by Hurricane Harvey. Our agencies provide essential support before, during and after disasters hit.

We will donate September's OLM Outreach Funds to the Catholic Charities USA relief effort. If you would like to donate online to help this effort, go to catholiccharitiesusa.org



All OLM Parishioners, Families, Friends & Alumni are invited to join us for



Opening Mass of the School Year

On the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, September 8, 2017
School Mass at 9:00am

Bishop Roberts C. Evans
Auxiliary Bishop of Providence
Celebrant

Blessing of New School Sign
to follow Mass

Calling All Who Love To Sing!!!!

Our OLM Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesday from 7:00pm-8:30pm and rehearsals begin starting September 6th. 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

Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad You Did!