



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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ September 30, 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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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The Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., *Pastor*

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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**THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Lori Sardelli—Memorial

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Holy Guardian Angels
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Weekday
 7:30AM Gregory D’Emilio—Memorial

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi
 7:30AM Raymond Vigeant—1st Anniversary

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

Weekday; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
 7:30AM Robert “Skeeter” Esposito—Memorial
 9:00AM Barbara Calk—Memorial

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Weekday; St. Bruno, Priest; Blsd. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin: BVM
 8:30AM Members of the OLM Rosary Makers

The Mass of Anticipation for 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Maurice O. Quinlan—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM George V. McKenna—Memorial
 10:30AM Vivian & Raymond Ericson & Hugh McGraw-Mem.
 5:00PM Marie Brusci—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

What a week! We celebrated mercy and faith all week here at OLM. On Monday we began with a Solemn Feast Day Mass at which OLM native son, Fr. Brian Morris, preached a terrific homily. It was a truly prayerful and holy way to begin our OLM Feast Week.

We then made our way to the OLM Saints and Scholars Open! This annual golf tournament is always a great day of fun in support of our parish school. We had close to 100 golfers teeing it up for OLM at Warwick Country Club. Fr. Barrow and I even played! We hit the ball many, many times!!

The Chair of the OLM Saints and Scholars Open, Jaime Pedro, deserves kudos for her hard work and dedication on this event. Save the date for next year's Saints and Scholars Open at Quidnessett Country Club on Monday, September 23, 2019!

On Tuesday night we came together to pray before the Eucharistic Lord. Our OLM Choirs provided beautiful sacred music in honor of our Blessed Mother. Fr. Stephen Battey delivered an outstanding message on the meaning of mercy. It was truly a peaceful and prayerful way to celebrate mercy. I thank our parish choirs led by Henri St. Louis and Deirdre Donovan for sharing their many talents in honor of God.

Wednesday night saw a great crowd come together for an Act of Mercy. "Socks and Sandwiches for the Homeless" was a wonderful way to help the poor and needy. We are grateful to the OLM Parishioners who helped us make a few hundred

sandwiches and distribute some needed socks for the homeless. This Act of Mercy truly was a terrific way to put our faith into action with charity and mercy.

Finally on Friday night we gathered to celebrate Oktoberfest! This fun-filled family event was a great time to celebrate as a Our Lady of Mercy Family! German food and beer was in ample supply, as were lots of good times for parishioners of all ages.

The Oktoberfest wouldn't have been such fun without the hard work of many volunteers, and the dedication of the OLM Staff. Also, we are grateful for the generous support of the Lynch Construction Company and their lights, the Galleshaw Family of Wrights Farm and their tent, OLM Parishioner Scott Nicchia from Boars Head Meats for all the bratwurst, knockwurst and sauerkraut, Erica Maddalena of Wild Harvest Bakery for the delicious German Potato Salad and Apple Strudel, and the Granatiero family of the Savory Grape for the gift basket.

In your name, I offer thanks and gratitude to the many people who volunteered and worked so hard to ensure the Week of Mercy was such a great success for our parish family. We also thank the many generous people who donated financially in support of this celebration of Our Lady of Mercy.

We now look forward to the month of October which begins on Monday! Of course, October is a month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Each Monday during October join us for Marian Devotions as we pray

the Rosary before the Eucharistic Lord. This Monday we offer a Rosary of Reparation for the Sins of the Church. In this challenging time for our Church it is important we continue to turn to prayer and seek the Blessed Mother's powerful intercession.

Next Monday, October 7th, Deacon Eric Silva, who served here at OLM as a Summer Seminarian, leads our Devotions and offers us a reflection. Our Rosary on October 8th is offered for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Be sure to put October Devotions on your weekly schedule and join us each Monday at 7pm to pray the Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary. It will be one of the most peaceful and fruitful half hours you spend during the week!

St. Padre Pio reminds us: *"Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."*

Next weekend we welcome a team of educators from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges as they visit OLM School and review our accreditation. Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox! Go Pats!!!

Father Healey



Does the Holiness of the Priest affect the Sacraments?

Kathleen Kennedy wrote a book several years ago titled, Being Catholic Now. In it she wrote that if her mother didn't like the sermon of the priest (too long, or politically not where she was) she would get up and lead her children out of the church. Kathleen Kennedy said that this taught her to distinguish between the faith and the institution. Today, in the wake of the crisis the Church is experiencing, there is the tendency to separate the faith from the institution or hierarchy. Yet, the Church which Christ founded includes the hierarchy or more precisely the office or institution. In the Creed we believe in One God, but we also believe in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. The Church is not simply a human institution; the Church is an ingredient in our faith. We cannot separate the faith from the institution.

As we have seen the members of the hierarchy/institution may be corrupt, may be liars, scoundrels, and so on, but the hierarchy itself, the office of the priesthood, and the office of the episcopacy, are themselves part and parcel of the Catholic Church. Both the episcopacy and the priesthood (and the diaconate) can be found right from the beginning of Church. A person is united to Christ, made a friend of Christ in and through the sacraments and these sacraments come to us in and through the priesthood and episcopacy. Hence, the office of the priesthood and episcopacy are essential.

In any age of scandal in the Church, particularly among the members it is important to remember that the sanctity or holiness of the priest does not affect the transmission of the sacraments. While this may seem like a timely column, it is in fact a very old question that was settled in the early Church, around the time of St. Augustine. During Augustine's time there occurred the Donatist Heresy. This heresy said that only those priests who are ethically upright, lived their lives purely, can administer (distribute) the sacraments validly. Christ instituted each of the sacraments to transmit grace through outward signs. So long as the priest uses the proper formula with the right intention, the state of his soul has no bearing on the validity of the sacrament. The power of the sacraments derives from Christ rather than the minister. So we have definite channels of grace, sanctification, and friendship with God. This does not excuse those men who commit terrible crimes; evil acts must be condemned by ecclesiastical authority. Perpetrators need to be removed and punished according to the law. Yet, even a priest with whom you disagree politically, even one who could be the worst sinner, the Mass is still the Mass, and that priest is still a conduit of grace.

God chose to use weak, fallible, and corruptible human instruments to transmit salvation. In so doing he left open the risk for the misuse of human freedom. This misuse of freedom can happen anywhere, whether in government, education or even family. Yet, at the same time, he invites us to freely participate and become contributors to the wonderful work of salvation and to build the kingdom of heaven here on earth.

Weekly Collection 

September 23, 2018

Weekly.....	\$11,069.00
EFT.....	\$1,438.00
Total=\$12,507.00	
Outreach.....	\$240.00
Annual (to date).....	\$32,066.00


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
Next Week: Building & Grounds



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of OLM Parishioner **Janet Kanelos** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

 **The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated this week in memory of Walter McKiernan, Jr. & Walter McKiernan III.**





Upcoming Events:

- **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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www.olmschool.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



● **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items. 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



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.



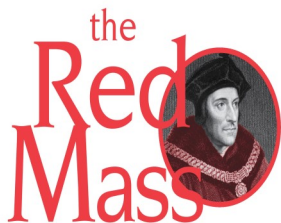
**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5th**

Exposition of the Eucharist
following 9am First Friday Mass
Adoration All-Day
Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament at 6pm

*"Let us beseech the Lord to
reawaken in us the joy at his
presence and that we may once
more adore him. Without adoration,*

there is no transformation of the world."—Pope Emeritus
Benedict XV

Sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society



**Wednesday, October 3
at 5:30 p.m.**

HOLY GHOST CHURCH
472 Atwells Ave., Providence

Please join with the Rhode Judiciary and legal community
in calling forth the invocation of the Holy Spirit to guide all those who
seek and administer justice as we mark the beginning of the Judicial Year
with the celebration of the Annual **Red Mass**.

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT

The Rev. Msgr. Albert A. Kenney, S.T.L.
Vicar General of the Diocese of Providence

HOMILIST

THE REV. RYAN W. CONNORS, S.T.D.
Professor of Moral Theology at St. John's Seminary, Boston, MA

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**The Men of St. Joseph meet next
Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 7:00am** in the OLM
Rectory Meeting Room. All adult men of OLM
are invited to join us for discussion, prayer and
fraternity as we seek to strengthen our
spirituality and renew our Catholic Faith. For
more information contact Deacon John Dowd
at 884-4968 or via email at



**OCTOBER DEVOTIONS AT OLM
MONDAYS AT 7:00PM
Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary**

Monday, October 1

Rosary in Reparation for the Sins of the Church

Monday, October 8

Rosary for Increase of Vocations
Reflection by Deacon Eric Silva

Monday, October 15

Rosary for an Increased Respect of Human Life

Monday, October 22

Rosary for the OLM Confirmation Class
Reflection by Fr. Stephen Battey

Monday, October 29

Rosary for an Increase of Holiness in the Church



*Join us for
the Annual Blessing of Pets*

**Saturday, October 6, 2018 at
9:00AM**

OLM School Parking Lot