



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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ September 9, 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](http://www.catholicpriest.com).

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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**The Reverend Joshua A. Barrow, S.T.L., Associate Pastor**

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

**Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr.**

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# *Mass Intentions* *for the Week*

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## **THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

*The Mass of Anticipation for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Dec'd Members of the Catanio Family—Mem.

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

*The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Ernest Knott—Birthday Remembrance  
 10:30AM Sean T. Healey—4th Anniversary  
 5:00PM Bernard Falchini—Birthday Remembrance

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Florence Woods—2nd Anniversary

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Deborah O'Connell—Birthday Remembrance

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

*Weekday; The Most Holy Name of Mary*  
 7:30AM Sean T. Healey—4th Anniversary

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

*St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
 7:30AM Young Ho Pyun—Birthday Remembrance

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

*The Exaltation of the Cross*  
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

*Our Lady of Sorrows*  
 8:30AM John C. Allard—Memorial  
*The Mass of Anticipation for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Joseph Gianardi—14th Anniversary

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

*The Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Josephine Lanna—6th Anniversary  
 10:30AM Dec'd Members of Pundys & Dikins Families  
 5:00PM Deacon Robert F. McAdam—1st Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

It's September and Labor Day has come and gone! School is in full swing and summer is coming to an end. It seems to have gone too quickly once again this year. As Oscar Wilde said: "...and all at once, summer collapsed into fall."

With the coming of fall, comes the beginning of our OLM Religious Education Program. On Sunday, September 16th, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. Our dedicated RE Teachers join us at the 10:30am Mass as we pray for them, and commission them, to teach the faith to the children of our parish.

The theme of this year's Catechetical Sunday is "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." We are grateful to the many parishioners who volunteer as catechists here at OLM. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity for us to pray for them, but also to reflect on the role that each one of us has, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith, hope, mercy and love.

I am grateful to the many OLM families who annually take part in our RE Program. Each year a few hundred of our parish children participate in our RE Program. Mickey St. Jean and Doug Green do a tremendous job ensuring our program runs smoothly, and teaches the children the fullness of the faith. If you have not registered your child for RE, please do so today. RE Classes begin on September

30th!

Also, this fall our OLM Confirmation Candidates are gathering for their retreat in preparation for the Sacrament. I ask you to please continue to pray for these young people as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is to be celebrated on Sunday, November 11th at 5:00pm by Bishop Mark Spalding of Nashville.

Also we begin once again this fall the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program at OLM. Fr. Barrow and a dedicated group of parishioners meet weekly to teach and discuss the Catholic Faith with those interested in becoming Catholic and those Catholics in need of full initiation into the Church. There is more information in the bulletin about this great program.

If you or someone you know is a non-Catholic, or a Catholic in need of the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation, please contact Fr. Barrow. The RCIA meets each week to explore and learn more about Christ and His Church. And then at Easter our RCIA Candidates are fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

Of course, September also means that we are gearing up for the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, our Parish Patroness, on September 24th. We begin the celebration at 9:00AM on Monday, September 24th, with the Feast Day Mass. Fr. Brian Morris, a native son of OLM and graduate of OLM School, is our homilist this year.

Following the Feast Day Mass at 1:00PM we have our 2nd Annual OLM Saints and Scholars Golf Tournament at

Warwick Country Club. You can sign-up to play, or sponsor a tee, online at the parish website. Golfers be forewarned, both Fr. Barrow and myself are playing this year!

On Tuesday night of our Feast Week, our talented parish musicians and choirs join us for a Holy Hour of Mercy. We are to gather before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer with our reflection aided by beautiful sacred music. Fr. Stephen Battey, a fine young priest, is to offer a reflection on mercy.

Then on Wednesday night of the Feast Week, I invite you and your family to join us for an Act of Mercy, "Socks and Sandwiches for the Homeless." We will be making sandwiches for the homeless. All you need do is come to the OLM School Cafeteria with a new pair of adult socks and help us make the sandwiches!

Finally, in lieu of the OLM Parish Picnic, we begin a new tradition at OLM. On Friday, September 28th we celebrate OLM Oktoberfest. Join us under the tent for German food, beer and music. This family event includes games for both adults and children! If you like bratwurst, sauerkraut, pretzels and a beer in a stein, join us!

Yes, summer is collapsing into fall but there's still plenty to celebrate. Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox! Go Pats!!! *Oremus pro invicem*, let us pray for each other.

*Father Healey*





**Why Remain Catholic?**

There are many ways to approach this question, but the essential logic for remaining Catholic can be broken down into several premises.

The first premise is this: That Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life. From what we read in Scripture concerning Jesus and his words, he tells us that he is not one among equals when it comes to a person's salvation. He tells us to befriend and follow him.

The second premise is that Jesus Christ transmits his grace which saves us and enables us to enter into friendship with him in the present time through the sacraments. Just as a person is born not knowing calculus, likewise we are not born in friendship with Christ (i.e. possessing sanctifying grace).

The third premise is this: that after Baptism, the sacraments of Eucharist and Confession ensure a person's continued friendship with Christ. I would go so far as to say that in the course of an ordinary life, these sacraments are necessary for salvation and friendship with Christ. Here we can refer specifically to our Lord's words in John chapter 6: "Unless you eat the flesh and drink the blood of the son of man, you do not have life within you."

Further, should a person sin mortally and cut himself or herself off from friendship (charity) with Christ, then in order for that person to be restored to friendship, this is mediated through forgiveness given by the sacrament of Confession. Here we can refer to John 20:21-23: "whose sins you forgive are forgiven..."

The fourth premise is that the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confession come to us in the present only through the office of the priesthood instituted by Jesus Christ and handed down to the present through apostolic succession. Additionally, the transmission of grace in the sacraments does not depend on the moral excellence or imperfection of the members of said office.

Finally, the fifth premise is that only the Catholic Church possesses to the fullest, the sacraments and priesthood which enable one to follow and be friends with Jesus. Furthermore, Jesus Christ intentionally established the Church as his spotless bride to be the means of salvation.

***If you have a questions about the Catholic Faith, email it to Fr. Barrow at [associate@olmparish.org](mailto:associate@olmparish.org)***

*Weekly Collection*

**September 2, 2018**

Weekly.....	\$11,378.00
EFT.....	\$1,495.00
	<b>Total=\$12,873.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$1,323.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$2,987.00

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: Priests' Retirement Fund**



**Confessions at OLM**

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





### Upcoming Dates:

- **Tuesday, September 11:** Weekly School Mass at 8:15am
- **Wednesday, September 12:** Back to School Night—Parents & Teachers/PTG

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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, September 20th 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](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)

*Best Wishes to our newly baptized*



Enzo Anthony Bellini,  
and his parents, Royce & Samantha.

*"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



**Register online today for the 2018-2019 Religious Education Year!**

### **Catechetical Sunday**

September 16, 2018 at 10:30AM Mass

### **RE Orientation Meeting**

Wednesday, September 19th at 7PM in OLM School Cafeteria for all RE Teachers & Aides

### **Confirmation Retreats**

Saturday, September 15 & September 22  
11:45AM & Ends with 5pm Mass

### **RE Orientation 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



*Patronal Feast of*  
**OUR LADY OF MERCY**  
**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.



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

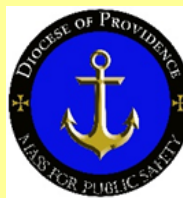
Initiation into the Catholic Church is a gradual process which culminates in the celebration of the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** Classes are designed for those seeking to join the Catholic Church. These classes are also a chance for 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 in learning more, please contact Fr. Barrow at (401) 884-4968 or by email at: [associate@olmparish.org](mailto:associate@olmparish.org)**



The OLM Youth Group meets on Sundays at 7pm in the OLM School Gym. All High School students are invited to join us! For more information on the youth group please contact OLM Youth Activities Coordinator Mr. Billy Burdier at [youthactivities@olmparish.org](mailto:youthactivities@olmparish.org)

**Mass for Public Safety Personnel**



The Diocese of Providence will host a Mass for Public Safety to honor police, fire and first responders, on Sunday, September 30, at 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in Providence. The Mass provides an opportunity for everyone to come together to give thanks to the men and women who risk their lives to protect us and to pray for their continued safety. Everyone is invited to attend.