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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ August 17, 2014

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass..... 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses..... 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

September—May..... 5:00 PM

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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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 one of the parish priests 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Please contact one of the parish priests or the Office of the Director of Vocations at 331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.

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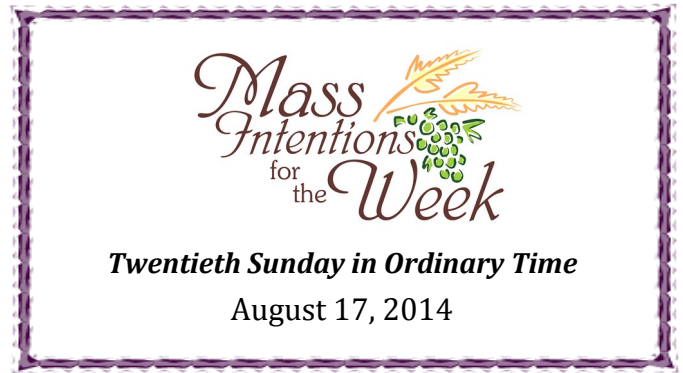
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

The Mass of Anticipation for 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 5:00 PM Vito, Marie, & Thomas Brescia—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Doris Clark—Memorial
 10:30AM Frank Dwyer—60th Anniversary

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

Weekday
 7:30 AM Oscar Normadin—Memorial

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Weekday/St. John Eudes, Priest
 7:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM The Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

St. Pius X, Pope
 7:30AM The Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

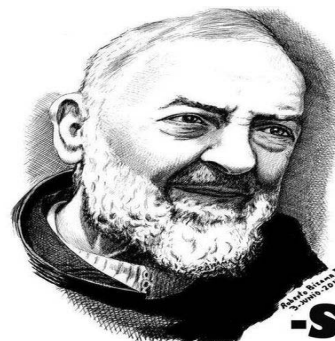
Weekday/St. Rose of Lima, Virgin; BVM
 8:30AM Thaddeus Burzyk—1st Anniversary

Mass of Anticipation for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Mary Falchini—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Special Intention
 9:00 AM Patricia Cunningham—Memorial
 10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



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



Dear Parishioners:

I hope you noticed the newly installed benches at the front entrance of Church. They were installed by Paul Anderson and our OLM Maintenance Staff last week. These stone benches were made possible thanks to the generous, hard work of Don and Angela Conte of Structural Stone. Also, we thank the DiGianfilippo family and Mark Mainelli for their generous memorialization of the benches in memory of their loved ones.

The benches look terrific and are a nice addition to the continuing beautification of God's House. They look as if they were always there and last week I watched as many parishioners, rushing into Mass, missed them altogether. Yes, you can sit on them! They are there for that very purpose, but please don't sit there during Mass, come in and join the congregation!!

This coming week we hope to begin the new landscape design of the rest of the Church and School property. This entails removing most of the hedges, removing some dying trees and planting new bushes and flowers. Kyle Alfred, who designed the landscaping in the front entrance of Church, has designed this project as well. He is working with OLM Parishioner John Pontarelli of Pro-Scape Landscaping on this project. John generously donated his landscaping costs of the project and we are truly grateful.

When it is completed we will have a new and truly

beautiful physical plant surrounding both the Church and School. Included will be the installation of new Church sign as well as the installation of the re-furbished sign that was blown down in the wind months ago.

The OLM Maintenance Staff are finishing up the projects in our school building. This includes removing the old carpeting from the walls, installing new flooring and ceiling tiles, installing a new camera security system and security door, and cleaning and painting the classrooms. All this is just in time for the opening of school on August 27th!

Also, all new lighting is being installed throughout the school as part of the National Grid program to promote energy efficiency. The total cost of the lights is well over \$50,000 but it is totally underwritten by National Grid and costs our school nothing.

Principal Fuller has been working hard these last few weeks meeting with teachers, staff and school families. He has great zeal for his new job leading our school community into the 21st Century. There are some limited openings for new students for our Pre-K Program and some in other grades. If you are interested, stop by for a visit and say "Hi" to Principal Fuller. There is Parish Tuition Assistance available for those who qualify.

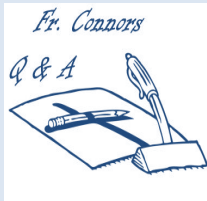
I wish to offer my thanks and gratitude to the 615 OLM Parishioners who helped us go well over our 2014 Catholic Charity Appeal Goal. The CCA just

finished up and this year it raised the most ever in the history of the Appeal. OLM raised just over \$248,000 with over 600 OLM families supporting the Appeal. It is a great sign of your generous support for this truly important charity of our Church in Providence. I once again thank Mr. and Mrs. Kevin McDevitt and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Zubiago for their leadership of the Catholic Charity Appeal here at OLM.

No doubt you have watched as the violence in the Middle East escalates. The violent persecution of Christians and the tiny Yazidi community in Iraq continues with many being killed, beaten and driven from their homes. Pope Francis continues to urge world leaders to intervene with more humanitarian aid. Please pray for the persecuted in Iraq and for peace in our world.

His Beatitude Louis Rafael Sako, Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Iraq authored this prayer: *"Lord, the plight of our country is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Therefore, we ask you Lord to spare our lives, and to grant us patience, and courage to continue our witness of Christian values with trust and hope. Lord, peace is the foundation of life; Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy. Glory be to you forever."* God Bless.

Father Healey



**Dear Father Connors:
What is the difference
between the Assumption
and the Ascension?**

Very simply, the Assumption refers to Mary's entrance into Heaven and the Ascension refers to our Lord's entrance into Heaven.

Last week, on August 15 the Church celebrated the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was a Holy Day of Obligation meaning attendance at Mass was obligatory for all Catholics.

The Assumption refers to the fact that at the end of her earthly life, Mary the Mother of God was assumed body and soul into Heaven. Unlike the rest of humanity, Mary did not experience the corruption of separation of soul and body, but instead was assumed immediately into Heaven. In Mary, we see the promises of Christ realized in that she already shares in the glory of Heaven, both body and soul.

The Ascension, on the other hand, refers to the event 40 days after Easter when Jesus ascended to His Father in Heaven. He ascends of His own power, unlike Mary who was assumed into Heaven completely by the power of God.

There is much to learn from both of these events. The Assumption teaches us that all of the promises made to Christians are realized in Mary. She was preserved from sin and now experiences the joy of Heaven, body and soul. All Christians can be cleansed from sin in Baptism and restored to God's friendship in Confession. At the end of time, the bodies of the just will rise and be united with their souls in Heaven. Mary already experiences what is promised to us.

The Ascension shows that our true destiny is in Heaven. The sacrifice of Christ is made fully complete when He takes His place in Heaven. In so doing, He shows that there is room for us there too. In the Ascension, humanity takes its place in Heaven.

If you have a question for Fr. Connors about the Catholic Faith or a matter of Church Teaching, please email him at associatepastor@olmparish.org



Weekly Collection

August 10, 2014

Weekly.....	\$10,247.50
EFT.....	\$1,800.00
Peters' Pence.....	\$3,697.00
Outreach.....	\$1,223.00

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.

Thank you for your generosity!

***Please remember
Our Lady of Mercy Church
in your will or estate.***



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner, **Mary J. Marden and Helen Clarke** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.



Banns of Marriage

III John Patrick Brady & Kelly Ann McCormack
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Re-Registration for Religious Education
Attention all RE Families. Registration for next year (2014-2015) available online at the parish website (olmparish.org). Please re-register your children for all grades of Religious Education. **Late fees will be applied to all those who do not register by June 30.**

Thank you for your prompt cooperation.



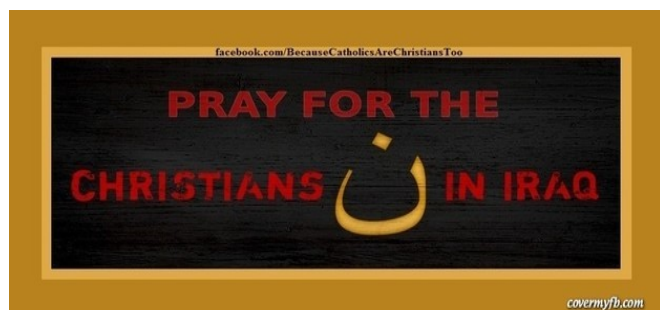
The OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food especially during the summer months. Please leave all donated food items in the Food Bin in the Vestibule of Church. Thank you for your generous support.

The OLM Bereavement Group will meet this Thursday, August 21st at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those experiencing a loss, grief or loneliness are invited to join with us for prayer and support. For more information, contact Outreach Director Doug Green.



Legion of Mary

Join us for the Legion of Mary! We meet every Tuesday at 7:00PM in the Church Cry Room.



Father James Ruggeri, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Smith Hill section of Providence, recently requested the help of OLM Parishioners. Fr. James is looking for 75 to 100 school backpacks and back to school supplies such as pens, pencils, loose leaf paper, notebooks, folders and binders. If wish to support this effort please place your donations of backpacks and/or supplies in the vestibule of Church. **We are to deliver all backpacks fully supplied on August 18, 2014.** If you care to donate funds simply put a check payable to OLM Outreach with St. Patrick's Backpack Drive in the memo. Place the check in envelope marked "Backpack Drive" and deposit it in the collection basket or send it to the OLM Parish Office. All donations to this effort will be used to buy backpacks and supplies for the local students of St. Patrick's Parish.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Providence cordially invites you and your spouse to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th or Over Wedding Anniversary



Sunday, September 21, 2014 at
1:00PM

Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul
Providence, RI
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Celebrant & Homilist

The Celebration includes: Mass, renewal of vows, personalized certificate and reception. Please contact OLM Parish Office to register. All registered must be returned before August 22, 2014.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The bodily assumption of Mary into the kingdom of God was declared a doctrine of faith by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

Not scripturally based, the concept of Mary's assumption developed as part of the tradition of the early church.

First thought of as her "dormition" or "falling asleep," this feast is still celebrated under the title "Dormition" in the Eastern church.

By the eighth century, Rome had changed the title of the feast to "Assumption" and had conferred upon it the more active idea of Mary's actually having been taken up into heaven in both soul and body.

Mary is not the only figure in our Judeo-Christian understanding to be taken bodily into heaven. In 2 Kings, we read of Elijah the prophet who was taken to heaven in a whirlwind.



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Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Sunday, August 24th: 9:00AM Mass of Welcome for New OLM School Families. Reception to follow in OLM School Gym sponsored by OLM PTG.

Wednesday, August 27th: First Day of School!!!!

Friday, September 5th: 9:00AM Opening Mass of the Holy Spirit for OLM School.

Friday, September 12th—Sunday, September 14th: OLM School Annual Mum Sale

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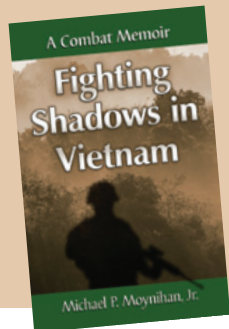
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