

#### † MASS SCHEDULE †

#### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass	5:00 PM
Sunday Masses7:30, 9:00	0 & 10:30 AM
September—May	5:00 PM

#### Daily

Monday - Friday	.7:30	AM
Saturdays & Legal Holidays	.8:30	ΑM

#### **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 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.

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 31, 2014

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 30**

The Mass of Anticipation for 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Special Intention

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 31**

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Albert Burnside—26th Anniversary

10:30AM Bernard A. & Edward V. Healey, Sr.—28th Anniv.

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1—LABOR DAY

Weekday

8:30 AM Teresa (24th Anniv.) & Francis Heran—2nd Anniv. **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2** 

Weekday

7:30 AM Hans G & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church 7:30AM Thomas Shannon—Memorial

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Weekday

7:30AM Rose Zaino, Antonio & Angela Mattice—Memorial

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

Weekday/BI. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious 7:30AM Intentions of MMP Rosary Cenacle Opening School Mass of the Holy Spirit

9:00AM Robert Belanger—Memorial

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Weekday/BVM

8:30AM John & Dorothy Donahue—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Joseph Gianardi—10th Anniversary

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Katherine & Armando DeAngelis—Memorial

10:30AM Jack Brady—Memorial

5:00PM Frank Longo—21st Anniversary



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.

# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Father Connors As announced Masses at last weekend, Bishop Tobin has appointed me to serve as the Dean of Deanery VII. Deans are appointed by the Bishop to represent him to the priests of the Deanery; bring the concerns and needs of the priests to the attention of the Bishop; work with, and provide, support to the coordinate priests; and pastoral activity of the Deanery.

Deanerv geographical grouping of parishes and there are eight in the Diocese of Providence. Deanery VII encompasses all the parishes from East Greenwich south to Westerly. There are 16 parishes including St. Andrew's on Block Island. The duties of the Dean require I visit each parish once a year and hold meetings for the priests throughout the year. June our previous Dean, Msgr. Paul Theroux, was transferred to a new parish in another deanery and caused the vacancy.

I am grateful to Bishop Tobin in appointing me as Dean, and for his trust and confidence in me. I ask for your prayers as I take on this new duty and also your understanding as I take on additional diocesan duties outside the parish. Of course, I continue my primary duty as the full-time Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy. But, also continue to serve as the Director of the RI Catholic Conference and Chief Lobbyist for the Diocese at the RI Statehouse.

must We also thank

a very talented young priest in Fr. Connors. There are only a few parishes with an associate pastor and we are blessed to have him. He is a tremendous help to me and truly a great asset to our parish.

In fact, Fr. Connors has been busy preparing for our Annual Parish Picnic on September 21st. He is organizing the activities for the day and tells me that there are some exciting additions to the picnic. new There are Pony-Rides for the children, once again, along with other games for the kids. Knights of Columbus are grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. And I hear that our resident juggler, Fr. Connors, might be riding his unicycle on Picnic Day! So be sure to mark your calendar for this big day!

Also, please note the schedule of events for the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy in the bulletin this week. We kickoff our events with the Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 21st. On Monday, September 22nd we gather in prayer for our parish and an inspiring talk on "Mercy" from Fr. Chris Maher. On Tuesday, September 23rd our talented parish choirs and offer a concert of musicians music dedicated to Our Lady. And lastly on Wednesday, September 24th, the actual date of the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, our 7:30AM Mass is to be celebrated with great solemnity and followed by a reception.

Join us for all of these Bishop Tobin for sending us such | special events in the life of our parish. We look forward to our patronal feast and turn to Our Lady of Mercy for her powerful intercession for our parish. It is a great time to celebrate the joy of our parish family with faith and hope. So join us as we gather for fun and fellowship, prayer and praise!

We began our new school vear with a Mass on Monday for dedicated and talented teachers of our parish school. We welcomed our returning teachers and also our new teachers along with our new principal. Wednesday we saw the smiling faces of our school children on the first day of school. excitement on Wednesday was incredible especially for those beginning school for the very first time!

On this Friday, September 5th at 9:00AM we celebrate the Opening Mass of the School Year. At this Mass of the Holy Spirit we call forth the power of the Holy Spirit upon our school community especially our new principal. May it truly be a year of faith, hope and love and may our school children continue to grow in faith, holiness and wisdom.

Monday is Labor Day and a day to relax, but also a day to give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of work in our lives. Let us also remember in prayer the unemployed and all those struggling to find work. Work brings dignity and security to life so please pray for those seeking it. Happy Labor Day! God Bless.

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Dear Father Connors: Who is eligible to be a godparent?

For both for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the Church calls for the one receiving the

Sacrament to be assigned a sponsor. In the case of Baptism one sponsor—commonly known as a godparent—is sufficient but there may be two, one of each sex.

Often a great deal of anxiety accompanies the choice of godparents. In my view, this is unfortunate. Parents are free to invite other family and friends to play an important role in their child's upbringing. With the choice of godparents or sponsors however, the Church is simply seeking to identify one person in the newly baptized (or confirmed) person's life who practices the Catholic faith.

The requirements for being a godparent or sponsor can be found in the Code of Canon Law, specifically Canon 874. The Church requires that a godparent or sponsor be not less than sixteen years of age, be a Catholic who has been Confirmed and received Holy Communion and be under no canonical penalty. The Church says they should live a life of faith which befits the role undertaken.

Very practically, that means if married they should be married in the Church—thus able to receive Holy Communion—and attend Mass regularly. It only makes sense that one who would be chosen precisely for their practice of the faith "live a life of faith which befits the role undertaken." Certainly any question about a particular person's suitability should be brought to the attention of that person's parish priest.

For Baptism, so long as there is one sponsor who meets the above criteria, the Church permits a non-Catholic Christian to stand in as a Christian witness. This could not be a Catholic who did not meet the criteria to be a sponsor but instead would be a baptized person who belonged to a non-Catholic Christian community.

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



#### August 24, 2014

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#### **SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Next Week: Building & Grounds

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

### Labor Day Holiday Monday, September 1, 2014



Mass at 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed for the day in observance of the holiday.



This week the Altar Flowers at the Marian Shrine have been donated in loving memory of Thomas Shannon.



#### **RE Dates to Remember:**

<u>Thursday, September 4th:</u> 7PM RE Teacher Orientation in OLM School Gym.

<u>Saturday, September 6th:</u> 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat (A-L)

<u>Saturday, September 20th</u>: 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat (M-Z)

<u>Sunday, September 28th:</u> Catechetical Sunday, 9AM Mass Installation of all RE Teachers



**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 meets on Thursday, September 4th at 4PM at Mercy House. All those experiencing loss or grief are invited to attend. For more information contact, Outreach Director Doug Green.

#### OLM Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy Shrine Thursday, October 16, 2014 8:00am - 4:00pm



Join Fr. Connors for a faith-filled day of pilgrimage and prayer to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Come together for Holy Mass, the Stations of the Cross and a spiritual talk by renowned author and speaker, Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. Advance

Sign-up required to reserve seat on bus. Please Contact Pilgrimage Coordinator Shelia Broderick at 884-4968 or <a href="mailto:sheliabroderick@me.com">sheilabroderick@me.com</a> All reservations must be made by October 1, 2014.



#### **Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

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

<u>Friday, September 12th—Sunday, September 14th</u>: OLM School Annual Mum Sale

Limited Openings in Pre-K and other grades. Call today to register your child. Parish Tuition Assistance available.



#### CAL BASKETBALL AT OLM

The 2014-2015 OLM Parish and School Basketball registration opens on September 14-30, 2014. All boys and girls Grades K thru 8 are encouraged to register. Go to www.olmhoops.org to register.

#### ATTENTION ALL SINGERS, YOUNG AND NOT-SO YOUNG!!



#### **2014-2015 Adult Choir**

If you like to sing, then consider joining our OLM Adult Choir. Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 from 7pm-8:30pm in the Church choir loft. All are welcome to join, no experience necessary. If interested please contact, Choir Director Henri St. Louis at 884-4968, via email at

musicministry@olmparish.org, or just stop in the choir loft after any Mass!

#### 2014-2015 OLM Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is open to students in grades 4 -8 (30 member maximum). This 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. We currently have 10 openings for new singers. Rehearsal: Wednesday afternoon 2:45-3:30 (starting Sept. 3rd) Supplemental rehearsal: Saturday after Mass, for members who cannot attend Wednesday rehearsals. (starting Sept. 6th) Contact Deirdre Donovan for more information or to register your child via email at musicministry@olmparish.org or by phone 401-884-4968.

# Join us as we celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of Mercy





#### Sunday, September 21, 2014 1:00PM to 4:00PM

Annual Our Lady of Mercy Parish Picnic
On The Grounds of Our Lady of Mercy

#### Monday, September 22, 2014 7:00PM

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
"Thirsting for Mercy"

A talk by Father Christopher Maher
Rector of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence

#### Tuesday, September 23, 2014 7:00PM

A Concert of Marian Music
Our Lady of Mercy Adult & Children's Choirs
The Schola Cantorum Sanctae
Mrs. Deirdre Donovan, Soloist
Mr. Henri St. Louis, Organist
Light Reception to follow

#### Wednesday, September 24, 2014 7:30AM

Solemn Mass of the Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Mercy

Coffee an' to follow

## Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us!



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