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First Sunday of Advent ✕ December 1, 2013

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass..... 4:00 PM

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

September—June..... 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 3:00 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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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Mass of Anticipation for First Sunday of Advent
 4:00 PM David DiSano—Memorial

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

First Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Kate Bedard—4th Anniversary
 9:00 AM James Sheridan—1st Anniversary
 10:30 AM Dr. James Hagarty—Memorial
 5:00PM Mary Catherine Leddy—13th Anniversary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Advent Weekday
 7:30 AM Frances Vito—Memorial

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest
 7:30 AM Bucky Bresnan—3rd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Advent Weekday/St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Advent Weekday
 7:30 AM Salvatore DiStefano—23rd Anniversary

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Weekday/St. Nicholas, Bishop
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory
 9:00AM Sister Patricia Barry, RSM—Memorial

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 8:30 AM Janet Fayle—5th Anniversary
Mass of Anticipation for Second Sunday of Advent
 4:00 PM Dorothy Bresnan—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Eleanor Florio Harkness—1st Anniversary
 10:30AM Augustine Manocchia, Sr. —8th Anniversary
 5:00PM Dr. James Hagarty—7th Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving Day with your family and friends. It's hard to believe its come and gone already. Now we prepare to enter in the holy season of Advent.

Unfortunately, the media and much of the commercial world push Christmas far too soon. Non-stop Christmas music playing on the radio in October, Christmas decorations and displays in November and Christmas sales on Thanksgiving Day!

Yes, even Thanksgiving Day is being pushed as a "Christmas Shopping Day" rather than a day to gather with family and friends and give thanks to God for our blessings. Opening stores early on Thanksgiving Day and spending the day shopping for even more unnecessary things really is undermining the purpose of the holiday. So as Catholics what are we to do to keep from being over-secularized in our own lives??

Well, first we can try to keep the spirit of the season of Advent. It is a season of joyful preparation and prayerful anticipation of the coming of Christ at Christmas. Also, it is a season *"when minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time."*

Perhaps we might take some time away from the all the shopping, parties, and all the rest of the routine during this time of year. Why not consider spending some extra time in prayer before

you leave for work or stopping by Church on the way home for a visit with Jesus.

Would you consider joining us on the Mondays of Advent to learn more about the scriptures of the season? On Mondays in December we gather together in Church at 7:00PM to adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and learn more about his Sacred Word.

Of course, preparing for Christmas during Advent means preparing spiritually as we call out *"Come, Lord Jesus!"* One of the best ways to prepare ourselves for Christmas is going to Confession. Each Monday night in December guest priests join us for Confessions at 6:00PM and on Monday, December 23rd we've added an extra hour.

Did you know that Pope Francis said he goes to confession every two weeks. He says knowing that God never tires of forgiving those who repent and knowing that having a priest say *"I absolve you"* reinforces belief in God's mercy. Pope Francis said he knows some people are embarrassed to confess their sins to a priest, but it is the best path to spiritual healing and health.

Advent is truly a beautiful, somber and prayerfully solemn season. However, far too many Christians skip it and join the mad rush to Christmas. Too many people including many Catholics do not take the time to truly prayerfully prepare and focus upon the real meaning of the season, Jesus Christ!

We bless the Advent Wreath in Church this weekend and are reminded by the lighting of its candles of the four weeks of prayer and preparation leading to Christmas. Maybe you might add an Advent Wreath to the many decorations in your home to remind you of the season.

As the Advent Wreath Blessing reminds us: *"Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. May Christ come quickly and not delay."* Let's not let Advent begin or end without joyfully and prayerfully preparing for the coming of Christ in our hearts and in our homes.

I hope you like the new landscaping in front of Church. The design was planned by Kyle Alfred, a landscape designer, who very generously provided his expertise with the project. We also wish to thank OLM Parishioner John Pontarelli and his crew from ProScape Landscaping who helped complete the work. I am grateful for their hard work in making the parish grounds more beautiful and inviting.

I hope you enjoy Fr. Connors new bulletin column, "Fr. Connors' Q & A". If you have a question for him be sure to send it his way. Remember Advent has arrived so *"Prepare the way, the Lord is coming!!"* God Bless. Have a great week. Go Pats!!

Father Healey

Why Do We Celebrate Advent?

This week the Church begins the celebration of Advent. Based on the Latin word meaning "to come" Advent is a period in which we prepare for the coming of Christ. We prepare really for three



"comings": His coming at Christmas, His second coming at the end of time, and His daily coming into our midst.

In Advent we stand in expectation of the celebration of Christmas. God becoming man is the central event in the history of the world—the event around which all things turn. The celebration of the Incarnation—of God taking on human flesh—is ultimately a celebration of God's love for us. In an act of sheer goodness He chose to come and save us. He comes to set us free from sin and makes possible our adoption as God's children.

During the first weeks of Advent the Church's liturgy—both the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours—actually focuses on the second coming of Christ. It is this coming, His return in glory, which will provide the definitive consummation of God's creation. The second coming in judgment takes on a personal character for each one of us in death, when we see the Lord in judgment. Finally, Advent is a time to prepare for Christ coming ever more deeply into our lives. He comes to us in every prayer we utter, in the Scriptures we read, and most especially in the Sacraments we celebrate. As Pope Leo the Great said in the fifth century, Christ's "visible presence has passed into the Sacraments."

Waiting is never easy and no one really likes it. But the Church's intuition is just right. This period of waiting, a whole season of expectation, says something crucial about what we believe. Pope Benedict XVI explained, "One could say that man is alive so long as he waits, so long as hope is alive in his heart." The season of Advent is a season of hope. We wait in expectation of what God does—what He has done and continues to do in our lives. At Christmas He comes to save us, at the end of time He will come to judge us with mercy, and at each Mass every single day He comes to meet us and transform us and live in us ever more deeply. With Mary as our model of preparing for God's coming, may our Advent be blessed and holy. Might we wait in expectation for what God brings this Christmas.

If you have a question on the Church and Her teachings for Fr. Connors send it to associatepastor@olmparish.org

Weekly Collection 

November 24, 2013

Collection results for last week are unavailable due to holiday printing deadline.

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!

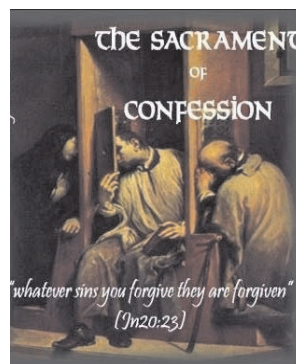
SECOND COLLECTIONS

**This Week: Building & Grounds
Next Week: Typhoon Relief Collection**

THIS WEEK AT OLM

Monday—OLM School Board Meeting at 7:00PM
Thursday—OLM Bereavement Group at 4:00PM
Thursday—OLM School Holiday Shopping Night at 5:00PM
Friday—First Friday Mass & Adoration at 9:00AM
Saturday—Breakfast with St. Nicholas at 10:00AM—11:30AM

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



Confessions at OLM

Saturdays at 3:00PM &
Mondays at 6:00PM

*"Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God."
—Blessed Pope John Paul II*

***Prepare the way
for the
Lord,***

***make
straight
paths for him.
Matthew 3:3***



You can find a complete RE Schedule and Registration Forms online at under Faith Formation tab at www.olmparish.org

OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-14

RE Grades 1—5

Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM

RE Grades 6—8

Sundays 6:00PM—7:00PM

**NO RE CLASSES THIS WEEK DUE TO THANKSGIVING.
ALL RE CLASSES RESUME NEXT WEEKEND.**



The OLM Monthly Breakfast Group will not meet in December. Join us for our next breakfast on Wednesday, January 29, 2014!!

Outreach Update

The **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of food. Please leave your food donations in the box in the vestibule of Church. **Please place all food donations in the large Food Box located in the vestibule of Church.** All donations in December to the **Monthly Outreach Collection** will be used to purchase food and gifts for the needy during the upcoming Christmas season. If anyone is interested in adopting a needy family for Christmas (supplying gifts & needed items) please contact the Outreach Office.

Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you for your generous support of our OLM Outreach efforts at Thanksgiving.



Reading the Scriptures of Advent

Mondays of Advent at 7:00PM

Adoration & Benediction of Blessed Sacrament with Advent Lecture in Church

Monday, December 2nd

The Birth of Christ in the Gospel of Matthew
Fr. Michael O'Connor, OP

Adjunct Professor of Theology, Providence College

Monday, December 9th

Infancy Narrative in the Gospel of Luke
Fr. Ryan Connors

Monday, December 16th

The Incarnation in the Gospel of John
Fr. George Nixon

Associate Pastor, St. Philip Church in Greenville



Confession

Confessions During Advent Season

Mondays 6:00PM—6:45PM with Guest Priests

Saturdays 3:00PM—3:45PM

Monday, December 23rd —6:00PM —8:00PM

**A Prayer Service In Observance
of World AIDS Day
Sunday, December 1 at 4:00PM
St. Alexander Church
Warren, RI**

The Secretary of Catholic Charities and Social Ministry is inviting you to attend a World AIDS Day Prayer Service that will be held on Sunday, December 1 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at St. Alexander Church, 218 Main Street, Warren. Human life is sacred and precious and in the context of the HIV/AIDS, we are all called to stand in solidarity and to reach out with compassion and understanding to those that have been exposed to or that are experiencing the disease. A collation will follow the prayer service. For more information, directions and to R.S.V.P. call Jim Jahnz at 421-7833 x 222 or 728-0515



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Upcoming Events:

Mingle with your fellow parishioners

On **Sunday, December 1**, join us for coffee and doughnuts after the 9AM and 10:30AM Masses in OLM School Cafeteria. Please come and join your parishioners as we start the Advent Season.

Keeping Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus are selling religious themed Christmas cards this year after Sunday Masses. We start the first weekend of Advent (11/30 -12/1) and end the third weekend of Advent (12/14-15). All proceeds from the sale go to support various parish activities.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 58, is a fraternal order of men, who perform charitable work in support of Our Lady of Mercy church. If you are interested in the Knights of Columbus, please contact Tom Mahoney at tom@tommyahoney.com.

**All Day Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, December 6, 2013**

Following 9:00AM School Mass until
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00PM



*"In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering."
—Pope Benedict XVI, February 22, 2007, Sacramentum Caritatis.*

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