



† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation.....4:00 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 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time ✕ January 17, 2016

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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 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.

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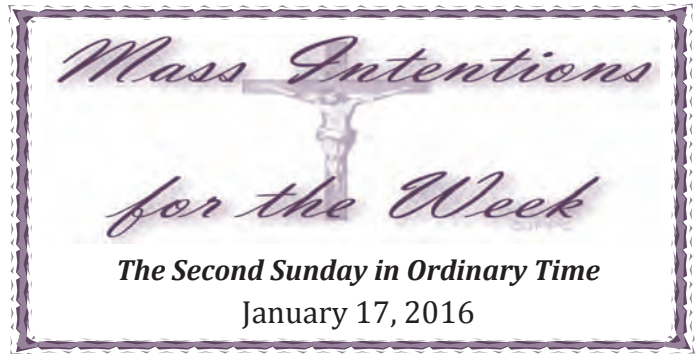
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

The Mass Anticipation for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM W. Barbara O'Hara—Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00AM Emilio & Anna Petrucci—Memorial
 10:30AM Dr. Robert Carnevale—Memorial
 5:00PM Dorothy Hoxie—Memorial

MONDAY, JANUARY 18—MLK HOLIDAY

Weekday
 8:30 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Weekday
 7:30 AM John, Louise, & David Kiernan—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Weekday/St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
 7:30AM Frank Murray—Memorial

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
 7:30AM Jean M. Selwyn—15th Anniversary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 7:30AM For the Protection of All Unborn Children

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; BVM
 8:30AM Special Intention

The Mass of Anticipation for 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Joseph A. Pescatello, Sr.—Memorial
 10:30AM Margaret M. Healey—27th Anniversary
 5:00PM Sergio Espinonza—Birthday Remembrance



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



Dear Parishioners:

In his address to the Joint Session of the US Congress last September, Pope Francis praised four Americans: the Trappist Monk Thomas Merton, the Peace and Poverty Activist Dorothy Day, President Abraham Lincoln and the Civil Rights Leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He called them "four representatives of the American people."

Pope Francis lauded Day, King, Lincoln and Merton for using their dreams of justice, equal rights, liberty and peace to make America a better place. This weekend we celebrate the difference Dr. King made in our nation and for the civil rights and equality of African Americans

In speaking of Dr. King, Pope Francis said: *"I think of the march which Martin Luther King led from Selma to Montgomery 50 years ago as part of the campaign to fulfill his 'dream' of full civil and political rights for African Americans.*

That dream continues to inspire us all. I am happy that America continues to be, for many, a land of 'dreams.' Dreams which lead to action, to participation, to commitment. Dreams which awaken what is deepest and truest in the life of a people."

Perhaps on this MLK Holiday we might stop to offer prayers for a renewed commitment for equality and justice for all people in our nation. May the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. continue to inspire harmony and concord

among peoples of all races and religions, may it help to remove hatred and bigotry from the hearts of all people.

On Friday, January 22nd, we remember the continued injustice of legal abortion in our nation as we mark 43rd anniversary of the Roe v. Wade US Supreme Court Decision. The great tragedy and injustice continues as millions of unborn children lose their innocent and precious lives to abortion every year.

At OLM it is to be a Day for Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. All-Day Eucharistic Adoration begins at 9:00AM and at 6:00PM it concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Also, at 6:00PM we are to offer Prayers for the Protection of the Unborn, and URI Chaplain Father Joe Upton is to offer a reflection on *"Living the Gospel of Life."*

I hope on Friday you are able spend some time in prayer and adoration as we pray for the protection of the innocent unborn. Please stop by Church if you can or please stop during the day, wherever you are, and offer a prayer for the unborn.

On Friday, may we all stop to pray for the victims of abortion both the children and their mothers. May we pray for all expectant mothers and those in a crisis pregnancy and for all unborn children. May we pray for our political leaders that they may have the courage and conviction to work to protect all human life. And may we pray for the legal

protection of unborn children in our nation and across the globe. Prayer is a powerful instrument in helping to end abortion so please join us on Friday as we commit to defending life and praying for the protection of the unborn.

In his address to Congress Pope Francis urged them to work to defend life including the unborn. He stated: *"The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development. I am convinced that this way is the best, since every life is sacred, every human person is endowed with an inalienable dignity."*

Just as the battle for civil rights for African Americans was born of religious faith so too is the battle for the right to life of the unborn. In an age when many falsely contend that faith has no place in the public square, our history and experience teach us differently.

The voice of religious leaders and people of faith is needed today as much as it was when Dr. King spoke out so passionately for justice and equality. Let us give voice to the voiceless as we call out for justice and equality for the unborn child threatened by abortion.

I am away this week visiting with my seminary classmates who now teach in the college seminary in Miami. Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats, Go!!!!

Father Healey

Fr. Connors

Q & A



Dear Fr. Connors: What is mercy? It isn't the same as letting someone harm you without consequence, right?

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, it is important to understand mercy correctly.

There actually can be a lot of confusion about this topic. Mercy, for example, can never be set against the truth. The merciful God is also the one who said the truth sets free.

In his message announcing the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis explains: *"Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness."*

In a word, there is no mercy without sin. If we ignore sin, the deepest problem actually is that we cannot receive God's mercy. Mercy is the way God loves us in our suffering, especially suffering caused from sin. Mercy is God's reaching out to us in our suffering and in our sin.

Simply examining the Spiritual Works of Mercy makes clear that it is merciful to instruct the ignorant and admonish the sinner. It is not merciful to ignore sin or to let someone remain ignorant about the truth of the moral law. The great act of mercy is to tell someone the truth.

A principle goal of the Year of Mercy is to increase participation in the Sacrament of Penance. Confession provides the means of God's mercy reaching out to us in our sin. God's mercy means that He can forgive any sin. He loves us despite our sinfulness and desires to reconcile us with Him. There is no mercy apart from the truth of the moral law. Setting mercy and truth in opposition simply confuses matters.

Weekly Collection

January 10, 2016

Weekly.....	\$13,184.50
EFT.....	\$3,754.50
	Total=\$16,939.00
Outreach.....	\$3,609.50
Annual (to date).....	\$123,109.00

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 generous support!

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: The Catholic University of America
Next Week: The Church in Latin America

MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Monday, January 18, 2016

Mass at 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed in observance of the holiday.



Schedule of Confession at OLM

Mondays
6:00—6:45PM
Saturdays
3:00—3:45PM

Pray to end Abortion



Religious Education NEWS

- NO RE Classes this Sunday due to the MLK Holiday. ALL RE Classes resume next Sunday, January 24
- NO AM RE Classes (Grades 1-5) on Sunday, January 31st due to OLM School Open House



Outreach Update

- **The OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please leave all donated food items in the box in the vestibule of the Church. *Thanks for your support!*
- **The OLM Bereavement Group** meets this Thursday, January 21 at 4:00PM at Mercy House. All those experiencing loss, grief or loneliness are invited.
- **For more information** contact Doug Green, OLM Outreach Director 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



- School Mass, Friday, January 22nd at 8:15am
- Catholic Schools Week begins January 31st! OLM School Open House, Sunday, January 31st 10-Noon

Discover the OLM Advantage



Congratulations to our newly baptized :

Gabriel Ryan Aptt,
and his parents, Geoffrey & Jessica
Milan Otto & Giliana Carol Benedetti,
and their parents, Gian & Leeann

Rocco Joseph DiNezza,
and his parents, Luke & Kristen

Annie Elizabeth Fornal,
and her parents, Gregory & Stefanie

Alessandra Marsella Maggiacomo,
and her parents, Kevin & Cassandra

Kennedy Leigh Mulhearn,
and her parents, Christopher & Kendra

"Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn in baptism. They are now called children of God, for so indeed they are." – The Rite of Baptism



All OLM High-schoolers are welcomed to join the Our Lady of Mercy Youth Group, which **meets every Sunday night in the OLM gym from 7:15-8:30 PM**. The Youth Group is a great chance for students to socialize, play team-building sports together, and grow in prayer. The Youth Group features frequent Eucharistic adoration, guest speakers, as well as fieldtrips outside of the parish. There is no need to sign up or register. For more information or questions, contact Michael LaChimia at mlachimia@olmschool.org

A Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Friday, January 22, 2016

43RD ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE
DECISION LEGALIZING ABORTION IN USA



ALL-DAY ADORATION AT OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH 65 Third Street East Greenwich, RI

- 9:00AM All-Day Eucharistic Adoration begins
- 6:00PM Benediction of Blessed Sacrament,
Prayers for the Protection of the Unborn and a Reflection
“Living The Gospel of Life ”
by Fr. Joseph Upton, URI Chaplain

“Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before He was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world’s rejection. They cannot be discarded, as the ‘culture of waste’ suggests!”

—POPE FRANCIS

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