

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00 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	ΑM

Holy Day

Vigil Mass	5:00	PM
Holyday Masses	7:30 AM & 7:00	PM

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ▼ January 25, 2015

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 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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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 25, 2015

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

The Mass of Anticipation for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00PM Alfred Sisson—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Albina Shears—Memorial

9:00 AM Augustine A. Manocchia, Sr.—Memorial

10:30AM Msgr. Arthur A. Sullivan—15th Anniversary

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops

7:30 AM Special Intention for MMP Rosary Cenacle

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

Weekday/St. Angela Merici, Virgin

7:30 AM Ruth Guilfoyle—3rd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM Sean T. Healey—Memorial

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

Weekday

7:30AM Msgr. Edward F. Egan—11th Anniversary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

Weekday

7:30AM John I. DeClemente—Memorial

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

St. John Bosco, Priest

8:30AM John Bosco Rhee—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM Lydia Marino—Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Yolanda Tarantino—Memorial

9:00 AM Dorothy Licciardi—Memorial

10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

5:00PM Ray Miranda—1st Anniversary



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.

Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Across the country we celebrate "Catholic Schools Week" beginning this Sunday. It is always a great week of activities and celebrations of the great contribution our Catholic Schools make to our Church, our nation and our local community. Once again we begin the week with an Open House at OLM School where you can meet and greet students and faculty.

OLM School offers an opportunity for parish families to consider educating their children in a disciplined environment that excels academically, supports Catholic service and develops Catholic virtues. In an age when God and religious faith are being marginalized in the public square, OLM School begins and ends every day with prayer.

OLM School Students are taught in a loving, nurturing and truly Catholic atmosphere. Amidst the many sports programs, science programs, robotics programs, social clubs, musical clubs, and community service projects the Catholic Faith is passionately taught and boldly lived every day!

There is tuition assistance available, from the Diocese of Providence, as well as from the Parish. In fact, last year we gave out nearly \$75,000 in tuition assistance to parish families. So, I invite you stop by and take a look around OLM School and discover the OLM Advantage!

I was recently reminded, when reading about the actor Michael Keaton, about how many different people have benefited from a Catholic School Education. He just won the Golden Globe Award for Best Actor for his role in the movie Birdman. I haven't seen the movie, but I did see his comments about Catholic School and I believe they reflect many Catholic School grad's experience.

Keaton was raised one of seven children with parents who worked two jobs to send him and his siblings to the local parish school. In the interview he said: "I liked going to Catholic school. It kind of builds who you are. It was a good experience for me. It does shape who you are and what you believe in."

I encourage you to take a look at OLM School during the Open House on Sunday. Also, please read the message from our new OLM School Principal Scott Fuller on behalf of our great school and faulty.

I am grateful to Fr. Connors for organizing the Day for Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children and the for the many parishioners who turned out to pray for life. This week we put our prayer into action as the RI Right to Life Committee holds its Annual Pro-Life Rally at the RI Statehouse.

On Wednesday you can join the hundreds gathered to make the vulnerable voice of the unborn heard in the halls of power. You can join with local pro-life leaders, pro-life elected officials and area clergy as they remind our state leaders that the unborn have the right to life!

I've attended this rally for many years and it is always a powerful witness for the state's elected officials to see how many people still respect human life and are willing to stand up in protection of the unborn. It is a gathering of people of all ages, races, and religions, united with the common goal of ending legalized abortion. They pray, sing and shout for life! Won't you join them?

Pope Francis Again reminds us of the urgency of promoting life and standing against the culture of death. In a speech last year to group of Catholic Doctors he stated: "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. And every elderly person...even if they are ill or at the end of their days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the 'culture of waste' suggests!"

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week! Discover the OLM Advantage! Rally of Life! God Bless. Go Pats!!!! Superbowl here we come!

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors:

Why must Catholics bury the bodies of the dead?

The short answer is because we believe in the resurrection of the body.

Catholics acknowledge that the human person is not just a soul. A human being is a composite of body and soul. These are not two separate substances but together form one reality—the human person. This is distinct from angels who are pure spirits without bodies.

Because the human being is made of body and soul, the body ought to be treated respectfully. Much of the moral teaching of the Church which is misunderstood in our culture today concerns the proper respect shown to the body. In any event, Catholics honor the bodies of the dead because the body is sacred. At the end of time, the bodies of the blessed will rise to be rejoined to their souls in Heaven. The bodies of the damned will also be rejoined to their souls in Hell.

The celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary recalls the Catholic belief that Mary was assumed—body and soul—into Heaven. Mary enjoys already what is promised to us.

Even if cremated, Catholics are required to bury the dead. The mortal remains of our beloved dead are not decoration for a mantle but to be interred in a consecrated place, set aside for prayer. Cremation is not permitted if it is chosen in rejection of the belief in the resurrection of the body.

Cemeteries are indeed places of prayer. They should be visited regularly. Christians go to cemeteries not simply to remember the past but to pray—to pray into the future that these beloved dead might be purified from their sins to be happy with God forever. We pray that the faithful departed be released from purgatory to join in the Heavenly praises.

Thus, the dead are buried in order that will have a place set aside to pray for them and so that their mortal remains are treated with the proper respect.

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



January 18, 2015

Weekly	\$13,037.00
EFT	\$2,075.50
	Total=\$15,112.50
Outreach	\$368.50
Annual (to date)	\$112,634.00

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.



This Week: The Church in Latin America



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, M. Carl Heintzelman, Joyce Richard, Florence Carvisiglia, and Lucia Asprinio whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.



The Sacrament of Confession at Our Lady of Mercy

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



Due to the Open House at OLM School on **Sunday the 25th**, **no class for RE Grades 1-5 only**. Grades 6-8 will have class as scheduled in the evening. There will be **no class for RE Grades 6-8** on February 1st.

Attention Fall 2015 Confirmation Candidates: In an effort to answer questions and discuss the Sacrament, Fr. Healey and Fr. Connors are scheduling mandatory interviews for all Confirmation Candidates for Fall 2015 and their parents beginning in the Month of February. You may register and schedule your interview on the parish Website, www.olmparish.org For more information contact Doug Green at the RE Office 884-4410 or via email: confirmation@olmparish.org



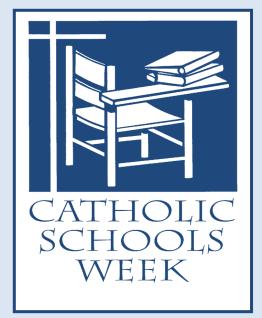
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A Message from Principal Scott Fuller

Please join me for our Open House on Sunday, January 25th from 10:00 am through noon and discover the OLM advantage! Enjoy a student-guided tour, meet current Our Lady of Mercy faculty and families, and explore the multitude of extracurricular and service based opportunities that combine to make an Our Lady of Mercy Catholic education second to none!



Catholic Schools Week Events

- ●Open House Sunday, January 25 10 am to noon
- Scholastic Book Fair Sunday, January 25 through Friday, January 30
- Attend Mass for current and prospective parents Monday, January 26 at 8:30AM.
- Student activities for the week including bowling, service based projects and three appreciation days (for parents, teachers and students)

Please visit our website at www.olmschool.org or call 884-1618 for more information.

Discover the OLM Advantage!



Annual Pro-Life Rally



Rhode Island State House Rotunda Wednesday, January 28, 2015 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join hundreds of Rhode Island pro-lifers to remember the 57 Million unborn victims of Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton. Your presence will encourage your legislators to stand in defense of innocent human life.

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Questions? Contact Alison at 521-1860 or alisonc@rirtl.org



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