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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ January 26, 2014

† 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

Our Lady of Mercy School

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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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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Mass of Anticipation for Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Charles Ludwig—Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

9:00 AM Special Intention

10:30AM Maria San Martino—Memorial

5:00PM Anne & Don Shannon—Memorial

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Weekday/St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Foundress

7:30 AM Intentions of MMP Rosary Cenacle

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:30 AM Jennie Collins—33rd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Weekday

7:30AM Msgr. Edward F. Egan—10th Anniversary

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

Weekday

7:30 AM Marie Therese Giguere—Memorial

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

St. John Bosco, Priest

7:30AM Daniel Rigney—Memorial

9:00AM Deceased Alumni, Faculty & Benefactors
of Our Lady of Mercy School

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Weekday/BVM

8:30 AM James Belfiore—10th Anniversary

Mass of Anticipation of the Presentation of the Lord

4:00 PM Dennis Levesque—Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Josephine Gustine—Memorial

10:30AM Jean & John Chaquette—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy





Dear Parishioners:

Let's get it over right now. It was a lousy game last Sunday and the better team won. Now we root for URI and PC Basketball and get ready for the Red Sox pitchers and catchers to report to Spring Training on February 15th!

This Sunday we kickoff Catholic Schools Week, a national event, at OLM. Our own Fr. Connors, himself a graduate of St. Margaret's School, Bishop Hendricken High School and Boston College, is preaching at all the Masses on the importance of our Catholic Schools.

Also, this Sunday our parish school is hosting an Open House from 11:30AM until 2:00PM. The Open House is for everyone, parishioners and non-parishioners, who are interested in sending their children to OLM School, and even for those who don't have school aged children but simply want to see and support our wonderful school. Stop by and take a look at all the good things going on across the street from Church!

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2014 is *"Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."* It encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of a Catholic Education. First, schools are communities—small families but also members of the larger community of home, church, city and nation. Faith, knowledge and service are three measures by which any Catholic school can and should be judged.

National studies indicate

that parents choose Catholic Education for their children for three important reasons: higher academic achievement of Catholic school students, a safe and nurturing but disciplined learning environment and a truly comprehensive education including Catholic faith and strong moral values.

At OLM School our Principal, Sister Jeanne, along with the very committed faculty, provide the leadership needed for such academic excellence and strong Catholic values to thrive. In my short time here at OLM I have observed first hand the great things taking place at OLM School. Fr. Connors and I work with Sister and the faculty to deepen the Catholicity of our school. OLM School is not perfect but what school is? However, OLM School is a great place for our children to learn, pray, play and develop as future leaders of our world.

OLM School has alumni in every walk of life and many who are making a great difference in the community and Church on a daily basis. There are alumni studying at Harvard and others at Medical School, there are alumni leading successful careers in business and law, and still others serving as Religious, Priests and some studying for the priesthood. I am convinced that it was the excellent academics and strong Catholic values at OLM School that provided the foundation of their success in life.

One of the great burdens of Catholic Education today is the

cost. OLM School has an annual budget of about \$2.5 million. Running a school is expensive and the costs of utilities, insurance, and healthcare can be high. In fact, we pay over \$25,000 a month to cover the cost of healthcare.

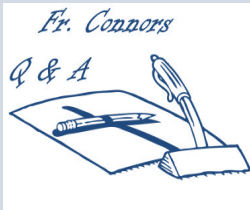
Our tuition is affordable for some families but many others make a tremendous sacrifice to provide such a quality Catholic Education for their children. We have tried to move away from a direct subsidy of the school in an effort to provide actual tuition assistance for those who need it most. This year we provided \$75,000 in tuition assistance.

Our school has room for more students as we can easily take over 400 but have just 375 this year. So if you have school aged children, consider our parish school. It provides a first-class education, strong Catholic values and a caring community. Tuition assistance is available for those OLM Parishioners who need support in making such a loving sacrifice for their children.

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week this week! Pray for the continued success of our school. Pray for our administration, faculty, students and families! Pray for our alumni and benefactors! Join us for the Open House and for Catholic Schools Week Mass on Friday at 9:00AM. Celebrate faith, knowledge and service! God Bless. Go OLM!!!

Father Healey

Dear Fr. Connors: Why can't priests get married? Isn't celibacy simply a discipline in the Church that could be changed?



The short answer is that a priest is celibate for the same reason his father got married: because he fell in love. The celibate priest is configured to Christ who loves His bride the Church in an exclusive way. It is out of love that the priest, like Jesus, gives himself completely to the Church. Like Christ who was celibate, those promised to celibacy live in anticipation of Heaven where we are not married or given in marriage (Mt 22:30).

What the Church teaches about celibacy is unchangeable since it comes from the words of Jesus Himself. Some are called to renounce marriage for the sake of the Kingdom of God (Mt 19:12). The value of celibacy as the great sign of Heaven is a gift to the Church. Its special connection and value for the priesthood is unchangeable.

As those considering a priestly vocation will tell you, although they recognize and even desire the gift of marriage, they don't desire to be married priests. Very much part of their calling is to leave everything in service to God's people. Of course there is a sacrifice to this vocation—as there is to any mission in the Church. However, it is principally a gift to the man called. He is set apart, bonded to Christ in a special way, made free from some earthly cares for the sake both of contemplation and pastoral charity towards God's people.

Unlike the ordination of women, which is impossible, as only a baptized male validly receives ordination, celibacy has a special fittingness to the priesthood. It is true that from the beginning the Church has ordained some married men. That continues today in the Eastern Catholic Churches as well as some former Anglicans received into the Church. This, however, should in no way undermine the special gift of a celibate clergy.

As the Second Vatican Council explained, "This holy synod asks not only priests but all the faithful that they might receive this precious gift of priestly celibacy in their hearts and ask of God that he will always bestow this gift upon his Church."

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

Weekly Collection 

January 19, 2014

Weekly.....	\$10,161.00
EFT.....	\$1,566.00
Catholic University.....	\$1,928.00
Outreach.....	\$280.00

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!



SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: The Church in Latin America

Next Week: Building & Grounds

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



Congratulations to our newly baptized:



***Molly Rose Brindle,
and her parents, James and Allison.***

***"Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. She is now called a child of God, for so indeed she is."—
The Rite of Baptism***



OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-14

RE Grades 1—5

Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM

RE Grades 6—8

Sundays 6:00PM—7:00PM

All RE Classes meet this week.

No PM RE Classes (Grades 6-8) next week.

Prayer Chain



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of prayer is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629. If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!

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.**

Thank you for your generosity.

RI Right to Life

Rally for Life!

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 3:00PM

RI Statehouse Rotunda

Providence, RI



Join with us as pro-life people from across the state gather to Rally for Life with our pro-life political leaders.

Let your voice and the voice for the unborn be heard !



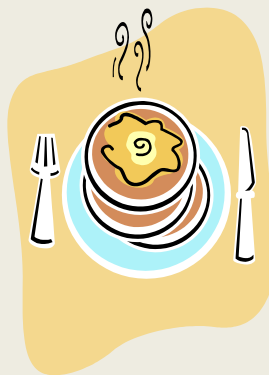
KNIGHTS

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The OLM Knights of Columbus next meeting is **this Sunday, January 26, 2014 at 7:00** in the cry room in the Church. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Tom Mahoney at tom@tommymahoney.com

OLM Monthly Breakfast Group



Please join us for our OLM Monthly Breakfast Gathering on Wednesday, January 29th following 7:30 Daily Mass at Cracker Barrel in Coventry. The OLM Breakfast Group meets the last Wednesday of the Month, everyone is invited and most welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!



**OLM Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Friday, January 31, 2014 at 6:00PM
Quidnessett Country Club**

If you have not yet received your invitation to the Annual OLM Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, please contact Sandra Demers at the OLM Parish Office at 884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org ASAP.

**OLM Adult Education Series
Monday nights in February at 7:00PM.**



Join us for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction and a short talk.

Monday, February 3, 2014
"Blessed Are the Poor"

Fr. James Ruggeri
Pastor, St. Patrick's Church,
Providence, RI

Monday, February 10, 2014
"Family Life:

The Foundation of Faith"
Fr. Ryan Connors

Associate Pastor, Our Lady of Mercy

Monday, February 17, 2014
"The Church in the Public Square"

Fr. Bernard Healey
Pastor, Our Lady of Mercy



**The Feast of St. Blaise &
The Blessing of Throats**

Next weekend in anticipation of the Feast of St. Blaise the blessing of throats is to take place at all Weekend Masses. We will pray for the intercession of St. Blaise to be delivered from every disease of the throat and every other illness.



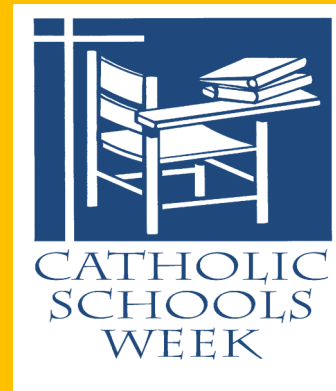
**Our Lady of Mercy School Open House and Registration:
Sunday, January 26 from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**



Come and see what a difference an OLM Catholic Education can make in YOUR child's life! Students, faculty, staff and current families will be on hand to give tours and answer questions about what a difference OLM has made to them. In addition to offering a competitive, challenging curriculum for students in Grades Pre K-8, OLM Students are taught to

show mercy throughout their day, reaching out in kindness to each other and to those in need. OLM also offers weekly Spanish, Art, Computer, Library, Health and Music classes, and Physical Education twice a week. We have busing to area towns, before- and- after-school care and multiple extracurricular activities like Mock Trial, Drama, Band, CAL Sports, including our State Champion Cross Country Team (Boys), and Robotics, as well as an award-winning middle school science program. Our Lady of Mercy School provides a spiritual and nurturing environment which builds a solid academic foundation and supports the community, all in the Roman Catholic tradition, by following our Lord's example of love and kindness so that **MERCY** may flourish. Please visit www.olmschool.org or call the OLM School office at 884-1618 for further information! OLM is located at 55 Fourth Avenue in East Greenwich. Tuition assistance is available for OLM Parishioners.

**Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Sunday, January 26th—Friday, January 31st**



**Catholic Schools Week Mass
Friday, January 31st at 9:00AM**

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