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# Our Rady of Mercy

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 

⅓ July 21, 2013

#### † MASS SCHEDULE †

#### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass.....5:00 PM Sunday Masses ......7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

#### 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

### Our Rady of Mercy School

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#### **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

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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July 21, 2013

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 20**

Mass of Anticipation for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Paul Lamoureux—10th Anniversary

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 21**

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Kathryn Piotrowicz—Memorial Mass
9:00 AM Joseph D'Amato—Memorial

10:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

#### **MONDAY, JULY 22**

St. Mary Magdalene

7:30 AM Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 23**

Weekday/St. Bridget, Religious

7:30 AM Bruce Michael Tripode—2nd Anniversary

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Weekday/St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest 7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 25**

St. James, Apostle

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Anne

#### FRIDAY, JULY 26

Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:30AM Patrick Hussey—Memorial

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 27**

Weekday/BVM

8:30 AM R.G. Peter—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Martina & Gottloeb Loeffler—10th Anniversary

#### SUNDAY, JULY 28

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Fernanda Cabral—Birthday Remembrance
 9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 10:30 AM Marie Enander—3rd Anniversary



# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

I was informed this week by Father Dore that he is not coming but that Fr. Susai Pascal Raj who just arrived from India will now be preaching the Mission Co-Op this weekend at OLM.

The Mission Co-Op annually calls us to see beyond the borders of our own parish and diocese and help support the work of the Church in the Missions. As American Catholics we are blessed with a Church that has many financial resources and many generous benefactors. This is not true for the Church in the Missions especially in India where the Catholic population is small.

Fr. Raj is here to preach about the great needs in India for building up and sustaining the Church and helping the neediest. I ask you to please be generous in responding to the call for help and to continue to pray for the Missions. Also please give Father Raj your usual warm welcome to OLM!

Father Connors and I have been meeting and planning for the upcoming year. We hope to offer a series of Adult Education Lectures, offer Adoration on a regular basis, and we looking forward to being very involved in the school and the newly restructured Religious Education Program.

Recently at a meeting with the priests of the Diocese, Bishop Tobin told us that there are over 500 Masses offered across the Diocese of Providence every weekend! We have a Catholic population of about 600,000 people of which about a third go to Mass on Sundays. In this tiny state that is a whole lot of Masses, many of which are not well attended.

So our Bishop is asking Pastors to look at their Mass schedules to see if Masses need to be reduced. This is especially true for parishes where there is only one priest but have a Mass schedule that was originally designed for two or three priests.

We are truly blessed at OLM with a large Church that holds over 800 people and two priests. It is because of this that we are able to offer four Masses on weekends. But beginning on the first Sunday in September we are to offer a fifth Weekend Mass at 5:00PM on Sunday nights. This Mass is to be offered only from September through June.

Many parishioners have told me that they often have commitments on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings and therefore go to Mass on Sunday night at St. Francis de Sales or Saints Rose and Clement. Both those parishes have just one priest and with two priests here at OLM we felt we should offer a similar option. Plus we'd like to keep our parishioners coming to OLM!

Also this Mass is to be followed by Religious Education Classes for Grades 6, 7 & 8 on Sundays from 6:00PM until 7:00PM. So please spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors that beginning on September 1st they can go to Mass on Sunday nights at

5:00PM!

In addition our Religious Education Program for Grades 1 through 5 is to meet on Sundays from 10:00AM until 11:00AM following the 9:00AM Family Mass. Moving RE Classes to Sundays connects Religious Education closer to the Eucharist and also provides a better opportunity for the priests to be more involved. So get ready for "Mass and Class" this upcoming vear.

Last Saturday I visited with Sister Edna Lynch, RSM at Mt. St. Rita in Cumberland. Sister Edna has had some serious setbacks in her health that require greater care. She has decided that she is to remain at Mt. St. Rita and leave the Our Lady of Mercy Convent. She has lived on her own but now she feels she needs greater access to health care givers.

She has written a short note published in the bulletin this week. Also her address is listed in this week's bulletin if you would like to send her best wishes. Mt. St. Rita is certainly a beautiful place and she is getting the great care and attention she so justly deserves. Please keep her in your prayers and drop her a note or go stop by for visit if you can.

In your name, I welcome to OLM Father Raj! I am in upstate New York this weekend to perform the baptism of my grand-niece and leave you in the capable hands of Fr. Connors See you next week. God Bless. Go Sox!!

Father Healey

#### The Catechism Corner

The front page of the local newspaper, the headline on the evening news, or the radio update on the drive home very often can exercise greater influence on the formation of our conscience than do the teachings of

the Church. This is to be expected, in one way, because we do live in the world. We have to contend with the barrage of an agenda that might not be altogether Christian, but what we can never do is substitute its "teachings" for those



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of Christ and of His Church. Christians have never sought to flee the world--to run away and bury their head in the sand--but instead we should be shaping the world to be in conformity with the Gospel. Our secular surroundings can at times hinder us in forming the "Christian perspective" in many areas. How we view poverty, war, politics, and the like are very much the ...our social status?? ...our product of what?? education??...our neighborhood?? ...or our Faith?? During the unfolding of the recent events in Kosovo, have we once turned to the Catechism?? Or are we satisfied hearing what Peter Jennings, The New York Times, and NPR has to say about it all. It might be helpful to be reminded of a basic Catholic responsibility--to learn more about our Faith so that it might influence every thing that we do--including international affairs. The Catechism clearly teaches us: "The commandment forbids the intentional destruction of human life. Because of the evils and injustices that accompany all war, the Church insistently urges everyone to prayer and to action so that the divine Goodness may free us from the ancient bondage of war." If there is to be warfare then definite criteria must be met first. "These are the traditional elements enumerated in what is called the 'just war' theory." They are as follows:

- -- the damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave, or certain;
- -- all other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective; -- there must be serious prospects of success; -- the use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated. The power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluating this condition." It might be helpful then to keep the *Catechism* right next to the TV., the radio, and the newspaper, just to make sure you can **check it out** in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2307-2309.



The Altar Flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated this week in memory of Kathryn Piotrowicz.

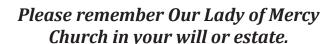


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#### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Tuesday—Legion of Mary at 7:00PM



Congratulations to our newly baptized:

**Livia Marie Chen** and her parents, Herb and Nicole.

Patrick Robert Gormely, and his parents, Michael and Kelly.

Jacob Domenic Minuto, and his parents, Jeffrey and Alisa.

**Lilianna Eleanor Passarella**, and her parents, Domenic and Jennifer.

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



Registrations for 2013-2014 RE Year are now being accepted. Please contact the Parish Office at 884-4968 parish@olmparish.org to obtain a form. Please note that all those students who are entering the 8th Grade (Public, Private or Catholic School) next year must be registered for 8th Grade Confirmation Class. 2nd Grade is a Sacramental Preparation Year and all those in need of first communion should be registered in advance. All RE Classes are scheduled for Sundays.

#### RE Grades 1—5

Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM

#### RE Grades 6—8

Sundays 6:00PM—7:00PM

First Communion pictures and ordered DVDs are available for pick-up at the Parish Office this week.



The summer months are known to have a decline in donations to the **OLM Food Pantry**. Please continue to think of those in need. Grocery Gift Cards of \$10 are also helpful. Thank you for your support.

The next Bereavement Support Group meeting will be Thursday, August 15, from 4PM - 6PM at Mercy House, 57 Second St. East Greenwich, RI. All those who are experiencing grief over the lose of a loved one are invited to attend.

### <u>A Note From</u> <u>Sister Edna Lynch, RSM</u>

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy:
I am appreciative of the priests, sisters, teachers, parents, and parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy. Thank you for the many graces and blessings you have given to me during my years at OLM. God's blessing upon you. Respectfully in mercy,

Sister Edna

If you would like to drop Sister Edna a note, please send to:

Sister Edna Lynch, RSM
Mt. St. Rita Health Center Room 354
15 Sumner Brown Road
Cumberland, RI 02864



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Our Lady of Mercy School is still accepting applications throughout the grades. There are a few available spaces in all the grades except grades 7 and 8. The Pre K program is three full days (M, W, Kindergarten is a full day program building a strong foundation in both Reading and Math. All grades have Religion on a daily basis. In addition to the regular subjects, students have Spanish and Computer/tech in their weekly schedule. New Science kits have been introduced in elementary grades and the students love them. If you are looking for an excellent curriculum grounded in the Catholic faith please call 884-1618 to learn more about OLM School. Our Mission is: "...that Mercy may flourish."

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he full-length white garment worn by ministers at liturgy is the alb.

Its name comes from *alba*, the Latin word for "white," and its significance flows from the white baptismal garment we all wore as we were initiated into the Christian community.

Similar reflections of the white baptismal garment are seen in the white dress of first communicants and the white pall placed on the casket at funerals.

The alb and other symbolic forms of white dress among Christians point to our destiny as baptized persons as envisioned in the book of Revelation wherein white-robed multitudes stand in the new Jerusalem praising the Lord.



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The Diocese of Providence Cordially invites you and your spouse to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th or Over Wedding Anniversary

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The 2013 Wedding Anniversary Celebration includes: Mass, Renewal of Vows, Personalized Certificate & Reception for you and your guests. Bishop Thomas Tobin is to be the Main Celebrant & Homilist. To register for this event please contact the OLM Parish Office at 884-4968 or parish@olmparish.org



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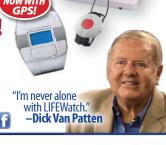
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