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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ July 7, 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

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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

The Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor

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SATURDAY, JULY 6

Vigil of the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00 PM Alfred Perretta—Birthday Memorial

SUNDAY, JULY 7

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Steven Conte—Memorial
 10:30 AM Thomas Brescia—1st Anniversary

MONDAY, JULY 8

Weekday
 7:30 AM John Joseph Tripode, Sr.—10th Anniversary

TUESDAY, JULY 9

Weekday/St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
 7:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

Weekday
 7:30AM Josephine DiStefano—5th Anniversary

THURSDAY, JULY 11

St. Benedict, Abbot
 7:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, JULY 12

Weekday
 7:30AM Beatrice Basler—Memorial

SATURDAY, JULY 13

Weekday/St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr; BVM
 8:30 AM Derek Parenteau—Birthday Remembrance

Vigil of Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00 PM Ellen Donovan—2nd Anniversary

SUNDAY, JULY 14

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Stanley Berek—Birthday Remembrance
 9:00 AM Evelyn Capuano—Memorial
 10:30 AM Edward Verrier—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

Happy Fourth of July! I hope you had a wonderful Independence Day with family and friends. This Fourth of July weekend I thought I'd share with you some recent comments from Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York on freedom and faith. His eminence writes:

"Standing in New York Harbor, the Statue of Liberty is one of our most beloved landmarks, both as New Yorkers and as Americans. So many of our ancestors fondly recalled seeing Lady Liberty, their first vision of a new homeland. Many of them told the story of seeing her for the first time, and not a few of them had to pause in retelling it because of a lump in their throat or a tear in their eye.

Even those of us who were born in America cherish the Statue of Liberty, and, even more importantly, what it stands for. Who indeed can fail to be moved by the line from Emma Lazarus' famous poem: *'Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.'*

That atmosphere of liberty is so much a part of the American experience and heritage. Of course, most of us did not have to travel far and suffer hardship to glimpse the torch of the Statue, and to embrace her promise of freedom. Most newcomers today do not come by ship, and so never set eyes upon her. We New Yorkers, frequently in a rush to our next destination, don't even look out into the Harbor

very often.

So it would be easy for us to take the Statue of Liberty for granted, as just another landmark for tourists to visit. And it would be all too easy to forget how precious — and fragile — is that breath of freedom that our forerunners yearned for so ardently.

This desire for freedom was written into the human heart by God, and exalted in God's word in the Bible. It is expressed so powerfully in the founding documents of our nation, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. It is the ideal to which all our national institutions aspire, and which they are bound to protect and respect. It is for freedom that so many of our brothers and sisters have been willing to sacrifice their lives to defend.

I don't wish to push this analogy too far, but in recent years it has become a bit more difficult to 'breathe free' as deeply as we would like. The atmosphere is not quite so clear and mild any more. Our liberty — like clean air — isn't something we can take for granted...the US Bishops...encourage action on a number of the current challenges to religious liberty. These include:

- The HHS mandate, which presumes to intrude upon the very definition of faith and ministry, and could cause believers to violate their consciences.
- Impending Supreme Court rulings that could redefine

marriage, which will present a host of difficulties to institutions and people who stand on their faith-based understanding of authentic marriage as between one man and one woman

- Proposed legislation at the national and state levels that would expand abortion rights, legalize assisted suicide, restrict immigrants from full participation in society, and limit the ability of Church agencies to provide humanitarian services.
- Government intrusion into the rights and duties of parents regarding their children. Overt persecution of believers in many countries of the world.

My brother bishops and I are encouraging people to offer prayers to God, the source of our freedom, that we may fully enjoy the liberty that was sought by those who came to our shores.

We must never forget the power of the American promise, which was passed on to us by our ancestors, and which we hold in trust for generations to come. And, like Lady Liberty, may we always be proud to lift high the torch of freedom and hope to those who yearn for it today."

We welcome Fr. Connors to Our Lady of Mercy as he begins his priestly service here this weekend. Now that he is here please be sure to welcome him and greet him after Masses. Happy Independence Day! May God Bless America! Have a great week. God Bless.

Father Healey

The Catechism Corner

This weekend as we celebrate the freedom of our country, it might do us well to celebrate the freedom of our Church also. Looking back over the two hundred and twenty-two years of freedom our country has enjoyed, we must be quick in reminding ourselves that this freedom had to be fought for--it was not handed over to the American colonies by the British crown. It was a freedom that came at a great price--indeed in many instances, the great price of human blood. And we also know that American freedom needs to be continually fought for. It needs to be protected and guarded against any unjust attack. And so if we were to consider the Church in that same light, it is obvious then that the Church's freedom was first won by the very Blood of Christ Himself. No greater sacrifice could be asked for to attain this freedom. And just like our own country, the freedom of the Church needs to be continually fought for and guarded and protected against any unjust attack. Now, the United States of America has the armed services to protect herself--to do all of that guarding and defending, but who does the Church have?? Well, we might not think of it in terms like this every day, but the Church has the laity to defend "her borders." Her borders that go up against enemy lands every day. In fact, Pope Pius XII said: "Lay believers are in the front line of Church life; for them the Church is the animating principle of human society. Therefore, they in particular ought to have an ever-clearer consciousness not only of belonging to the Church, but of being the Church, that is to say, the community of the faithful on earth under the leadership of the Pope, the common Head, and of the bishops in communion with him." It is the laity that defends the Church everyday in the marketplace, in the business office, and even sometimes in the home. The Church needs the active participation of the laity because all of the lay faithful have that special task of bringing the Gospel into areas where no priest or bishop may tread. "The initiative of lay Christians is necessary especially when the matter involves discovering or inventing the means for permeating social, political, and economic realities with the demands of Christian doctrine and life." Freedom is indeed a great gift to have and enjoy and it even greater when you have to fight to keep it. For a real revolution, **check it out** in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #899.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

Weekly Collection 

JUNE 30, 2013

**DUE TO THE HOLIDAY PRINTING DEADLINE
BUDGET RESULTS ARE UNAVAILABLE THIS WEEK.**

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.***

Second Collections

This Week: Building & Grounds

Thanks for your support!



2013 CATHOLIC
CHARITY APPEAL

OLM 2013 Parish Goal

Pledge Goal: \$195,000

Donor Goal: 600 Donors

Raised to date: \$221,364

Donors to date: 631

Average Gift: \$350.00

OLM 2012 CCA Results

Pledge Goal: \$195,000

Total Raised: \$187,271

Total Number of Donors: 505

Average Gift: \$370.00

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Registrations for 2013-2014 RE Year are now being accepted. Please contact the Parish Office at 884-4968 or 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, July 11, 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.



Interested in the Knights of Columbus? Would you like to learn more about it? Please contact Grand Knight Tom Mahoney at tom@tommyahoney.com

Mass Times for Your Summer Vacation

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Calling all aspiring artists! OLM Parishioner, Elizabeth Kerin, is teaching three one-week sessions of art classes for students K — 8th Grade at For Art's Sake Studio. Classes are offered for the weeks of July 15, July 29 and August 1. Each session costs \$80. For more information contact Elizabeth at Elizabeth.M.Kerin@gmail.com. Also read more about this at the EG Patch.

Veneration of the Altar



As the ministers enter the sanctuary for Mass, all reverence the altar with a profound bow.

The priest (and deacon if one is present) then kisses it and may incense it as well.

The altar is greeted and honored in this way because it is a symbol not only of Christ but of the church as well; because it is a place of prayer and sacrifice; and because it is the table from which we are nourished with the bread of life.



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Carpenter's Workshop



If you are an adult male in search of healing after the impact of abortion, please join us at the Carpenter's Workshop. Offered by

the Office of Life and Family, this support group provides a place for men to share their stories and struggles, and ways to rebuild their lives through God's love. The group meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Diocese of Providence, One Cathedral Square, Providence, from 7:00PM—8:30PM beginning on August 6th. There is not cost to attend. For more information, please contact Peter Magnotta at 421-7833, extension 217.

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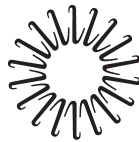


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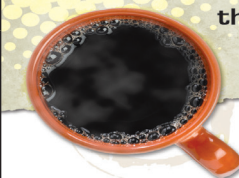
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