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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ June 30, 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, JUNE 29

Vigil of the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Anthony John Calitri—Birthday Memorial

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Francis Vito—Memorial
9:00 AM James & Mary Payne—Memorial
10:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, JULY 1

Weekday/ Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest
7:30 AM David Gardner—Memorial

TUESDAY, JULY 2

Weekday
7:30 AM John Joseph Tripode, Sr.—Birthday Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

St. Thomas, Apostle
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

THURSDAY, JULY 4—INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday
8:30 AM Michael Devlin—75th Anniversary

FRIDAY, JULY 5

Weekday/St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Mattola & Del Vicario Families—Memorial

SATURDAY, JULY 6

Weekday/St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr; BVM
8:30 AM Edward McMahan—Memorial
Vigil of 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





Dear Parishioners:

What a nice send-off we had for Father Shemek last weekend. The weather was great and there was a good turnout of parishioners for his Farewell Reception at Mercy Park. I am grateful to Doug Green and the Reception Committee for providing a wonderful reception for Father Shemek. We say farewell to Father Shemek and wish him well as he moves to his new assignment in Tiverton.

This weekend we offer our thanks to God for the ministry of Sister Rose and Sister Lucy here at Our Lady of Mercy. These good and holy sisters have served our parish with dedication and faith these many years and we offer our thanks and gratitude to them as they retire from pastoral ministry. Later this summer they will be moving on to their new homes at convents in New Jersey and Bristol, Rhode Island. I hope you can join us following the 10:30AM Mass for a Farewell Reception for the Sisters at Mercy Park.

Also this is Brother Roger's last weekend as our Music Director at Our Lady of Mercy. After many years serving our parish Brother is moving on to new endeavors. We thank him for his years of service and wish him all the best for the future.

Goodbyes can always be challenging as the ending of a relationship means having to say farewell. But we trust that the next step on the journey will be good, because the people we say

goodbye to are in good hands, in God's hands, and He'll always be there for them.

A spiritual writer once suggested: *"Goodbyes, when reflected upon in faith, can draw us to a greater reliance upon the God of love, our most significant other. With God we can learn to live in hope, with greater meaning, and deeper joy."*

We all need to learn how to say goodbye, to acknowledge the pain that is there for us so that we can eventually move on to another hello. When we learn how to say goodbye we truly learn how to say to ourselves and to others: 'Go, God be with you. I entrust you to God. The God of strength, courage, comfort, hope, and love, is with you. The God who promises to wipe away all tears will hold you close and will fill your emptiness. Let go and be free to move on. Do not keep yourself from another step in your journey. May the blessing of the God be with you.'

Parish life, I've come to discover more and more, involves a lot of 'hellos' and 'goodbyes', in an endless cycle—because those we meet, those we care for, those we serve, those we love, are never really ours to keep. They merely pass through our hands, through our lives, and then we let go. And that's alright. Because in the end, that's what a parish is meant to be. It is not the final destination, only a path, a bridge, a road, one that ends not in ourselves, but in God alone whose work we all strive,

however imperfectly, to do every day.

Next weekend we get to say "Hello" not "Farewell" as our new Associate Pastor, Father Ryan Connors, begins his priestly ministry at Our Lady of Mercy. Father returned from Rome last week shortly after his trunks arrived at the Rectory from Italy. He stopped by the Rectory to say "Hello" and get familiar with his new home at Our Lady of Mercy.

Father Connors is very excited about serving here at OLM and beginning his first parish assignment. Father has been slowly moving into his rooms and unpacking. He will be at all the Masses next weekend and you will have a chance to meet and greet him after Mass. So get ready to say, "Welcome, Father Connors!" and give him your usual warm Our Lady of Mercy welcome.

It was seventeen years ago I arrived at my first parish assignment at St. Augustine's Church in Providence. I spent seven happy years there working with Monsignor Connerton and the good people of that parish. It seems like just yesterday I was unpacking my trunks! I hope the time doesn't fly as fast for Father Connors. Keep him your prayers as he comes to serve our parish and begin his priestly ministry with, and for, us.

Have a Happy Fourth of July! Summer is here! Enjoy it while it lasts! God Bless.

Father Healey

The Catechism Corner

As we celebrate our nation's freedom this week we are also reminded of our own political responsibilities as Catholics. We are called to bring our Faith into the office, the voting booth, and, yes, even the local coffee shop. To somehow claim that we can be a different person in different places depending on the expectations of others usually implies a type of "split personality." This, of course, requires immediate professional help and cannot in any way be seen as "normal" behavior. "Only the divinely revealed religion has clearly recognized man's origin and destiny in God, the Creator and Redeemer. The Church invites political authorities to measure their judgments and decisions against this inspired truth about God and man." When those political authorities, however, fail to place themselves at the service of Truth, they must be checked. "It is part of the Church's mission 'to pass moral judgments even in matters related to politics, whenever the fundamental rights of man or the salvation of souls requires it. The means, the only means, she may use are those which are in accord with the Gospel and the welfare of all men according to the diversity of times and circumstances.'" In viewing our religion as an all encompassing practice we realize that we had won true freedom long before July 4, 1776. For a real firecracker, **check it out** in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2244-2246.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013



INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

**Thursday,
July 4th
Mass at 8:30AM**

The Parish Office is closed Thursday, July 4th and Friday, July 5th in observance of the holiday. The Parish Office reopens on Monday, July 8th at 8:00AM.

Weekly Collection 

JUNE 23, 2013

Weekly.....\$10,378.00
EFT.....\$1,779.00
Outreach.....\$370.00

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.***

Second Collections

Next 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: \$217,053

Donors to date: 622

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

Thank You For Your Generous Support!



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.



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, **David Weisenburger and Frank Woods** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.



To Sister Jeanne Barry, RSM, Principal of OLM School on the loss of her sister, Sister Patricia Barry, RSM. A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated last Wednesday at the Connor Chapel at the University of St. Joseph, West Hartford, CT. We offer Sister Jeanne and her family our prayers and support during this time of grief and sorrow.



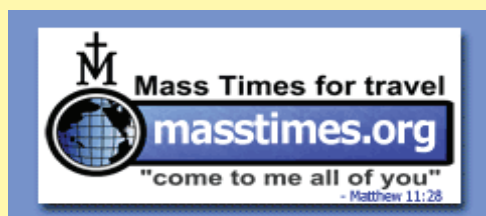
III—Anthony Gelsomino & Tracy Alix

Mass Times for Your Summer Vacation



Travelling this summer? Going on vacation out of state or to the beach? Don't forget to go to Mass wherever you go this summer. Don't take a vacation from Mass!

Simply click on masstimes.org to find Mass any where in the world!



ART CAMP FOR KIDS



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.



Dear friends of Our Lady of Mercy Parish,

I would like to thank you for your prayers, support and the kindness shown to me during my ministry at OLM. In only one year this parish has become my parish and my home. When I arrive at my new assignment as a Pastor of St. Theresa's and St. Christopher's Churches in Tiverton, I start with great excitement hoping now that every Parish is as welcoming as OLM.

As I look back on this last year I truly appreciate the kindness and support of so many wonderful people who have contributed to my personal, spiritual and ministerial growth. Starting with Fr. Bernard Healey who made me feel so welcome and supported, as well as the entire parish, school staff, teachers and most of all the youth of the parish.

My dear parishioners you are in my prayers that the Lord may reward you for your goodness and bless you and your loved ones with peace, love and security. Please pray for me in my new assignment, and pray for people in Tiverton. Here I come!!!

Dziekuje i Bog Zaplac!!!

Fr. Shemek

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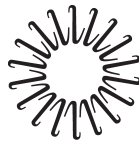


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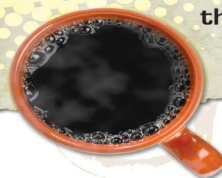
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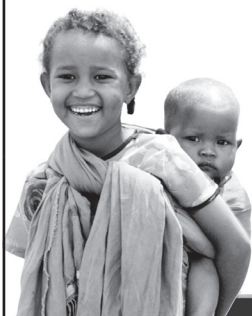
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