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Third Sunday of Lent ✕ March 23, 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

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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

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

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SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Mass of Anticipation for the Third Sunday of Lent
 4:00 PM Deceased Members of the Del Tufo Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

The Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish
 9:00 AM Ida Dellena—4th Anniversary
 10:30AM Bethany Briggs—Memorial
 5:00PM Raymond Levesque—Memorial

MONDAY, MARCH 24

Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Special Intention
 12:05PM Thomas Cavanagh—Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 AM Special Intention
 12:05PM John J. McNamara, Jr.—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial
 12:05PM Harold Maddalena—Memorial

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Henry, Rose & Bill Berek—Memorial
 12:05PM Earl & Nina Mooney—Memorial

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Queenie Colgan—16th Anniversary
 12:05PM Carmine R. Santaniello—Memorial

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Lenten Weekday

8:30 AM Mary O'Brien—1st Anniversary

Mass of Anticipation of the Fourth Sunday of Lent
 4:00 PM Jeannine Hoffer—Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Eva Montaquila—Memorial
 10:30AM Lillian E. Healey—27th Anniversary
 5:00PM John & Katherine Dwyer—Memorial



Dear Parishioners:

We had two great celebrations this week on St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day. I am grateful to Fr. Nick Smith and Fr. Joe Upton who served as the homilists for the Masses. The music at the Masses were truly terrific and the great food following each Mass added to the festivities. May St. Patrick and St. Joseph guide and protect each of us and our parish!

We also had a great start to the Catholic Charity Appeal last weekend. I am grateful to Kevin McDevitt who spoke at all the Masses for his able leadership of the Appeal at OLM. Nearly two hundred families supported the Appeal last weekend and over \$55,000 was pledged. In the name of the poor and needy who benefit from the Catholic Charity Appeal, I thank you for your tremendous support.

We are asking every parish family to prayerfully consider a pledge of \$250 to the Catholic Charity Appeal. If you have not yet pledged, envelopes are still available in Church and can be returned in the collection basket at Mass. Any gift you can give in support of this very worthwhile charity is greatly appreciated. I know \$250 might be a lot for some parishioners, but there are others who might be able to afford to pledge much more.

In fact we have over 50 parishioners at OLM who are members of the Bishop's Partners in Charity and are able to pledge support of \$1,000 or more. I am grateful to Steve and Antonia

Zubiago who Chair the BPC here at OLM. If you are able to pledge at this level please know that it is appreciated.

After a Mass last week one parishioner asked me if I pledged to the Catholic Charity Appeal. In fact I do, and so do all the priests and bishops of the Diocese. Last year the Priests of Providence personally donated over \$270,000 to the Catholic Charity Appeal. When this parishioner asked me what amount I gave, I told him if he matched or doubled my gift to the Charity Appeal I would give him the answer. He declined! You can ask me too, but the same rule applies to get the answer!

Please know that the Catholic Charity Appeal is a vital support of the many ministries offered by the Diocese across the state. Without your support, our Church wouldn't be able to preach the Good News to the poor and needy as effectively as we do. So please consider pledging your support today!

In your name, I welcome Father Mark Spalding to Our Lady of Mercy this week. Father is here to preach our Annual Parish Lenten Mission. He is a native Kentuckian and presently serves both as the Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Louisville and Pastor of Holy Trinity Church. Father Spalding and I studied together for the priesthood at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium. He is a great preacher and I am grateful he was able to take time out of his busy schedule of running the Archdiocese, and a very large parish, to be with us.

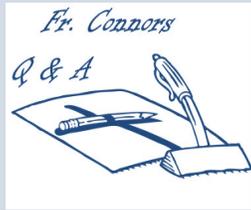
I hope you can attend all or part of the Mission this week. It begins this weekend at all Masses with a Mission Talk each night at 7:00PM on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Father Spalding is also preaching at the 12:05PM Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Each night there will be four priests available for Confession beginning at 6:00PM. The Mission concludes on Wednesday night at 7:00PM with Eucharistic Adoration, a Mission Talk, and Benediction.

The Mission is a great way of renewing our faith and refocusing our lives upon Christ. During this Lenten Season, we are called to reject sin and believe in the Gospel. It is a great way to refresh our devotion to the Gospel. So I urge you to take part in the Mission this week and pray for its success. May it renew our faith, deepen our commitment to Christ and strengthen our resolve to lead lives of holiness.

Our own Fr. Connors is leading a Lenten Mission this week at St. Joseph's Church in Woonsocket, so please pray for him and the people of that parish. How is your Lent going? Have you kept your fast? Have you prayed more? Have you gone to Confession? Have been more generous to the poor? Keep Lent going, don't give up! Remember Fridays are for fish and Stations of the Cross. See you at the Mission!

Father Healey

Dear Fr. Connors: Why doesn't Our Lady of Mercy offer the Precious Blood at Communion?



This is a very good question because it allows us to consider a very important doctrine about the Eucharist. The short answer is because when you receive the Eucharist you receive the whole Christ, not just part of Him. In receiving the host—just like receiving the Precious Blood—one receives the real presence of Christ, body, blood, soul and divinity.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains: "Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts." This is made possible by what is known as the doctrine of concomitance. At the consecration the bread truly becomes the body of Christ and concomitantly the blood, soul and divinity of Christ also become present. Likewise, with the consecration of the wine into the Precious Blood of our Lord the body, soul and divinity of Christ also becomes present under the appearance of wine.

Some parishes do in fact offer the Precious Blood to the faithful. This effectively shows the sign of the Eucharistic banquet and is a valid option where appropriate. The concern of ever spilling the Precious Blood is a very serious one however, especially in so large a parish as ours. Also, the Church's recent exhortations to avoid unnecessarily multiplying Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, for fear of undermining the priest's special connection to the Eucharist, are also factors in considering whether the Precious Blood is to be more widely distributed.

The basic principle however remains intact. One receives the whole Christ under the species of the host or the precious blood.

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

Weekly Collection

March 16, 2014

Weekly.....	\$11,224.50
EFT.....	\$2,707.00
Outreach.....	\$496.00

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.

Catholic Charity Appeal

2014 CCA Parish Goal for OLM: \$193,684

2014 OLM Donor Goal: 600



CCA 2013 OLM Goal: \$195,000
2013 Total Raised at OLM: \$227,860
2013 OLM Donor Goal: 550
Total 2013 Donors: 632

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin McDevitt
OLM Catholic Charity Appeal Chairs

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Zubiago
OLM Bishops Partners in Charity Chairs



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner, **Arlene Brosco** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May she rest in peace.

OLM Monthly Breakfast Club



Join us for our Monthly OLM Breakfast Club at Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Coventry. We will gather there immediately following the 7:30AM Mass. All are welcome and invited to attend.

Day of Recollection

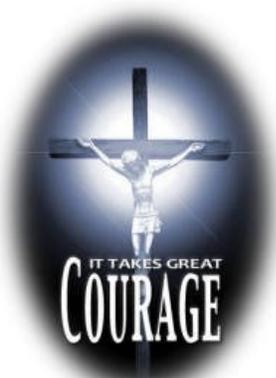


The Elmhurst Alumnae Association invites you to a Day of Recollection on Saturday, March 29, 2014 with Fr. Joseph Creedon. Join us at St. Sebastian Church, 67 Cole Avenue, Providence, RI . The day begins at 9:30AM with registration & coffee and concludes at 1:30PM. Bring a brown bag lunch. A free will offering is to be taken up.

For more information contact Mary L. Gardiner at 884-6222 or via email at marygardiner@aol.com or elemhurst.aa@gmail.com

Lecture at Providence College

Father Paul Check, executive director of Courage International, along with a member of Courage, will make a presentation entitled, "The Catholic Church and Homosexuality: Charity and Clarity," on Tuesday, April 8 at 4:30 p.m. The event will take place in the Slavin Center at Providence College, One Cunningham Square. For more information contact Dr. Matthew Cuddeback at 865-2278 or at mcuddeba@providence.edu.



Congratulations to all of our OLM CAL Basketball Teams on a great season!

OLM Basketball Award Recipients

8th Grade OLM School Boys Team

MVP—Ethan Martin

Catholic Values —Sam Hines

7th Grade OLM School Boys Team

MVP—Patrick Shea

Catholic Values —Andrew McLaughlin

OLM Parish Boys Midget D2 Team 1

MVP—Michael Couture

Catholic Values—Matthew Simonnetti

OLM Parish Boys Midget D1 Team

MVP —Bradley Lombardi

Catholic Values —Colin Caldwell

OLM Parish Midget B Team

MVP —Nicholas Komari

Catholic Values —Paul Thompson

OLM Parish Girls Midget B Team

MVP —Meghan Pagliaro

Catholic Values —Lauren Manton

OLM School 5th Grade Girls Team

MVP —Giabella Childs

Catholic Values —Helen Mahoney

OLM 6th Grade Girls School Team

MVP— Grace Pelletier

Catholic Values —Elliana Spagnolo

OLM 7th/8th Grade School Girls Team

MVP —Britney Caskey

Catholic Values— Abby Basler & Carolyn Caldwell

OLM Parish Boys Midget D2 Team 2

MVP— David Lynch, Jr.

Catholic Values —Malcolm Verdi



OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-14

RE Grades 1—5

Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM

RE Grades 6—8

Sundays 6:00PM—7:00PM

Upcoming RE Events:

**OLM School First Reconciliation Service
Saturday, March 22 at 1PM**



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. If you would like to volunteer to assist with our Food Pantry, please contact Doug Green at 884-4410.

Thank you for your generosity.



Reserve your spot!

Registration is now open to all high school teens (grades 8-12) for the Steubenville East Youth Conference on July 18-20, 2014 at University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI. For more information contact: Fr. Connors 884-4968 or associatepastor@olmparish.org

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• **Used Laptops:** Have you upgraded your laptop to the newest version and still have the old useable one hanging around? We are looking for Windows XP or later laptops that we can use for Robotics and other programs at Our Lady of Mercy School. If you have one to donate, please leave it at the school (884-1618) with your name and address and phone number. We will send you a letter of appreciation that you can use as a deduction on your taxes for next year.

• **SAVE THE DATE:** Please join us on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 for a Celebration for Sister Jeanne Barry, RSM OLM School Principal. The Dinner will be held at Quidnessett Country Club. The Planning Committee will publish details in the coming weeks. ***So please plan on attending and mark your calendar now!***



Lenten Schedule at Our Lady of Mercy

Daily Masses During Lent

7:30AM & 12:05PM

Confessions During Lent

Mondays at 6:00PM & Saturdays at 3:00PM

The Stations of the Cross

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