

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass......4:00 PM Sunday Masses......7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM September—May.....5:00 PM

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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Third Sunday of Lent March 8, 2015

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

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The Third Sunday of Lent March 8, 2015

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

The Mass of Anticipation for the Third Sunday of Lent
4:00PM Albert Catanio—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

The Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Joyce M. Richard—Memorial

10:30AM Deceased Members of Mellon & Kane Families-Mem.

5:00PM Frank Reddington—Memorial

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday/St. Frances of Rome, Religious

7:30 AM Deborah Anderson—Memorial

12:05PM Special Intention

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Susan Dumont Miner—7th Anniversary

12:05PM Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

12:05PM Raymond N. Nadeau—Memorial

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

12:05PM Joseph Basler—4th Anniversary

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Edward & William Sullivan—Memorial

12:05PM Richard J. Mastrachhio—Memorial

SATURDAY. MARCH 14

Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Phyllis Armstrong—Month's Mind

The Mass of Anticipation for the Fourth Sunday of Lent 4:00PM Mary Gianardi—2nd Anniversary

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM Timothy Lyons—20th Anniversary 10:30AM Michael Vitucci—2nd Anniversary 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy







PRAYER

FASTING

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Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Yes, another Sunday and another snowstorm! It seems to be a constant refrain in this column. Yet another snowstorm arrived last weekend! Let's hope and pray that spring weather comes soon! I don't know about you but I am more than ready for warm sunny weather!

I am grateful to Kevin McDevitt for his fine job last weekend helping us with the Catholic Charity Appeal In-Pew Solicitation. This method has proven to be successful across the Diocese of Providence. There is only one parish left that still collects for the CCA by going door to door. A few others only do mailings to collect donations.

Since we have begun the in-pew solicitation our total raised for the CCA has increased by nearly \$50,000! But more importantly the number of donors has increased and includes nearly 150 new donors.

If you have made your pledge or given your donation to the CCA, I thank you for your generous support. Last weekend we were able to raise \$32,000 toward our parish goal of \$193,000. As has been said these funds are the major source of funding for the many chartable works of our Church. Everyday thousands are served and helped by our many Diocesan agencies and your donations make it possible.

We invite every parish family to consider pledging a gift of \$250 over 10 months. Your gift of \$25 per month (that's just \$5 a

week!) goes a long way in ensuring that our many brothers and sisters who are in need, who are suffering in sickness, and who live in poverty, are served.

We are blessed at Our Lady of Mercy that many of our parishioners are so generous in supporting the CCA. Some are very generous in supporting the CCA by becoming Bishop's Partners in Charity. There are about 70 parishioners who are members of the **BPC** and generously donate \$1,000, and many who donate much, much more. If you have been greatly blessed in life, we ask you to consider sharing your blessings by becoming a Bishop's Partner in Charity and donating \$1,000 or more.

Whatever amount you are willing to donate, please know of my gratitude for your generosity. But also know of the gratitude and thanks of the many people whose lives' you impact with your donation. The homeless, the refugees, prisoners, the dying, the sick, the addicted, and the poor are indeed grateful for your generous support of the CCA.

If you have not yet made your pledge or given your donation, please take envelope provided, in the pews, home and return it next weekend. You can simply place it in the regular collection baskets in the coming weeks, put it in the mail or drop it off at the Parish Office. We are steadily making our way toward our parish goal but need all 2,500 families at Our Lady of Mercy to support the CCA in order to reach it.

I thank Mrs. Grace Murphy who organized this weekend's new blanket collection for the homeless. Your generous donation of a blanket, or two, helps a homeless person stay warm during these cold and snowy days. Any blankets can be dropped off in the collection box in the vestibule. Thank you for your support.

Lent is coasting along as March has arrived and we enter our third week of this holy season. We continue to pray, fast and give alms as we attempt to deepen our conversion to Christ. This conversion to Christ can only lead to a life of more fulfillment, deeper meaning and greater happiness.

At his weekly Angelus message last Sunday, Pope Francis reminded us: "The way of Jesus always leads us happiness—do not forget it. The way of Jesus always leads us to happiness. There will always be a cross, and there will be trials along the way, but it will always lead us to happiness. Jesus does not deceive us. He has promised us happiness and he will give it to us, if we follow his ways."

Lent marches on and so must we as we continue the solemn fast of forty days toward Easter. We continue to carry the cross of Lent in order to truly enjoy the glory of the resurrection at Easter. Don't forget Fridays are for fish and Stations of the Cross. God Bless.

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: What is an indulgence?

This is great question that many people ask. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains: "An indulgence is a remission before

God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."

The *Catechism* continues: "An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead."

Grave sins are forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance. Still, even after Confession, the results or effects of sin remain. And while the possibility of eternal punishment is removed when a mortal sin is forgiven in Confession, some punishment for that sin still remains. An indulgence removes or remits that punishment.

Certain practices, such as praying the Stations of the Cross or visiting a church, are indulgenced practices of the Church. Because Christ has given the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven to the Church, She has the power to apply indulgences to pious practices. An indulgence can be applied to oneself or to someone who has died.

In order to acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary that one perform the indulgenced act, i.e. Stations of the Cross, as well as receive the Sacrament of Penance and the Holy Eucharist and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. As well it is necessary that the person have no attachment to even venial sin.

The logic of indulgences makes sense when one realizes the gravity of sin. In Confession we are forgiven, but the effects of sin remain. Our sufferings in this life, or in purgatory, remits that punishment for sin. The Church's generosity—through the power of the keys—permits one to receive relief from those punishments through pious actions devotedly practiced.

If you have a question for Fr. Connors about the Catholic Faith or a matter of Church Teaching, please email him at associatepastor@olmparish.org



March 1, 2015

Weekly	\$14,547.00
EFT	<u>\$1,813.50</u>
	Total=\$16,360.50
Building & Grounds	\$3,719.50
Outreach	\$1.465.50

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.

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

Thank you for your generosity!



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Charity Appeal

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin McDevitt
Parish Chairs of CCA

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Zubiago
Parish Chairs of Bishop Partnership in Charity

2015 Parish Goal=\$193,864.00

CCA 2015 Total to date:\$32,875.00

2014 CCA Results at OLM

2014 Goal=\$193,864.00 2014 Total Raised=\$248,342.50 2014 Number of Donors=615 2014 Average Gift=\$404.00

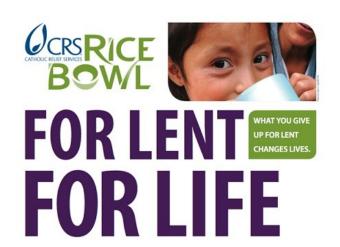


RE Classes resume this weekend.

- •Confirmation: All Grade 8 Confirmation Candidates, Public, Parochial and Home Study are reminded that there is a mandatory lecture on Sunday, March 8th from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Our guest will lecture on the topic of Vocations.
- First Penance for the OLM School students is at 1:00pm in the church on Saturday, March 14th.



This weekend we will be having a BLANKET DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS to benefit Emmanuel House. Due to the harsh winter all of the shelters have been strained. We are collecting donations of new blankets for donation to the Emmanuel House shelter. Mrs. Grace Murphy is the coordinator of this event. Please drop off your donations at any mass the weekend of March 7 and 8. Thank you for your generosity! For questions call the Outreach Office at 884-4410.





- •OLM Students will be attending 12:05PM Mass during Lent.
- •No school this Friday, March 13th due to the Catholic Education Professional Day at Crown Plaza.

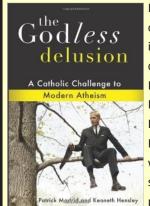
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"Evangelical Pastor Becomes Catholic"

Ken Hensley, former Baptist minister and classmate of Scott Hahn, will be at St. Pius V (Providence) to give his Catholic conversion story. His talk is called, "Evangelical Pastor



Becomes Catholic." Ken Hensley is one of the best Catholic apologists in the country and has recently co-authored a book with Patrick Madrid titled, "The Godless Delusion," a response to Richard Dawkins' book, "The God Delusion." Ken attended Protestant seminary with Scott Hahn and his conversion story started when one of his parishioners asked him to listen to a

tape by a Catholic apologist named...Scott Hahn. Please welcome Ken to our Diocese on Thursday, March 19 at 7pm at St. Pius V in Providence. This is a free event and ALL are welcome. Please consider inviting family and friends who may be outside the Church. Contact: Tyler Rowley, at t3rowley@gmail.com, or by phone at 290-7201.

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Please contact Father David Ricard at 737-7000 x 3-1454 or application dricard@kentri.org for further information. Thank you.

A Prayer for Persecuted Christians Around the World

During this Season of Lent, please offer the following prayer for our fellow Christians, our brothers and sisters in faith, who are suffering persecution, violence and martyrdom every day solely because of their religious



faith and their commitment to Christ, the Suffering Servant:

God, who in your inscrutable providence will that the Church be united to the sufferings of your Son, grant, we pray, to CHRISTIANS your faithful who suffer for your name's sake, a spirit of patience and charity,

that they may be found true and faithful witnesses to the promises you have made. Through Christ our Lord. Amen." (Roman Missal)



Confessions at Our Lady of Mercy During Lent

Monday thru Friday from 11:45AM until 12Noon

Mondays from 6:00PM until 6:45PM with two priests (one guest priest)

Saturdays from 3:00PM until 3:45PM

Confessions During Parish Mission

Monday, March 23 from 6:00PM until 6:45PM with four priests (two guest priests)

Tuesday, March 24 from 6:00PM until 6:45PM with four priests (two guest priests)

Wednesday, March 25 from 6:00PM until 6:45PM with four priests (two guest priests)

"Don't be afraid of confession. When someone is in line for confession he feels all these things – even shame – but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves (feeling) free, great, beautiful, forgiven, clean, happy. The sacrament of reconciliation is a sacrament of healing." —Pope Francis

The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00PM



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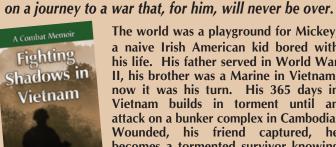
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