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Christ the King ✕ November 22, 2015

† MASS SCHEDULE †

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

Holiday Masses..... 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Mercy School

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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

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

The Vigil Mass of Christ the King
 4:00PM John & Michael McNulty—Memorial

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00AM Joan Montaquila—15th Anniversary
 10:30AM Edward P. Magner—1st Anniversary
 5:00PM Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

*Weekday/St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbott:
 Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro, Priest & Martyr*
 7:30 AM Edward V. Healey, Jr. —Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs
 7:30 AM John Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Weekday/St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26—THANKSGIVING DAY

Weekday
 9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Weekday
 7:30AM Francis (3rd Ann.) & Theresa (25th Ann.) Heran

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Weekday/BVM
 8:30AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—16th Anniversary

The Mass of Anticipation for the 1st Sunday of Advent
 4:00PM James Sheridan—3rd Anniversary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

The First Sunday of Advent
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Alice M. Loftus—Memorial
 10:30AM Tom & Betty Kelly—Memorial
 5:00PM Joseph A. Caffey, Sr.—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

The horror and tragedy of last week's attacks in Paris still continue to shock the world. The innocent victims of the demented and depraved Islamist terrorists were killed indiscriminately and mercilessly by these fanatics.

At his weekly Angelus Address Pope Francis expressed his sorrow and support for Paris, stating: *"To the president of the Republic of France and all of its citizens, I express my deepest sorrow. Such barbarity leaves us stunned and makes us question how the heart of man could come up with and carry out such horrific acts, which have shattered not only France, but the whole world. I want to vigorously reaffirm that the path of violence and hate does not resolve the problems of humanity and that to use the name of God to justify this path is blasphemy. We ask Our Lady to protect us and to watch over the beloved French nation, the eldest daughter of the Church, all of Europe and the whole world."*

On Thursday we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Families and friends gather together to share a meal of turkey and the trimmings as they give thanks to God for the bounty of the earth and their own blessings. I invite you to join us on Thanksgiving for Mass. Bishop Evans is to celebrate the Mass and Fr. Eric Bennett, who grew up here at OLM, and whose family are still parishioners, is to serve as our guest homilist. Start your Thanksgiving Day off the best way with Mass!

I thank our twelve new

OLM Altar Servers who recently completed their training and have been serving for the first time over the last few weeks. They now join the sixty-four other Altar Servers currently serving God and OLM. We commend them all for their service to our parish.

Next weekend we are holding a Winter Coat Drive. We are collecting new and gently used winter coats for the homeless and needy. As the winter weather begins to get colder, and wetter, we are asking for your help in providing warm coats for the neediest among us. I thank our OLM Youth Group and the Junior Legion of Mary for coordinating this work of mercy for our parish. Thank you for your support of this OLM work of mercy.

I congratulate our OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green, who is to be inducted into the East Greenwich Wall of Honor for his many good works and his outreach to the poor and needy. The induction ceremony is to take place this spring. We are honored by this recognition for Doug and our parish.

In the meantime, Doug's good work continues this week with the preparation of Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. Your generous donations of non-perishable foods, gift cards and to the Outreach Collection make this possible. In the name of the poor and needy who benefit from your support and generosity of OLM Outreach I thank you.

We celebrate the end of

the Church Year this weekend with Christ the King. Next Sunday we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent which begins the New Church Year and the season of prayerful preparation for Christ's coming.

This week's bulletin contains a copy of the Annual Financial Report for OLM for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015. Our weekly budget revenue has increased by \$70,000. In fact, we had a total increase of \$127,000 in our income. We were able to reduce last year's loss of \$101,000 to \$18,000 this year.

We made many capital improvements in the Church, School and Cemetery. This includes a new truck and snow plow, renovating and upgrading classrooms in the school, general improvements to the physical plant as well as the purchase, and installation, of a new natural gas burner for the Church. I encourage you to read the report.

Of course this is not possible without your generous financial support in the Weekly Collection, the monthly Outreach Collection and the Annual Parish Collection. I thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministry of Our Lady of Mercy Church and School.

A Happy Thanksgiving Day to you and your families. Let us all give thanks to God for our blessings! Pray for Paris! Be well. Do good. God Bless.

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?

The so-called “problem of evil” remains the great objection to Christianity. Christian teaching that God is all-powerful and all-good seems to conflict with the reality of evil in the world. This has become all the more apparent in recent days.

Evil is the result of sin. Sometimes that is a direct result—one sins and another suffers. God made us free in order to freely love Him. As a consequence of that freedom we can reject God, as choosing sin remains possible. Suffering can thus be the direct and somewhat obvious result of sin.

Sometimes, however, this connection between suffering and sin is less immediately discernible. Evil results from the fact that we live in a fallen world. Original sin—the fall of our first parents—brought evil and suffering into the world. Even natural evil, the suffering caused from natural disasters, etc., results from the sin that brings about our fallen world. As the great English satirist G.K. Chesterton said, “Original sin is the one Christian doctrine that can be proved simply from reading the newspapers.”

Sometimes God prevents suffering or takes it away unexpectedly. That’s called a miracle. God does that from time to time to demonstrate His power, to help us believe in Him, and to bring about some greater good. Most often, however, God allows the consequences of sin to take their course.

God’s ultimate answer to evil is the Cross of Christ. God doesn’t so much take suffering away as He enters into it. In Jesus, God answers our suffering with Himself. The ultimate answer to suffering is the mercy of God poured out on the Cross.

If you have a question about the Catholic Church or Catholic Teaching, please email questions to associatepastor@olmparish.org



Weekly Collection

November 15, 2015

Weekly.....	\$13,893.50
EFT.....	\$3,481.50
Total=\$17,375.00	
Annual (to date).....	\$93,300.00
Outreach.....	\$557.50

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.

Thank you for your generosity!

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



SECOND COLLECTIONS
This Week: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners **Virginia Malveto and James E. Riley** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.

Happy Thanksgiving 

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday the OLM Parish Office will close at 2pm on Wednesday, November 25 and re-open on Monday, November 30 at 8am. Please plan accordingly. ***A Happy Thanksgiving to all OLM Staff and Parishioners.***

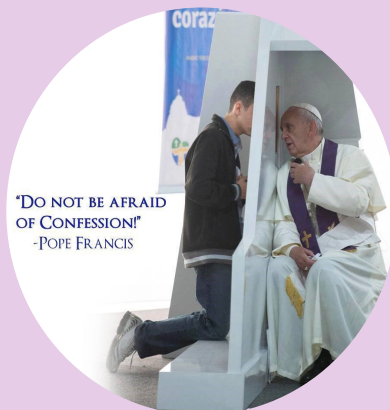


Volunteers Needed! Sign-up today!!!!

OLM Middle School Science Teacher Mrs. Lewandowski is looking for coaches for the upcoming 2016 Science Olympiad competition on April 9, 2016 at RI College. **Engineers, chemists and biologists are needed!! No science background? That's OK; you can still help!** There are plenty of events that simply require guiding the team members to make sure that they collect and organize the required material for their event. Meetings are generally Monday's from 2:30-4pm and some Saturday mornings from 9-11am. However, many coaches schedule their own meetings with their team members to fit their schedule. If you would like to coach or need more information, contact Mrs. Michelle Lewandowski at 884-1618 or email her directly at mlewandowski@olmschool.org



Confession Times at Our Lady of Mercy



Mondays:
6:00PM—6:45PM
Saturdays:
3:00PM—3:45PM



Thursday, November 26, 2015 at 9:00AM

**Auxiliary Bishop Robert C. Evans
Celebrant**

**Father Eric M. Bennett
Associate Pastor of Gate Of Heaven & St Brigid
Parishes, Boston & Native Son of OLM Parish
Homilist**

***Join us giving thanks to God at Holy Mass!
Blessing of Thanksgiving Bread by the Bishop.***



**●ALL RE Classes meet this weekend
RE Class Schedule:**

**RE Grades 1—5: Sundays 10:00-11:00am
RE Grades 6—8: Sundays 5:45-6:45pm**

The Religious Education calendar can be found on the Parish website: www.olmparish.org. Go to Faith Formation and then Religious Education for Children.

●Any child who would like to serve as a Pilgrim or Indian for the Thanksgiving Procession at Thanksgiving Day Mass, please contact Mickey St. Jean at the RE Office 401-884-1061 or via email at reled@olmparish.org

●There will be no RE Classes next weekend, **November 28/29**, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Outreach Update



Works of Mercy for the Year of MERCY

"Cloth the Naked" this Winter Season.

The OLM Youth Group and Junior Legion of Mary have teamed up to Support the OLM Outreach Coat Drive. **Coats will be collected at all Masses November 28 & 29.** There will be a collection bin at the main entrance to the Church for **new or gently used coats. Men's, Women's and Children's coats needed.** These coat will go to Emmanuel House, McAuley House, and Midnight Moment Outreach to the Homeless.

●**The OLM Food Pantry** is in need of **Holiday food items:** stuffing, cranberry, canned vegetables, instant potatoes etc. Please place all non-perishable food in the Food Box located in the vestibule of the Church. ***Thanks for your support!***

●All donations to the Outreach during the Month of December will be used to ensure Christmas food and gifts for those in need. Gift cards from Stop & Shop and Walmart are always welcome.

●**For more information** please contact Doug Green at 884-4410 or via an email at: outreach@olmparish.org



When a loved dies, you can keep their memory alive.

Make arrangements now to direct future memorial gifts to Our Lady of Mercy Church and School. Return your blessings by including your parish in your funeral planning. For more information contact Andrea Krupp, Director of the Catholic Foundation of RI, 401-277-2121 or call the Parish Office for more information.



Catholic Christmas Cards On Sale at OLM



Beginning this weekend November 21 and 22, the Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas cards after all Weekend Masses. All proceeds support the good works of the OLM Outreach program.



The Knights of Columbus, Council 58, is a fraternal order of men, who perform charitable missionary work in support of Our Lady of Mercy church. If you are interested in the Knights of Columbus, please contact Tom

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