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SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord
4:00PM Ellen Simms—Memorial Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

The Baptism of the Lord
7:30AM Pat Franzone—10th Anniversary
9:00AM John, Louise & David Kiernan—Memorial
10:30AM Thomas Asprinio—18th Anniversary

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

Weekday
7:30 AM Sperantino Almonte—Memorial

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

Weekday
7:30 AM Fred Buoro—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

Weekday
7:30 AM The Intentions of the OLM Cenacle

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

St. Anthony, Abbot
7:30 AM Norman Murtha—33rd Anniversary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

Weekday
7:30 AM Joseph Basler —Birthday Remembrance
& Beatrice Basler—Memorial

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

Christmas Weekday
8:30 AM Intentions of Jonathan Casey & Family
Vigil of the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00 PM Frederick Gretchner—3rd Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:30 AM The Intentions of the Fandetti Family
9:00 AM For All Parishioners
10:30 AM Monsignor Michael Dziob—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

Many parishioners have commented to me about the new budget envelopes. We changed budget envelope companies beginning this January and you will notice a new style envelope in your package. This new envelope is little more attractive and much easier for the counters to read.

Also you will now find an Outreach envelope in your budget packets each month. This envelope has no specific date and can be put in the basket at anytime. The purpose of this envelope is to provide a regular funding source for all of our OLM Outreach efforts for the poor and needy.

Your financial support of the OLM Outreach through this envelope isn't meant to replace the food items that are regularly collected but rather to further enhance our efforts in helping and supporting the good works for the poor and homeless.

Using the Outreach envelope eliminates the need to place cans in the back of Church or have extra collections after Masses as people leave Church. It is my hope that your regular financial support of OLM Outreach will provide the necessary support to fund such charities.

The generous support of the poor and needy like McAuley House, Emmanuel House and House of Hope has always been a hallmark of Our Lady of Mercy Parish. This also provides us a steady source of funds to help local people who find themselves

in need of assistance with food, heat, prescriptions or utilities.

Unfortunately in these tough economic times, their number continues to grow. The Outreach funds collected through the monthly envelope will only be used to support outreach efforts and not for the operational needs of the parish.

It really is the modern version of the Poor Box that so many Churches have traditionally used to help the needy. I am hopeful that your generous assistance to the poor and needy will continue with this new avenue of support. In the name their name, I offer my thanks and gratitude.

Also this month we have launched a new way to financially support the parish through online giving. The Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) enables you to have your contribution automatically debited from your checking account or credit card through secure transactions over the Internet.

Parish Giving provides the online support for this safe and secure way to regularly contribute to the support of the parish. There is no fee for using EFT and it is a more convenient way for many parishioners to regularly contribute to OLM. There is a link on the parish website where you can directly sign-up or you can go directly to the Parish Giving webpage (www.paritygiving.org) and sign up under Our Lady of Mercy Parish.

Many other parishes in

Rhode Islander and across the country use EFT and it has proved to be helpful for those who regularly pay their bills and conduct their financial affairs online.

This is not meant to replace the budget envelopes but serves only as another option for those who would like to use online giving. You can designate the amount of your support, the regularity of it and can also designate which second collections you would like to support. There will be more information coming in the weeks ahead. But I assure this is a great way to financially support the parish, I know because I was the first to sign-up for EFT at Our Lady of Mercy!

I also wish to announce that our longtime Parish Accountant, David Cote, will now serve as the part-time Business Manager of Our Lady of Mercy Parish and School. David has a vast amount of experience in parish administration and great professional background in both parish accounting and finance. In his new role he will help us in the financial administration of our parish and school operations.

Again let me thank you for your generous financial support of OLM. Your ongoing support is truly appreciated and I am grateful for your generosity. Have a great week! God Bless. Go Pats!! Let's hope they have more luck than the Irish did on Monday!!!

Father Healey

The Catechism Corner

The mystery of Christ's baptism in the Jordan by St John, the Precursor, proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. This mystery is infinitely linked to the Solemnities of the Lord's birth and the Epiphany that we have just celebrated, as in some ways it takes up and represents their significance to us. At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the 4th century, the Fathers of the Church spoke of the Incarnation of the Word already working like the 'Christification' of that humanity that he had assumed from His mother. Or put in simpler terms: Jesus is the Christ from the first instant of conception in Mary's spotless womb because He Himself, with His Divine Power, consecrated, anointed and 'Christified' that human nature with which He became incarnate. Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. . The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him. The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of 'Christification', Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One per excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the 'Christification' of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. *'And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with men'* (Lk2:52). Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ. The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation. (Gen 1:2) Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. Learn more by **checking it out** in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* # 522-537.



Weekly Collection

DECEMBER 30, 2012

Weekly.....\$9,264.69
Outreach.....\$1,132.00

JANUARY 1, 2013

Holy Day Collection.....\$4,147.75

JANUARY 6, 2013

Weekly.....\$14,158.63
Grounds & Maintenance.....\$3,437.00
Outreach.....\$1,725.00
Annual (to date).....\$75,972.00

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!

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Week: The Catholic University of America

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday—11:30 AM—Mass at Greenwich Bay Manor
Wednesday—6:30 PM—OLM School PTG Meeting
Thursday—4:00 PM—Bereavement Group at Mercy House



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners: **Yolanda Brusci, Edward Fern, George Oakes, Ruth McCaffrey** and **Vivian Ericson** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here the last two weeks.

May they rest in peace.

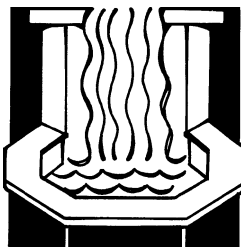
Baptism of the Lord



The feast of the Baptism of the Lord, our commemoration of the institution of the sacrament of baptism, is the last feast of the Christmas season and is usually observed on the Sunday following January 6.

The calendar sometimes causes it to fall on a Monday, but in its usual Sunday slot, it offers an excellent opportunity for parishes to focus on baptism by using the rite of blessing and sprinkling holy water or to celebrate the sacrament during Mass, especially if this not the usual custom.

The Baptism of the Lord launches us right into winter Ordinary Time with its concentration on the earlier public life and preaching of Jesus.



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JANUARY DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE EVENTS

“An Invitation to Pray for All Human Life”: The Office of Life and Family Ministry will sponsor the “Annual Respect Life Mass” on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at St. Paul Church in Cranston. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Prior to the Mass, there will be a procession with the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the Broad Street Women’s Clinic for a peaceful and prayerful vigil at 8:00 a.m. The Image will remain on the altar during Mass and will be available for veneration at the reception that will immediately follow the Mass. For more information, directions and to R.S.V.P. contact: Carol Owens, Office of Life Family Ministry at 421-7833 x 218.

“MARCH FOR LIFE”: The Office of Life and Family Ministry will be sponsoring a bus trip to Washington DC for the Annual March for Life on the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade on January 25, 2013. The cost for the overnight ride is \$75.00 per person and will leave R.I. on Thursday, January 24. This year’s trip will take us to the Verizon Center for the Youth Rally and Mass. There will be confession, Rosary, popular Catholic recording artists, presentations and a Mass for Life. For more information and to register, call Carol Owens at 421-7833 x 218.

“RALLY FOR LIFE” AT RI STATEHOUSE: *40 Years of Legalized Abortion Remembering Roe & Doe.* Join with RI Right to Life in Rallying for Life in the Rotunda of the Rhode Island State House on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 from 3 to 4 pm. Join with thousands of pro-life Rhode Islanders and pro-life elected officials in the heart of RI State Government to rally for life.



“Each of us has a mission, each of us is called to change the world, to work for a culture of life, a culture forged by love and respect for the dignity of each human person.” —Pope Benedict XVI, Address in Hyde Park, London, Sept. 18, 2010



RE Classes Grade 9 on Mondays and Grades 7 & 8 on Tuesdays. RE Classes Grades 1-6, meet Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 4:00PM.

Attention Parents of All 8th Grade Students

All families of current 8th Grade Students, public, private or parochial, who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in October 2013 must attend a **MANDATORY PARENT MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH AT 7:00PM IN THE OLM SCHOOL CAFETERIA.**

One parent representative from each family **MUST** attend. Please note that this is a regular class night for Tuesday RE Classes. Please call or email Mrs. Mickey St. Jean at 884-1061 or olmreled@cox.net with questions.



OLM School

Open House and Registration

Sunday, January 27 from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Come and see what a difference an OLM Catholic Education can make in YOUR child's life! Students, faculty, staff and current families will be on hand to give tours and answer questions about what a difference OLM has made to them. In addition to offering a competitive, challenging curriculum for students in Grades Pre K-8. OLM also offers weekly Spanish, Art, Computer, Library, Health and Music classes, and Physical Education twice a week. We have busing to area towns, before- and- after-school care and multiple extracurricular activities like Mock Trial, Drama, Band, CAL Sports, including our State Champion Cross Country Team (Boys), and Robotics, as well as our five-time State Champion Science Olympiad Team. Please visit www.olmschool.org or call the OLM School office at 884-1618 for further information!



Father Healey & Father Shemek

*Extend a cordial invitation
to all staff and volunteers of
Our Lady of Mercy Church and School*

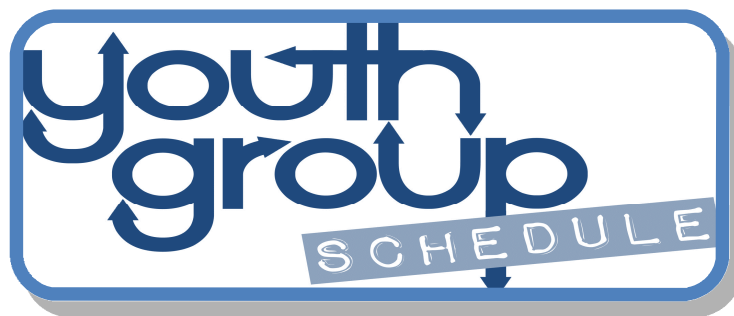
*to an Appreciation Dinner
On Friday, January 25, 2013*

*at Quidnessett Country Club
North Kingstown*

Cocktails 6:00PM Dinner 7:00PM

Entertainment & Dancing

*RSVP by January 18th at 2:00PM
at 884-4968*



Youth Group Save the Date!

Youth Group Skating Trip, Sunday, January 27th, We will leave OLM right after 10:30 Mass for Providence and have lunch at the Providence Place Food Court and walk to the Bank of America Skating Center. RSVP on the Facebook page or email bcroteau@olmschool.org if you plan to attend. **We are in need of parent drivers.** Please bring money for lunch and admission(\$6) and skate rental(\$4). **Save the Date!** Plan on joining us on Saturday, March 2nd as the OLM Youth Group and Altar Servers will be taking a trip to Pat's Peak in NH for skiing and tubing. More information to follow.