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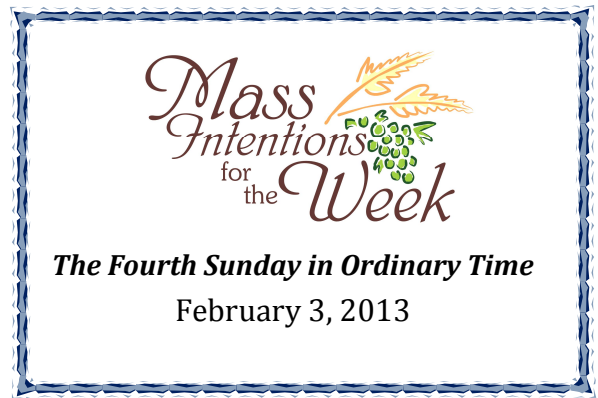
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM Raymond Flynn—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30AM John I. DeClemente—Memorial
9:00AM Eleanor Bianchi & Philomena Rollo—Memorial
10:30AM Rosario & Shirley Patti—Memorial

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Weekday
7:30 AM Lucille & Henry Maynard—Memorial

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
7:30 AM Father Donal R. Kehew—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
7:30 AM Mary C. Leddy—12th Anniversary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Weekday
7:30 AM Edna Hart—15th Anniversary

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Weekday/St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josphine Bakhita, Virgin
7:30 AM The Deceased Members of the Pundys
& Dikinis Families—Memorial

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Weekday/BVM
8:30 AM Daniel Webster Auld—Memorial
Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00 PM John Fandetti—Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Thomas Brescia—Birthday Remembrance
9:00 AM Anne Marie Panto—Memorial
10:30 AM Katherine, Armando & Gaetano De Angelis—
Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

February is here already! It's hard to believe but Lent begins in just over a week on February 13th! It comes early this year as does Easter Sunday which is on March 31st. In order to prepare for this season of renewal and repentance I have included in the bulletin a schedule of Lenten Activities.

These Lenten activities include an additional Daily Mass at 12:05 PM, Confessions twice a week on Mondays and Saturdays, Stations of the Cross on Fridays and a Lenten Mission in March. Also there will be an Adult Education Series on the Mondays of Lent that will begin on February 18th. More information on the series will be coming soon. But please make room in your calendar now for these important activities as Lent will soon be upon us!

If you have any old blessed palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday Celebration, please bring them to Church next weekend. We will be collecting your old palm branches so we can make new ashes for Ash Wednesday. There will be a box in the vestibule to place your palm branches before and after Masses.

This Sunday the Church marks the Feast of St. Blaise with the traditional blessing of throats. We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. He was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people.

Persecution of Christians still raged in Armenia and Blaise was forced to flee. He lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer. One day a group of hunters stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. As the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, the legend has it, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

The local pagan Governor tried to persuade Blaise to make sacrifices to pagan idols but the brave bishop refused and was beaten. The next time he was asked and refused, St. Blaise was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs. Finally, he was beheaded and martyred for the faith. He is invoked as the patron of throat ailments and so we will bless throats after all Masses this weekend. May St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, intercede for us and our parish!

Also this weekend we celebrated First Confessions for our RE First Communion Class. It is always a great joy to hear Confessions and reconcile sinners with God especially for the first time! It was a great celebration for the Class and their families as not only the students but also their parents and families were able to come forward for Confession. Please pray for these students and their families as they continue to prepare to receive Christ in First Holy Communion.

Father Shemek is very excited that his sister and her family are coming for a visit from Poland next week. They will be spending sometime here in Rhode Island and at Our Lady of Mercy. He doesn't get to see his family too often, so it will be a great reunion for them. I guess I will have to brush up on my Polish in the coming days so I know what he is telling them about us!

Finally, last week the RI House of Representatives voted 51 to 19 to pass a bill that will legalize same-sex marriage in our state. The bill now moves to the State Senate for consideration and debate. I encourage you to contact your State Senator today and urge them to oppose the bill. You can find out more about the issue and how to contact your elected officials at www.faithfulcitizenri.org

I wish to publically offer my thanks and commend Rhode Island State Representatives Antonio Giarrusso from East Greenwich and Doreen Costa from North Kingstown for voting against the bill to legalize same-sex marriage. Despite strong lobbying by a small, well-financed special interest group and intense political pressure from the leadership of the House to vote for the bill, they stayed true to their convictions that marriage is between a man and a woman. I am grateful for their courage and steadfastness in their beliefs. God Bless.

Father Healey

The Catechism Corner

Many times when tragedies strike us in life we often turn to the Lord and ask Him, "Why me?" When they continue to happen, we begin to wonder when enough will be enough. After all, God is almighty and so He must be able to stop the evil that afflicts us. God loves us so why doesn't He stop the evil?? "To this question, as pressing as it is unavoidable and as painful as it is mysterious, no quick answer will suffice." And so, no one *Catechism Corner* could treat it completely. But at the same time, we do profess by our Catholic Faith that all God desires for us is that we be in union with Him for all eternity. This is why He created us, redeemed us, and continues to sanctify us through His Church. The pain of suffering and the problem evil can only be understood when looking through God's eyes. "We firmly believe that God is the master of the world and of its history. But the ways of his providence are often unknown to us. Only at the end, when our partial knowledge ceases, when we see God "face to face," will we fully know the ways by which--even through the dramas of evil and sin--God has guided his creation to that definitive Sabbath rest for which he created heaven and earth." Just like thinking of the weekend helps us get through a horrible week, thinking of our eternal joy with the Trinity can help us get through the sufferings of this life. For more "providential" answers, **check it out** in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #309-314.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

Deadline for Bulletin Notices



All notices and submissions for the weekly bulletin must be submitted in writing to the Parish Office or sent via email to parish@olmparish.org

by Noon on Monday .

Weekly Collection

JANUARY 27, 2013

Weekly.....\$12,364.49
 Outreach.....\$206.20
 The Church in Latin America.....\$2,574.45
 Annual (to date).....\$81,222.00

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

This Week: Building and Grounds

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

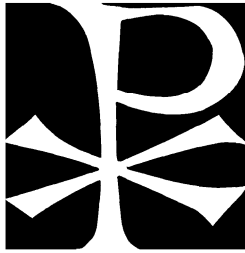
Monday—9:00AM—Mass at Greenwich Manor
 Thursday—4:00PM—Bereavement Group

Parish Giving
Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer®
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**Our Lady of Mercy is proud to introduce
 "Enhanced Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer"
 What is EFT?**

We have partnered with Parish Giving to offer this program to all of our parishioners. **It's simple**, just log on to the Our Lady of Mercy website (<http://www.olmparish.org/>) and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration instructions. **It's secure**: Parish Giving is Payment Card Industry compliant and uses the strongest Secure Sockets Layering encryption technology available. **It's Convenient**: No more searching for the checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM machine. You can pick the day of the month for the recurring contributions to be processed. • **Tax benefits**: You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year. • **Parish benefits**: Stable monthly contributions and significant reduction of parish administrative costs. To get started log on to: <http://www.olmparish.org/> and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps.

Ordinary Time



Sundays in Ordinary Time may be replaced by certain days which bear a higher rank in the liturgical calendar.

These higher ranking days include all feasts of the Lord and those very important feasts called solemnities which celebrate the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints.

Examples of days which may replace Sundays in Ordinary Time would be the Transfiguration of the Lord on August 6, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15, and All Saints Day on November 1.

Unlike Sundays in Ordinary Time, Sundays in Advent, Lent, and the Easter season take precedence over anything else that may fall on the calendar dates of those Sundays.



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OLM Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 13

Masses with distribution of ashes
7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:05PM & 7:00PM

Daily Masses During Lent

Monday – Friday, 7:30am & 12:05PM
Saturday at 8:30am

Confession During Lent

Mondays 5:30-6:30pm
Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent at 7:00PM

Annual Parish Lenten Mission

March 9/10-13, 2013

“The Lord’s Prayer:

What in Heaven’s Name Are We Saying?”

Fr. Timothy Reilly, Chancellor of the Diocese of Providence & Spiritual Director of Our Lady of Providence Seminary will serve as the Mission Preacher.

Collection of Old Palm Branches

If you have old blessed palm branches from Palm Sunday, please bring them to Church next weekend and place in the box in vestibule. These palm branches will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday at OLM. Thank You.

2013 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship



Sunday, February 3, 2013 at Our Lady of Mercy School Gym after the 10:30AM Mass. Entry is Free and the contest is open to girls and boys ages 10 to 14. Proof of age is required (age as of January 1, 2013). Each contestant receives three warm-up tosses followed by 15 consecutive Free Throw

attempts from the appropriate age-designated foul line. The winners progress through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. For additional information contact: Clark Murray at murray551@verizon.net



Religious Education NEWS

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

All Grade 9 Confirmation Candidates, public, parochial and private, are required to attend the guest speaker presentation on Monday, Feb 4th at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. Deacon Greg Albanese will be presenting on the topic of Relationships and Marriage. The discussion will conclude at 8:00pm.

Grade 9 Schedule Changes:

The Penance Night for Grade 9 Confirmation Candidates has been changed from Thursday, May 9th to Tuesday, May 7th. The time is 7:00pm in the church. In addition to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the candidates are also required to attend and sign-in to Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00pm and the Easter Mass of their choosing.

Grade 9 families are reminded the Sponsor certificates are now past due and Patron Saint Names are due the end of February. Grade 8 families are reminded that Sponsor Certificates are due the end of February. BOTH grades are reminded that we need a copy of the students Baptismal record if they were not baptized at OLM.



Rite of Christian Initiation Classes begin this Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass. All those interested in becoming Catholic, all those Catholics in need of the Sacraments of Communion and/or Confirmation, and all those just interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith are invited to join the RCIA Team in the Rectory Meeting Room. For more information contact, Fr. Healey at 884-4968.

Protect Marriage, Contact Your Elected Officials

The RI House of Representatives last week voted to legalize same-sex marriage in Rhode Island. The bill would eliminate one man and one woman marriage in our state and provides no religious liberty protections for churches, church organizations or individuals who oppose same-sex marriage.

Contact our local State Representatives and thank them for voting against same-sex marriage!

Representative Antonio Giarrusso

(401) 415-5390 REP-GIARRUSSO@rilin.state.ri.us

Representative Doreen M. Costa

(401) 206-6891 REP-COSTA@RILIN.STATE.RI.US

Senate Bill No. 38 would also legalize same-sex marriage in Rhode Island and is to be heard before the Senate Judiciary Committee in the coming weeks. **It is critical that you contact your State Senator today and urge them to vote NO on Senate Bill No. 38.**

Senator William A. Walaska - District 30 Warwick

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Senator Dawson Tucker Hodgson

District 35 East Greenwich, North Kingstown,
South Kingstown, Narragansett

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Senator James C. Sheehan

District 36—Narragansett, North Kingstown

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Protect Marriage in Rhode Island, Act Today!

For More Information how you can protect marriage, go to www.faithfulcizenri.org



Youth Group Save the Date!

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.*