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### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

*Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent*  
4:00PM Emilio Petrucci—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

*The First Sunday of Lent*  
7:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy  
9:00AM Gilda & Manuel Machado—Memorial  
10:30AM Milan Novakovic—Memorial

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18 PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY**

*Lenten Weekday*  
8:30 AM Peggy Hall—Memorial  
12:05 PM Harold & Michael Gill—Memorial

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

*Lenten Weekday*  
7:30 AM Sally Carey—Memorial  
12:05PM Thomas Gates—Memorial

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

*Lenten Weekday*  
7:30 AM Eraclio Iacobucci—Memorial  
12:05PM George Oakes—Memorial

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

*Lenten Weekday/St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
7:30 AM Dalia Pundys—1st Anniversary  
12:05PM Mary Hogan—Memorial

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

*The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle*  
7:30 AM Anthony Lolio—Memorial  
12:05PM Antoinette Mulcahy—3rd Anniversary

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

*Lenten Weekday/St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*  
8:30 AM George Ferruccio—Memorial  
*Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent*  
4:00 PM Mellissa Ann Burley—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

*The Second Sunday of Lent*  
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy  
9:00 AM John & Eugenia Chaquette—Memorial  
10:30 AM Carolina Dukcevic—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

I hope by now everyone has their power back! The blizzard hit us hard last weekend here at OLM. We lost power on Friday and it wasn't restored until after Fr. Shemek celebrated the 4:00PM Mass on Saturday in the dark and cold. There was a band of brave souls who made it out for the Mass. Saturday night the power was restored and so Sunday Masses had light and heat but not very many people!

I am grateful to our maintenance crew who worked so hard plowing and shoveling all that snow. Also I wish to thank Sister Jeanne, OLM Principal, who took in Sisters Edna, Lucy and Rose to the St. Rose Convent during the blizzard. Both our convents lost power and I was grateful to the Warwick Police for transporting the good sisters from OLM to St. Rose Convent so they could be safe, warm and well fed!

No sooner did we start recovering from the blizzard when news arrived of Pope Benedict's startling news that he is to resign as our Pope at the end of the month. The Holy Father has decided that age at 85 he doesn't have the physical strength to continue leading our Church with vigor needed for the job. This is the first time in centuries that a reigning Pope has resigned and so it has left many asking what will happen.

Pope Benedict will step down and the College of Cardinals will gather in conclave in Rome to elect a successor. This will take place in March and I hope we

might have a new Pope by Easter! In the meantime, let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, and offer our thanks to God for giving us such a gentle, wise and humble shepherd to lead our Church.

We were reminded on Ash Wednesday that "*we are dust and to dust we will return*" and to "*repent and believe in the Gospel.*" As we begin our Lenten journey of forty days, I invite you to consider joining us each day for Daily Mass at 7:30 AM or 12:05 PM and to walk the Way of the Cross each Friday at 7:00 PM,

Our Lenten Year of the Faith Lecture Series begins this Monday night at 7:00 PM in the OLM School Auditorium with the young and dynamic Father Joseph Upton speaking on the Sacraments of the Church. A complete listing of the series is in this week's bulletin. In this Year of Faith and during this Lenten Season, these lectures are a great way to deepen our knowledge and understanding of our Catholic Faith.

One of the three pillars of Lent is almsgiving. Pope Benedict XVI explained "*In inviting us to consider almsgiving with a more profound gaze that transcends the purely material dimension, Scripture teaches us that there is more joy in giving than in receiving (Acts 20:35). Every time when, for love of God, we share our goods with our neighbor in need, we discover that the fullness of life comes from love and all is returned to us as a blessing in the form of peace, inner satisfaction*

*and joy.*"

One of the many ways we bear witness to almsgiving during Lent is through the annual Catholic Charity Appeal. I am happy to announce that Kevin and Nancy McDevitt will serve as the General Chairs of the CCA here at OLM. We will kickoff the Charity Appeal the first weekend of March with the in-pew part of the drive. This is the first time OLM has used in-pew solicitation for the Charity Appeal but most parishes use this system very effectively as the means to obtain pledges and donations.

Last year Our Lady of Mercy Parish fell short of reaching its goal for the Charity Appeal but I am confident that with the strong leadership of our Chairs and your generous response we will not only reach our goal of \$195,000 but surpass it! I also wish to thank Stephen and Antonia Zubiago for agreeing to serve as the Chairs of the Bishop's Partnership in Charity portion of the Appeal. The BPC is for those donors who can generously donate \$1,000 or more to the Charity Appeal. We will be reaching out to our BPC donors in the coming weeks as kick-off the Appeal at OLM approaches.

Have a great Lent! I wish a happy and healthy vacation this week to all our school children! Remember Fridays are for fish and Stations of the Cross. God Bless.

*Father Healey*

## The Catechism Corner

“Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return.” These are the words we have heard just this past week as we were marked with a cross of ashes. We are signed with this cross on Ash Wednesday to remind us of our mortality. We are signed with this cross so that we may begin our own Lenten pilgrimage to the mount of Calvary. We are signed with this cross in order to reach the glory of Easter Sunday. And in this cross we see not just the reminder of our death but also of our eternal life as well. The first time we were ever signed with the Cross was at our Baptism. Even though most of us do not remember our Baptism, the lessons of that Sacrament were etched into our souls. “The *sign of the cross*, on the threshold of the celebration, marks with the imprint of Christ the one who is going to belong to him and signifies the grace of the redemption Christ won for us by his cross.” This is the great irony of the Cross of Christ. Because of it, **He** tasted death but also because of it, **we** taste eternal life. Whether it is a cross in chrisam as at Confirmation or of oil as in the Anointing of the Sick, whether it is ashes or with holy water, whenever we make this sign of the Cross of Christ we are reminded of who we are and at what a great price our redemption was won. The Cross will always be that contradiction that reminds the world of death but reminds the believer of eternal life. By now the crosses of ash have faded completely from our foreheads but what they symbolized should, of course, never fade--and truly be re-traced each day. **Check it out** in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1235.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013



### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent at 7:00 PM

*“We adore you, O Christ, and we praise You because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.”*

## Weekly Collection

**FEBRUARY 10, 2013**

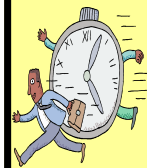
Weekly.....\$7,865.99  
 Outreach.....\$404.00  
 Annual (to date).....\$82,777.00

*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.**

### 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](mailto:parish@olmparish.org) **by Noon on Monday**.

**Parish Giving**

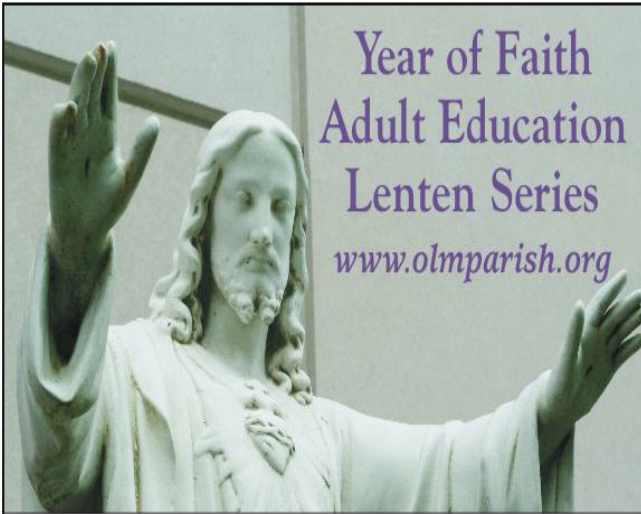
*Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer®*

**Electronic Funds Transfer**

**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.

**A GREAT WAY TO ENSURE YOUR WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT EVEN DURING VACATION AND EVEN IN A BLIZZARD!**



Year of Faith  
 Adult Education  
 Lenten Series  
[www.olmparish.org](http://www.olmparish.org)

Year of Faith Lenten Lecture Series  
 at Our Lady of Mercy Parish



Monday, February 18 • 7:00 p.m.  
*"The Worship of God, Our Sanctification:  
 The Sacraments in the Life of the Church"*  
 Father Joseph Upton  
 Associate Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi, Wakefield  
 Christ instituted the sacraments of the New Law. Seven  
 in number, the sacraments touch all the stages and all the  
 important moments of the Christian life. They give birth and  
 increase, healing and mission to the life of the Church.  
 Join us as we explore what the sacraments are, how they  
 work and why they are essential to the life of the believer.



Monday, March 4 • 7:00 p.m.  
*"The Sacred Paschal Triduum: The Solemn  
 Celebration of the World's Redemption"*  
 Father Jeremy Rodrigues  
 Administrative Secretary to Bishop Thomas J. Tobin  
 and Director of the Office for Worship  
 The holiest three days in the Church year, the Sacred Paschal  
 Triduum celebrates the memorial of the crucified, buried  
 and risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Join us as the mystery  
 of our Salvation in Christ is explained through  
 the prayer of his Bride, the Church.



Monday, March 18 • 7:00 p.m.  
*"Understanding the Power of the Cross"*  
 Father Luke Willenberg  
 Associate Pastor, St. Luke Church, Barrington  
 We are people of the Cross. By the blood of the cross  
 Jesus won for us our salvation. In so doing, He invites  
 us to transform our own sufferings, our own limitations,  
 disabilities and distress into a sharing in His own redemptive  
 love. As mature Christians, the Cross of Christ  
 must be at the center of our lives.

All interested adults are invited to attend lectures in the  
 Our Lady of Mercy School Auditorium. Refreshments to be served.

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Lenten Confessions

Mondays from 5:30 — 6:30 PM  
 Saturdays from 3:00 — 3:45PM

*"We need to reject the desire to identify only with those who are sinless. How could the Church have excluded sinners from her ranks? It is for their salvation that Jesus took flesh, died and rose again. We must therefore learn to live Christian penance with sincerity. By practicing it, we confess individual sins in union with others, before them and before God." — Pope Benedict XVI, Meeting with Clergy in Poland, May 25, 2006.*

Lenten Regulations for Fast & Abstinence for All Catholics

**The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. **Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.** On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence. **The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.** The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 17, 2013 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2013. \*Canon 920, § 1. *"All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year."*



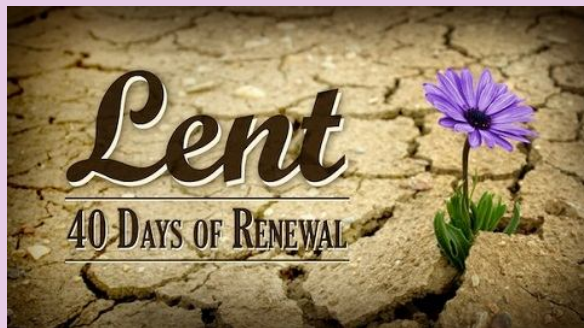
# Religious Education NEWS

No Classes this week due to School Vacation.

### **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.



### **Lenten Book Rack**

There are many books and pamphlets on our book rack in the vestibule for your devotional and educational life. Stop by to see what's available.

### **Seasonal Table**

All during Lent there will be a table in the vestibule of the church with religious articles, some new and some gently used. These articles are available to you without cost. All items have been donated by parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Mercy Church. Take a few minutes to browse.



**Presidents' Day Holiday Monday, February 18, 2013**

Mass at 8:30 AM & 12:05 PM

*The Parish Office is closed in observance of the holiday.*



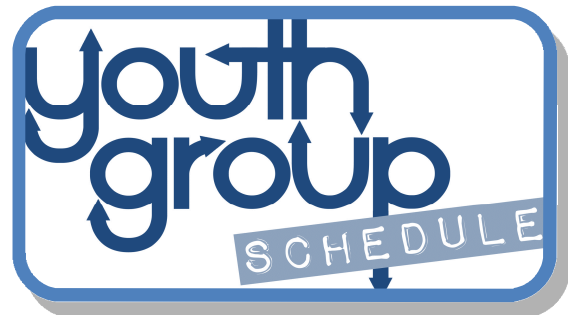
### **St. Joseph's Council Knights of Columbus at OLM**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, in the OLM School science room at 7PM. Old and new members of the Knights are invited to attend.



### **Registered Nurse Needed**

Our Lady of Mercy School is looking for an RN to work from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Monday through Friday. It is a per diem position. Please call the OLM School Office at 884-1618 for more information.



### ***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.*