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SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent
4:00PM William M. Pearson, Sr.—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

The Third Sunday of Lent
7:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00AM John, Louise & David Kiernan—Memorial
10:30AM Frank & Eva Montaquila—Memorial

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Lenten Weekday/St. Casimir
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
12:05 PM Gerald Chappelow Auld—Mem. Mass.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday
7:30 AM Sally Carey—Memorial
12:05PM Eraclio Iacobucci—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday
7:30 AM John Duffy—Birthday Remembrance
12:05PM For An Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Lenten Weekday/Saints. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs
7:30 AM Juanito Varquez—Memorial
12:05PM Richard Beretta, Sr. —Memorial

MARCH 8

Lenten Weekday/St. John of God, Religious
7:30 AM For An Increase of Vocations to the Religious Life
12:05PM John & Katherine Dwyer—Memorial

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday/St. Frances of Rome, Religious
8:30 AM For the Protection of the Unborn
Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00 PM Anthony Reale—Birthday Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

The Third Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00 AM Ida D'Ellena—Memorial
10:30 AM Antoinette Mulcahy—Birthday Remembrance





Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we kickoff the annual Catholic Charity Appeal at Our Lady of Mercy. This is our chance as Catholics to support the many good works of our Diocesan Church in Rhode Island. The many agencies and charities funded by the CCA include educational and formational endeavors, refugee services, elder care and nursing homes, outreach to the poor and homeless, prison ministry and crisis help for the truly needy.

Unlike many other charities what makes the CCA unique is that its many services and good works are always done in the name of the Lord Jesus. It is as Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta used to remind people, that we are called to see *"Jesus in the distressing disguise of the poor."*

These "distressing disguises" include funds for the poor, the sick, the elderly, the immigrant, the prisoner and the most vulnerable among us. The Catholic Church and her many agencies are the second largest social service provider after the government. Our call as Catholic disciples includes financially supporting the many good works done in the name of Jesus by our Diocesan Church.

I hope you will consider pledging a gift to support the Catholic Charity Appeal. If you have never done so, please consider doing it this year. Your gift can be pledged over 12 months and can be paid by check or credit card. We are asking

each family to consider a pledge of \$250. This is a pledge of about \$20 per month over the year or about the cost of large pizza with a couple of toppings. It is about \$5.00 per week or the cost of a large Dunkin Donut coffee and donut. Would you give up the pizza or the coffee to help someone in need?

I am reminded of the words of the great martyr of the second century, Saint Polycarp: *"If you can do good, do not put it off, because almsgiving frees you."* Please do not put off supporting the Catholic Charity Appeal. In the name of the thousands of poor, sick and truly needy who benefit from it, I thank you for your generous response.

As we continue to travel the great Lenten Fast of Forty Days, I invite you to join us on Monday night at 7:00PM for the next installment in our Lenten Lecture Series. Father Jeremy Rodrigues will speak on the significance of Holy Week in our lives as Catholics. The Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter is among the most important celebration in the Church Year. We had a great crowd for our last lecture and I hope you can make some time to join us this Monday at 7:00PM in the OLM School Cafeteria.

Also next weekend we welcome Father Tim Reilly to Our Lady of Mercy for our annual Lenten Mission. Father Reilly serves as the Chancellor of the Diocese of Providence and also as the Assistant Spiritual Director at Our Lady of Providence Seminary.

He is a dynamic preacher and will preach all the weekend Masses as well as each night of the Mission. A Mission is a great opportunity to devote some time to prayer and reflection during this Lenten Season. Mark it on your calendar and please join us next week. Also I ask for your prayers for the success of the Mission for our entire Parish Family.

We said "Farewell" to Pope Benedict on Thursday and now we offer our prayers for him as he goes into a life of prayer devoted to the Church. May God continue to bless Benedict for his years of dedicated service to His Church.

As I write this column the news media is full of speculation about who is to be elected the next Pope. As the College of Cardinals enters into conclave we pray for our Church and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in choosing the successor of Saint Peter and the new Vicar of Christ on earth.

May the cardinals gathered in Rome elect a worthy and wise man to lead our Church in this 21st century. Forget all that the media suggests about who the next Pope is to be and remember the old adage, *"he who goes into the conclave as Pope, leaves as cardinal!"* Only God truly knows!

Thanks for your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal. See you at Stations on Friday night! God Bless.

Father Healey

The Catechism Corner

During Lent we often hear talk of “doing” certain things as penances. “I will not eat between meals on Fridays.” “I will go to the 7:30am Mass each morning.” “I will make the Stations of the Cross on Sundays.” While each of these penances are good actions to be “done” we must also consider what is “intended” when we choose them. Do we intend for all of our co-workers to know we are fasting? Do we want to be noticed at the 7:30am Mass? Do we decide to make the Stations just before the 10:30am Mass when everyone is coming into Church? Intention is an essential part of all human action. An action would not be truly “human” without it. *“The intention is the movement of the will toward the end: it is concerned with the goal of the activity.”* Our struggle with “intention” is that often we have many “intentions” when we decide on a particular action. Because we are sinful, we might have right next to a good intention an equally evil one which robs us of the goodness of the action. *“An added bad intention (such as vainglory) makes an act evil that, in and of itself, can be good (such as almsgiving).”* The Lord gives us the Season of Lent to purify our intentions. He accepts all we offer Him in the penances we do AND intend. Intend now to **check it out** in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1752-1753.



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 17, 2013

Weekly.....\$14,783.50
Outreach.....\$284.00
Annual (to date).....\$93,647.00

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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: The Building & Grounds Collection

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 WHILE ON VACATION OR EVEN DURING A BLIZZARD!

OUR LADY OF MERCY
Catholic Charity Appeal 2013

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin McDevitt
General Chairs

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Zubiago
Bishop's Partnership in Charity Chairs

OLM 2013 Parish Goals

Pledge Goal: \$195,000

Donor Goal: 600 Donors

OLM 2012 CCA Results

Pledge Goal: \$195,000

Total Raised: \$187,271

Total Number of Donors: 505

Prayer for the 2013 Catholic Charity Appeal



Dear Mary, Our Lady of Providence, we turn to you in prayer, and we seek your assistance as we begin our Annual Catholic Charity Appeal. Inspired by your own example of service, we ask that you guide our works of love; help us to offer generous assistance to all who turn

to the Church in their time of need. Through your intercession, may we grow in faith, hope and love; inspire us to be generous in supporting the Catholic Charity Appeal, and allow us to see the face of Jesus in all those we serve. Fill our hearts with a compassionate spirit, so that the Church in Providence may always fulfill your Son's command to, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Prayer for the Election of a New Pope



O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Lenten Confessions at Our Lady of Mercy

Mondays from 5:30 — 6:30 PM

Saturdays from 3:00 — 3:45PM

"In failing to confess, Lord, I would only hide You from myself, not myself from You." —Saint Augustine



Lenten Lecture Series
Monday, March 4, 2013
7:00PM
OLM School Cafeteria

"The Sacred Paschal Triduum: The Solemn Celebration of the World's Redemption"
Father Jeremy Rodrigues

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. *Fr. Jeremy J. Rodrigues serves as the Administrative Secretary to Bishop Tobin and the Director of the Office for Worship for the Diocese of Providence.*

Join us for this interesting lecture and deepen your knowledge of your Catholic Faith. Refreshments will be



II-Robert Overton & Jennifer Belden



Religious Education
NEWS

All Classes this week as regularly scheduled.

Grade 9 Upcoming Retreats:

Saturday March 9th & 16th, 11:00AM—4:00PM in the OLM School Cafeteria. The Retreat will conclude by attending the 4:00PM Vigil Mass as a class. Those with last names beginning in A—L are to attend March 9th Retreat and M—Z are to attend March 16th Retreat. The fee is \$30 payable to OLM on the day of Retreat. Call or email Mrs. St. Jean for questions or information, 884-1061 or olmreled@cox.net

Attendance Requirements

Grades 8 & 9 must attend celebration of the Stations of the Cross at least once during Lent.

Lenten Confessions for RE Students

RE Grades 7, 8 & 9 students and parents should attend Penance Service on Monday, March 18th at 7:00PM. Parents should be available as students will be dismissed following the completion of their confession. No classes for 7, 8 & 9 on March 18 or 19 due to Penance Service.

RE Grades 2-6 Lenten Penance Service will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 4:00PM & Wednesday, March 20th at 4:00PM. Students should attend class as they regularly do.



Outreach
Update

Our Bereavement Support Group will meet Thursday, March 7th from 4:00PM —6:00PM at Mercy House. All those experiencing grief over the loss of a loved one are invited to attend.

The Food Pantry is now collecting items for the annual Easter Food Baskets. Special Easter items are needed to complete the regular food baskets for the holiday. \$10.00 grocery gift cards are also welcome.

Thank you for your generosity.

Annual Lenten Mission at OLM

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 and Assistant
Spiritual Director of Our Lady of Providence Seminary.*

Chances are we’ve all mouthed the Lord’s Prayer countless times. Do we realize what we’re doing? We don’t pray the Lord’s Prayer to solicit God’s attention — we pray it to grab our own. In these evenings of Parish Mission, we will explore the parts of this Great Prayer. In doing so, may we better appreciate the power of the Lord Prayer’s to bring Heaven into view, and to remind us that — in so many ways — we are already there.

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Saturday, March 9—4:00PM
Sunday, March 10—7:30AM, 9:00AM & 10:30AM

“In Whom the Father is Well-Pleased”
Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:00PM

“Royal Children of the King”
Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7:00PM

“Bent, But Never Broken”
Wednesday, March 13, 2013

*Confessions Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday from
5:30pm-6:30pm each night
Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed
Sacrament on Wednesday night.*

