

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2012

Mass Intentions



for the Week

Saturday—November 10

Vigil of the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM—Ruth & Donald Guilfoyle—Memorial

Sunday—November 11

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM—Miriam Gossmann—2nd Anniversary

9:00AM—Robert S. Leyden—5th Anniversary

10:30AM—*Pro populo*

Monday—November 12—Veterans Day Holiday Observed

St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

8:30AM—Neil J. Houston, Sr. & Neil J. Houston, Jr.—Memorial

Tuesday—November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

7:30AM—Beatrice Basler—Memorial

Wednesday—November 14

Weekday

7:30AM—Victor Matricciano—Memorial

Thursday—November 15

Weekday/St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM—Joe Zaino—Memorial

Friday—November 16

Weekday/St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

7:30AM—Frank DiPrete—Memorial

Saturday—November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:30AM—Special Intention

Vigil of the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM—Monsignor John W. Lolio—Memorial

Sunday—November 18

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM—Edward V. Healey, Jr.—Birthday Remembrance

9:00AM—Joan Montaquila—11th Anniversary

10:30AM—Kathleen Martin—4th Anniversary



Dear Parishioners:

It was quite a big crowd of our Catholic Athletic League (CAL) Basketball players, coaches and families joined us at last Saturday's 5:00PM Mass. Their season begins this weekend and we were able to offer our prayers, support and a special blessing for them last week. My thanks to the CAL coordinators and coaches who volunteer so much time and energy for our youth. Best of luck to all the players for a great season! Go OLM!

On Sunday Father Shemek and I attended the OLM School CAL Cross Country Team Banquet. The Boys' Team were the State Champions and the Girls' Team were the Divisional Champions this year. At the banquet, Ryan Meehan, a graduate of OLM School where he ran for the Cross Country Team, offered some very inspirational words to our young runners. Ryan is now an outstanding NCAA athlete at Harvard where he studies Math and Economics. It was a great celebration on Sunday and I offer our thanks to the coaches for their dedication to providing such a great opportunity and terrific program to our school children. A sincere congratulations to all of our OLM runners on a great season!

Next weekend students from our Confirmation Class are holding a Coat Drive at all Masses looking for some gently used winter coats. Interestingly enough on November 11th we celebrate the Feast of St. Martin of Tours. The story told of St. Martin is that on a bitterly cold day he met a poor man with no coat trembling in the cold and begging at the city gate. Martin, a pagan Roman soldier, had nothing but his weapons and his clothes. He drew his sword, cut his cloak into two pieces, gave one to the beggar and wrapped himself in the other half. Later that night in his sleep Martin saw Christ dressed in the half of the garment he had given away, and heard him say, "*Martin, still unbaptized, has covered me with his garment.*" Perhaps inspired the example of St. Martin you might consider giving an extra coat to someone in need.

No doubt we are all still concerned and praying for all the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Many parishioners have asked about helping people with relief efforts. If you would like to help, I ask you to please write a check payable to OLM with "*Hurricane Sandy*" in the memo line, place it in an envelope marked "*Hurricane Relief*" and throw in the regular collection basket. All the funds collected from OLM will be sent to the Diocese and distributed to those in need. Let's keep praying for the victims. We have a bulletin this week thanks to a generator in New Jersey!

I am away this weekend in Baltimore at the US Conference of Catholic Bishops Annual Meeting where I serve on a subcommittee for the Defense of Marriage. Hope you have a very Happy Veterans Day! My thanks and prayers to all veterans, please pray for them. Please also pray for our country and our newly elected leaders. God Bless America. God Bless.

Father Healey



Weekly Collection

Week of November 4, 2012

Weekly.....\$15,352.99
Building & Grounds.....\$3,728.00

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.



**Veterans Day Holiday
Monday, November 12, 2012
Mass at 8:30am**

The Parish Office is closed in observance of the holiday.



Monday – 9:00am – Mass at Greenwich Bay
Tuesday – 7:00pm – Legion of Mary
Thursday – 4:00pm – Bereavement Group

Outreach Update

HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION

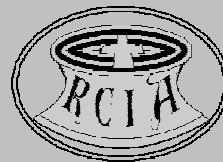
The OLM Food Pantry is gearing up for the upcoming holiday season. The traditional holiday favorites are needed. Boxed mashed potatoes, pasta, cranberry sauce, gravy, yams/sweet potatoes, stuffing, pickles, olives, canned meats, quick breads, fruit, hot chocolate, brownie mix. The regular standard items are needed as well. Juice, coffee, pancake mix, syrup, puddings/jello, baked beans, tuna, cereal.



A Loss in Our Church Family

We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, **Della Larch, George J. Beattie and Mary Amoroso** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in eternal peace.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you a Non-Catholic interested in becoming Catholic? Are a Catholic who hasn't received all your Sacraments? Why not explore becoming a Catholic or becoming a fully initiated Catholic? The Our Lady of Mercy Rite of Christian Initiation Program (RCIA) is looking for you. Contact Fr. Healey at 884-4968 for more information.

Religious Education NEWS

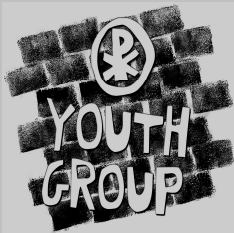
Grade 9 Class — Mondays at 7:00pm
Grades 7 & 8 Classes — Tuesdays at 7:00pm
Grades 1-6 — Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 4:00pm

No 9th Grade Class on Monday, November 12th due to the holiday.

Grades 7 & 8 will have class on Tuesday, November 13th. All students are encouraged to bring \$1.00 for McAuley House. All Parents of 9th Grade Confirmation Candidates who did not attend Parent Meeting should pick up their folders ASAP at the Parish Office.



OLM Confirmation Class Students will be collecting **GENTLY USED** coats for the needy after all Masses next weekend. Students will be available at the front doors of the Church to pick up your donated coats. Thank you for your support.



All the Youth Group Members are invited to an evening of **FUN** at Kingston Bowl on Sunday, November 18. We will meet at Kingstown Bowl located at 6125 Post Rd, North Kingstown, RI from 6pm-8pm.

The cost is \$8 per person for shoes and unlimited play for 2 hours. Please contact Fr Shemek after the Mass or call 884-4968 to receive permission slip to be signed by parent/guardian.

A Prayer for Veterans Day

We ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe. We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home from Iraq with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. We ask for an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace, as a way to honor all the veterans of past wars.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combatative posts; May their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways. Give us all the creative vision to see a world which, grown weary with fighting, Moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war. Hear our prayer, O Prince of Peace. Amen.



Millions of people in the United States and the Caribbean were impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Lives and homes were lost as others struggle to get by without electricity and heat amid dwindling food and fuel supplies. As of November 2, the storm caused at least 92 deaths in seven states and left more than 8.5 million homes and businesses without power - including



many right here in Rhode Island. During times of great tragedy and crisis, through agencies such as Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services, the Church has provided hope, relief and prayers. Those who escaped the storm and want to help can do so in several ways. **You can make a donation by via the weekly collection basket by writing a check payable to OLM with "Hurricane Sandy" in the memo in an envelope marked "Hurricane Relief" and place in the regular collection basket.** All funds collected at OLM will be forward to the Diocese of Providence and distributed to the Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA's 2012 Disaster Fund.

Thank You for Your Support!

McAuley House Seeking Part-time Kitchen Manager

McAuley House, a meal site for the homeless and hungry in Providence, seeks a paid, part-time kitchen manager. Applicant should be food-safety certified or able to be certified, as well as plan menus and oversee facilities. The manager plans meals, purchases food, gathers donated foods and works with kitchen volunteers, collaborates with and supervises the chef. Seeking someone who can embrace the spirit of McAuley House. For more information contact McAuley Ministries at 401-941-9013 ext. 302 or email revearl@mcauleyri.org