

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2012

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday—September 24—Feast of Our Lady Of Mercy

Weekday

7:30AM—Pat Franzone—Memorial

Tuesday—September 25

Weekday

7:30AM—Gloria Sorrentino Masi—Memorial

Wednesday—September 26

Weekday/St. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

7:30AM—John Gardner—Memorial

Thursday—September 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

7:30AM—R. G. Peter—Memorial

Friday—September 28

Weekday/St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

7:30AM—Pro Populo

Saturday—September 29

St. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels

8:30AM—John Joseph Tripode, Jr.—19th Anniversary

Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM—Maria Roselli—Memorial

Sunday—September 30

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM—Rodolphe Lincourt—Memorial

9:00AM—Jennie Mello—Memorial

10:30AM—Thomas Brescia—Memorial

Mass intentions are published so the entire parish family can pray the Mass intention of the Priest, for the living or the dead. Even if you cannot attend the Mass this day, please join in our parish intention during your own personal prayer time. Please call the Parish Office if you wish to schedule an announced intention at Mass as listed here. At every Mass, we should bring at least one personal intention to offer in prayer.



Mercy Musings

Dear Parishioners:

Let me begin by offering my gratitude for your generous response to the

Priests' Retirement Fund Collection last weekend. Your generosity in support of this important collection helped raise over \$11,000 and is a steep increase from last year's total of \$7,700. In the name of all the priests of the Diocese of Providence, I offer our thanks for your support. I called Fr. Kiley this week to tell him what an effective preacher he truly is and that he is welcome back to OLM anytime!

I also thank the many people who helped to plan and prepare the beautiful Mass and Reception for my installation as Pastor last Sunday. The presence of so many parishioners, family, and friends at the Mass was a great source of joy. I am also grateful to Bishop Evans, my brother priests, the Choir, the Altar Servers and so many others who ensured the Mass was so truly beautiful. It was a great beginning to my pastorate here at Our Lady of Mercy and again I thank God and Bishop Tobin for sending me to such a wonderful community of faith. May Our Lady of Mercy, our parish patroness, continue to guide us in the years ahead.

This week we welcomed our First Graders to the Religious Education Program at OLM. It is always so hopeful to see these young children and their families come to Mass and RE Class. They were a little shy at first but I'm confident that by the end of classes they will know their prayers and continue to provide hope for the future of our parish. I thank all of our RE parents for their commitment to ensuring their children are educated and formed in the Catholic Faith. They are an important and vital part of our parish family.

Fr. Shemek reports that over 30 youth came to the Youth Group Meeting last Saturday. A great beginning to what promises to be an important part of the life and vitality of our parish family. There is much planned for the year ahead and all high school students from OLM are free to join them. Keep an eye on the bulletin for updates on their many activities. I hope to see you on Sunday at the Parish Picnic from Noon to 5pm. It looks like a beautiful day with good food, good times and good company are in store for us. God Bless. Go Pats, please!!!

Father Healey



Weekly Collection

Week of September 16, 2012

Weekly.....\$13,376.10
Priests' Retirement Fund.....\$11,320.00

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!



A Loss in Our Church Family

We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, **Beatrice Basler and Joseph Ferriera**, whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week. May they rest in eternal peace.

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



Our first meeting was a huge success with over 30 high school students in attendance! We invite any student grade 9-12 who is interested to join us for our next gathering on Monday,

October 1st at 7pm in Church for October Devotions followed by an ice cream social in the OLM School Cafeteria. Our trip to the Haunted Labyrinth in Cranston is scheduled for Sunday, October 28th. Save the date! For more information, check out our Facebook page at OLM Youth Ministry!

Religious Education NEWS

All Students in Grades 1-9 **MUST NOW** be registered for classes including all Grade 9 students (public, parochial, & private). Please contact Mrs. St. Jean at 884-1061 or Sister Rose at 884-2578 ASAP.

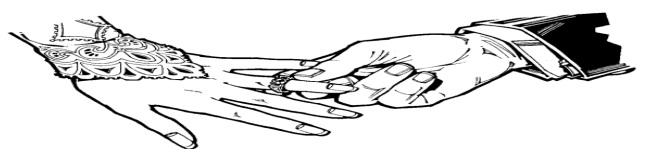
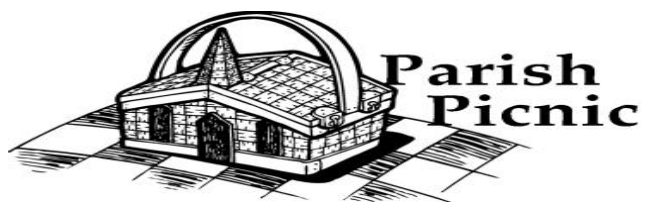
Grade 9 Classes begin this Monday, September 24th at 7:00PM. Please report to the OLM gym for your class assignments. **Grades 7 & 8 Classes** begin this Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00PM. Please report to the OLM Gym for your class assignments. Classes are for all students who do NOT attend a Catholic School. However, all students currently enrolled in Grade 9 (public, private & parochial) must be registered to be eligible for Confirmation in Spring 2013! Call Mrs. St. Jean at 884-1061 or e-mail olmreled@cox.net with any questions or for more information.

Grades 1-6

Classes begin on September 25 & 26 at 4:00PM

NO REGISTRATIONS TAKEN ON THESE DAYS!

Join us for the 1st Annual
Our Lady of Mercy
FAMILY PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD
NOON-5:00PM



Banns of Marriage

II--Colin McCabe & Eileen Flanagan



Join with The Knights of Columbus on Columbus Day Weekend Sunday, October 7, 2012

Join us for coffee and donuts on Sunday, October 7th in the OLM School Cafeteria after the 9:00AM and 10:30AM Masses. This time to get together with fellow parishioners is sponsored by the OLM Council of the Knights of Columbus. Fr. Shemek will join us for a brief talk on "Respect Life Month" which is celebrated during October. Take time on a Sunday to join us!



OLM Mothers' Group

Mothers of young children are invited to join us on Wednesday, October 3rd at 9:00am in the Church Cry Room to learn about the formation of an OLM Mothers Group. Our purpose is to support and encourage each other in our roles as mothers of young children through fellowship and faith formation using the Together Program. For more information, please call Mary at 835-3418

BAPTISM CLASS



All families scheduled for the Sunday, October 14th Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism **must attend** Preparation Class on Tuesday, October 9th at 7:00PM in Church. Please contact Fr. Shemek at the Parish Office (884-4968) if you cannot attend.



The flowers on the Blessed Mother Shrine are given in memory of Lena Rivelli.

A Prayer for Family Commitment

Dear God our Father, you have called all Catholic families to be a sign of your love to the world.

Help us to be generous with the gifts of life and love that you have showered on our family. May we share them so that our homes become true signs of unitive and fruitful love.

Let us never forget to thank you each day for all that sustains us and to look to Christ, who comes to us in the events of family life, in the sacraments of the Church, and in service to the poor.

In all of this, our family becomes a living expression of your Church, a hallowed home of life and love. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all of us—spouses, parents, and children—share, as members of his Body, in Jesus' mission to build a civilization of love.

Father, we ask this in Jesus' name in union with the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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