

# Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 9, 2012

### Mass Intentions



### for the Week

#### Monday—September 10

##### Weekday

7:30AM—Paul Dignan—Memorial

#### Tuesday—September 11

##### Weekday

7:30AM—Msgr. John W. Lolio—Memorial

#### Wednesday—September 12

##### Weekday/*The Most Holy Name of Mary*

7:30AM—Special Intention

#### Thursday—September 13

##### St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM—Joe Zaino—3rd Anniversary

#### Friday—September 14

##### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30AM—Catherine Cabral—Birthday Remembrance

#### Saturday—September 15

##### Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30AM—Ann & Albert Buonanno—Memorial

#### Vigil of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM—Walter McKiernan—5th Anniversary & Walter McKiernan III—11th Anniversary

#### Sunday—September 16

##### The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM—Thomas Brescia—Memorial

9:00AM—Mildred & George Finan—Memorial

10:30AM—Ruth & Donald Guilfoyle—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.



Dear Parishioners:

Labor Day Weekend has come and gone and so it seems has summer! It's good news and bad news!

The good news is that now we get to see and meet many parishioners who have been away at those "summer parishes" but the bad news is we meet summer's end. It's good news too that the Patriot's Season Opener is Sunday after all the bad news about the Red Sox!! The good news is that after just a month here at Our Lady of Mercy I am now beginning to settle in a bit but the bad news is I still don't know everyone's name yet!

It's certainly good news to welcome Father John A. Kiley who is with us this weekend to preach on behalf of the Senior Priests' Retirement Fund. The fund which provides a modest pension for Senior Priests of the Diocese of Providence is greatly underfunded and is in critical need of financial support. Father Kiley was a long serving and distinguished pastor in our Diocese who retired last June and now serves as one of our finest Senior Priests. He provided great help to me while I was Pastor at St. Ambrose and he continues to serve there regularly. In addition to that he also serves many other parishes as a supply priest as well as helping out the Chaplains at Rhode Island Hospital. Father Kiley never says "No" when it comes to serving God's people!

Father Kiley still writes his weekly column in *The Rhode Island Catholic* entitled *The Quiet Corner* and he is a frequently published letter-to-the-editor writer to *The Providence Journal*. With credit to General McArthur's Farewell Address to Congress let me paraphrase: "Old priests never die nor do they fade away!" For as you can see by Father Kiley's exemplary example, Senior Priests in the Diocese of Providence are vital to the continued life and ministry of our Church and the many parishes of our Diocese. In their name and my own, I ask you to please be generous in next week's Second Collection for the Senior Priests' Retirement Fund. Consider your gift as an act of thanksgiving for the priests you've known over the years and the many Senior Priests today who like Father Kiley have served and continue to serve so faithfully in our Diocese.

It seems ironic that the very weekend I am to be officially installed as the seventeenth Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church, we are having a second collection for retired priests! I am far from retiring as I am only 47 years old and cannot even consider retirement until I am at least 70 and then only if the Bishop allows it! So I am here to stay and hope in the years ahead we can together continue to build upon the fine tradition of faith and good works at Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Bishop Evans is to officially install me as Pastor next Sunday at the 10:30AM Mass. If you cannot be present at the Mass, I humbly ask for your continued prayers for my pastorate. May Our Lady of Mercy, our Parish Patroness, continue to guide and protect us as we serve her Son and His Church. God Bless. Go Pats!!!

*Father Healey*



# Weekly Collection

Week of September 2, 2012

Weekly.....\$14,329.01  
Grounds & Maintenance.....\$3,711.00

*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

**Next Week: Priests' Retirement Fund**

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

ABOUT THE SECOND COLLECTION



### Senior Priest Annual Collection September 15-16

Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. Next week-end's second collection will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, a significant source of support for priests who, often retiring between ages 70-75, depend upon for basic needs such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. Please consider your generous support of this necessary cause that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades. For more information about the senior priest retirement fund, or to make a donation online, please visit [www.srpriestri.org](http://www.srpriestri.org).

# 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.

### Upcoming dates to remember:

Grades 7-10

Grade 10-Confirmation Class

Retreat on 22nd

Grade 10 Confirmation Lecture Series

Week 1: September 9 -12

Week 2: September 16- 19

Watch for e-mail reminders and notices. Grade 9 Classes begin on Monday, September 24 & Grades 7 & 8 Classes begin on Tuesday, September 25. All classes are from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Call Mrs. St. Jean at 884-1061 or e-mail [olmreled@cox.net](mailto:olmreled@cox.net) with any questions or for more information.

Grades 1-6

Orientation for Grade 1 at 4:00PM

For Children registered for Tuesdays-September 18

For Children registered for Wednesdays-September 19

Enter thru front door of school, meeting in auditorium.

Dismissal at 5PM at School Playground.

Grades 2-6

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

**NO REGISTRATIONS TAKEN ON THESE DAYS!**



### Banns of Marriage

III--Robert Dewar & Logan Peterson

### Pizza & Planning Session



Are you in High School (Grades 9-12)? Are you interested in joining a Parish Youth Group? Planning Meeting on Saturday, September 15th after the 5PM Mass in OLM School Cafeteria with Pizza! Contact Bethany Croteau at [bcroteau@olmschool.org](mailto:bcroteau@olmschool.org) if interested.



# REMEMBERING 9-11

You are cordially invited to  
the Celebration of Mass  
Presided by

His Excellency  
The Most Reverend Robert C. Evans  
Auxiliary Bishop of Providence

with the  
Rite of Installation of

The Reverend Bernard A. Healey  
Seventeenth Pastor  
The Church of Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday  
16 September 2012 at 10:30AM  
The Church of Our Lady of Mercy

Reception to immediately follow in Mercy Park



Join us for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual  
*Our Lady of Mercy*

**FAMILY PARISH PICNIC**

On the Grounds of Our Lady of Mercy  
Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> Noon-5:00p.m.  
Join Father Healey and Father Shemek  
as we get to know our parish family!

Bring your own picnic, chairs & tables!

Fun & games for all!  
Homemade desserts table!  
Celebrate our Parish Feast!  
**Save the date!**

*“Responsible citizenship is a virtue and participation in political life is a moral obligation.”*—Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



Faithful  
Citizenship

In Rhode Island register to vote by October 7 for November's General Election. Go to: [www.elections.ri.gov](http://www.elections.ri.gov) or call your local town hall. To learn more about Faithful Citizenship for Catholics go to the RI Catholic Confer-

ence webpage and read about the important issues facing our state and nation and where the candidates stand. Join the action alert network and stay informed and up to date on the issues and learn more about candidates and give voice to your faith.

*If you vote on Tuesday, vote as a Catholic!*

*Be a faithful Catholic Citizen!*

[www.faithfulcitizenri.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenri.org)



OLM Parish  
Basketball Registration

OLM Boys & Girls Basketball Sign Ups will be held at the OLM Gym.

Wednesday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00 to 7:30pm

Saturday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to 10:30am

Monday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 to 7:30pm

Grades Pre-K-2 – OLM Instructional League

Grades 3-10 – Catholic Athletic League

Registration Fees by Cash or Check payable to Our Lady of Mercy Church. For more info call 401.447.3318 or email [jackgsommer@gmail.com](mailto:jackgsommer@gmail.com) or Craig Lombardi at 401.330.8835 or [cdlom13@gmail.com](mailto:cdlom13@gmail.com)

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