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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ October 18, 2015

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass..... 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses..... 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

September—May..... 5:00 PM

Daily

Monday - Friday..... 7:30 AM

Saturdays & Legal Holidays..... 8:30 AM

Holy Day

Vigil Mass..... 5:00 PM

Holiday Masses..... 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment.

Saturdays at 4:00 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Second Sunday of the month. Preparation Class is required. Please contact one of the parish priests prior to birth of your child.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact one of the parish priests one year prior to the proposed date of your wedding.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact one of the parish priests if you are shut-in, sick, homebound or hospitalized.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Please contact one of the parish priests or the Office of the Director of Vocations at 331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.

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Monday - Friday..... 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

The Mass of Anticipation for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM W. Barbara O'Hara—Memorial

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00AM Gilda & Manuel Machado—Memorial
 10:30AM Fernando Guerrero—Memorial
 5:00PM Jane A. Goodwin—Memorial

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

St. John de Brebeuf, St. Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs
 7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Weekday
 7:30 AM Dorothy Donahue—7th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Weekday
 7:30AM Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Weekday/St. Pope John Paul II
 7:30AM Ada Pyun—Memorial

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Weekday/St. John of Capistrano, Priest
 7:30AM Thomas Granahan—18th Anniversary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Weekday/St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop; BVM
 8:30AM Louise Kiernan (5th Ann.) & Mary Shehab (18th Ann)

The Mass of Anticipation for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Felix, Celestina, & Irene Giorgio—Memorial

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM John McNulty—Birthday Remembrance
 9:00 AM Mary & Paul Gebelien—Memorial
 10:30AM Joseph Mayber—Memorial
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy





Dear Parishioners:

The Columbus Day Holiday was beautiful with the sun shining and the temperatures near 70 degrees. There was a weekend of festivities and a parade on Providence's Federal Hill. In New York nearly a million people attended the Columbus Day Parade. Many celebrated a day off and many others celebrated the memory of Christopher Columbus.

However, in Rhode Island at Brown University where they have removed Columbus Day from their calendar and now call it Fall Weekend Holiday, they had a protest against Columbus and his holiday! These Ivy League critics of Christopher Columbus brand him as being an invader of a land that belonged to the gentle inhabitants of the New World, an enslaver of the indigenous people who, until then, were living in blissful freedom with one another and finally accuse him of being a cruel oppressor of people who, until then, had been living in prosperous harmony and concord.

It is easy to criticize someone who lived in the 15th Century in the cultural context of the 21st Century. What is more difficult is to truly consider a much fuller historical image of Columbus and the times in which he lived. Certainly there are legitimate criticisms to be offered about him and anyone is free to offer them. However, too often such criticism is simply political correctness run amuck.

The Providence Journal

featured two op-eds on honoring Columbus in their holiday edition. One commentary written by a left-wing college professor suggested eliminating the holiday and instead calling it a Day of Solidarity.

The other written by retired RI Supreme Court Chief Justice Frank Williams offered a much broader interpretation of the holiday and the man, he suggests:

"When you judge characters from the past, try doing so within the context of the times in which they lived and acted. All of us, like Columbus, have multilayered personalities — the good, the bad and the ugly. So, we should be discerning when we judge another individual by recognizing that almost each of us has the opportunity for doing good and, like the person we commemorate on Oct. 12, has, in fact, performed good deeds that contribute to our culture."

I also believe that some of the animosity against Columbus is the fact that he brought the Catholic faith to the New World. Columbus believed he was specially chosen by God to bring the Gospel to a people who were living in darkness and the shadow of death. He was a devout Catholic attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion regularly. He was a Franciscan Tertiary who believed, like St. Francis, that the world should be converted to Christ by prayer, preaching and peaceful means.

His Journal from August 3 to October 12, 1492 is a daily

record of the historic voyage from Spain to the New World. In it he often refers to Jesus and the need for divine help. He is always asking Our Lord for the light and strength he needs to realize what God had entrusted him to do — the mission of bringing the knowledge and love of Jesus to those who had not heard the Good News of salvation.

This is clearly an image of Christopher Columbus rejected by his critics at Brown. It might help them gain a fuller understanding of the man. After all, the motto of Brown University's founders is: *"In deo speramus"* (In God we hope)!

At Devotions on Monday Fr. Chris Murphy, Chaplain at Bishop Hendricken High, is to offer a reflection. Following devotions the confessions of our Confirmation candidates and their sponsors are to be heard. I ask you to please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament on Sunday, November 1st at the 5PM Mass from Bishop Tobin.

Next weekend we are to conduct the October Mass Count. We are required annually to count the number of people attending Masses here at OLM. Every parish does the same, the results are sent to the Bishop and then on to the Vatican. So if you see our ushers counting heads during Mass next weekend now you know why! Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats!!

Father Healey

Fr. Connors

Q & A



Dear Fr. Connors: *What are the images of animals in the upper stained glass windows on the side walls of Church at OLM?*

The four images are symbolic representations of the four evangelists or Gospel writers. The winged man, the lion, the ox, and the eagle traditionally represent Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. While different authors have suggested alternative symbols these four represent the most common symbolic representations of the Gospel writers.

The symbolic images refer especially to the beginning of each Gospel. Matthew, for example, begins his Gospel with a genealogy of Christ, explaining that He comes from the line of Abraham and David. Thus, Matthew is represented by an image of a man.

Mark's Gospel begins with John the Baptist as a voice crying out in the wilderness. That is reminiscent of a lion's roar and thus Mark is represented by a lion.

Luke's Gospel begins with an account of Zechariah, priest of the temple and father to John the Baptist. For that reason, Luke is represented by an ox, a traditional animal of sacrifice.

Finally, St. John's Gospel begins with soaring language about the foundation of the world and the eternity of the divine Word of God. Thus, he is represented by a soaring eagle.

The four symbols are found also in the Book of Prophet Ezekiel. In the first chapter the prophet records a vision that has traditionally been interpreted to refer symbolically to the four Evangelists.

In Ezekiel we read: "Within it were figures resembling four living creatures that looked like this: their form was human, but each had four faces and four wings...each of the four had a face of a man, but on the right side was the face of a lion, and on the left side the face of an ox, and finally each had the face of an eagle."

If you have a question about the Catholic Church or Catholic Teaching, please email questions to associatepastor@olmparish.org

Open your hearts to life!

**CELEBRATE
Respect Life Month**



Weekly Collection

October 11, 2015

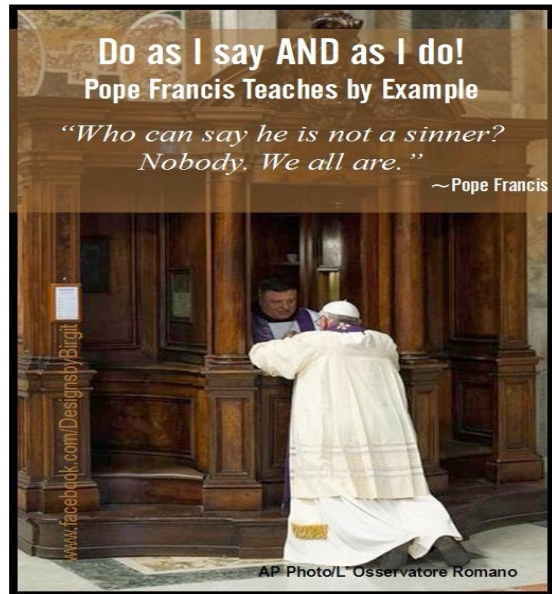
Weekly.....	\$11,767.00
EFT.....	\$2,857.50
	Total=\$14,624.50
Annual (to date).....	\$53,120.00
Seminarian Education Fund.....	\$4,310.50
Outreach.....	\$542.00

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.

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



SECOND COLLECTIONS This Week: : World Missions



Confession at OLM
Mondays 6:00—6:45PM
Saturdays 4:00—4:45PM



Banns of Marriage

III—Patrick A Dorr & Ashley M Larcheveque
Our Lady of Mercy Church Our Lady of Mercy Church



Religious Education NEWS

● **Grades 1 and 2** only have orientation on Sunday, October 18th from 10-11am. A parent should accompany their child. There are no classes for Grades 3-5 that day.

● There is Religious Education classes for all grades on Sunday October 25. Grades 6-8 from 5:45-6:45pm. Please Note the slight change in time!

● The Religious Education calendar can be found on the Parish website: www.olmparish.org. Go to Faith Formation and then Religious Education for Children.



Outreach Update

The OLM Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please place all non-perishable food in the Food Box located in the vestibule of the Church.

Thanks for your support!

For more information or to volunteer to help please contact OLM Outreach Director Doug Green at 884-4410 or via an email at outreach@olmparish.org



- October 19th- OLM Adult Mix & Mingle at 1149 at 7PM
 - October 22nd –8th Grade Haunted Hayride
 - Friday, October 23rd-Parent Teacher Conferences
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the Blessed Sacrament,
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and join us!!*

Congratulations to our newly baptized :



William Leonard Duque,
and his parents, Bernardo and Anne

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Daniel Pulido Labrador IV,
and his parents Daniel and Tracy

Adele Marie McLaughlin,
and her parents, Jonathan and Holly

Giuliana Grace Morgan,
and her parents Michael and Mary Jane

Gia Liberty Ricci,
and her parents, Edward and Laurie.

“Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn in baptism. They are now called children of God, for so indeed they are.”—The Rite of Baptism



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All Children of the Parish,
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join the ranks of the OLM Altar Servers . If any child is
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October 23rd via email at parish@olmparish.org or by
phone at 884-4968. New Altar Server Training begins
on Monday, October 26th!



ALTAR SERVERS



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Next Meeting is Sunday, October 25 at 6PM. We meet in the
OLM Church Cry Room following the 5pm Mass.

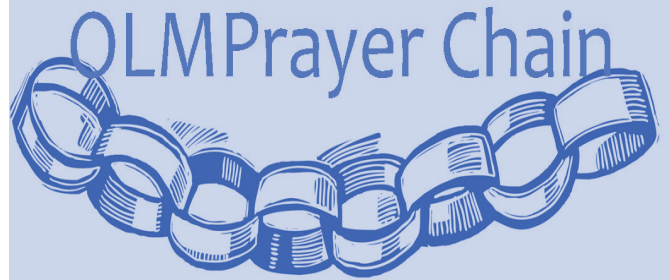
*The Knights of Columbus, Council 58, is a fraternal order of men,
who perform charitable missionary work in support of Our Lady of
Mercy Church. We are actively engaged in the Respect Life move-
ment and in support various activities of Our Lady of Mercy Church.
If you are interested in the Knights of Columbus, please contact
Tom Mahoney at tom@tommymahoney.com*



Join Us For Breakfast

**OLM Monthly
Breakfast Club
Wednesday, October 21st
Following 7:30AM Mass**

Join us for breakfast at Cracker-barrel
Restaurant in Coventry (just over EG
line) for good conversation, good
food and good times!



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active
Prayer Chain. The power of pray is tremendous and many
successful results have been reported back. Anyone
wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one
who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary
Hart at 884-5629 or email at 2hart@cox.net. If you know
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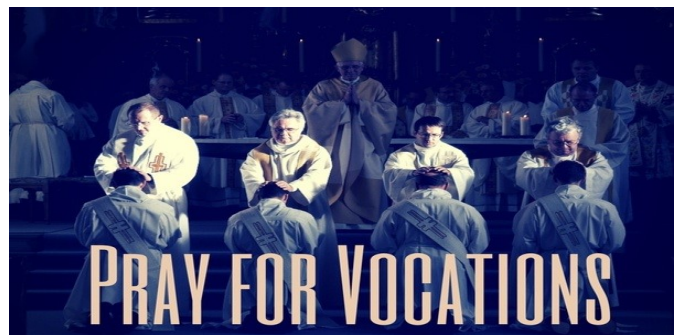


ROSARY MAKERS

**OLM Rosary Makers Monthly Workshop
Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

9:30AM—11:30AM in OLM Cry Room

We are looking for volunteers to help make Rosaries for
the Missions. Materials and instructions are provided.
For more information contact the Parish Office.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Adoration for Vocations

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations continues every
Thursday during the academic year in the Chapel of the
Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, 485 Mt. Pleasant Ave,
Providence. All are invited to come pray for your priests,
seminarians, and for vocations from 12Noon –5pm. Join us
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