

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass	5:00 PM
Sunday Masses	7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
September—June	5:00 PM

Daily

Monday - Friday	7:30	AM
Saturdays & Legal Holidays	8:30	ΑM

Holy Day

Vigil Mass	5:00	PM
Holyday Masses	7:30 AM & 7:00	PM

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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

The Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor

The Reverend Ryan W. Connors, S.T.L., Associate Pastor

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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 2013

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Anticipated Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Theresa & Ray Sylvia—Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners
9:00 AM Laurea & Leo Hackett—Memorial
10:30 AM Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial
5:00PM Mary & Bernard Falchini—Birthday Memorial

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Pio, Preist of Pietrelcina 7:30 AM Alfred A. Lamy—Memorial

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Feast of Our Lady of Mercy
7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday

7:30AM Jane Daly—1st Anniversary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday/Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs 7:30 AM John Gardner—Memorial

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest 7:30AM R. G. Peter—Memorial

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

8:30 AM Raymond Stott—Memorial

Anticipated Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Kenneth Purvis & Lorraine Erinakes—Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Donald & Barbara Fogarty—Memorial
 9:00 AM Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners
 10:30AM John Joseph Tripode, Jr.—19th Anniversary
 5:00PM Gavin Lowe—Birthday Remembrance



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Your response to Fr. Nick Smith's appeal to support the Priests' Retirement Collection was extremely generous. Once again this year we collected over \$10,000 for the fund. As you know the Senior Priest Retirement Fund benefits those priests in our diocese who have reached the retirement age of 70 or older.

Despite 'retirement' many priests continue to provide pastoral care to the faithful celebrating through Masses, visiting hospitals and nursing homes, volunteering in schools and fulfilling many other duties in continued service to the Lord and the faithful. Thank you for your support of this critical effort to provide for senior priests in their retirement years - years many priests continue to spend very active in ministry.

Fr. Smith wrote me a note shared with and me how delighted he was to be here at Our Lady of Mercy. He met several couples he married years ago and hadn't seen since their wedding day. He also reunited with a man from OLM who was an altar boy for him at the Cathedral back in the 1960s! I thank you for your generous response to the collection. I ask you to please pray for Fr. Smith and all the retired priests of our Diocese who continue to labor in the vineyard.

This week we celebrate our Patronal Feast, as a Parish as, the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy is Tuesday, September 24th. We begin our celebration this Sunday with the Annual OLM Parish Picnic. I hope you can join us for a fun-filled afternoon right here on the grounds of OLM. We will have games for kids and adults, pony rides for children, plenty of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, and a Tug-of-War competition between Team Healey and Team Connors! Also we look forward to seeing Fr. Connors display his juggling talents!

So stop by on Sunday afternoon to spend some time celebrating our OLM Parish Family. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. You can bring your own picnic food, a chair, blanket and beverage of your choice. There will be a big tent to sit under as well as a dessert table complete with homemade desserts.

On Tuesday we celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mercy Parish so please try to join us for Mass at 7:30AM. We will call upon the intercession of our Patroness, Our Lady of Mercy, to guide and protect our parish family and help us continue to grow in faith, hope and love.

This Feast originated when the Blessed Virgin appeared to Saint Peter Nolassco in Barcelona, Spain. She also appeared to his confessor, Saint Raymond of Pennafort, and to the King. These three men established a work of the ransoming of captives. Our Lady indicated to them that she desired the establishment of the Mercedarian religious order. The name is derived from the Spanish

word for mercy, *merced*. Its members would seek to free Christian captives from the Moors and offer themselves, if necessary, as an exchange.

The Order was constituted at Barcelona by King James of Aragon, established in Spain and later approved by Pope Gregory IX under the name of Our Lady of Mercy. In our times we might pray for the intercession of Our Lady of Mercy as we face the continued threats of terrorism and violence that she might lead us to restore mercy and peace in our world.

Also we must turn to her to protect the persecuted Christians in places like Syria, Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Pakistan, India and Nigeria. Just last week a Catholic Priest in Zanzibar was burned with acid by Islamic extremists. May Our Lady of Mercy guide and protect all Christians especially those who face oppression and persecution.

You may have noticed the work being done on the Church bathrooms. After many years bathrooms these are being remodeled and updated with new, modern fixtures. A changing table will also be added to one of the bathrooms. They both should be fully operational soon. This project was made possible because of your generosity to the Annual Collection. Thanks for the support. See you at the Picnic! God Bless! Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us!

Father Healey

The Catechism Corner

If someone had told you that they were just given seventeen BMW's (all different models--of course!), do you think that your first response

would be: "Gee, what a burden!" Of course, it wouldn't; you would probably say, "That's AWESOME, can I drive one?" Now...what if someone told you that they had seventeen children? Honestly, would your response be closer to



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"burden" or "AWESOME"? Presently we live in a society that very often places material possessions over and against the many wonderful gifts that the Lord gives us. Catholics too can often fall into selfishness and self-centeredness even when thinking about the size of their families. There is NO DOUBT that seventeen BMW's require MUCH LESS "maintenance" than seventeen children do, but aren't seventeen children MUCH MORE precious than seventeen BMW's? "Sacred Scripture and the Church's traditional practice see in large families a sign of God's blessing and the parents' generosity." The blessing is found in simply the ability to conceive and give birth! The number of couples trying to have children reminds all couples of the great gift that fertility is. But it is not all God's work! Large families are also due to the generosity of the parents--a generosity which is evidenced by their sacrificing the many material possessions they could have had if they have given up the blessing of more children. To see the gift of life as a "burden" in any way is a result of sin. This "burdensome" view of life though pervades our age and our society. Large families counter this tendency by their very presence. Large families are not only a blessing for the immediate family but also for the rest of society as well. Large families remind us all that life is a gift from God-and what a precious gift it is!--much more precious than even seventeen BMW's! Before making your next automobile purchase (even if it is a family van!), first check it out in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #2373.



The Altar Flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated this week in memory of Lena Rivelli.



September 8, 2013

Weekly	\$11,412.50
Weekly EFT	\$2,197.00
Priests Retirement Fund	\$11,286.00
Outreach	\$175.00

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

This Week: Annual Collection

Thanks for your support!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday—Mass at St. Elizabeth at 2:30PM
Monday—OLM Finance Council Meeting at 7:00PM
Tuesday—Legion of Mary at 7:00PM
Tuesday—MC Server Training at 7:00PM

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



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Beginning on Monday, October 7th a second opportunity for Confessions will be added to the OLM Schedule. Confessions will be heard each Monday night from 6:00PM until 6:45PM as well as on Saturdays from 4:00PM until 4:45PM.

" God's mercy has no limits." —Pope Francis



You can find a complete RE Schedule and Registration Forms online at www.olmparish.org

OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-2014

RE Grades 1—5

Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM

RE Grades 6—8

Sundays 6:00PM-7:00PM

RE Classes

Orientation Class for Grades 1 & 2 only on September 22nd at 10:00AM. A parent should accompany their child. RE Class for Grades 3-5 only at 10:00AM on Sunday, September 29th. No Class on 9/29 for Grades 1 & 2. RE Grade 6-8 begin class on Sunday, September 29th at 6:00PM.



OLM Food Pantry is still in need of food donations and also please continue to think of those in need. Thank you for your support.



Calling all High School OLM Parishioners, mark your calendars for our next meeting on Sunday, October 13th following the 5:00pm Sunday Mass. Join us for our Opening Meeting. Pizza to be served. For more information contact Fr. Connors at the Parish Office at 884-4968 or via email at associatepastor@olmparish.org

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Picnic Sunday, September 22nd 1:00PM — 4:00PM On the Parish Grounds



Pack your own Picnic Lunch & Preferred Beverage, Bring Your Blankets, Chairs & Tables and join us for another fun-filled Parish Picnic.



Upcoming events at Our Lady of Mercy Church....

October Devotions

Mondays at 7:00PM

Join us each Monday night in the Month of October for Rosary with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Talk.

Monday, October 7th

Mary, Mother of The Eucharist—Fr Bernard Healey

Monday, October 14th

Our Lady of the Rosary—Fr Ryan Connors

Monday, October 21st

Why the Immaculate Conception Matters—Fr. Joseph Upton, Chaplain, The Prout School, Assistant Pastor of St Francis, Wakefield

Monday, October 28th

Devotion to Our Lady and the Assumption—Fr Michael O'Connor, OP

Adjunct Professor at Providence College



Are you a non-Catholic interested in exploring the Catholic Faith? Are you a Catholic in need of the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation?

A Catholic looking to renew your faith?

Then join our OLM RCIA Class! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in October. Non-Catholic and Catholic Adults are invited to join our RCIA program in exploring the Catholic Faith and preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. If you are interested or simply want to learn more about the RCIA, then contact the Parish Office at 884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org

Attention all those who like to sing! The OLM Adult Choir and Children's Choir are looking for you...



The Our Lady of Mercy Parish Adult Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening from 7-8pm in the church, and sings each Sunday at the 10:30am Mass. All are welcome, no experience necessary! We are also looking for High School and College Age Parishioners for a Youth Choir for the new 5PM Sunday evening Mass. Anyone

interested is urged to contact Jeff Allard at 884-4968 or via email at musicministry@olmparish.org, or simply visit the choir loft after any weekend Mass. OLM Choristers (children's choir) is open to students grades 3 - 8. They sing every other Sunday at the 9am Mass. Rehearsals are Wednesday 2:45 - 3:30 in the choir loft. If there are students who are interested, but cannot attend Wednesday rehearsal, other rehearsals will be added. For more information, contact Dierdre Donovan via email at musicministry@olmparish.org or 884-4968



Looking for New Altar Servers!

Would you like to join the few, the proud, the OLM Altar Servers?

If you are a OLM young parishioner in Grade 4 or above and would like to serve God and Church at Holy Mass, please contact the Parish Office at 884-4968 or

via email parish@olmparish.org for more information or to sign-up. Altar Server Training begins Monday, October 7th Please sign up before October 1st.



OLM School News

- OLM School is looking for a Part-Time Registered Nurse to work one or two days a week.
- We are in need of Lunch Monitors for OLM School. If you are available at lunch time during the week and willing to volunteer to help contact the school at 884-1618. A great opportunity for retirees or grandparents!!
- •Holiday Shopping Night: We are excited to announced Our Lady of Mercy School's 1stannual Holiday Shopping Night! Please join us for a fun and festive evening filled with beautiful handmade items and artwork from local crafters and artisans, as well as several independent consultants like Pampered Chef and SwissJust! Get your holiday shopping done early and celebrate the season in style! More details to follow... stayed tuned! If you or someone you know may be interested in having a display at this event, please contact Kathy Royce at royceri@verizon.net for more information



Catholic Athletic League BASKETBALL AT OLM

OLM Parish and School Basketball registration is now open for grades Pre-K thru 8th grade. Instructional, School and Parish teams forming. Please register online at follower opportunities available. For more

<u>olmhoops.org</u> Volunteer opportunities available. For more information contact, Craig Lombardi, Volunteer CAL Director at cdlom13@gmail.com or 401-330-8835

Announcing the OLM Book Club

Join Fr. Ryan Connors for a book club discussion of



The Difference God Makes:
A Catholic Vision of Faith,
Communion, & Culture
by Cardinal Francis George, OMI
Archbishop of Chicago

The OLM Book Club will meet Thursdays beginning on October 10th in the OLM School Library. For more information or to obtain the book for the OLM Book Club, please contact Fr. Connors at 884-4968 or via email at associatepastor@olmparish.org

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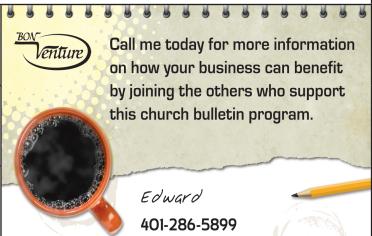
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