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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 13, 2022**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12**

*The Mass of Anticipation of the 2nd Sunday of Lent*  
4:00PM Donal O'Connell—Memorial

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13**

*The Second Sunday of Lent*  
7:30 AM The Deceased Members of the Romano Family  
9:00AM Ann Perkins—Memorial  
10:30AM Mary Gianardi—Memorial  
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

**MONDAY, MARCH 14**

*Lenten Weekday*  
7:30AM Mary & James Daly—Memorial  
12:05PM Frances Sigillito—Memorial

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15**

*Lenten Weekday*  
7:30AM Michael Sinotte—Birthday Remembrance  
12:05PM The Deceased Members of the Hyde Family

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16**

*Lenten Weekday*  
7:30AM Mary Jo Duffy—Memorial  
12:05PM Special Intention

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

*Lenten Weekday: St. Patrick, Bishop*  
7:30AM Deceased of the McGinley & Kiernan Families  
12:05PM Annette Murray—Months Mind

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18**

*Lenten Weekday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
7:30AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—Memorial  
12:05PM Catherine McPhee & Michael Dellorfano-Mem.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19**

*St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
8:30AM Special Intention  
12:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy  
*The Mass of Anticipation for 3rd Sunday of Lent*  
4:00PM Daniel J. Storti—Memorial

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20**

*The Third Sunday in Lent*  
7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial  
9:00AM Michael McGlynn—Memorial  
10:30AM Maria Aquino & Jerry Caporaso—Birthday Rem.  
5:00PM John Brennan—Memorial







Dear Parishioners:

I thank Monsignor Kieran Harrington for leading last week's Lenten Mission. His peaching provided much food for thought as we take up the cross of Lent. We are grateful for his time at our parish and promise our prayers for his important ministry on behalf of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

Lent is a time of prayer and sacrifice. We strive to unite ourselves with the suffering of Jesus, walking with him in the desert, agonizing with him in the garden, dying with him on the cross. We do so with more prayer, greater fasting, and sacrificial almsgiving.

As one of the three pillars of Lent, almsgiving is as the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on almsgiving by donating to the poor and performing acts of charity.

To live out almsgiving in the spirit of Lenten sacrifice and following the clear teaching of Jesus, we do not give simply from our surplus or just what we can spare. Rather, we should give sacrificially. Giving alms to those in need is not just a good idea or a pious practice. It is truly a moral obligation.

Almsgiving also has spiritual benefits as it strengthens our love for others, increases our detachment from material things, and contributes to greater social justice. In the purest sense of charity, almsgiving does not expect

repayment but is an act of mercy and justice.

St. John Chrysostom wrote, "*Not to share our riches with the poor is a robbery of the poor, and a depriving them of their livelihood. It is for this that God has permitted you to possess much that you should distribute it to the needy.*"

This weekend we have a great opportunity to assist the poor and needy in Rhode Island through the Catholic Charity Appeal. Our support of this Appeal funds the numerous ministries and programs of the Diocese of Providence. Your generous donations enable the Church to provide social, educational, and spiritual support to thousands of Rhode Islanders.

The good works supported by the Catholic Charity Appeal include direct assistance to the poor, the hungry, and the homeless. Also, it funds places like the Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter, the St. Martin Porres Center, which serves the elderly and poor, St. Clare and St. Antoine Nursing Homes for the aged and infirm, Catholic School scholarships for economically poor students, and refugee and migrant services.

Our Church does all of these good works and many more daily. The Catholic Church is the second largest provider of social services for the poor and needy after the government. Thousands of people are assisted by our Church because you support the Catholic Charity Appeal.

Our Catholic Charity Appeal Parish Goal this year is \$190,000. OLM has not reached its goal since 2019 due to the

pandemic. With the pandemic subsiding, now is the time for every parishioner to support the Appeal.

I thank our CCA Chairs, Ron and Kate Jelinek, for leading the Appeal at OLM. This weekend is our in-pew pledge solicitation for the Appeal. Historically OLM has always exceeded our parish goal and led the Diocese in supporting the charitable works of the Church.

So if you've never pledged before, please do so today. If you've donated in the past, please do so again and consider increasing your pledge. We ask every parish family to prayerfully consider a pledge of \$300 payable over 10 months. That's just \$30 a month to help thousands of our poor and needy brothers and sisters in RI!

We celebrate St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day this week. So please join us this Thursday as we welcome Bishop Tobin to OLM for St. Patrick's Day. Bishop Tobin is celebrating our 12:05pm Mass which includes readings and music in Irish. A reception with Irish Soda Bread and coffee follows the Mass!

And then, on Saturday, we welcome Monsignor Raymond Bastia, who is celebrating our St. Joseph's Day Mass in Italian at Noon. A reception of Italian zeppoles and coffee follows the Mass! Let's celebrate our faith with St. Patrick and St. Joseph! Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless!



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**2022 OLM Parish Goal=\$190,000**

2021 OLM Parish Goal=\$190,000

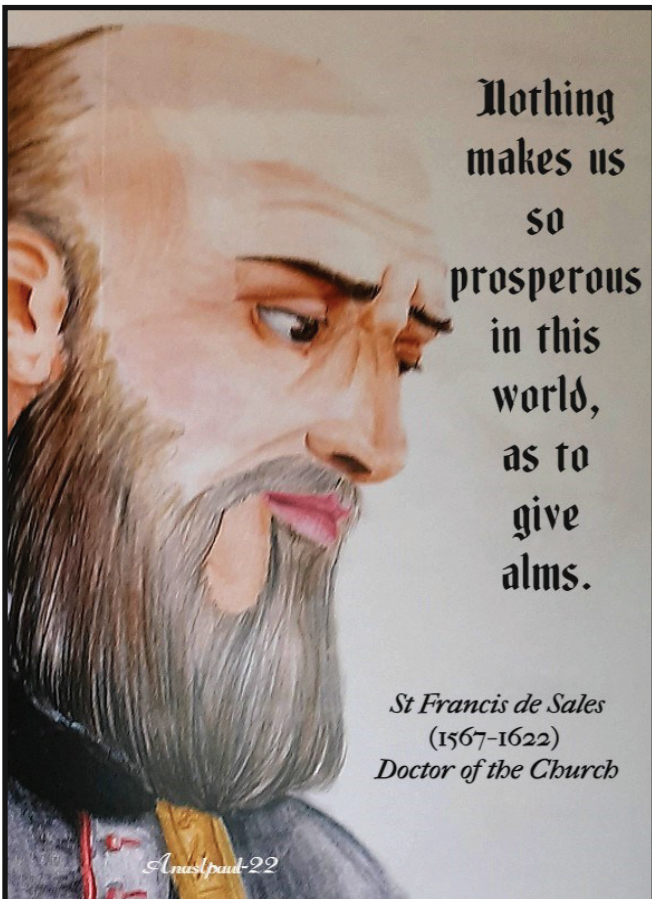
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2021 OLM Total Donors=336

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March 6, 2022

Weekly.....\$10,741.00

EFT.....\$3,850.00

**Total=\$14,591.00**

Outreach.....\$2,182.00

Building & Grounds.....\$2,765.00

Ash Wednesday.....\$4,018.00

March 7, 2021

Weekly.....\$13,411.00



## Every penny counts!



*Thank you for your contribution - big and small!*

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



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially **John G. Bradley, III** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last week.







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RE Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 13:  
5:00PM Mass and Class:  
1st Communion & 1st Grade

Sunday, March 20:  
5:00PM Mass and Class: Grades 3,4,5,6 and 7

Sunday, March 27:  
5:00PM Mass and Class: 8th Grade Confirmation  
*Both Parents & Students must attend Mass & Class*

Important Dates:

Saturday, April 2: First Penance at 1:00pm  
Saturday, April 9: First Penance at 1:00pm



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Schedule of Events

- Wednesday, March 16: Green & Red Dress Down Day! PTG Meeting at 6:00pm
- Thursday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day Mass at 12:05pm, Formal Uniforms; Beloved Middle School Group Meeting, 2:30pm—3:30pm
- Friday, March 18: NO SCHOOL; Faculty Professional Development Day

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• OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated NON-EXPIRED AND non-perishable food items only and paper goods in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. Please do not leave medical supplies. Thank you for your support!

• OLM Bereavement Group: Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those who are grieving are invited to join with us.

• For information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or email at [outreach@olmparish.org](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)

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# Our Lady of Mercy Church

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, MARCH 17  
MASS AT 12:05PM

Mass with Readings & Music in Irish

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## SOLEMN ST. JOSEPH'S DAY MASS



SATURDAY, MARCH 19,  
MASS AT 12:00PM

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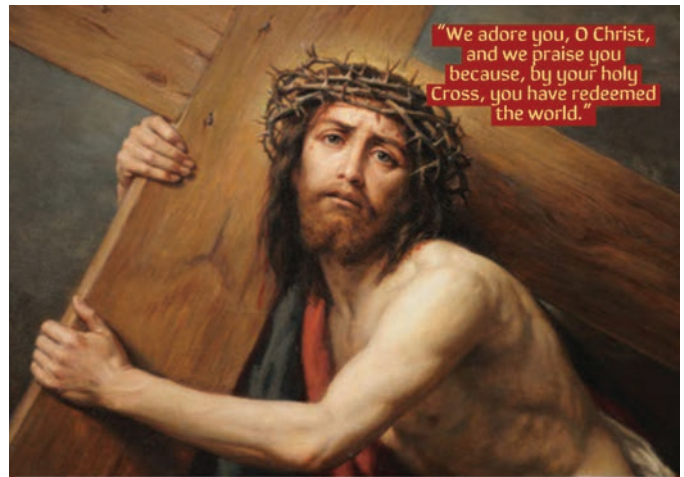
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**Stations of the Cross**  
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## OLM Rosary Makers Workshop

Tuesday, March 15, 2022  
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