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## † MASS SCHEDULE †

### Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation.....5:00 PM

Sunday Mass.....7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM &  
5:00 PM (Sept—May)

### Daily

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

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

### Holy Day

*Except on Christmas & New Years*

Vigil Mass.....5:00 PM

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

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## ***The Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time ✕ August 18, 2019***

### **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 the parish Deacon 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**

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# Mass Intentions for the Week

**THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 18, 2019**

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**

*Mass of Anticipation for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Dolores K. Vespa—Birthday Remembrance

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**

*The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Lucy M. Fusco—Memorial  
 10:30AM D'cd of Skowronski & Sherrea Families—Mem.

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 19**

*Weekday; St. John Eudes, Priest*  
 7:30AM Jane O'Donnell—Memorial

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 20**

*St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*  
 7:30AM Dina Coelho—Memorial

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21**

*St. Pius X, Pope*  
 7:30AM Mariakutty Peter—Memorial

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 22**

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 7:30AM Anne Sedlock—1st Anniversary

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 23**

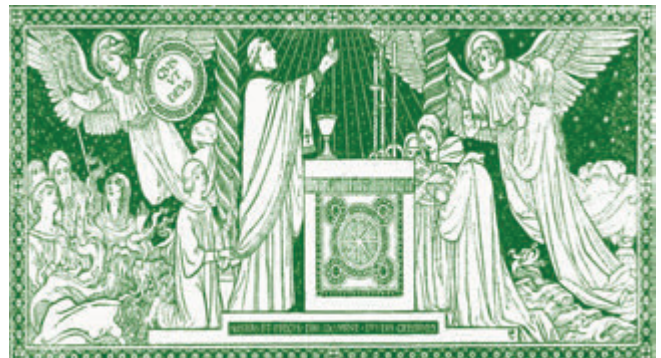
*Weekday; St. Rose of Lima, Virgin*  
 7:30AM Gildo R. Foresti—Memorial

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**

*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*  
 8:30AM Fred & Evelyn Buoro—Memorial  
*Mass of Anticipation for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs of Mastracchio, Zaino & Ucci Families—Mem.

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

*The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Mary Palombo Falchini—Memorial  
 10:30AM Lawrence Durrell—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

We welcome Fr. Tim Deely for a Mass of Thanksgiving this Sunday. As you know Fr. Deely was recently ordained a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, but he has lots of connections at OLM and here in RI. He is Fr. Connors former college roommate at Boston College and is a frequent guest at OLM. He also taught for nearly a decade at Bishop Hendricken High School before entering the seminary. I thank you for your warm welcome to Fr. Deely. Pray for him as I know he is praying for our parish!

I ask you to continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood, and consecrated life, especially in the Diocese of Providence. Fr. Brian Morris, an OLM parishioner, and graduate of OLM School, is the Vocation Director for our Diocese, please keep him in your prayers too.

We have more good news about vocations from OLM! On August 8th, the Feast of St. Dominic, Laura Makin, an OLM Parishioner, completed her Postulant Year with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia in Nashville, TN. Laura is the child of Tom and Elizabeth Makin and now she enters her Canonical Novice Year.

At the Reception of the Habit ceremony on August 8th she was given her new religious name, Sister Anna Josephine. The ceremony took place at the Motherhouse in Nashville in the presence of the entire community of some 300 sisters. Mother Anna Grace, OP, the Prioress General, conferred the habit and gave Sister Laura her new religious name.

The tradition is that the

Postulants submit three choices of religious names that take significance from their chosen Feast Day. Sister Anna Josephine's feast day is the Feast of the Presentation, February 2nd. Sister Anna Josephine received the habit along with five other young women.

We give thanks to God for Sister Anna Josephine's vocation to the consecrated life, as it is truly a great honor for our parish family. We also offer Sister and her family our heartfelt congratulations and prayerful best wishes.

The Nashville Dominican Sisters were founded 150 years ago in Nashville, Tennessee. They are a growing congregation with some 300 sisters. Their primary mission is teaching in Catholic Schools and in fact, they administer and teach at St. Pius V School in Providence. Please keep Sister Anna Josephine, and the Nashville Dominican Sisters, in your prayers!

The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia stand in stark contrast to the decline of many religious congregations over the last fifty years.

While many congregations of women religious have grown older and smaller, the Nashville Dominicans have seen a boom in vocations, and overall interest, in recent years. As reported in Regina Magazine, the community has grown 46% in just the past 14 years, and with 300 sisters currently, are the largest they have ever been.

The reason for the continuing growth of the order is as simple as it is sincere. Contrary to a contemporary culture which is so morally

confused and indifferent to God, the Nashville Dominicans offer a life of timeless truths and selfless service. If you have ever encountered a Nashville Dominican Sisters, or visited their Motherhouse in Nashville, you discover holy and happy religious sisters who are filled with the joy of the Gospel, and a zeal for the Catholic Faith.

Sister Peter Marie O.P., vocations director for the Nashville Dominicans, observes: *"Many are hearing the call to give everything and are seeking an authentic religious life that is joyfully lived. They have discovered that true happiness is realized in doing the Lord's will and have come to recognize the invitation of the Lord in the silence of their hearts."*

*If you have heard the Lord's gentle invitation to religious life, it may have taken you by surprise. Fear is not an uncommon response to the first stirrings of a religious vocation.*

*However, if one is called to the religious life then, with time and prayer, fear turns to conviction and we can begin the first steps to finding and accepting his will. This conviction brings a peace and joy that nothing else can match. A young woman open to the call to give her whole life to Christ will find that she can only surrender to this irresistible prompting that He has placed within her heart."*

Pray for more vocations!  
Be well. Do Good. God Bless!  
Go Pats! *Oremus pro invicem!*

*Father Healey*



**Why Dress at Church Matters**

“God does not care what you wear.” Truer words have never been spoken or have they? It is true that what we wear on Sunday (or to any event for that matter) does not impact God. God is unchanging, he needs nothing, he is perfectly happy; whether we come in shorts and a t-shirt or a three piece suit, God will be perfectly fine (after all He is God). So, then, does it matter what we wear at Church (at school, in the boardroom, at the dentists, at the supermarket, etc.)? Absolutely!

Dress has changed much through the centuries. No one wears powdered wigs anymore (as far as I can tell), but it is a ritualized action that has an effect on our thoughts. A ritualized action is an action conditioned by the times, which seeks to set forth a certain set of ideas or purpose. In terms of setting forth a set of ideas when a person wears a suit or dress to an event, it is automatically assumed that this is an important event. Likewise in terms of purpose, you would not wear a suit to the beach, but you would wear it to meet the president. Moreover a shared dress code symbolizes unity and communion. What is the purpose and importance of the Mass? The purpose of the Mass is the most important thing that we can do: the worship of God.

Our outward actions reflect our inner dispositions. *Lex orandi, lex credendi*; the law of worship is the law of belief; how we come to worship, will influence our prayer lives. Clothes have always been the most obvious indicator and vehicle for inner dispositions. If we do not take the time and effort to dress up outwardly for Mass, then there is the risk that the idea starts to form inwardly that this is not an important event.

As the journalist and fashion writer, G. Bruce Boyer asks: “*Could it be that when a person wears a polo shirt, khakis, and athletic shoes to Mass, weddings, and funerals then that person has forgotten the significance of what they are doing; could it be that it reflects something of their inner disposition?... Wearing one’s Sunday best, as much as kneeling, was a visible sign of a humble heart.*”

Notice, that when you dress up for Mass it takes time, energy, and expense. In other words, it takes sacrifice. Part of preparing for Mass means preparing a worthy sacrifice for God. When the priest prays: “*pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable...*” what this means is that everyone offers themselves with Christ in His one timeless sacrifice. Dressing up is part of offering an acceptable sacrifice. There is the danger of vanity, but when we dress well for God and others, it helps to fulfill the commandment to love God and neighbor. There is an excellent article on First Things called “*Dress Up*” if any are interested in reading more behind the “*casualization revolution*”.

*Weekly Collection* 

August 11, 2019

Weekly.....	\$9,942.00
EFT.....	\$2,636.00
	<b>Total=\$12,578.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$307.00
Peter’s Pence.....	\$2,462.00

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.

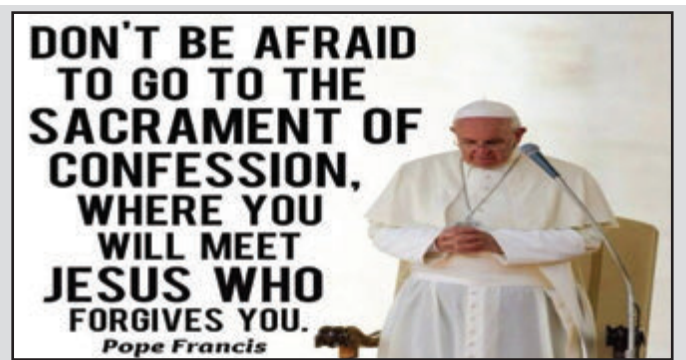
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**Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.**



## Summer Office Hours

**OLM Parish Office for August**  
**Monday – Thursday: 8:00AM to 4:00PM**  
**Fridays: 8:00AM – 12:00PM**



**Confessions at OLM**  
 Mondays: 6:00PM—6:45PM  
 Saturdays: 4:00PM—4:45PM  
**NB: No Confessions on Monday, August 26, 2019.**

# Thank You

Dear OLM Parishioners:

It is hard to believe that my ten weeks have already past, and my time at OLM as the summer seminarian has ended. It has been a summer that has been filled with much growth and positive experiences and truly fruitful for my continued formation for the priesthood.

Your welcome to me from my first Mass until the last was truly kind. I want to thank you all for making me feel like I am truly part of the parish from day one. I have been blessed in my time here to take part many of the different things happening here at Our Lady of Mercy. So many groups of people allowed me to be a part of what they are doing here. From the Men of St. Joseph to the Legion of Mary, the parish staff, the daily Mass crowd, and the OLM Youth Group. Each and everyone welcomed me to the parish with open arms, and I am truly grateful for such a warm welcome.

I offer a special thank you to the Faculty of Our Lady of Mercy School who allowed me to interrupt classes, discuss vocations, and answer student questions. Also, my thanks to the students who asked me no less than 15 times a day how tall I am! It was truly a great experience to be involved with such a vibrant and faith-filled school community.

As a seminarian each of my summer assignments provides a different opportunity and experience. I am very blessed to have been able to spend my summer at such a faithful and faith-filled community as OLM! In a particular way I thank Fr. Healey and Fr. Barrow for their help and friendship this summer. It was a privilege to be able to live in an active and joyful rectory for the summer. Our Lady of Mercy is blessed to have two outstanding priests! I am thankful to have been able to learn from them, and their priestly witness.

I thank the many parishioners who were so kind and generous with their cards, well wishes and gifts at my Farewell Reception. I also thank those who organized the reception for their kindness and support. Your generosity and support is truly appreciated and I am truly grateful!

Please know of my continued prayers for this wonderful parish. I humbly ask that you please continue to pray for me in this year as I prepare for my Diaconate Ordination next spring, especially since I have Fr. Connors for two classes this year!! It has been a true blessing to be assigned to OLM and I look forward to coming back to visit often.

In Jesus through Mary,

*Daniel Mahoney*



We wish our OLM School faculty, staff and students a healthy and happy summer!

OLM School Office Summer Hours  
Monday—Friday: 8:00AM—12:00PM

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, August 21:

Pre-K & K Meet & Greet at 6pm

Monday, August 26

OLM Faculty Retreat at St. Edmunds Retreat House on Enders Island with Fr. James Sullivan, OP

Tuesday, August 27

Professional Day, Faculty Welcome Luncheon & 6th Grade Orientation at 9am

Wednesday, August 28:

First Day of School!!

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• **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items especially in these summer months. Please leave all items in the Food Box in the vestibule.

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



## Our Lady of Mercy Feast Week

Monday, September 23, 2019

OLM Saints & Scholars Golf Tournament  
Quidnessett Country Club Tee Off at 1:00PM

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Our Lady of Mercy Feast Mass at 9:00AM  
Fr. Eric Silva, Homilist

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

OLM Feast Concert & Holy Hour at 7:00pm

Thursday, September 26, 2019

OLM Act of Mercy at 6pm

Friday, September 27, 2019

OLM Octoberfest 6:00PM—9:00PM

# Congratulations!

## Sister Anna Josephine The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia



We offer our prayerful congratulations OLM Parishioner, Laura Makin, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Makin, who was received to the habit on August 8th, the Feast of St. Dominic, at the St Cecilia Motherhouse, Nashville, TN. Laura has completed her Postulant Year and now enters her Canonical Novice Year. On August 8th she was given her new religious name, Sister Anna Josephine.

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Please keep Sister Anna Josephine in your prayers. If you wish to send her best wishes, please send them to Sister Anna Josephine Makin, St. Cecilia Motherhouse, 801 Dominican Drive, Nashville, TN 37228

*"Wishing to follow Christ more freely, we tend toward holiness by a narrower path. The consecrated life is the fruition of the baptismal grace. The consecrated virgin is set apart for the Lord. The voluntary gift of self by which we devote ourselves to God and strengthen our brethren becomes the source of tranquil peace. By our consecrated life we teach the way to holiness and joy." (Constitutions of the Congregation)*



## Help the Students at St. Patrick's

Donations of school supplies like crayons, pens, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, rulers, 2" binders, wide/college ruled paper, and notebooks are much needed. All donated items can be placed in the blue bin in the vestibule. Financial donations can be made to the OLM Outreach, mark "Backpack Drive" on the envelope or memo on the check. We thank you for your generous support.

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