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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 Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time ✕ August 25, 2019

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment.

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### 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

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

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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# Mass Intentions for the Week

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## **THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 25, 2019**

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**

*Mass of Anticipation for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Dec'd Members 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

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 26**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 27**

*St. Monica*  
 7:30AM Edward F. Saunders—9th Anniversary

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28**

*St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
 7:30AM Special Intention

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 29**

*The Passion of St. John the Baptist*  
 7:30AM Nancy, Pat & Marie Raimondo—Memorial

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 30**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 31**

*Weekday: BVM*  
 8:30AM Special Intention  
*Mass of Anticipation for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Edward V. Healey, Sr. & Bernard A. Healey-33rd. Anniv.

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

*The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Dorothy Ianacone—Memorial  
 10:30AM Bernard St. Jean—Memorial  
 5:00PM Mary & Bernard Falchini—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

It was a beautiful celebration at last Sunday's 10:30AM Mass with the newly ordained Father Tim Deely. His celebration of a Mass of Thanksgiving here at OLM was solemn and reverent. It is always a very prayerful and joyful experience to receive a First Blessing from a newly ordained priest.

When a newly ordained priest offers an individual his first priestly blessing it is an opportunity for the faithful to gain a plenary indulgence. Holy Mother Church updated this tradition by granting a plenary indulgence to all first Masses, and Masses of Thanksgiving, the newly ordained priest celebrates.

Also, an additional grace may be gained from receiving the First Blessing of a newly ordained priest. First Blessings are customarily given when first Masses are celebrated, but they may be given up to a full year after ordination.

Upon receiving the blessing, it is the tradition to kiss the palms of the newly ordained priest in recognition of the sacred character of his priesthood, and of the hands that now hold the Eucharist and confer the sacraments.

We thank Fr. Deely for celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving here at OLM, and also for conferring his First Blessings upon the many who came forward after the Mass. It is a great occasion of grace for our parish to host such a joyous occasion. We offer Fr. Deely our gratitude and thanks. Pray for him as he begins his first priestly assignment in Pittsburgh.

Speaking of "Firsts", this week marks the First Day of School at OLM School, and in both the Warwick and East Greenwich Public Schools. Sadly for teachers and students summer has ended! Although I suspect we might spy quite a few smiling parents at OLM! Pray for all the students and teachers returning to school this week. May they grow in faith, hope, love and wisdom! May our Blessed Mother lay her mantle of love and protection upon them all!

We are excited to begin another school year at OLM School. Once again our weekdays resound with the sounds of happy children heading to school, and playing outside at recess, while our school corridors resound with the sounds of math, science, religion, English, history, Spanish, music and prayer!

This year we welcome our new OLM School Principal, Mr. Patrick H. McNabb, along with several new faculty members. Our OLM School teachers are among the finest in the Catholic School System in the Diocese! They are dedicated professionals who are very dutiful and make great sacrifices to teach in our school. But best of all, they strive to live the Mission of OLM School in developing our future Saints and Scholars! I thank them for their dedication and professionalism.

I ask you to pray for them this week as they take up their classroom duties. They begin this week with a Faculty Retreat on Monday at St. Edmunds Retreat Center on Enders Island in Mystic, CT. Dominican Father James Sullivan, OP, the

Pastor of St. Pius V School in Providence, is leading the retreat. I know it will be a fruitful time and provide the necessary spiritual formation to being the school year.

Of course OLM School would never be the great success it truly is without our terrific little Saints and Scholars. They are always so eager to learn more about their subjects, but also learn more about Jesus Christ and His Church. They begin and end every day with prayer, come to weekly Mass, and perform many works of mercy and charity. Best of all they get to do so in a loving Catholic community where truth is taught, and virtues are honored! Welcome back OLM School Students!

We thank their parents who make the choice to send their children to our parish school and sacrifice to ensure a first class Catholic Education. With a tremendous new principal, an excellent faculty, our eager students and committed parents, OLM School is truly a great school and I thank them all for making it so!

Next Sunday, September 1st the 5:00PM Sunday Evening Mass returns to the weekly schedule. Spread the word about this and let your family and friends know! It is yet another chance to get to Mass on Sunday!

Be well. Do Good. God Bless! Go Sox????!! Go Pats!  
*Oremus pro invicem!*



**Celibacy and Human Nature**

The commentary published on Friday, August 16, 2019 titled *The Catholic Church Needs to Face Up to Human Nature* by Dr. Joelle Rollo-Koster, critiques the practice of priestly celibacy. The author makes an oft repeated argument: Celibacy is the cause of the sexual abuse, hence celibacy should be abandoned.

As her title indicates, she makes this argument based on a certain conception of human nature. She writes, “the Church needs to face human nature and stop ignoring it.” Her critique, however, ignores the transformative effect of grace on human nature. Without grace celibacy would be difficult, if not impossible, except for a very few. Yet, as Jesus Christ teaches, human nature through the power of grace is capable of amazing acts.

Under the guise of a critique on celibacy is an age-old attack on the power of grace to transform human nature, and the ability of human nature to reach the heights of sanctity. This critique impacts all aspects of life, not just celibacy. This conception of human nature may also be used as an attack on the permanence of marriage, which amounts to saying: “*Human nature is weak, we should not expect people to marry for life or exclusively to another person.*”

Providentially the Gospel for the day of her article was taken from Matthew 19:3-12 in which Jesus tells us about marriage and celibacy. “*Not all can accept this word, but whoever can accept this ought to accept it.*” Our Lord is fully aware that the demands involved in His teaching on marriage and His recommendation of celibacy practiced out of love of God run counter to the temptation of selfishness inherent in human nature. But this selfishness does not get the last word; sin does not get the final say in how we live our lives. That is why He says that acceptance of this teaching is a gift from God.

There will always be those who want to abandon celibacy. Celibacy is an existential threat to the sexual ideology of our time. It is a reminder that true love is found not primarily in sexual activity, but in the life of charity which unites us to God and to one another. There will always be those who devalue what human beings are capable of with grace.

As Pope St. Paul VI wrote in 1967, “*Priestly celibacy has been guarded by the Church for centuries as a brilliant jewel, and retains its value undiminished even in our time when the outlook of men and the state of the world have undergone such profound changes.*”

The problem is not celibacy or the church's conception of human nature. Rather the problem is that priests, and people, need to follow the teachings of Christ and so be transformed by grace. With the strength of grace and fidelity to Christ, celibacy is possible, marital fidelity for life is possible too.

*Weekly Collection*

**August 18, 2019**

Weekly.....	\$9,107.00
EFT.....	\$2,317.00
	<b>Total=\$11,424.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$888.00
Assumption Holy Day.....	\$2,609.00


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.**

**Second Collections  
Next Week: Building & Grounds**

**5:00PM Sunday Evening Mass Returns**



Please note the Weekly 5:00PM Sunday Evening Mass begins again next **Sunday, September 1, 2019** and continues until May 31, 2020.



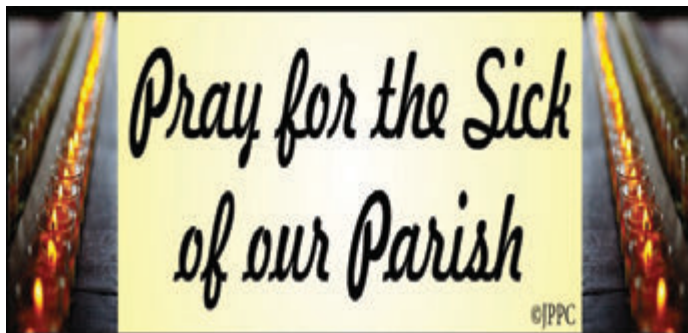
We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of **James F. Bachand** and **Dom Francis Crowley, OSB** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated last week.



Religious Education  
NEWS

Online registration for  
the 2019-2020 RE Classes

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to register today!!*




Outreach  
Update

- **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.
- **OLM Bereavement Group** meets **Thursday, September 5th at 4:00PM in Mercy House.** All those experiencing grief or loss are welcome to join us for prayer, discussion and support.
- **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)



*We welcome back our OLM School students,  
faculty and staff this week!*

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

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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**Is your summer reading finished?**

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

# Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist

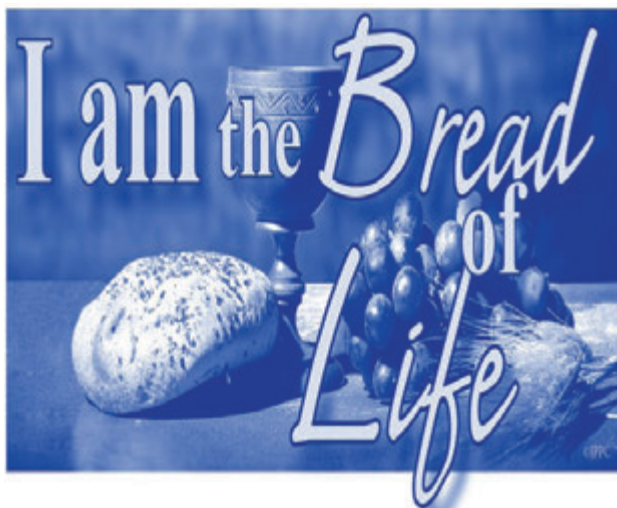


**O**ur eucharistic celebration or Mass is made up of two main parts, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Preceded by introductory rites, the Liturgy of the Word consists of the proclamation of the word of God, the profession of faith, and the prayer of the faithful.

The various sections of the Liturgy of the Eucharist are the preparation of gifts, the eucharistic prayer, and the communion rite, all followed by a brief concluding rite.

In both parts together we experience God and participate in a single integrated act of worship. It is through hearing the word of God that we believe in sharing the bread of life and through sharing the bread of life that we are empowered to live the word of God.



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## 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



## 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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