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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-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time ✕ September 15, 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**

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

### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS**

Please contact one of the parish priests or the Office of the Director of Vocations at 401-331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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# *Mass Intentions* for the Week

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**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

*Mass of Anticipation for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Mr. & Mrs. Attilio Filippi—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

*The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM Mary Retelle—Memorial  
 9:00 AM Paul Cienki—Birthday Remembrance  
 10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 5:00PM Joan O'Donnell & Marion O'Donnell Gillcrest-Mem

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

*Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

7:30AM Dec'd of Pundys & Dikinis Families-Memorial

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

*Weekday; St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

7:30AM Dina Coelho—Memorial

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

*Weekday*

7:30AM Paul Cienki—Memorial

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

*Weekday; St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr*

7:30AM Joseph Zaino —10th Anniversary

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

*St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs*

7:30AM Alexander Tagliatela—3rd Anniversary

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

*St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*

8:30AM Lewis Phillips—3rd Anniversary

*Mass of Anticipation for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00PM Ray & Theresa Sylvia, Ellen & Al Silva—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

*The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Alex, Diamond, & Joanne Tagliatella & William &  
 Renate McGlumphy—Memorial  
 10:30AM Mariakutty Peter—Memorial  
 5:00PM Bernice Primeau—Birthday Remembrance





Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only pray for our parish catechists who teach in the OLM Religious Education Program, but we also commend parents and families and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

At the 9:00AM Mass on Sunday we are to commission the men and women who volunteer to teach the some 400 children of our parish about the Catholic Faith. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity for every parishioner to reflect on the role they play, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, *"Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis."*

This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others. In a very special way, we pray for our catechists and all those families enrolled in our Religious Education Program.

On Catechetical Sunday, we are also reminded that parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. It is Catholic Parents who must prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. So please pray for the parents of the children in our Religious Education Program, that they may strive to fulfill the promise they made on the day of their child's baptism to *"teach them in the ways of the faith."*

I wish to thank Mickey St. Jean and Doug Green who direct our OLM Religious Education Program. They do exemplary work in ensuring the teachings of Christ and His Church are taught to our parish children with zeal, integrity and joy. We must also thank the men and women who volunteer to serve as teachers in our RE Program for their service and sacrifice.

We thank the many families in our RE Program. They have chosen to prepare the future of our parish and Church by educating their children in the faith. We thank them for their willingness to ensure the faith is an important part of their family life and bringing their children to

Christ in this way.

Ours is a large program and it requires the work and dedication of many people along with the cooperation of the students and their families. We are grateful for their cooperation with our teachers and RE Directors. Working together to educate the children of OLM in the ways of the faith is critical to our parish life and future.

Pope Francis reminds parents: *"We need simplicity to pray as a family! Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer!"* May we pray for all OLM families and may all OLM families pray!

Finally, a word of thanks to the many parishioners who were so kind in offering sympathy, prayers and Masses for my late brother Kevin whose Funeral Mass I celebrated last week. My family is truly grateful for your support and prayers at this time of grief and sadness. May he rest in peace.

Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats! *Oremus pro invicem!*

*Father Healey*



**Is Anointing of the Sick effective without Confession?**

As we read in the Letter of St. James: "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another [that is, in the context of the elders of the church coming to you], and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects." (James 5:14-16). In the Rite of Anointing of the Sick we read a portion of this letter prior to administering the Sacrament. The ancient Church always saw in this letter and elsewhere: First, Christians must confess their sins to the ministers (i.e. priests) of the Church. Second: That the ministers of the Church received the authority of Christ (the "man" with the authority to forgive sins, that is, God Incarnate) to forgive sins. Whether arguing from a Catholic, Orthodox, or early Protestant perspective (that is, Lutheran and Anglican churches), that was the interpretation everyone accepted. The evangelical idea that you confess to God alone did not exist before people like Calvin and Zwingli--that is, not till 1500 years after the Resurrection.

Confusion, however, abounds when administering or receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Namely, people erroneously think that the Sacrament of Anointing automatically forgives sins. This is not necessarily the case. Those who are in grave or mortal sin must first repent and go to Confession before receiving the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This is because the sacrament would not be effective otherwise. If a person is conscious and aware of mortal sins, then Confession should precede the Anointing. If, however, the person is unconscious or unable to make a complete confession because of illness, then forgiveness may be received through the Sacrament of Anointing. Such a person receives forgiveness of sins provided that prior to becoming unconscious or unable to respond, they repented of their sins. If the person is unconscious and is known to have obstinately persisted in grave sin up to the point of losing consciousness, with no sign of repentance, then the anointing will not have the desired effect. Granted, if such a person showed even an implicit sign of repentance (e.g. "call the priest"), then there is a hope that the anointing will bear fruit. This is based on the question: "would the person repent if they could."

These rules and conditions are not meant to keep people away from the sacraments (and therefore Christ). Instead the proper use and reception of the Sacraments ensures that a person enters into a relationship with Christ and understands the efficacy and meaning of the Sacraments. So to sum up: before receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, should one go to Confession? If one is able, the answer is a resounding "yes."

*Weekly Collection* 

**September 8, 2019**

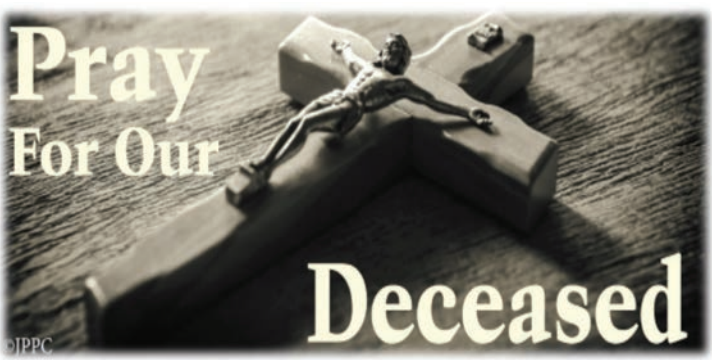
Weekly.....	\$11,648.00
EFT.....	\$1,862.00
	<b>Total=\$13,510.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$938.00

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 Support!  
May God Bless Your Generosity!**

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

**Second Collections**  
**This Week: Priests Retirement Collection**  
**Next Week: Annual Parish Collection**



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of **Jennie A. Cotham** and **Kevin F. Healey** of whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated last week.





# Religious Education NEWS

*Religious Education Calendar  
available on the Parish Website  
[www.olmparish.org](http://www.olmparish.org)*

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sunday, September 15th: OLM Celebration of Catechist Sunday all teachers, substitutes, and volunteers are invited to the 9:00am Mass to be commissioned. We will have a short teachers meeting in the school after mass.

Sunday, September 22nd: Grades 3-5 *only* have their first class on at the usual class time of 10-11:00am. Parents need to stay only to hear room assignments. Grades 6-8 have their first class at the usual class time of 6-7:00pm on Sunday, September 22nd.

Sunday, September 29th: Grades 1 and 2 have their orientation on Sunday, at the usual class time of 10-11:00am. Parents should attend the beginning of class. All meet in the school cafeteria. **NO CLASS** for grades 3-5 that morning.

## Important Dates for 9th Grade Confirmation Class

Saturday, September 21st: Retreats for those last names beginning M-Z or who have switched with permission.

Confirmation Retreats begin at 11:45AM until 4:45PM. All candidates, parents and sponsors, if possible, should attend 5:00PM Mass following Retreat.

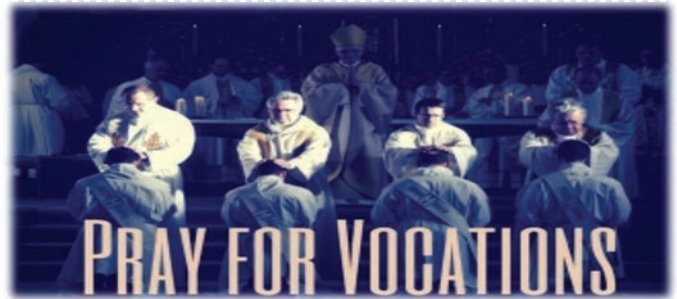
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if you have not yet done so. Thank you!*



## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **Tuesday, September 17:** Weekly OLM Mass at 8:15AM, All are invited to attend.
- **Monday, September 23:** Saints & Scholars Golf Tournament, Quidnessett CC, 1pm Start

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- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items. Please leave all items in the Food Box in the vestibule.
- **OLM Bereavement Group meets Thursday, September 19th 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)

*Congratulations*  
**To**  
*The*  
*Newly Baptized*



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and his parents, Michael & Julie

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and his parents, Christopher & Ashley

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and his parents, Dennis & Megan

**Charlotte Blayne Miller,**  
and her parents, Richard & Lindsay

**Gianluca William Taskin,**  
and his parents, Jonathan & Angelica

**Ariay Rose Zaniewski,**  
and her parents, David & Lexie

*"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*

**OLM Rosary Makers  
Monthly Workshop**



Tuesday,  
September 17, 2019  
9:30 - 11:30 AM  
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