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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-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time ✕ September 8, 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](http://www.catholicpriest.com).

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# Mass Intentions for the Week

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**THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

*Mass of Anticipation for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Paul Lamoureux—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

*The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM Bernard Falchini—Memorial  
 9:00 AM Sean T. Healey—5th Anniversary  
 10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 5:00PM Joseph Gianardi—15th Anniversary

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

*St. Peter Claver, Priest*  
 7:30AM Ernest Knott—Birthday Remembrance

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Florence Woods—3rd Anniversary

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Deborah O'Connell—Birthday Remembrance

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

*Weekday; The Most Holy Name of Mary*  
 7:30AM Sean T. Healey—5th Anniversary

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

*St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
 7:30AM Young-Ho Pyun—Birthday Remembrance

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
 8:30AM Dec'd of Lee & Pyun Families—Memorial  
*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 & Marian O'Donnell Gillcrest-Mem





Dear Parishioners:

We officially welcome our new OLM School Families this weekend at the 9:00AM Mass. In a special way, we pray for them and their children as they begin the school year at OLM School. We thank them for choosing OLM School and making the sacrifice to ensure their children a first class Catholic Education.

On Friday we celebrated the Mass of the Holy Spirit for the opening of the school year. We also installed our new OLM School Principal, Mr. Patrick H. McNabb. We are very grateful for his leadership of our school and look forward to his administration. Mr. McNabb, along with our excellent faculty, are off to a great start this year. With 230 happy, and eager, students, and with the Holy Spirit guiding us, we truly look forward to another great year.

Our OLM School students begin the week with Confessions on Monday afternoon and then Mass on Tuesday morning. Of course, they always begin and end each school day with prayer and are taught the Catholic Faith every day in the classroom. What a great opportunity for Catholic children to learn not only academics, but also to truly grow in the love and knowledge of God and His Church!

You can help support this daily Mission of OLM School by signing up for the Saints and Scholars Golf Tournament. It is always a great chance to play golf, have a good time with friends and watch Fr Barrow try to swing a golf club! And all of it in support of the little OLM Saints and Scholars. This year

the tournament is Monday, September 23rd at Quidnesett Country Club. It begins with a 1pm Shotgun Start following lunch.

So call three friends and sign up for a foursome today. There is a chance to win a car with a hole in one, lots of raffles, a live sports auction, a great lunch to start the day and a delicious dinner. Fr. Barrow and I are both playing this year. Our young Associate Pastor assures me he expects to shoot well below par this year! Come and see him try!!

If you cannot make it to the tournament perhaps you or your business might consider sponsoring a tee. Your name and message, or a business logo, will be prominently displayed at tees on the course. What a terrific way to support our little OLM Saints and Scholars! You can register for the Golf Tournament and Tee Sponsorships online at the parish website, [olmparish.org](http://olmparish.org)

The Saints and Scholars Open begins a full week of events at OLM as we celebrate our parish feast. The Feast of Our Lady of Mercy is Tuesday, September 24th. On the feast day there is a beautiful Mass at 9:00AM with the newly ordained Fr. Eric Silva, who served here at OLM as a summer seminarian, as our homilist.

On Wednesday September 25th, join us for a Holy Hour for Mercy as we pray and listen to sacred music in honor of Our Lady of Mercy sung by our adult and children's choirs. It is always a prayerful time to call upon our parish patroness for her powerful intercession for our own needs and the needs of our parish.

On Thursday, September 26th, we gather to perform a Work of Mercy in honor of our patroness. All parishioners of any age, and all parish families, are invited to join with us in the OLM School Cafeteria as we prepare meals for the hungry and homeless of our state. We begin this Work of Mercy at 6:00PM, so please join us!

And of course, we end our Feast Week on Friday, September 27th with our fun filled Oktoberfest. Join us on the OLM field under the tent as we enjoy German music, German food and also perhaps even have a stein of German Beer! We begin this fun family event at 6pm! So get your lederhosen ready and plan on being at the Oktoberfest! Prost!!

September is a special month at OLM. We celebrate our parish and our faith as we honor Our Lady of Mercy and her feast! So mark your calendar for these fun and faith-filled events as we gather as a parish family in celebration of what unites us and sustains us, our Catholic Faith! Let's celebrate as a parish family with fun and with faith! Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us!

A gentle reminder that our Sunday Evening 5:00PM Mass is back on the calendar. There wasn't much of a crowd at the Mass last weekend. So spread the word that there is yet another opportunity to get to Sunday Mass at OLM! Go Pats! *Oremus pro invicem!*





**Why is there purgatory, another take?**

One of the great misconceptions that inhabits Catholic thought today is the implicit denial of purgatory. We can find evidence of this sad reality in the fact that few pray for the dead or offer Masses (albeit OLM is a notable exception). No doubt certain remarks made in funeral homilies or by family and friends at funerals do not help clarify reality. Even if a person dies destined for heaven, that person still needs to be made ready to enter heaven. Just as our eyes need to adjust from darkness to bright light, our souls need to adjust from earthly existence to heavenly existence. As C.S. Lewis tells us in *The Great Divorce*, “Evil can be undone, but it cannot ‘develop’ into good. Time does not heal it. The spell must be unwound, bit by bit... It is still ‘either-or.’ If we insist on keeping Hell (or even earth) we shall not see Heaven: if we accept Heaven we shall not be able to retain even the smallest and most intimate souvenirs of Hell.” We call the place where our souls receive adjustment Purgatory.

The sacrament of Confession forgives sins and restores the soul to a state of grace. Even so the attachment to sin, and the disorder incurred from the sin remain. The attachment needs to be removed (e.g. I may sorrowfully regret my gluttony, but I am still tempted to eat cake excessively), and the disorder perfected. The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls this satisfaction. “Absolution takes away sin, but it does not remedy all the disorders sin has caused. Raised up from sin, the sinner must still recover his full spiritual health by doing something more to make amends for the sin: he must ‘make satisfaction for’ or ‘expiate’ his sins. This satisfaction is also called ‘penance’” (CCC 1459). Satisfaction must occur either in this life or in Purgatory. Satisfaction depends on a person’s union with Christ (i.e. the person must be in a state of grace). “Good deeds” separate from Christ do not save a person.

Just because a person does good deeds in life or even suffers in this life does not mean that they perform acts which make them ready for heaven. We do not save ourselves, Christ is the one who saves us; and we are saved insofar as we are united to Christ. The idea that we save ourselves is repugnant to the faith and known as the early heresy Pelagianism. A person who performs good deeds, but at the same time renounces Jesus does not buy their way into heaven with good deeds.

Perhaps the idea that our loved ones do not immediately enter heaven gives us pause or even despair. Yet, purgatory is part of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Purgatory means that acts of prayer, suffering, sacrifice, almsgiving, fasting, etc. may be done for our loved ones who have gone before us. Death does not separate us from helping our loved ones. Instead we may help them get ready for heaven. In fact praying for the dead is a necessary part of being a follower of Christ. Perhaps you have a loved one or spouse, who you have only just realized did so much for you. Suddenly you remember, I may still pay my spouse back and help him get ready for heaven. The best way we help our deceased loved ones is the Mass.

*Weekly Collection*

September 1, 2019


Weekly.....	\$9,455.00
EFT.....	\$1,532.00
	<b>Total=\$10,987.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$1,423.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$2,709.00

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**  
**Next Week: Priests Retirement Collection**



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

Please note the Weekly 5:00PM Sunday Evening Mass has begun again and continues until May 31, 2020.

**The Lord never tires of forgiving, it is we who tire of asking for forgiveness.**

**Pope Francis**




**Confessions at OLM**  
Mondays: 6:00PM—6:45PM  
Saturdays: 4:00PM—4:45PM



# 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 14th: Confirmation Retreat for those last names beginning A-L or who have switched with permission.

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.



## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Monday, September 9: School Confessions at 1pm
- Wednesday, September 11: Back to School Night for All Parents

[www.olmschool.org](http://www.olmschool.org)



- **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)

Pray  
for  
Vocations



## Cross

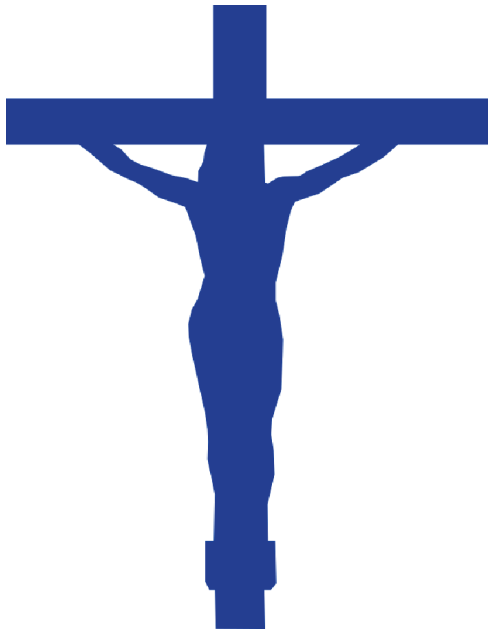


**A** cross, the basic symbol of Christianity, is to be visible at all liturgical celebrations.

This cross may be a permanent one, or it may be a processional cross carried in and out at the beginning and end of each celebration.

Because we human beings tend to lose sight of permanent fixtures and pay more attention to objects that are made present for a specific purpose, many communities that have recently built or renovated their worship spaces have favored the processional cross.

The latest Vatican directives, however, strongly suggest that a cross be on display in the sanctuary at all times and very specifically indicate that the liturgical cross, whether fixed or processional, bear an image of Christ crucified.



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## *The OLM Saints & Scholars Open*

Monday, September 23rd  
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