† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend
Saturday Vigil Mass......................... 5:00 PM
Sunday Masses.............. 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
September—May............................. 5:00 PM

Daily
Monday - Friday............................ 7:30 AM
Saturdays & Legal Holidays............... 8:30 AM

Holy Day
Vigil Mass...................................... 5:00 PM
Holyday Masses.................. 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday........................... 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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 one of the parish priests 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS
Please contact one of the parish priests or the Office of the Director of Vocations at 331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.
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The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 2015

SATURDAY, JULY 18
The Mass of the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM Robert A. Belanger—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, July 19
The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00 AM John P. O’Connor—Memorial
10:30AM Robert Dumouchel—4th Anniversary

MONDAY, JULY 20
Weekday/St. Apolinaris, Bishop & Martyr
7:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, JULY 21
Weekday/St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church
7:30 AM Kathryn Piotrowicz—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22
St. Mary Magdalene
7:30AM The Deceased Members of the Mottola & Del Vicario Families

THURSDAY, JULY 23
Weekday/St. Bridget, Religious
7:30AM Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial

FRIDAY, JULY 24
Weekday/St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
7:30AM John Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

SATURDAY, JULY 25
St. James, Apostle
8:30AM Ann Teresa Holt—Memorial
The Mass of Anticipation for 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM Paul Lamoureux—Memorial

SUNDAY, JULY 26
The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00 AM Robert Kennedy—1st Anniversary
10:30AM Martha & Gottloeb Loeffler—Memorial
Dear Parishioners:

A few parishioners have asked if we are using a new chalice at Sunday Masses. The answer is no, as the chalice has been used for years at OLM. It was recently refinished and that explains the “new look.”

The chalice is Father Francis Brady’s who served as Pastor of OLM for twenty-three years from 1947 until his retirement in 1970. The chalice was given to Fr. Brady by his aunt at his ordination in 1920. After the recent refinishing it now looks as it did in 1920. We continue to use this chalice at Sunday Masses and other special parish celebrations.

Next weekend we welcome Missionhurst Missionary Father Roy Shea, CICM, to OLM. Father Shea is coming to preach all the Masses next weekend on behalf of the good works done by the Missionhurst Missionaries across the globe. Each year a missionary comes to our parish as part of the Mission Co-op Program for the Diocese of Providence. It is our time to offer our prayers and financial support of the missions.

There is more about the work of the Missionhurst Missions in the bulletin. The Second Collection next weekend is dedicated to supporting the Missionhurst Missions. There is no envelope for this special collection so I ask you to be pleased be prepared in advance for it. Any check you write should be made payable to OLM.

It was wonderful having Eric with us for these ten weeks. He was a joy to live and work with during his time here. He was a great help teaching at OLM School, helping at the OLM Bible Camp, serving Masses, visiting our shut-ins and working along side me and Fr. Connors. I know he enjoyed his time here and the experience of living and working at the parish. I know I speak for Fr. Connors and Deacon Dowd when I offer thanks to Eric for his presence and ministry here at OLM.

In this week’s bulletin there is an insert announcing the 2nd Annual Wild Harvest Open House and Food Drive. On both Saturday and Sunday the Open House includes a “Bistro Night” with great food and live music. The food is being prepared by their terrific Chef Erica Maddalena. All donations go to support the work of OLM Outreach as well as the RI Food Bank.

Wild Harvest has long supported OLM Outreach with their sponsorship of OLM’s Lunch on the Hill at Saint Luke’s every first Wednesday of each month. We are grateful to OLM parishioners, Chef Erica Maddalena and Mike Balsamo, for their generous support of our OLM Outreach Ministry.

The event next weekend is a great way to enjoy a summer afternoon or evening eating great food, listening to music and helping a great cause. The event takes place at the Wild Harvest Log Cabin on Route 2. I hope you can stop by and say thanks and offer some support. More details are on the flyer in the bulletin this weekend.

It may be summer but there’s plenty going on here at OLM! Remember the Missions next weekend! Be well. Do good. Enjoy the summer! God Bless.
Dear Eric: How did you know you were called to the priesthood?

With the benefit of hindsight, I feel as if my call to the priesthood has been occurring throughout my life. But it has only been during the last couple of years that I have been willing to listen. I feel as if I experienced “the call” at three distinct times in my life. The first was when I was about twelve-years-old and a young altar server. The priest at my church had asked for someone to stand near him at the altar during the consecration. The first time I did this I experienced an attraction to what was going on in front of me and a deep sense of inner peace. Unfortunately, being young and having my own plans for my life, I quickly dismissed this experience.

The second occasion occurred during my Confirmation. Driving home from church to the reception at my house, I remember having the same thoughts and feelings as I did several years earlier. Again, being young and having my own plans for my life, I quickly dismissed this experience as well.

However, something profound happened during the third occasion. I was about halfway through college and I began to drift away from my faith for a number of years. Realizing how empty and unfulfilling life was in constant pursuit of earthly desires, I decided to recommit myself to mass, prayer, and the sacrament of penance. During this time I also was working as a sacristan at my home parish. This was instrumental in my discernment because it helped to cement a love for the liturgy and the Eucharist deep within my heart. I remember one Sunday afternoon, after a busy morning in the parish, sitting in my room doing my homework and all of a sudden the same thoughts and feelings came back except this time they were even stronger. “Stay calm” I told myself, “this feeling will pass.” A few years later, it has yet to go away, and again with the benefit of hindsight I can see how God’s patience and mercy has been strong at work in my life.

OLM Summer Seminarian Eric Silva is filling in for Fr. Connors for the next ten weeks. If you have a question about the Catholic Church, Catholic Teaching, or the life of a seminarian, please email all questions to parish@olmparish.org

Weekly Collection

July 12, 2015
Weekly.........................................................$12,218.50
EFT.............................................................$2,897.50
Total=$15,116.00

Outreach.......................................................$918.50

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.

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

Thank you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTIONS
Next Week: Mission Co-op for Missionhurst Missions

We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner, Raoul “Pete” Roberts whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

Banffs of Marriage

III Charles Anthony Porcaro II & Gabrielle Marie Mounsey  
St. Pius V, Providence  
St. Patrick, Yorktown Heights, NY

I Michael Moscatelli & Min Yu Elizabeth Pan  
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This week the Altar Flowers at the Marian Shrine have been donated in loving memory of Kathy Piotrowicz.
Congratulations to our newly baptized:

Braxton Thomas Dougan,  
and his parents, Brian & Rebecca. 

Callie Grace Brekenfeld,  
and her parents, Zachary & Kathleen.

“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

Please Don’t Forget the Hungry During the Summer!

THE OLM FOOD PANTRY is always in need of donated food items. Our food supply is low at this time of year but the demand is increases. Please place all donated non-perishable food items in the box located in the Church vestibule. Thank you for your support!

Mission Co-op NEXT WEEK
July 25/26, 2015 Second Collection for Missionhurst Missionaries

Please join us in welcoming Missionhurst Missionary Father Roy Shea, CICM (Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary), who is visiting Our Lady of Mercy the weekend of July 25-26, 2015 to present the Annual Mission Co-op Appeal. Fr. Shea is from the foreign mission Province of Brazil and is to share his experience of missionary work and priesthood in the missions. Missionhurst was founded in 1862 for the conversion of China. Today, Missionhurst serves in some of the most remote locations of Mongolia, Indonesia, Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Unlike some relief agencies that arrive only when there is a news-making crisis, Missionhurst missionaries come prepared to stay, living among the people, sharing in their poverty and serving their material and spiritual needs. Missionhurst missionaries help meet the needs of the people they serve with farming projects, building new churches and schools, and helping obtain clean water. Fr. Shea, a native of Prince Edward Island, Canada, is one of 18 children. He professed his first vows in 1966 as a lay brother and was ordained a priest in 1986. We thank you for your generous support!

Bible Study: The Letters of St Paul

Monday, July 20, 2015 7:00PM
OLM School Library

Want to learn more about the Sacred Scriptures? Interested in Saint Paul?

Then join our Summer Seminarian Eric Silva for a Bible Study on the Letters of St. Paul. Please bring your own bible. Refreshments will be provided. For more information call the Parish Office at 884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org

Mass Times for travel
masstimes.org
"come to me all of you" — Matthew 11:28
We have partnered with Parish Giving to offer this program to all of our parishioners. It’s simple, just log on to the Our Lady of Mercy website (www.olmparish.org) and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration instructions. It’s secure: Parish Giving is Payment Card Industry compliant and uses the strongest Secure Sockets Layering encryption technology available. It’s Convenient: No more searching for the checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM machine. You can pick the day of the month for the recurring contributions to be processed. Tax benefits: You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.

Parish benefits: Stable monthly contributions and significant reduction of parish administrative costs. To get started log on to: http://www.olmparish.org and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps.

ENSURE YOUR WEEKLY SUPPORT OF OLM PARISH WHILE AWAY ON VACATION or AT THE SUMMER HOME!

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Your Parish Needs You!

We are looking for a few High School students to serve as Weekend Sacristans at OLM. Training and small stipend provided. If you are interested or would like to learn more about it, contact Fr. Connors at 884-4968 or via email at associatepastor@olmparish.org

Blessing of the Fleet & Vocations Race Team

The Office of Vocations is organizing a race team for the Blessing of the Fleet 10 Mile Road Race on Friday, July 24th. The team is comprised of priests, seminarians, and lay faithful who will wear team t-shirts that witness to our faith and invite spectators and race participants to pray for vocations. If you are interested in joining our team and our cause of promoting vocation awareness in our diocese, please contact Fr. Christopher Murphy at FatherCJM@gmail.com. The more runners, the more powerful our witness.

Confession Times at Our Lady of Mercy

Every Monday from 6:00PM—6:45PM
Every Saturday from 4:00PM—4:45PM

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Providence kindly invites you and your spouse to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th or over Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 1:00PM at the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul, Providence. Celebration includes Holy Mass, renewal of vows, personalized certificate, and reception with you and your guests. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of Providence, is to be the Principal Celebrant and Homilist at the Mass. To register or for more information contact the Parish Office at 884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org

Blessing of the Feet Mass

Fr. Christopher Murphy will be celebrating a "Blessing of the Feet" Mass before the Blessing of the Fleet Road Race this year. The Mass is open to all race participants, spectators, family and friends and will take place on Friday, July 24th at 3pm at St. Thomas More Church, 53 Rockland St. Narragansett, R.I.

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way as to win the prize."
(1 Corinthians 9:24)
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