† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend
Saturday Mass of Anticipation........4:00 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
Vigil Mass...............................5:00 PM
Holyday Masses........7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment.
Saturdays at 3:00 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

Mrs. Sandra A. Demers, Parish Secretary
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The Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor
The Reverend Joshua A. Barrow, S.T.L., Associate Pastor
Deacon John W. Dowd, Parish Deacon
Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr.
William K. Wray
Parish Trustees

Parish Founded 1853  Parish Incorporated 1867
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3
The Mass of Anticipation for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM Gianna M. Cirella—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4
The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
9:00 AM Mary Boyd Preston—1st Anniversary
10:30AM Deceased OLM Parishioners
5:00PM Marie Brusci—Memorial

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Weekday
7:30AM Martha & Gottloeb Loeffler—Memorial

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Weekday
7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
Weekday
7:30AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Weekday
7:30AM Deceased Members of Legion of Mary—Memorial

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
7:30AM Bernard Falchini—Memorial

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Weekday; St. Martin de Porres, Religious; BVM
8:30AM Hope Silva—Birthday Remembrance
The Mass of Anticipation for 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM Steven Simms—Memorial

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11
The Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:30 AM All Deceased Veterans
9:00 AM Miriam Gossmann—8th Anniversary
10:30AM James Riley—3rd Anniversary
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.
-St. Padre Pio

946 Our Lady of Mercy-2
Dear Parishioners:

Last week’s attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue in Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, is the cause of deep sadness and pain. This attack upon people of faith gathered to pray and celebrate the birth of a child and also upon police officers responding to the ensuing violence with no concern for their own safety should be condemned by all.

Anti-Semitism is also to be condemned along with our repudiation of all hatred, bigotry and violence. Let us stand in solidarity with our Jewish brothers and sisters during this time of great distress. Let us pray for all those impacted by this terrible tragedy: “May God grant peace to the dead, healing to the injured, and comfort to the families of those hurt and killed and His peace to all the Jewish Community.”

On Tuesday this week our nation will mark Election Day. It is a day in which Americans vote for the leaders of our federal, state and local governments. As Catholics, we believe that “responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.” Therefore, I urge you as a responsible citizen and faithful Catholic to vote on Tuesday.

As Catholics we are called to be a voice that is concerned with the dignity of all persons, the protection of the most vulnerable, and the common good of society. On Tuesday, November 6, we have the opportunity to be that voice by voting for candidates who reflect our values. Pray and reflect before you cast your vote and vote using your informed Catholic conscience. Pray too for all candidates for public office and for our nation on Election Day.

This week our new Altar Servers begin their service at God’s holy altar. After a week of training, these ten new servers now begin to serve both Daily and Weekend Masses over the next month. We thank them for their willingness to serve our parish and God. They join the many other OLM Altar Servers who do a tremendous job! Keep them in your prayers.

Last week I was privileged to visit the St. Cecilia Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, Tennessee. This past summer one of our own OLM Parishioners, Sister Laura Makin, entered the community. My visit with these good and holy sisters was truly joyful and edifying.

The Nashville Dominicans are a thriving community of religious sisters. They are full of faith and joy and offer a wonderful witness of hope for our Church. A young and growing community, there are over 300 sisters in the congregation. I wish to thank Mother Anna Grace Neenan, OP, who was so gracious in allowing my visit with the sisters. Please pray for these sisters as I know they are certainly praying for us.

I am grateful to Bishop Mark Spalding of Nashville who arranged the visit with the Sisters and who was a most gracious host during my brief stay in Nashville. On All Saints and All Souls Day, I was honored to concelebrate and serve as the homilist at Masses at the Cathedral.

Bishop Spalding is a dear friend and classmate from the seminary. He was just made bishop last February and it was my first chance to visit with him since that time. He is coming to OLM next Sunday to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation Mass is next Sunday at 5:00PM as 71 of our young adults receive the Sacrament. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is “sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit” and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ. Confirmation is not the end, it is only the beginning of a life committed to Christ and His Church.

So I ask you to continue to pray for these young men and women as they prepare for this milestone in their lives as Catholic Disciples. May it be the beginning of a deeper relationship with Christ and may they heed the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XV: “The Church has confidence in you and she thanks you for the joy and energy that you contribute. Generously put your talents to use in the service of the proclamation of the Gospel! We know that the Holy Spirit is granted to those who open their hearts to this proclamation. And do not be afraid: Jesus, the Savior of the world, is with us every day until the end of time (cf. Mt 28:20).”

Congrats to the Red Sox on winning the World Series, it was a great victory! Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats!!!

946 Our Lady of Mercy—3
What happens in purgatory?

At the beginning of the month of November we celebrate two major events: All Saints and All Souls. All Souls, in particular, reminds the faithful to pray for all who are deceased. But what exactly happens to a soul in purgatory. At the very least we know that it is a state of purification. St. Paul explains in his first letter to the Corinthians, chapter three:

According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But each one must be careful how he builds upon it, for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, the work of each will come to light, for the Day will disclose it. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire [itself] will test the quality of each one’s work. If the work stands that someone built upon the foundation, that person will receive a wage. But if someone’s work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire.

St. Paul compares our spiritual lives to a house. Christ is the foundation to our house, which never perishes or is destroyed, but what about the house built on top? If we build our house with quality materials (gold, brick, stone and so on), then a fire will not burn it down. Spiritually speaking these are our good works united to Christ, the virtues, the corporeal and spiritual works, and most of all our constant nourishment at Mass and Confession. Yet, if we build our house with inferior materials like wood, hay, or straw, then the house will burn down when tested by fire. Spiritually speaking these are our attachments, disordered affections, effects of our sins, and vices. We can examine our own spiritual lives and see whether we have been building lives of stone or hay.

Should we die in a state of grace, some of what we built in this life will be burned away in the next life. C.S. Lewis titled one of his works The Great Divorce, because in heaven there can be absolutely no piece or remnant of sin and hell. All must be purified. Benedict XVI in Spe Salve puts it beautifully:

The encounter with [Christ] is the decisive act of judgement. Before his gaze all falsehood melts away. This encounter with him, as it burns us, transforms and frees us, allowing us to become truly ourselves. All that we build during our lives can prove to be mere straw, pure bluster, and it collapses. Yet in the pain of this encounter, when the impurity and sickness of our lives become evident to us, there lies salvation. His gaze, the touch of his heart heals us through an undeniably painful transformation “as through fire”. But it is a blessed pain, in which the holy power of his love sears through us like a flame, enabling us to become totally ourselves and thus totally of God.

Second Collections
This Week: Building & Grounds
Next Week: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development

**Weekly Collection**

October 28, 2018

Weekly..............................................................$11,199.00
EFT.................................................................$1,935.00
Total=$13,134.00
Outreach..........................................................$397.00
Annual (to date)............................................$77,622.00

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.

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

- **Tuesday, November 6th:** Weekly School Mass at 8:15am. All are welcome to attend.
- **Friday, November 9:** Middle School Catholic Youth Conference. Middle School Dance
- **Saturday, November 10:** OLM Cross Country Mass at 4pm followed by Awards Banquet at Quidnessett Country Club.

Discover the OLM Difference!
www.olmschool.org

**OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items. Please leave items in the Food Box in the vestibule.

**OLM Bereavement Group Meeting:**
**Thursday, November 15th** at 4pm in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief or loneliness are invited to join us for support, prayer and discussion.

**For more information about OLM Outreach,** please contact OLM Outreach

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**The Sacrament of Confirmation**
**Sunday, November 11, 2018**
**at 5:00PM**

The Most Reverend J. Mark Spalding
Bishop of Nashville
Confirming Prelate

Please pray for our Confirmation Class.
Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Remember to Vote... Be a Faithful Citizen. Visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org to explore how you can love your neighbors by advocating as a faithful citizen on behalf of those who are poor and vulnerable. As you prepare to vote this week, read the U.S. bishops' statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, watch videos and access other great resources on faithful citizenship.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.