

**“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well
pleased; listen to him.”**





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Mass Intentions
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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 5, 2023**

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

The Mass of Anticipation for 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

The Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial

9:00AM Patricia Chinchilla—Memorial

10:30AM Charlene Fontana & Mary Balcerzak—Memorial

5:00PM Nicholas Campanella—5th Anniversary

MONDAY, MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM David Schindler—Memorial

12:05PM Dottie Medeiros—Memorial

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Lenten Weekday: Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

7:30AM John Duffy, Jr. — Birthday Remembrance

12:05PM Angela Lisa—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

Lenten Weekday: St. John of God, Religious

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

12:05PM Special Intention

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

7:30AM Special Intention

12:05PM Peter Pundys—Month's Mind

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Mary Jo Duffy—Birthday Remembrance

12:05PM Special Intention

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Doris R. Sylvia—Month's Mind

The Mass of Anticipation for 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:00PM Barbara Primeau—Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

The Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Teresa Barbieri—Memorial

9:00AM Craig Sherman—Month's Mind

10:30AM Gerry Granahan—Memorial

5:00PM Thelma J. Corrente—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

In St. Mark's Gospel, we learn that the apostles gathered with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught to the people. Jesus responds to this report of all this activity with this invitation: "*Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.*"

The Lord wasn't inviting them on vacation at the Dead Sea or to go to Florida! Jesus called his followers to take time from their busy lives to recollect themselves with prayer and reflection. This week, the Lord calls us to do the same at our Annual Parish Lenten Mission.

It is a venerable tradition of the Catholic Church to have Parish Missions during Lent. It is a way for the parish to come together and listen to the Mission Preacher. A Mission is an occasion of grace as we take time away from our busy schedules and make our relationship with Jesus a priority.

Just as Jesus and His Apostles went from town to town preaching the Kingdom of God, a Mission Preacher also comes to our parish. He preaches to strengthen our relationship with Jesus, bolster our Catholic Faith, and refocus our spiritual vision on our Savior. I welcome Father Justin Brophy, OP, in your name, to OLM as our Mission Preacher.

I have known him for several years, and he is an outstanding priest and a dynamic preacher. A member of the Order of Preachers, also known as the Dominican Friars, he is a Professor of Political Science at Providence College. Fr. Brophy is preaching at all the Masses

this weekend and preaching a Mission Talk at 7:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights. His theme is "*Our Relationship with Jesus: the Pearl of Great Price.*" Before the Mission Talks each night at 6:00pm, four priests will be available to hear Confessions.

The Parish Mission is a great opportunity to reflect, pray, and regain zeal if our Faith has grown tepid. It helps to support us in our good resolutions to serve God and our neighbor. So put the Mission on your schedule. I know you will warmly welcome Fr. Brophy this weekend and certainly find his Mission fruitful.

Invite your spouse, children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and fellow parishioners to join you in coming to the Mission. You might even invite a fallen-away Catholic or someone who hasn't returned to Mass since Covid to join you at the Mission. It's a great way to get them to return to the practice of the Faith. Make the Mission this week, and you will benefit greatly!

We are celebrating First Confessions for our First Communion Class this Saturday and next. It is an occasion of grace as these children receive God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession. Please pray for them as they prepare to receive our Lord in Holy Communion in May.

This Lent, we will hear some slightly different words from the priest in the confessional. The Order of Penance has been updated, and a new English translation has been issued. The change in the priest's prayer was allowed to begin on

Ash Wednesday but must be used after Divine Mercy Sunday in April.

The translation of the prayer of absolution, said by the priest, has changed slightly. Only the words in bold are new: "*God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and **poured out** the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church, may God **grant** you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*"

Even if a priest says the old version of the prayer of absolution, it is still valid, and your sins are forgiven. This new translation is a more precise translation of the original Latin text. In reality, most people won't notice the change in the words of absolution, but most priests need time to memorize the new words.

St. Pope John Paul II said: "*Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God.*" This week at the Mission and all during Lent at OLM, there are ample opportunities to make a good Confession before Easter. I hope and pray you will do so!

Pray for Fr. Brophy and the success of our Parish Mission. Then make the Mission and go to Confession. Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless! Pray, Fast and Give Alms.

Father Healey

Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Mercy March 4-8

*“Our Relationship with Jesus:
The Pearl of Great Price”*



Father Justin Brophy, O.P.

WILL BE PREACHING AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES ON
Our Relationship with Jesus: The Pearl of Great Price

Monday, March 6, Mission Talk at 7:00pm

Honesty: Conversation with God

Tuesday, March 7, Mission Talk at 7:00pm

Vulnerability: Working with God

**Wednesday, March 8, Mission Talk
with Eucharistic Adoration at 7:00pm**

Surprise: God working on us

Mission Confessions at 6:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, March 6-8, with four Confessors



Father Justin Brophy is a Dominican Priest and Friar of the St. Joseph Province. He serves as an Assistant Professor of Political Theory at Providence College. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2012 and served as Associate Chaplain at Providence College. He then earned his doctorate at the University of Notre Dame in Philosophy. He also holds Master of Arts in Political Science and a B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Notre Dame. In addition, Father Justin holds a Baccalaureate of Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) and a Licentiate of Sacred Theology (S.T.L.), Moral Theology, *Summa cum laude* from the Dominican House of Studies' Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. In addition to teaching, Father Justin enjoys preaching around the country. A native of Northern New Jersey, he is a fan of the New York Mets, New York Giants, and, perhaps ironically, the New Jersey Devils. Most of all, he is an avid follower of all Notre Dame sports, especially Irish football. He also bowls competitively, both in league and tournament play, and is eagerly striving for that 300 game!

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH
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Stations of the Cross



Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm

Weekly Collection

February 26, 2023

Weekly.....\$9,724.00
EFT.....\$6,955.00
Total=\$16,679.00

Outreach.....\$1,187.00
Ash Wednesday.....\$4,424.00

February 27, 2022

Weekly.....\$15,280.00



**Leave a Legacy of Faith for the next
Generation! Remember Our Lady of
Mercy Church in your will or estate.**

Second Collections

This Week: Lenten Mission

Next Week: Building & Grounds



WALKING TOGETHER
IN FAITH

Parish Goal=\$190,000
Total Pledged=\$114,282
Total Donors=197
Average Gift=\$580.00

2022 Catholic Charity Appeal

OLM Parish Goal=\$190,000
Total Pledged=\$262,643
Total Number of Donors=440
Average Gift=\$597

**Pray
For Our**

Deceased

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In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed, most especially **William Daly** whose Funeral was celebrated at OLM last week.



Religious Education NEWS

RE Schedule

Sunday March 5: 9:00am Mass & Grades 3 & 4 class to follow in the gym

Sunday, March 12: 5:00pm Mass & Grade 8 Confirmation Class to follow in OLM School Gym

Sunday March 19: 9:00am Mass & Grades 1 & 2 First Communion 2023 class to follow in the gym. 6:00pm Lenten Penance Service for Grades 3,4,5,6,7 & 8. All parents should attend.

First Penance

Saturday, March 4: at 1:00pm (A—L)

Saturday, March 11 at 1:00pm (M-Z)

Please pray for our First Communion Class making their First Confessions.



Striving to Be Saints & Scholars!

Upcoming Events

- **Monday, March 6:** School Confessions @12:45; Yearbook @2:30pm; Girls on the Run @2:30pm
- **Tuesday, March 7:** Mock Trial Practice @2:30pm; Girls on the Run @2:30pm
- **Thursday, March 9:** Choir Practice @2:30pm; Mock Trial Practice @2:30pm
- **Friday, March 10:** Stations of the Cross @8:15am

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LENT

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• **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. **All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable.** We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.

• **OLM Bereavement Group:** Next meeting **Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 4:00pm** in Mercy House. All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.

• **For more information,** please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org

OLM LENTEN SCHEDULE



Daily Mass, Monday-Friday
7:30am & 12:05pm

Daily Confession, Monday-Friday
11:45 am -12:00 pm

Weekly Confession

Mondays at 6:00 pm with 2 Priests
Saturdays at 3:00 pm

*Put Confession & Mass on
Your Lenten Schedule!*

Cross

A **CROSS** often dominates the sanctuary of a Catholic church. We trace its lines at the beginning and end of every Mass and we adore it every Good Friday. On solemn occasions, we incense the cross—even if it stands separate from the altar—to signify our respect for the suffering and death of Jesus.

For centuries, the location of the cross never varied in a Catholic church. It rested on or above the altar against the back wall. Then in the 1960s, we allowed the altar to come forward. This happily brought priest and people face to face around the table of the Eucharist, but the cross needed a new home. Resting on the altar or suspended above it, the cross might obstruct everybody's view. Besides, the top of the altar itself is reserved for the most important elements of the Mass, bread and wine and whatever else is absolutely necessary, like the book from which the priest prays.

The liturgy permits the use of a processional cross. If your parish wishes, you may lead the Entrance Procession into the church with the cross flanked by candles. Incense may prepare its way. When the cross leads the procession, it animates the first action of the Mass, even before we mark ourselves with its sign at the first words we speak. Once inside, the cross may stand somewhere near the altar. Its position may vary, depending on where other objects occupy the sanctuary.

Our Church urges us to avoid duplicating images where we pray—having two or more statues of the same saint. For that reason, parishes that elect to lead processions with the cross need not provide another cross on the wall of the church. The processional cross that first draws our eyes in the service keeps them focused on Christ throughout.

The main cross of the church should carry the image of Christ Crucified. A good cross is one that brings harmony to the sanctuary and inspires devotion among the people.

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Our Lady of Mercy Church

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 17
MASS AT 12:05PM

Mass with Readings & Music in Irish

The Most Reverend John G. Noonan, D.D.

*Bishop of Orlando, FL
Celebrant & Homilist*



SOLEMN ST. JOSEPH'S DAY MASS

MONDAY, MARCH 20,
MASS AT 12:05PM

Mass celebrated in Italian with
Readings & Hymns in Italian

The Most Reverend
Richard G. Henning, D.D., S.T.D.
*Coadjutor Bishop of Providence
Celebrant & Homilist*



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