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LUKE 21:17-19





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Mass Intentions for the Week

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 17, 2019

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Mass of Anticipation for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Sue Carcieri—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Deborah & Robert C. Anderson—Memorial

10:30AM Thomas F. McAndrew—14th Anniversary

5:00PM Mary & Bernard Falchini—Memorial

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Weekday; The Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne; Virgin

7:30AM Jean Arruda—Memorial

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Weekday

7:30AM Yolande & Andre Dayde—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Weekday

7:30AM Fr. John J. McElroy—Memorial

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM Mariakutty Peter—Memorial

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Weekday; St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbott; Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro, Priest & Martyr; BVM;

8:30AM Edward V. Healey, Jr. —Birthday Remembrance

Mass of Anticipation for Christ the King

4:00PM Steven Simms—Memorial

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Rita M. McGoff—Memorial

10:30AM John T. Cole—1st Anniversary

5:00PM Adolf & Frances Gruber—Birthday Remembrance



**We must
 empty
 Purgatory
 with our
 prayers.**

-St. Padre Pio



Dear Parishioners:

For over 160 years the Catholic faithful of Our Lady of Mercy Church have been generous in supporting their church and living their faith. We honor "Our Faith" as we build on the rich foundation of the many people who have gone before us in faith, we build "Our Future" as we strive to carry the mission to live the life of Christ in humble service to others.

At times in our lives, we find ourselves at a crossroads: significant moments that define and shape who we are and what our future will be. This is also true in the life of a parish. We are so grateful and appreciative of those individuals who, in the past, saw themselves at such a moment. They put their faith into action, responded to the needs and built the parish facilities we enjoy at this time. Because of them, and their, and your ongoing support, Our Lady of Mercy continues to be, "A family of faith."

Now it is our time. Standing at this crossroad we can see how current and future generations will benefit from the work that we are now challenged to embark upon. Your ongoing support and spirit of volunteerism shows how much you care and desire to be the instruments of the Lord. Our fundamental mission as a parish family is to lead all people to the Lord Jesus.

The Our Faith, Our Future Capital Campaign is a serious and important challenge to all of us in the parish. We must pray for its success, lend our many God-given talents to its completion, and make equal financial sacrifice on all our

parts to make it happen. Working as one Body in Christ, we can ensure that our Legacy of serving those who come to worship our Lord with us and outreach to the wider community will endure far into the future. With prayers, gratitude and having full faith that God who has begun this good work in us will also bring it to a successful completion.

Our Campaign is off to a great start! To date, more than \$450,000 in pledges has been received towards our campaign goal of \$2.0 million. While it is important that we reach our goal, it is of greater importance that we have the participation of every parishioner who calls Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church their spiritual home.

Every member of our parish is being asked to consider a pledge of \$4,000 or more to this Campaign, payable over 3 years. This pledge can be paid with an optional down payment of \$400 and then with monthly installments of \$100. A \$4,000 pledge is only \$3.29 per day.

A few parishioners have asked us, "why do we have to make a pledge?" The reason we are asking all parishioners to consider making a three-year pledge is that it allows us to budget and plan for the future of our parish. We are conducting this campaign on the premise that not everyone can make the same size gift, but that everyone can make the same size sacrifice.

All pledges and donations are welcomed, needed and greatly appreciated. I realize that every family has different circumstances. I only ask that you consider a pledge to the best of your financial ability. If you

have been financially blessed and are able to give more, please consider doing so. Your generosity and sacrifice is needed and would be most appreciated.

Next weekend, November 23 and 24, is our "Commitment Weekend." We would ask all families to make a commitment to Our Faith, Our Future Campaign with a pledge. With your help and prayers, we will be successful in raising the necessary funds for these much needed projects for our parish. Your generous and sacrificial pledge to the campaign helps to ensure that Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is a sign of God's generous love and a beacon of God's mercy in East Greenwich.

All of us have been called to be stewards of the gifts God bestowed upon us. I have faith you will be as generous as you are able. Every parish family is being called upon to make the same sacrifice in support of this vital campaign for Our Faith and Our Future. We thank you for your financial support and prayers for the campaign.

We thank the many parishioners who have already pledged and made the sacrifice needed for Our Faith and Our Future. Thank you for your time and consideration. With your support and sacrifice, Our Faith and Our Future will flourish!

Our Lady of Mercy, prayer for us! Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats! *Oremus pro invicem!*



Is there enough time for God?

If you make time for God, he will make time for you. This expression needs some explaining. Typically, the phrase “make time for someone” means that I will set aside time in my schedule to pay attention to you. Applying this phrase in this sense to God does not work. He does not need to set aside time to think about us. God exists outside of time. At all moments God thinks of us. Hence we should take the phrase “God will make time for you” quasi-literally. When a person makes God the ordering principle of one’s time, then a person will find time for everything important in life.

When God is not the ordering principle of our time, then we will experience time as a limited commodity. Conflict will ensue as a result, since there will not be enough time for every concern in our lives. Unfortunately, very often when we divvy our time we avoid prayer and directing attention to God for other matters. We put our time dedicated to Him in competition with time dedicated toward other activities, such as hobbies, work, school, and the like. This apparent competition is merely an illusion. In fact as our Lord constantly reminds us, if you lose your life you will gain it. Or better yet if you lose your time, you will gain it. Ironically, the person who assents to this false dichotomy has less time both for God and for activities in the world. When God does not order how we spend our time, time will always seem like a limited quantity constantly running out.

The conflict between time directed to God and time directed to other matters arises from an erroneous principle: “My time is my own.” We think that we begin each day as the lawful possessor of twenty four hours. We take it as an affront when someone else, or some other activity infringes on time we had set aside for our own desires. Yet, the phrase “my time is my own” is absolutely ridiculous. Human beings do not create time, nor can we hold onto time. The time we have on earth comes to us as a complete gift from the Creator. Our time belongs entirely to God. In His generosity he gives us time here on earth to serve him and others. Of course, when we begin to think about everything that is “ours” we begin to discover that we really own nothing in relation to God. The word “mine” in its fully possessive sense cannot be used by a human being about anything. Instead, give your time back to God and he will multiply it much like he multiplied the loaves and the fishes.

Weekly Collection

November 10, 2019

Weekly.....	\$11,265.00
EFT.....	\$2,716.00
	Total=\$13,981.00
Outreach.....	\$897.50
Military Archdiocese.....	\$1,185.00
Annual (to date).....	\$88,872.00

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: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

PRAY REMEMBER
the sick of our parish



Please pray for the success of the **Our Faith, Our Future Capital Campaign** at Our Lady of Mercy. We have a **\$2 Million goal** and we need every parish family to make a sacrificial gift to the campaign. Next weekend, **November 23/24, is our Commitment Weekend** and we ask all parishioners to return their pledge cards. Thank you for your support and prayers!



Religious Education
NEWS

- All RE classes meet this weekend
- Confirmation Class: All candidates (public, private, parochial) must attend on Sunday, November 24. Guest Speaker: Social Justice & Poverty. Students should bring donations of gently used backpacks and/or new socks for the homeless.



Outreach
Update

- 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, November 21st 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

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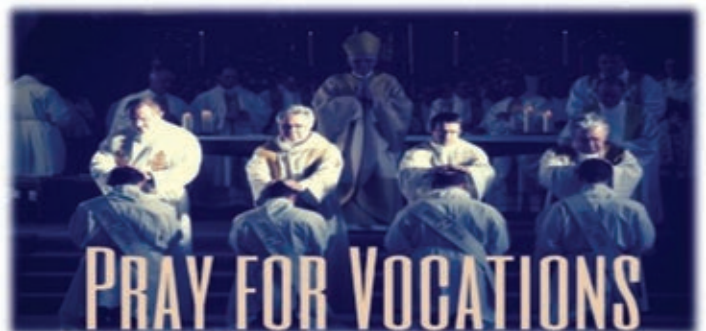
"Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn in baptism. They are now called the children of God, for so indeed they are."
– The Rite of Baptism



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, November 19: Weekly School Mass at 8:15am

www.olmschool.org



Christ the King



Now celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the solemnity of Christ the King was originally observed on the last Sunday of October.

Established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, it was one factor in the church's response to the political turmoil leading up to World War II.

This feast with its emphasis on Christ's second coming and final sovereignty over all creation is the perfect note on which to end one year and look forward to the next.



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Seek & Find Series

Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence, RI



New presentations in the "Seek and Find" short video series are now available to view on the Diocese of Providence's YouTube page. Father Jack Unsworth addresses "Why Go to Mass?" on Nov. 18. On Dec. 2, Father Phillip

Dufour focuses on "Distractions During Prayer." The short, biweekly video series, which is aimed at evangelizing to the local diocesan community and beyond, is produced by the Office of Communications. Videos typically run from three to five minutes in length.

The logo for "relevant 550 AM radio" is displayed in a blue and green color scheme. The word "relevant" is in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below it, "550 AM" is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font inside a dark blue rounded rectangle. To the right, "radio" is in a large, green, sans-serif font. Below the logo, the tagline "Talk Radio for Catholic Life!" is written in a white, cursive font.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of pray is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email directly at 2hart@cox.net.

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