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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 11, 2024

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

The Mass of Anticipation for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

The Sixth Su	nday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	Fortuna Palermo—Memorial
9:00AM	Bruce Hart—10th Anniversary
10:30AM	Gerald E. Celio—7th Anniversary
5:00PM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Weekday

7:30AM John P. Shanley—Memorial

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Weekday

7:30AM Marie Franzone—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14—ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday

7:30AM Zachery B. Smith—Memorial 9:00AM Deceased Alumni, Faculty, & Benefactor of OLM School

12:05PM Eraclio Iacobucci—Memorial 7:00PM Mark T. Selwyn—Memorial

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:30AM Theresa L. Conte—Memorial 12:05PM Rosalie Valenti—Memorial

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:30AM Anne McGuire—Memorial 12:05PM Norm Tancrell—Memorial

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Saturday after Ash Wednesday; The 7 Founders of the Servite Order 8:30AM Deborah O'Connell—10th Anniversary The Mass of Anticipation for the 1st Sunday of Lent 4:00PM Carlo & Arlene Roberti—Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

The First Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial 9:00AM Robert G. Armour—Memorial 10:30AM Dec'd Members of Stabile & Gemma Families

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Today, the Church celebrates the World Day of the Sick. This annual day of prayer was established in 1992 by St. Pope John Paul II to encourage Catholics to pray for the sick and those who care for them. It is a day to offer hope to the ill and infirm. So, please pray today for the sick and suffering, especially those from Our Lady of Mercy Parish.

The World Day for the Sick is February 11, a date chosen because it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It commemorates the appearances in 1858 of Our Lady to a young French girl named Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France. Lourdes has been a pilgrimage site renowned for healing ever since. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

In his message for the World Day of the Sick this year, Pope Francis says: "The sick, the vulnerable, and the poor are at the heart of the Church; they must also be at the heart of our human concern and pastoral attention. May we never forget this! And let us commend ourselves to Mary Most Holy, Health of the Sick, that she may intercede for us."

Prayer is a pillar of the Season of Lent, which begins this coming Wednesday, February 14. On Ash Wednesday at OLM, there are four Masses at which ashes will be imposed. So please plan on attending at 7:30am, 9:00am, 12:05pm, or 7:00pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

Confessions will also be available on Ash Wednesday from 11:00am until Noon and

6:00pm until 7:00pm. It is the time for us to "Repent and Believe in the Gospel!"

As you prepare to begin the Solemn Fast of Forty Days in Lent, I encourage you to enter more fully into this holy season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. There are multiple opportunities for prayer available at OLM, and books for spiritual reading during Lent are available after all Masses this weekend.

During these 40 Days of Lent, consider adding Daily Mass to your schedule. Every day, Monday through Friday, during Lent, Mass is celebrated at 7:30am and 12:05pm. The Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm. These are wonderful opportunities to practically deepen your spiritual life and commitment to Christ through prayer.

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." And if we are honest and courageous, we know we should go to Confession this Lent.

Confessions at OLM are every Monday through Friday from 11:45am until Noon, every Monday at 6:00pm with two priests available during Lent, and every Saturday at 3:00pm. Additionally, confession times will be scheduled during the Parish Lenten Mission. The annual all-day confessions are scheduled for Saturday, March 23. Certainly, ample opportunity to make a good Confession in Lent and prepare for Easter.

The Parish Lenten Mission is scheduled for

February 24-28. Father Francis McCarty, OSB from St. Anselm College, is our Mission Preacher. So please mark your calendar now and be sure to make the Mission!

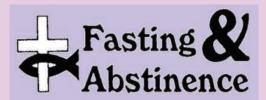
Fasting is a pillar of Lent as well. This fasting isn't meant only for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday but should be the entire Season of Lent. In addition to food, what else should we fast from this Lent? Consider fasting from some pleasures, comforts, and bad habits keeping you from Christ. It may be alcohol, tobacco, or sweets for some. Perhaps it is swearing, missing Mass, lying, or wasting time for others.

Certainly, any fast in our contemporary culture must include fasting from technology such as time on our cell phone, computer, social media, and the internet. What are you giving up for Christ this Lent?

Almsgiving is central to our Lenten Fast. We are called to give to the poor and needy not simply from our surplus but sacrificially. Christ compels us to help our those living in poverty and hunger. Please consider the charities in the bulletin for your almsgiving.

Lent is coming. Prepare! St. Francis de Sales said: "Lent is the autumn of the spiritual life during which we gather fruit to keep us going for the rest of the year." Pray, fast, and give alms. They bear spiritual fruit for the rest of the year! Be well. Do good. God Bless!

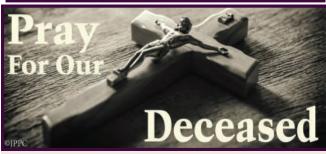
Father Healey



As Lent approaches on Ash Wednesday (February 14), Catholics are reminded of the guidelines for fast and abstinence.

Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.

Following the implementation of the revised Code of Canon Law on November 27, 1983, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States determined that the rules of fast and abstinence which have existed for the last several years in this country be maintained. Namely, that the faithful observe suitable penitential practices on all Fridays throughout the year. These penitential practices need not include abstaining from meat. However, as indicated above, the faithful must not eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday. They must also observe faithfully the fast regulations as they have been stated above in accord with the universal law of the Church (Cf. Code of Canon Law, Canons 1250-1252).



In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed especially **Shirley E. Harrington.** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

Rest In Peace

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February 4, 2024

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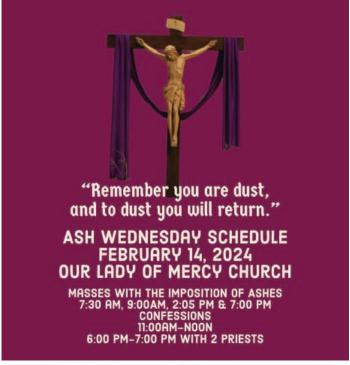
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First Communion Class Schedule

Sunday, March 3: Class

Saturday, March 9: First Confession: Last Names A-M: Saturday, March 16: First Confession: Last Names N-Z:

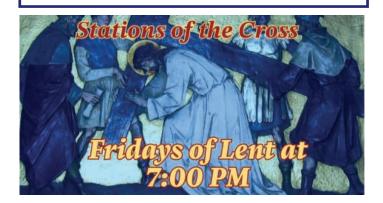
Confirmation Class Schedule

Sunday, February 11: 8th Grade Class

For questions and more information please contact Mr. Jeremy Long, Director of First Communion & Confirmation at 884-4968 or faithformation@olmparish.org or Miss Julia Anthon, Directress of Faith Formation, at 884-4968 or faithformationdir@olmparish.org



- •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.
- <u>OLM Bereavement Group</u>: Our next meeting is on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>February 15</u>, <u>2024</u> at <u>4:00pm</u> in <u>Mercy House</u>. 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





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School Weekly Calendar

- Tuesday, February 13: PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, February 14: OLM School Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:00am. Formal uniforms. No Campus Cuisine today.
- Friday, February 16: Stations of the Cross at 8:15am

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Put Confession & Mass on Your Lenten Schedule!

LENTEN ALMSGIVING

Here are some suggested charities you may wish to support with your Lenten Almsgiving.

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A selection of seasonal books and pamphlets for spiritual reading during Lent are available in the vestibule. Feel free to take them. Free will offering only.

OLM Lenten Table

During Lent a table is available in the vestibule with donated new and used religious articles. They are free.

OLD PALM BRANCH COLLECTION



Baskets are available for the collection of old blessed palm branches. Please deposit all branches in basket so they may be burnt for use as ashes on Ash Wednesday. Thank you for your help.



Lent 2024

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ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

Masses with Distribution of Ashes
7:30am, 9:00am School Mass, 12:05pm & 7:00pm
Confessions on Ash Wednesday 11:00am-12:00pm & 6:00pm-7:00pm

Daily Masses during Lent

Masses at 7:30am & 12:05pm Monday-Friday • 8:30am on Saturdays

Confessions during Lent

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Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00pm

SPECIAL LENTEN EVENTS

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February 24-28, 2024
The Reverend Francis McCarty, O.S.B.
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Sunday, March 17, 2024 • Mass at 10:30am
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Tuesday, March 19, 2024 • Mass at 12:05pm

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