



THE CHURCH OF
Our Lady of Mercy



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The Fourth Sunday of Easter ✠ April 17, 2016

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation.....5:00 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

Holiday Masses.....7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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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 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 - Friday8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mrs. Sandra A. Demers, Parish Secretary

The Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., *Pastor*

The Reverend Ryan W. Connors, S.T.L., *Associate Pastor*

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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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Third Sunday of Easter
April 10, 2016

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Mass of Anticipation for Fourth Sunday of Easter
 5:00PM W. Barbara O'Hara—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Fourth Sunday of Easter
 7:30 AM Arthur T. Smith—Memorial
 9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 10:30AM Elizabeth Iaconetti—1st Anniversary
 5:00PM Joseph & Lillian Hruda—Birthday Remembrance

MONDAY, APRIL 18

Easter Weekday
 7:30 AM Mary E. Richard—1st Anniversary

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM Deceased Mbrs of the Zaino & Mattiace Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Easter Weekday/St. Anslem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Easter Weekday/ St. George, Martyr, St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr
 8:30AM Sean T. Healey—Birthday Remembrance

Mass of Anticipation for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Salvatore Pella & Joyce Honour-Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Laurea & Leo Hackett—Memorial
 10:30AM Dr. Augustine Capotosto-9th Anniversary
 & Dec'd Mbrs. of the Capotosto & Gelardi Family
 5:00PM Mary Jayne Andreozzi—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

This week April School Vacation begins for our students and teachers. These school vacations continue to be reexamined and some communities have opted out of February and April vacations for a longer break in March. East Greenwich continues the traditional vacation periods. So this week OLM School and public schools are closed.

Last weekend the OLM School's Science Olympiad Team, made up of nineteen 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, placed second in the middle school division at the RI State Science Olympiad Competition. Certainly the OLM School Middle School Scholars earned their time off.

After a two year hiatus from the competition, OLM's Science Scholars proved they remain a force to be reckoned with, tallying 4 gold medals and 3 bronze. Out of 23 teams, OLM finished in the top 10 or higher in 19 of the 22 events. Points are awarded based on the teams' finish in each of the 22 events.

We truly congratulate our Science Olympiad Team on this great achievement. They took on some of the best schools in the state. They bested the blue-ribbon team from Archie Cole Middle School and the new middle-schools recently established at three of our local Catholic High Schools.

We thank our many parents who volunteered considerable time and talent to working with the students to

properly prepare for the big competition.

The OLM Olympiad Team proved that old-fashion hard work, deeply committed parent volunteers and a zeal for scholarship still prove to be the winning formula. Congratulations one and all! Your Pastor, your Principal and your Parish are very proud of you!!

A great event on the horizon is the Annual OLM School Play. If their past performances are any indication this should be another great event for our community. The last two shows, the Wizard of Oz and the Lion King, were spectacular and quite entertaining.

This year the OLM School Drama Club is planning a production of the Little Mermaid, Jr. We are grateful to the RI Youth Theatre program for producing the play. Our talented students from almost every grade participate in this great opportunity for fun and drama.

I hope you might come out for a performance and watch the students display their talent for all to see. The Little Mermaid, Jr. is to have two showings. One on Saturday, June 11, at 7:00pm, and the second on Sunday, June 12, at 4:00pm. Both performances are to be held in the East Greenwich High School Auditorium. Mark you calendar to come watch a Broadway style show!

In the name of the OLM School community I wish to publicly thank Mr. Frank Mattos, a school parent and OLM

parishioner, for his recent generous donation of 22 iPads to our school. We are grateful for his generous spirit in giving to OLM School these great devices from his company, ServPro of Providence. Our excellent Technology Teacher, Mrs. Bea Lukens, is already putting them to good educational use! Thank you Frank and family for your generous support of OLM School.

Implementing the use of these iPads in our school's curriculum is another step in moving forward technologically. OLM School now has complete Wi-Fi for our faculty and students and these iPads are an excellent addition to enhancing our technology at the school. Just another great thing about our excellent school to be proud of as a parish.

This weekend we mark Good Shepherd Sunday which is also the Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please take some time to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Pope Francis suggests: *"Dear young friends, how wonderful it is to be surprised by God's call, to embrace his word, and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus in adoration of the divine mystery and in generous service to our neighbors!"*

A continued Happy and Holy Easter Season! Be well. Do Good. God Bless. Go Sox!

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: *What does the Pope's new document on the family teach us?*

Last week, the Holy Father Pope Francis released a teaching document called *Amoris Laetitia*—the Joy of Love. It is a Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, which means it is the result of the recent Synod of Bishops gathered to discuss Catholic belief about marriage and family.

Principally this document explains the beauty of the Christian understanding of marriage and family. Based on Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium of recent Popes, *The Joy of Love* reads as a mediation on the positive vision of marriage and family presented by Christ and His Church.

The document challenges us too. It asks if we could do better preparing couples for marriage and supporting them especially early on in married life. It asks if we could do better explaining to the people of our time the beautiful and challenging teaching of Jesus about marriage and family.

Contrary to many media reports, no doctrine has been changed (because truth is unchangeable) and no pastoral practice has been altered. None. The words of Jesus about marriage and family remain the words of Jesus about marriage and family. The joy of the Gospel continues to have a challenge, namely, the call to conversion of life.

But, the Pope is asking that we do better—in fact much better—at reaching out to everyone, especially those who feel excluded. This invitation comes with a call to conversion—leaving behind what is contrary to the Gospel.

In our broken world, that might take time. So we have to be patient. Patience and mercy don't mean we are weak or lax. Like the apostles of old, we want to call everybody from near and far—in whatever walk of life and whatever situation—and invite them into the net of the Church. Leave no one behind, the Pope tells us. Invite everybody to the conversion necessary for the worthy reception of Holy Communion. *The Joy of Love* is a challenging text but one that is well worth our while.

If you have a question about the Catholic Church or Catholic Teaching, please email questions to: associatepastor@olmparish.org

Weekly Collection

April 10, 2016

Weekly.....	\$11,347.50
EFT.....	<u>\$2,597.50</u>
	Total=\$13,945.00
Outreach.....	\$1,003.42

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 generous support!

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

Thanks for Your Support



2016 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Parish Goal = \$193,864

Pledged to date: \$181,655

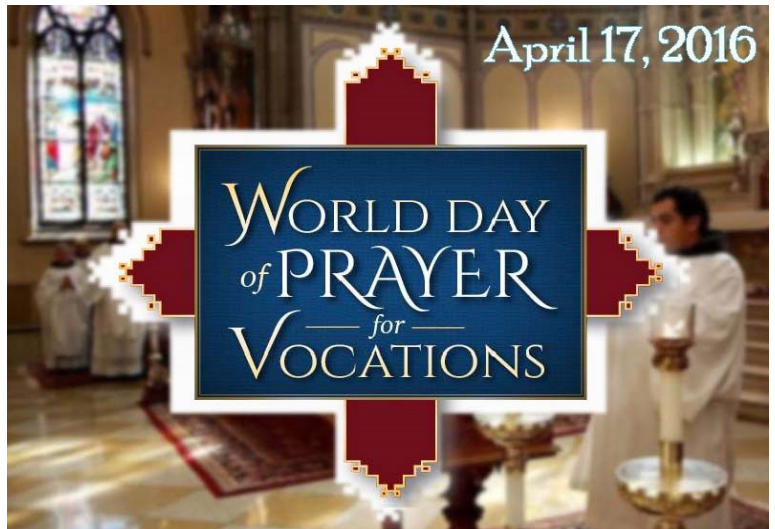
Number of donors: 383

Average Gift = \$474

93% of Goal

Only 18% of parishioners participating to date!

Please pledge your gift today!



April 17, 2016



Religious Education NEWS

●No RE Classes on April 17th and 24th due to school vacation. RE Classes end on Sunday, May 1st.

●The Grade 2 First Communion Class, **Religious Education students**, have practice on April 25, 26, 27 and 28 from 4-5pm. If it is not raining, drop the children off at the front door of the school. If it is raining, drop them off at the front door of the church.

We wish all our RE students, families and teachers a healthy and happy school vacation week!

Doug Green & Mickey St. Jean

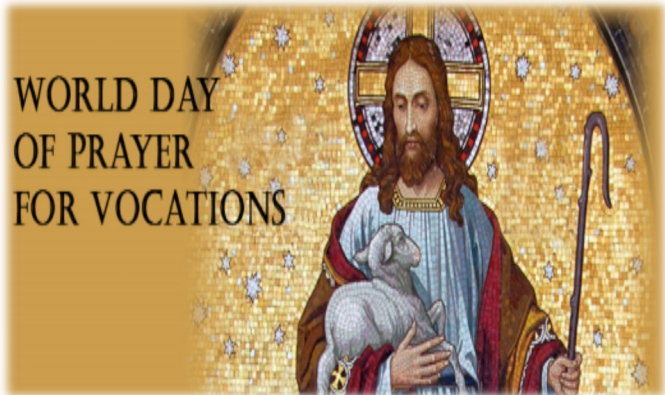


Outreach Update

●The **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of canned and non-perishable food items particularly after the holiday. Please place items in the Food Box in the Church vestibule. **Thank you for generous support.**

●The **OLM Bereavement Group** meets this Thursday, April 21 at 4pm in Mercy House. All are welcome.

For more information contact Doug Green, OLM Outreach Director at 884-4410 or outreach@olmparish.org



Congratulations to our newly baptized :



Colton Henry Little,
and his parents, Brian and Marissa.

Ellison Elizabeth Costa,
and her parents, James and Micaela.

Harper Willow Martish,
and her parents, Walter and Gina.

Piper Lydia Foss,
and her parents Ryan and Rhonda.

*"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*

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2016 RI Science Olympiad

OLM Team Gold Medal Winners:

Mission Possible (Grace Pelletier & Tim Moren)
Disease Detective (Maddie Knudson & Ishita Rai)
Green Generation (Tim Moren & Ben Kane)
Scrambler (Collin Caldwell & Casey McQuesten)

OLM Team Bronze Winners:

Experimental Design (Susie Mueller, Tim Moren & Ben Kane)
Anatomy & Physiology (Susie Mueller & Brooke Mattos)
Bridge Building (Casey McQuesten & Mike Hanlon)

OLM Team Top 5 Finishes:

Dynamic Planet (Mae Legare & Casey McQuesten)
Food Science (Maddie Knudson & Ishita Rai)
Bottle Rocket (Miguel Torres & Collin Caldwell)
Write It Do It (Collin Caldwell & Miguel Torres)

Statewide Results

Top Six plus other Catholic Schools Finish

1. Barrington Middle School
- 2. Our Lady of Mercy School**
3. Wickford Middle School
4. Gallagher Middle School
5. Nathan Bishop Middle School
6. Archie R. Cole Middle School
19. Bishop Hendricken Select School
20. St Peter's Tri-Parish School
22. De LaSalle Middle School
23. Mt. St. Charles Academy Middle School



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IN HIM WE FIND OUR JOY!”**

POPE FRANCIS



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