



THE CHURCH OF
Our Lady of Mercy



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The Fifth Sunday of Easter ✕ April 24, 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*

Deacon John W. Dowd, *Parish Deacon*

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Parish Founded 1853



Parish Incorporated 1867



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Mass Intentions
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The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2016

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Mass of Anticipation for Fifth Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Salvatore Pella & Joyce Honour-Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

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

MONDAY, APRIL 25

St. Mark, Evangelist
7:30 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Easter Weekday
7:30AM John Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Easter Weekday
7:30AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Easter Weekday/St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr;/ St. Louis de Montfort, Priest
7:30AM Deceased of the Meisenzahl Family—Memorial

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
7:30AM Joseph Eulie—Memorial

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Easter Weekday/ St. Pius V, Pope
8:30AM Richard J. Casey, Jr—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for the Sixth Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Joseph Basler—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 1

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00 AM Deborah Anderson—Birthday Remembrance
10:30AM Richard & Sandra Ponte—Memorial
5:00PM Ceilia Campopiano—3rd Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

Last week our Holy Father Pope Francis released an apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia—The Joy of Love*. This document is the fruit of two synods or gatherings of bishops in Rome to discuss the pastoral care of the family.

Marriage and family are such important topics for the Church today. I am so glad that our parish has a vibrant Young Families Group that meet monthly to discuss issues of marriage and Catholic parenting. The future of the Church depends on strong Catholic families! Weekly attendance at Holy Mass, regular Confession, and family prayer are the important building blocks of any Catholic family.

This week I include some excerpts from the Pope's exhortation *The Joy of Love*.

Pope Francis explains: *"This Exhortation is especially timely in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. First, because it represents an invitation to Christian families to value the gifts of marriage and the family, and to persevere in a love strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience. Second, because it seeks to encourage everyone to be a sign of mercy and closeness wherever family life remains imperfect or lacks peace and joy."*

Later, the Pope says:

"Love always gives life. Conjugal love "does not end with the couple... The couple, in giving themselves to one another, give not just themselves but also the reality of children, who are a

living reflection of their love, a permanent sign of their conjugal unity and a living and inseparable synthesis of their being a father and a mother".

The family is the setting in which a new life is not only born but also welcomed as a gift of God. Each new life "allows us to appreciate the utterly gratuitous dimension of love, which never ceases to amaze us. It is the beauty of being loved first: children are loved even before they arrive". Here we see a reflection of the primacy of the love of God, who always takes the initiative, for children "are loved before having done anything to deserve it".

Referring to the expense of many weddings today, the Pope explains: *"Short-term preparations for marriage tend to be concentrated on invitations, clothes, the party and any number of other details that tend to drain not only the budget but energy and joy as well. The spouses come to the wedding ceremony exhausted and harried, rather than focused and ready for the great step that they are about to take. The same kind of preoccupation with a big celebration also affects certain de facto unions; because of the expenses involved, the couple, instead of being concerned above all with their love and solemnizing it in the presence of others, never get married. Here let me say a word to fiancés. Have the courage to be different.*

Don't let yourselves get swallowed up by a society of

consumption and empty appearances. What is important is the love you share, strengthened and sanctified by grace. You are capable of opting for a more modest and simple celebration in which love takes precedence over everything else. Pastoral workers and the entire community can help make this priority the norm rather than the exception."

I encourage you to read the document for yourselves. The Holy Father has rightly turned our attention to the family—the domestic Church. He wants us to do more for families, more to support marriage, and more to reach out anyone who feels marginalized. No teaching of the Church has changed—contrary to many media reports and no pastoral practice has been altered. But the Pope wants us all to do more for families, more to support marriage and more to live our faith in the world today.

One thing we can all do is to pray for our families and pray for strengthening of married and family life in our parish. Perhaps we might take up praying the Rosary as a family. As the late Father Peyton always said: *"The family that prays together, stays together!"*

Join us every Monday in May as we pray the Rosary before the Eucharistic Lord. May Devotions are a great way to pray together, please join us. Be well. Do Good. God Bless. Go Sox!

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: Why do we renew our baptismal promises at Easter instead of the Baptism of the Lord?

This is great question.

The Easter season is especially the time of baptism. In the early Church, Easter was the time when new converts to Christianity would be baptized. Lent was precisely a time of preparation for Baptism.

This period of Lenten preparation is preserved in the Church today as the whole Church prepares to renew their baptismal promises at Easter. Along with all the new converts to Christianity—especially the newly baptized—all Christians renew their commitment to Christ and His Church at Easter, the highpoint of the Christian year.

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrated in January at the very end of the Christmas season is really something else entirely. The Baptism of the Lord begins His public ministry. It is a further manifestation of who He is—namely, the God of Heaven taken on a human face.

The Baptism of the Lord is not a Sacramental baptism, as the Lord has no sin—original or actual—to be forgiven. While it is certainly an occasion to recall our own baptism, it is not the same as Easter which is especially tied to Sacrament of Baptism.

Baptism, like all the Sacraments, receives its power from the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. The power of the events of Holy Week are brought to bear in our lives by means of the Sacraments. For that reason, water—the essential element of Baptism—remains a fundamental symbol of Easter.

You will notice the readings and prayers for Mass during the Easter season make frequent reference to water and to baptism more generally. This especially is the season to renew our baptismal promises and commit to living fully our identity as children of God

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

Weekly Collection

April 17, 2016

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| Weekly..... | \$12,008.00 |
| EFT..... | \$2,559.50 |
| | Total=\$14,567.50 |
| Outreach..... | \$1,183.42 |

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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Week: Building & Grounds Collection



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner **Lois Huber** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May she rest in peace.



Banns of Marriage

I Paul Lupien and Marissa Cardullo
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- 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.



●**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.**

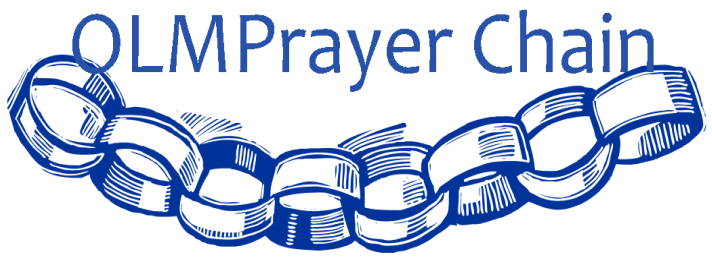
For more information contact Doug Green, OLM Outreach Director at 884-4410 or outreach@olmparish.org



●School Mass on Monday, April 25th at 8:15am
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Join Us For Breakfast
 The OLM Breakfast Club invite you to join them for breakfast, conversation and good times! This **Wednesday, April 27th** immediately following the 7:30AM Mass, join us at the Cracker-Barrel Restaurant , just over the EG town line in Coventry.



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 at 2hart@cox.net. If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!

The power of prayer at work!



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 Pledged to date:\$185,230
 Number of donors:402
 Average Gift=\$461
 96% of Goal

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5th Sunday of Easter



Our first reading today and for all the Sundays of the Easter season is from the Acts of the Apostles.

This book is considered to be a continuation of the Gospel of Luke—composed by the same author and similarly meant for a gentile audience.

It is a theological essay about the growth and development of the early church as it spread from Jerusalem to Rome.

Though its title sounds as if it is about the twelve apostles, it is primarily concerned with the activities of Peter and Paul.



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