

“ UNLESS I SEE THE  
MARK OF THE NAILS  
IN HIS HANDS AND  
PUT MY FINGER INTO  
THE NAILMARKS  
AND PUT MY HAND  
INTO HIS SIDE, I  
WILL NOT BELIEVE. ”

JOHN 20:25





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# *Mass Intentions* *for the Week*

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28, 2019**

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

*Mass of Anticipation for 2nd Sunday of Easter*

5:00PM Jack R. Bigonette—1st Anniversary

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

*The Second Sunday of Easter*

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

9:00 AM George V. McKenna—Memorial

10:30AM Carol Roberti—1st Anniversary

5:00PM Susan Metzger—Memorial

### **MONDAY, APRIL 29**

*St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church*

7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 30**

*Easter Weekday; St. Pius V, Pope*

7:30AM Richard Casey, Jr.—Memorial

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

*Easter Weekday; St. Joseph the Worker*

7:30AM Deborah Anderson—Birthday Remembrance

### **THURSDAY, MAY 2**

*St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

7:30AM Joan O'Donnell—Memorial

### **FRIDAY, MAY 3**

*Saints Philip & James, Apostles*

7:30AM Nurys Medina—2nd Anniversary

9:00AM Monsignor John W. Lolio—Memorial

### **SATURDAY, MAY 4**

*Easter Weekday*

8:30AM Brian, Clarence, & Noella Larocque—Memorial

*Mass of Anticipation for the 3rd Sunday of Easter*

5:00PM Roy & Lisa Damiano & Henry & Theresa Mangiante—Mem

### **SUNDAY, MAY 5**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

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

9:00 AM Edward Doorley—14th Anniversary

10:30AM Monsignor John W. Lolio—7th Anniversary

5:00PM Frank Sazama—Birthday Remembrance

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Our Lord, Jesus Christ Has Risen!*



Dear Parishioners:

"*Christ is alive!*" This is the great truth which fills our faith with meaning. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who died on the cross, has risen. He has triumphed over sin and death and has overcome sorrow, anguish and the power of darkness! After the event of Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord, nothing remains the same!

We celebrated the truth of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with great joy, solemnity and faith at OLM. The Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday were the highlight of our liturgical year. Easter Sunday was a joyous and faith-filled day for our parish family! For all of this we give thanks to Almighty God!

But we must also thank so many others who make all the beauty, reverence, devotion and solemnity of Holy Week possible at OLM. Our OLM Maintenance Staff worked so hard in cleaning, setting up and preparing for the celebrations, we owe them each our thanks.

The OLM Decorating Committee, under the direction of Celia Franzone, once again did an outstanding job making OLM the most beautifully decorated Church in the Ocean State. We offer them our heartfelt thanks! We also thank the Altar Guild who clean the Church, and the Sacristans who work so hard behind the scenes readying all the vestments and sacred vessels. Of course, we must thank our truly superb Altar Servers who did such a tremendous job serving the ceremonies of Holy Week. They were reverent, dutiful and

ensured the Sacred Liturgy was celebrated with great solemnity.

We thank Henri St. Louis, and the OLM Choir, for their magnificent gift of sacred music. The music for Holy Week and Easter was truly uplifting, and truly raised our worship and praise to God. I thank them for their great work in providing such beautiful music.

We thank the great work of our Lectors in proclaiming the Word of God and also our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for reverently distributing Communion to the large crowds. We offer thanks to our dutiful Ushers who do such great work with hospitality and keeping good order during Mass.

I wish to also thank our good Franciscan Apostolic Sisters, Sister Lourdes and Sister Emma, for all their hard work, and their prayerful witness during Holy Week. And I wish to offer my deep thanks to Fr. Barrow for the tremendous job, and all the hard work, he did in making Holy Week so truly meaningful for our parish. He is an outstanding priest full of zeal and holiness and I am grateful for his presence here at OLM.

We rejoice with the four adults who were fully initiated into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil. They along with thousands across the globe entered into the Catholic Church and received the Sacraments of Initiation on Holy Saturday. We welcome them and continue to pray for them. This great growth in our Church should lead us to sing with the Psalmist: "*This is the Day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!*"

Easter is just beginning and is a season of fifty days, so

let us continue to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord in word and deed. Let us proclaim the truth of the Resurrection of Christ by our lives led by Him. And let us continue to live our faith with joy and fidelity as we celebrate Easter each and every Sunday at Holy Mass.

Sadly on Easter morning while we were enjoying the Good News of the Resurrection, in Sri Lanka a coordinated series of bombings killed hundreds of worshipers in Catholic Churches, and others of all faiths, in nearby hotels. These acts of evil targeted these churches as they were packed full of worshipers who were celebrating Easter, the day in which Christians around the world celebrate the rising of the King of Peace from the dead.

Let us continue to pray for the victims and their families and for all of our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters. Let us loudly condemn these and all acts of terrorism and attacks upon Christians. This evil must never overcome the hope we find in our Lord and Savior's Glorious Resurrection. May our Merciful God who raised His Son, fill the hearts of all people with the desire for peace and justice.

It's Easter, we rejoice that the Lord is Risen, truly Risen! Be well. Do Good. A joyous Easter Season to all! *Alleluia! The Lord is Risen! Alleluia He has Risen Indeed!* Go Sox, Celts and Bruins!

*Father Healey*



**Why the Easter Bunny?**

Fr. Healey is oft to say: "It would not be Easter without Peeps." We all know that little marshmallow treat, deceptively tasty looking on the outside (at least to me, but then again there is no judgment concerning taste), which represents chickens. Why is Easter associated with chickens and eggs? It goes back to Easter Eggs. In Germanic and Anglo-Saxon countries it was the bunny which would bring the eggs. The egg is the symbol of fertility and rebirth which Christians associated with the Resurrection. Eggs were originally painted to represent Christ's blood.

Meanwhile, the Easter Bunny has become ubiquitous in America, but at least in Italy rabbits and bunnies are most often associated with stews. The richer symbol for Easter is the lamb. For the Jewish people the lamb was the symbol of sacrifice. In the Book of Exodus, God commanded the Israelites to sacrifice a lamb or a goat and place its blood over the lintel of their home. By doing so, they were passed over and saved from death. God commanded that this event be commemorated in the Passover feast. It was the blood of the sacrificial lamb which forgave the sins of the people in the Temple. The sacrifice of a lamb was merely the prefigurement of the greatest and final sacrifice: the sacrifice of the Son on the Cross.

In Isaiah's famous prophecy the Suffering Servant he writes: "Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth." Jesus is the Lamb of God who offers the perfect sacrifice of obedience and love on the Cross to free us from sin, recapitulate God and man, and transform us into his Body (to become sacrificial lambs ourselves). In his resurrection Christ passed over from death into life and this Passover has been extended to us. We partake of this sacrifice in the Mass when we partake of his body and blood.

In many of the ancient churches of Rome the apostles are depicted as lambs. This is not a coincidence (just as many of the parables Jesus gives depict His people as sheep without a shepherd). Jesus asks us to imitate him, take up our crosses, and be transformed into the sacrificial lamb offering up sacrifices of praise, thanksgiving and love. Finally in Revelation, and at every Mass, the heavenly liturgy and banquet is depicted as the worship of the Lamb of God, out of whom flows blood and water. To visualize this image I ask everyone to look up "The Adoration of the Lamb" by brothers Hubert and Jan van Eyck.

*Weekly Collection*

**April 14, 2019**

Weekly.....	\$13,987.00
EFT.....	\$3,068.00
	<b>Total=\$17,055.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$791.00
CRS Rice Bowl.....	\$9,280.00

**April 21, 2019**

Weekly.....	\$18,956.00
EFT.....	\$1,720.00
	<b>Total=\$20,676.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$706.00
Easter Collection.....	\$7,216.50
Easter Flowers.....	\$3,175.00

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 Generous Support!**

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

**Second Collections**  
**Next Week: Building & Grounds**



**Our Lady of Mercy**  
**2019 Parish Goal=\$200,000**  
**Pledged to Date=\$155,040**  
**Number of Donors=377**  
**Average Gift=\$411**

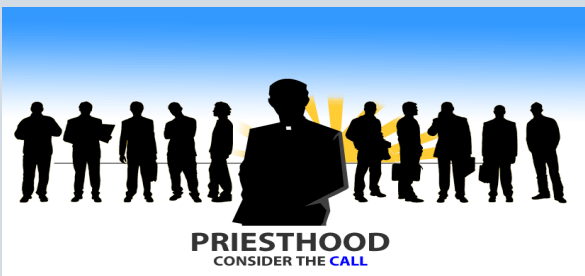
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•**Friday, May 3:** First Friday School Mass at 9am.

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*“Come and See”*

Discernment Retreat for Middle School Boys  
 Seminary of Our Lady of Providence  
 Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 9am–3pm

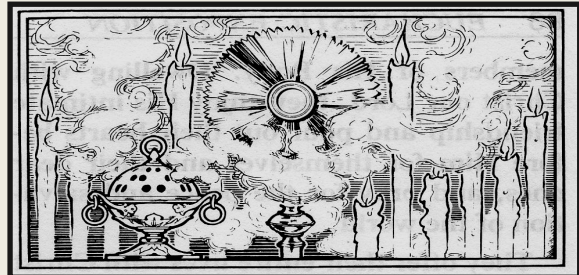
Coffee an’ welcome with families, Holy Mass, Games, Food, Tour of Seminary, Talks on Priesthood & Vocation, and Meet the Seminarians. For more information contact OLP Seminary at (401) 331-1316 or Fr. Barrow at 401-884-4968 or at [associate@olmparish.org](mailto:associate@olmparish.org)



- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of any kind of non-perishable food items. Please leave items in the Food Box in the vestibule.
- **OLM Bereavement Group** meets **Thursday, May 2nd** at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief or loss is 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](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)



- First Communion** : Practices are April 29th and 30th for RE only. May 1st is a combined RE and OLM School practice. Practice is from 4:00-5:00pm
- Sunday, May 5:** First Communion practices are May 6th and 7th for RE only. May 8th is a combined RE and OLM School practice
- Saturday, May 11:** First Communion Mass at Noon
- Sunday, May 12:** First Communion Class May Crowning at 10:30AM Mass



**First Friday Adoration**  
**Friday, May 3, 2019**

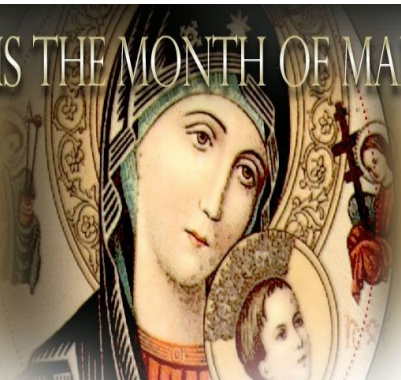
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 following 9:00am School Mass

All-Day Adoration

Benediction at 6:00PM

**MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY**

HOLY MARY  
 MOTHER OF GOD,  
 PRAY FOR US



## 2nd Sunday of Easter



**J**esus Christ is risen. Alleluia!

What we celebrate on Easter Sunday we celebrate with equal joy for a full fifty days—seven times seven days, a week of weeks—until Pentecost.

The jubilant word “alleluia,” which comes to us from Hebrew, is not used at all during Lent.

We use it over and over again in this season, however, for as St. Augustine said, “We are an Easter people and ‘alleluia’ is our cry.”

*He is not here!*  
**HE HAS  
RISEN!**



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*Prayerful Congratulations to  
Those Baptized, Received and  
Confirmed into the  
Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil*

**Michael Jude Amato-Cotugno**

**Jonathan Augustine Martin**

**Casey Flora Naylor**

**Grant Thomas More Pilkington**

*“Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph! “—The Easter Proclamation*



**Pray  
For Our**

**Deceased**

We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of **Carolyn Laskowski, John Pontarelli and Joseph W. Mercurio, Sr.** whose funerals were celebrated last week.

***Requiescat in pace***