



“ I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. ”
WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME AND
I IN HIM WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT JOHN 15:5



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Mass Intentions for the Week

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 29, 2018**

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

The Mass of Anticipation for the 5th Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Patricia Corrigan—Birthday Remembrance

9:00 AM Claudette Raposa—1st Anniversary

10:30AM Dr. Augustine Capotosto & Deceased of the
Gelardi & Capotosto Families

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

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Easter Weekday; St. Pius V, Pope

7:30AM Richard J. Casey, Jr. —7th Anniversary

TUESDAY, MAY 1

Easter Weekday; St. Joseph the Worker

7:30AM Sister Lucy Vescera, MPF—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM Shirley Berlanga—Memorial

THURSDAY, MAY 3

Saints Philip & James, Apostles

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MAY 4

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Raymond Pendergast—Memorial

SATURDAY, MAY 5

Easter Weekday

8:30AM John Jordan—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for the 6th Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Monsignor John W. Lolio—6th Anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Edward F. Doorley III—13th Anniversary

10:30AM Sandra & Richard Ponte—Memorial

5:00PM Jacqueline Lefevbrve—Memorial

Alleluja
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Dear Parishioners:

It appears that Spring may have finally sprung. The sun has been shining more and the flowers are beginning to bloom. Let's hope it continues for a few weeks.

Of course, the spring always brings with it the need for spring cleaning. Our crack maintenance crew continue to be hard at work cleaning up the physical plant and getting the yards ready for spring blossoms and green lawns.

Along with this work we also had to install a newly required back flow preventer for our water system in the Church and Rectory. This was required by law and mandated by the Kent County Water Authority. With the cost of about \$4,000 we are now in compliance with the law. The same project is being implemented at OLM School and we await the cost of that project. Once completed both the Church and School will be fully in compliance with the law, and the good folks at Kent County Water Authority will be happy!

Speaking of OLM School, just last weekend our OLM Middle School Science Olympiad Team competed in the statewide competition with twenty-five other middle schools. With great pride, I am able to announce that they finished fourth in the state! We congratulate the team on such a great achievement.

We thank our outstanding OLM Middle School Science Teacher, Dr. Deb Husak, for helping guide the team. Also, we thank the many parent volunteers who pitched in and helped the team members with

their projects. And we thank the students for their hard work and dedication to this great achievement. Great job by all!

Our OLM Mock Trial Team has been advancing in the state competitions as well. These budding lawyers and future judges from OLM recently beat the Moses Brown Team. We wish them well with their upcoming competitions.

These are but a few highlights of the great work going on everyday in our parish school. Each school day our outstanding and dedicated faculty help our wonderful school children excel in their academics and in living the Catholic faith. OLM School continues to excel academically and spiritually in developing the future saints and scholars of our Church and world! We thank all those who make this possible and all those who continue to support our students and the mission of our school.

Now that the April vacations are over and soon the month itself ends, we look forward to the arrival of May. After all, April showers always bring May flowers! May is always a busy month at OLM, and this year is no different. May is also a month dedicated to our parish patroness the Blessed Mother Mary. May Devotions with Eucharistic Adoration and the recitation of the Rosary are scheduled for each Monday of the month at 7:00pm.

Also, on Saturday, May 12th we are looking forward to our parish celebration of First Holy Communion. This is always a great occasion of faith, hope and joy for our parish. Our Second Graders have been

preparing all year for the big day, so please continue to keep them in your prayers.

On Mother's Day as we honor motherhood and our own mothers, we also honor our Blessed Mother Mary with the annual May Crowning. This beautiful and joyful ceremony takes place on Sunday, May 13th at the 10:30am Mass. If you've never attended it, be sure to come this year as it is always a very moving tribute to our Blessed Mother.

On May 18th our OLM School 8th Graders take a special trip to New York City. There they get to see the sights of the city like the United Nations, Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty, and the September 11th Memorial. In addition, Fr. Barrow celebrates Mass for the group at the newly renovated, and magnificent, St. Patrick's Cathedral. What a great experience for our students.

Finally, on Saturday May 26th at 10:00AM, Bishop Evans ordains Eric Silva a transitional deacon. Eric served at OLM as a summer seminarian two years ago. As a transitional deacon he begins his final preparation for ordination as a priest next June. All are kindly invited to attend the Ordination Mass at the Cathedral on May 26th. Keep Eric in your prayers as he prepares for ordination.

Spring is indeed sprung! Do good. Be well. God Bless. Go Sox, Bruins and Celtics!!



How is Christ present in the Eucharist?

Many of us know the dogma: Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, body blood soul and divinity under the appearance of bread and wine. This occurs during the Mass at the consecration in a process known as Transubstantiation. This means that the substance of the bread and wine has been converted ontologically into the substance of the body and blood of Christ.

There are many examples in scripture concerning this truth (cf. John 6, the Institution Narratives and 1 Corinthians). Further, the main theme right from the beginning of the Church and through the Patristic Fathers to the present day is that Christ is truly present (cf. in particular St. Irenaeus, Against Heresies). St. Justin Martyr writes in the second century: "For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these things... so likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by word of prayer, which is from him, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh."

We need to keep some principles in mind: (1) Accidents of bread and wine are on the altar before and after the consecration. Accidents are real; not an illusion. (2) The Body and Blood come through the consecration, but Christ also remains in heaven (cf. Hebrews). (3) A single body cannot be extended with its quantity in two places at once with its own accidents (hence why the accidents of bread and wine remain). (4) Something comes to be in a place either by change of place (called locomotion) or by the conversion of one thing into another (called substantial change). (5) At the Last Supper Christ speaks literally and not figuratively, symbolically, spiritually, metaphorically, etc.

In order for change to take place there is something at the beginning and something at the end (change does not come from nothing; i.e. there has to be something in order for there to be a change [creation means "comes from nothing"]). In this change Christ's body and blood do not change (if they did, then Christ would be constantly recreated at every Mass, which is impossible and it would be a different Christ), hence the bread and wine substance do. The bread and wine are not annihilated and then Christ is present, rather the bread and wine have to be there in order for there to be a change (otherwise we are back to creation rather than change). No substance of the bread and wine remain (called impanation), since this would imply a weakness on the part of Christ. Finally the bread and wine must be changed (called a substantial change), otherwise the only other way Christ could be present would be by locomotion (change of place), which contradicts principle (2), (3) and (4) above. So in short, we literally receive Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity.

If you have questions about the Catholic Faith, please send them to Fr. Barrow via email at associate@olmparish.org

Weekly Collection

April 22, 2018

Weekly.....	\$11,411.00
EFT.....	\$1,770.00
	Total=\$13,181.00
Outreach.....	\$286.00

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.



2018
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
Supporting the work of the Church

2018 Parish Goal=\$193,864
Pledged to date=\$168,995
 % of Parish Goal=87%
 Total Donors to date=419
 Average Gift=\$403
 % of Parish Participation=21%

Thank You for Your Generous Support!



The flowers at the Marian Shrine were donated in memory of Antonietta Cenami last weekend and this weekend for a special intention of the Cenacle.



Congratulations!

The OLM Middle School Science Olympiad Team finished 4th in the statewide tournament.

Congratulations to OLM Individual Teams:

Gold medal (first place): Roller Coaster

by Maddy Laviolette and Jayci Izzi
and Thermodynamics

by Jackson Breiding and Patrick Torres

Silver medal (second place): Crime Busters

by Patrick Torres and Ryan Youngs

This Week at OLM School

● **Monday, April 30:** OLM School Board Meeting at 7pm in School Library

● **Tuesday, May 1:** Weekly School Mass at 8:15am and Mock Trial Competition at Noon

● **Friday, May 4:** 6th Grade Field trip to STEM Day at Fenway

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www.olmschool.org



● **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please leave items in Food Box in vestibule.

● **OLM Bereavement Group** meets this Thursday, May 3rd at 4:00pm at Mercy House. All those experiencing grief and loneliness are welcome to join us for discussion, prayer and support.

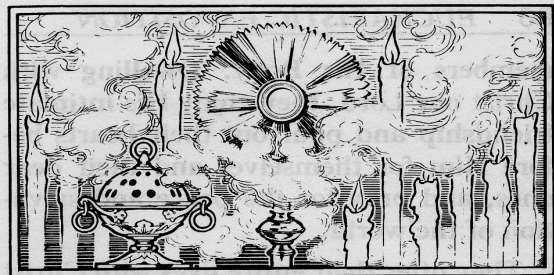
● **For more information about OLM Outreach**, please contact Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org

Religious Education NEWS

● **Sunday, April 29th:** Last Class for RE Grades: 1, 3, 4 & 5 and RE Grades 6 & 7

● **April 30, May 1 and 2:** Mandatory First Communion Practice for all RE students 4:00pm -5:00pm please drop off in front of school/pick up in front of Church

● **May 6:** Last Class for Grade 2 only/10:00am - 11:00am and Last Class for Grade 8 only, 6:00pm-7:00pm



First Friday Adoration Friday, May 4, 2018

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
following 7:30am Mass
Adoration All-Day
Benediction at 3:00pm

Adorers are needed, please sign up in the vestibule.

"In Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ!"

— St. John Paul the Great

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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May Devotions Mondays in May at 7:00PM

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration,
Rosary & Meditative Music.

*Please join us for the
Ordination to the Sacred Order
of the Diaconate of
Eric David Silva
by the Most Rev. Robert C. Evans
Auxiliary Bishop of Providence*



**Saturday, May 26, 2018
at 10:00AM
Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul
Providence, RI**