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Divine Mercy Sunday

April 3, 2016
Second Sunday of Easter

Our Lady of Mercy

† 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
Holyday Masses.....7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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Second Sunday of Easter

April 3, 2016

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Mass of Anticipation for Second Sunday of Easter
 5:00PM Anne Nardone—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Second Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Ferris & Eberhardt Families
- 9:00AM Frank & Eva Montaquila—Memorial
- 10:30AM Lillian E. Healey—Memorial
- 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, APRIL 4

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
 7:30 AM Thomas Dwyer—Memorial

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

Easter Weekday/St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM Harry Mariani—Memorial

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

St. John Baptist de La Salle, Priest
 7:30 AM William Burnett—Memorial

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM Patricia White—Memorial

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Easter Weekday
 8:30AM Robert F. Armstrong—Birthday Remembrance

Mass of Anticipation for the Third Sunday of Easter
 5:00pm Noel Haughey—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

The Third Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 AM Douglas Hauser—Memorial
- 9:00 AM Rose Ann Oates—Memorial
- 10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
- 5:00PM Lillian Miller—Birthday Remembrance





Dear Parishioners:

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!" So sings the Psalmist on Easter Sunday and so sang the large crowds at our Easter Masses. It was truly a day of rejoicing in our faith and hope in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Our Holy Week was truly a beautiful celebration here at OLM. Our Franciscan Apostolic Sisters, Sister Emma and Sister Lourdes, enjoyed their first OLM Holy Week. They offered our parish a compliment when they said it reminded them of the Philippines because it was *"so solemn and so many people attended!"*

Indeed all of Holy Week saw great attendance and it is always so uplifting to see so many gathered for the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. It began with a beautiful performance of the Living Stations by our OLM School Middle School students. If you have never made it to this moving event, please put it on your calendar for next Holy Week. The students did a terrific job offering a very prayerful and meditative Living Stations of the Cross.

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper we solemnly celebrated the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood by Jesus Christ. We thank Fr. Connors for presiding at the solemn Mass and for offering a profound sermon on the meaning of the great feast. A full church is always a great witness of faith to behold and so many praying at the Altar of Repose throughout the night is a profound witness of faith and

love.

On Good Friday at both the Stations of the Cross, in the afternoon, and the Solemn Liturgy in the evening we also had a full church. While many others carried on the day as usual it was so great to see so many come to pray and ponder the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ.

We are grateful to Bishop Evans who baptized two people, received four baptized Christians into the Catholic Church and Confirmed two adult Catholics on Holy Saturday, at the Vigil Mass. It was a beautiful and joyful celebration of faith for our newly initiated and for our parish family. It was a solemn but joyous celebration of the Easter Resurrection alive in the Sacraments.

We had large crowds at our Easter Sunday Masses and had the great celebration of a baptism at the 10:30am Mass. It truly was a day to rejoice and be glad! But of course none of it is possible without the dedication and hard work of so many.

In the name of Fr. Connors, Deacon Dowd and myself, I wish to thank the many parishioners who help make Holy Week so beautiful, joyful and solemn. First, we thank Celia Franzone and her steadfast decorating crew who decorated for each day and made the Church look so spectacularly beautiful for Easter.

We thank our team of Sacristans for ensuring everything is set-up, cleaned, polished and starched. Also, thanks to Paul

Anderson and our hard working crew for all the work in cleaning, preparing, setting-up, taking-down and ensuring all things are spic and span for Holy Week and Easter.

We thank our choirs and musicians, Henri St. Louis and Deirdre Donovan, for their great gift of music which contributed such joy, beauty and solemnity to our celebrations. We also thank our Altar Servers, perhaps the best in the Diocese, for their reverent and solemn service at the Sacred Liturgies! We thank our ushers for their welcome and hospitality to our many parishioners and visitors.

We thank our Lectors for their solemn proclamation of God's Word. We thank our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for ensuring the reverent distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and to the many ill and shut-in of our parish.

Yes, Christ is Risen! He has truly Risen! Let us continue to rejoice and be glad in this Easter Season. Let us give thanks to God who is so good for all the gifts of our wonderful parish. Let us rejoice at the lively faith of our parish. Let us thank the many who volunteered!

We are getting close to our goal for the Catholic Charity Appeal, please pledge today if you haven't yet. Thank You! God Bless. Rejoice. Be Glad. The Lord is truly Risen! Happy Easter!

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

St. John Paul II declared the second Sunday of Easter to be "Divine Mercy Sunday." It is an occasion throughout the Church's year to reflect on the gift of divine mercy.

The modern devotion to divine mercy has its origin in Saint Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938). She was a Polish nun who received visions of the Lord with messages concerning His mercy. St. Faustina was the first saint canonized by Pope John Paul II in the new millennium.

Devotion to divine mercy has become especially popular in recent years. It is a custom to pray the chaplet of divine mercy at 3:00pm each day. Those prayers are prayed on traditional rosary beads with short prayers in honor of God's mercy, asking His mercy to overflow into our world.

The liturgical texts (the readings and prayers for Mass) were not changed to establish Divine Mercy Sunday. The readings and prayers of the second Sunday of Easter already expressed the theme of God's Mercy.

The Gospel for that Sunday for example provides as explicit reference to the Sacrament of Penance—which is the Sacrament of God's mercy. Our Lord tells his apostles, the first bishops and priests of the Church: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:22-23).

The Church offers a plenary indulgence—that is, the removal of all temporal punishment due to sin—to those who take part in prayers or devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy on this day. To obtain the indulgence the usual conditions still apply, namely, Confession, Holy Communion, prayers for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, and detachment from all sin.

Here at Our Lady of Mercy we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00pm on Divine Mercy Sunday with the opportunity for Confession following.

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



Weekly Collection 

March 20, 2016

Weekly.....	\$14,530.00
EFT.....	<u>\$2,038.50</u>
	Total=\$16,568.50
Rice Bowl.....	\$10,865.11
Outreach.....	\$416.50

March 27, 2016

Weekly.....	\$17,446.00
EFT.....	<u>\$1,854.50</u>
	Total=\$19,300.50
Easter Collection.....	\$6,520.00
Outreach.....	\$167.50
Good Friday Collection for Holy Land.....	\$1,947.00
<i>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.</i>	

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Building & Grounds Collection

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2016 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

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Parish Goal:
\$193,864
Pledged to date:
\$142,815

Number of pledges:319
Average Gift=\$468 **74% of Goal**

Please pledge your gift today!

**Congratulations to
Our Newly Baptized, Confirmed
and Received into the Church
at the Easter Vigil**



Baptized , Communion & Confirmed

*Allan Thomas More Fung
Bea Robin Catherine Lukens*

Received, Communion & Confirmed

*Vivi Cramon Mary Creighton
Emily Michelle Catherine Morash
Brooke Suzanne Faustina O'Connell*

Received & First Communion

Aiden Thomas Clarkin

Confirmed

*Ryan Anthony Edmund Rice Palumbo
Raquel Alisha Joan Castillo*

*You have been enlighten by Christ,
Walk always as children of the light
and keep the flame of faith alive in
your hearts. When the Lord comes,
may you go out to meet Him with all
the saints in the heavenly kingdom.
Amen.*

**Congratulations to
our newly baptized on Easter Sunday:**



**Owen Christopher Burch,
and his parents, Steven and Olivia.**

*"Dearly beloved, this child has been
reborn in baptism. He is now called
a child of God, for so indeed he is."
—The Rite of Baptism*



Join us on Divine Mercy Sunday

April 3, 2016 at OLM

**Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00PM
with Exposition & Benediction of
the Blessed Sacrament**

Alleluia

2nd Sunday of Easter



Jesus 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.”



“My Lord and My God.”

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The Friends of Mercy group at school would like to thank the parishioners of OLM for their generous response to the recent book collection. Thanks to your help, we were able to fill several boxes with new and gently used books to be distributed to children through the offices at Hasbro. The books appropriate for adults will be donated to the residents at McAuley Village.

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