



THE CHURCH OF

Our Lady of Mercy



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Sixty-Five Third Street ✕ East Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818

The Third Sunday of Easter ✕ April 30, 2017

† 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.

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The Reverend Joshua A. Barrow, S.T.L., Associate Pastor

Deacon John W. Dowd, Parish Deacon

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Parish Incorporated 1867



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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 30, 2017

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Mass of Anticipation for the Third Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Robert "Bob" Girasol—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

The Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Richard Casey, Jr. —Memorial
9:00 AM Deborah Anderson—Birthday Remembrance
10:30AM Dr. Augustine Capotosto-10th Ann. & Deceased
Members of the Capotosto & Gelardi Families—Memorial
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

MONDAY, MAY 1

Easter Weekday/St. Joseph the Worker

7:30AM Deborah Anderson—Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, MAY 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM Robert Anderson—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Saints Philip & James, Apostles

7:30AM Kathleen Keane Gormley—43rd Anniversary

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Easter Weekday

7:30AM John Readey, Sr.—15th Anniversary
9:00AM Deceased Alumni of OLM School—Memorial

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Easter Weekday

8:30AM Patty Corrigan—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation for the Fourth Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Msgr. John W. Lolio—5th Anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 7

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
9:00 AM Catherine Slitt—Birthday Remembrance
10:30AM Elizabeth Iaconetti—Memorial
5:00PM Richard & Sandra Ponte—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

April Showers bring May flowers! Let's hope that the rain we had this past week does indeed bring some spring blossoms! April is ending and the Month of May is upon us already! Where did the time go?

Of course, May is a month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, Mary. We will have May Devotions every Monday night during the month. This May we also recognize that Bishop Tobin has declared a Year of Mary in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Virgin Mary's appearance at Fatima.

To celebrate this, join us on Mondays in May to discover the various titles given to Our Blessed Mother. We start with our own patroness, Our Lady of Mercy, tomorrow night with Deacon John Dowd. Next Monday Fr. Joseph Briody, a native of Ireland and Professor of Sacred Scripture at St. John Seminary join us to discover Our Lady of Knock.

On Monday, May 15th, Fr. Jorge Rocha, a native of Portugal and Associate Pastor at St. Francis Xavier Church, joins us in seeking the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. Father Chris Murphy from the OLP Seminary joins us May 22nd for devotions to Our Lady of Providence, the patroness of our Diocese.

On May 29th, the last Monday of the month, Deacon Brian Morris, a native son of OLM, joins us for devotions in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. He spent a summer working at Lourdes helping the many sick and infirmed pilgrims who journey there seeking Our Lady's powerful intercession.

Deacon Morris is to be ordained a priest of our diocese on Saturday, June 3rd! Leading us in devotions is to be one of his last duties as a Deacon!

Each of these special Monday Nights in May features Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Rosary, a talk on Our Lady's title and some beautiful and meditative hymns in honor of the Blessed Mother. So mark your calendars and join us in celebrating the Year of Mary at Our Lady of Mercy!

We hope to continue the celebration of the Blessed Mother on Saturday, May 13th, the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. A special celebration is planned at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence.

It begins with a huge outdoor procession as hundreds of the faithful from across the diocese walk in procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Every parish has been asked to send a delegation for the procession and the members of our Legion of Mary and Our Lady's Rosary Makers are to represent OLM.

The 11:00AM outdoor procession is followed by a multi-lingual recitation of the Rosary and Confessions. Following the Rosary, a Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima is to be offered by Bishop Tobin. It is the highlight of this Year of Mary, our year long rededication to the Blessed Mother as a local Church. May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us!

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is to travel to Fatima on the anniversary as well. He is to

lead the Rosary and offer a Mass for the thousands of pilgrims there to celebrate the great day.

It was also just announced that Pope Francis, while he is in Fatima, is to canonize two of the visionaries of the Marian apparitions there. Now the young shepherds Jacinta and Francisco Marto, are to become Saints of our Church!

We are also celebrating First Holy Communion for our OLM School Children and the children of the OLM Religious Education Program on Saturday, May 13th. What a great day for the children to receive Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist for the first time. May Our Lady of Fatima and Saints Jacinta and Francisco intercede for them on this most important day in their young lives.

Pope Francis recently spoke of Our Lady of Fatima. He stated: "*She asks us to never offend God again. She forewarns all humanity about the necessity of abandoning oneself to God, the source of love and mercy. Following the example of St. John Paul II, a great devotee of Our Lady of Fatima, let us listen attentively to the Mother of God and ask for peace for the world.*"

So let the May flowers come and celebrate with great joy and a renewed vigor Mary Most Holy! Be sure to pick up your Rosary beads and join us for May Devotions this month. Be well. Do good. God Bless! Our Lady of Mercy and Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Father Healey



What is the meaning of the Passion?

While we are in the Easter Season it is appropriate to go back and explain some of the parts of the Passion in more detail. The Passion accounts are more than a simple story of an execution and for 1st century Jews and Christians it would have been full of symbolic and literal meanings.

The Passion occurs during the Passover. The Passover meal commemorated God's freeing the Israelites from slavery to the Egyptians through the sacrifice of a lamb. Here Jesus is the true and perfect sacrificial lamb who frees us from slavery to sin so that we might *pass* from death to life. It is the blood of the *new covenant* better than the covenant with Moses. The veil torn in two in the sanctuary of the Temple tells us that the Temple is no more; the Mass is now the source of salvation. Christ's words in the Garden, "...not as I will but as you will," show the cause of our salvation: Jesus's sacrifice of perfect obedience and love to the Father.

Judas's final scene is telling. He admits that he has sinned he essentially asks that the Jewish High Priest offer sacrifice to cleanse him. They reply, "...what is that to us?" They offer no forgiveness to him (they do not have the power) and so Judas, with no other option, destroys himself. He did not believe that Christ came to forgive even his transgression. The choice between Barabbas and Jesus is very symbolic. Barabbas is another name for "Jesus." So in essence the Jewish people were asked to choose: Barabbas, a killer, and Jesus, the Son of the Father.

The only known seamless garment in Judaism was worn by the High Priest and it was a seamless garment for which the Roman soldiers cast lots. Jesus calls himself "I AM" three times, which was originally said by the High Priest three times on Yom Kippur. In fact, John's Gospel stresses that Jesus is the new High Priest. He both restores the priesthood and fulfills it, passing it on to his Apostles.

Finally, we hear from the cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me." Many people are taken aback by this statement. We read this and think that Jesus has despaired. It is the opposite: Jesus is beginning Psalm 22 which ends, "For he has not spurned or disdained the misery of this poor wretch; did not turn away from me, but heard me when I cried out." The Psalm describes the vindication by God for those who suffer injustice. This is just a small snippet of the myriads of meanings and allusions in the Gospels.

If you have a question about the Catholic Faith, email your questions directly to Father Barrow at associate@olmparish.org



REAL MEN
PRAY THE ROSARY

Weekly Collection

April 23, 2017

Weekly.....	\$11,317.00
EFT.....	\$1,519.50
	Total=\$12,836.00
Outreach.....	\$292.50

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.

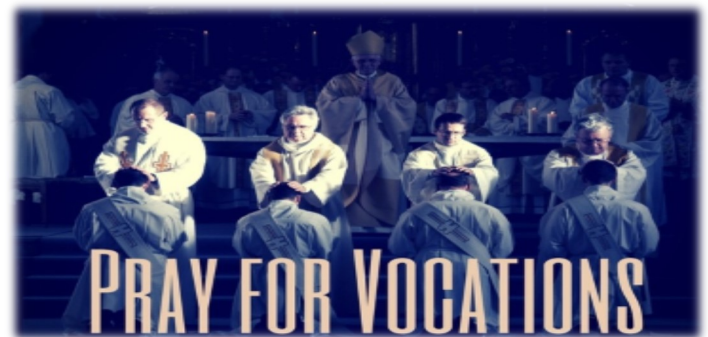
Thank you for your generous support!

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



Second Collections

Next Week: Building & Grounds Collection



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

2017 Parish Goal = \$193,864

Pledged to date = \$192,579.50

Number of Donors = 474

% of Parish Goal = 99%

Average Gift = \$406

Total Raised in 2016 = \$268,928

Thank You for Your Generous Support!



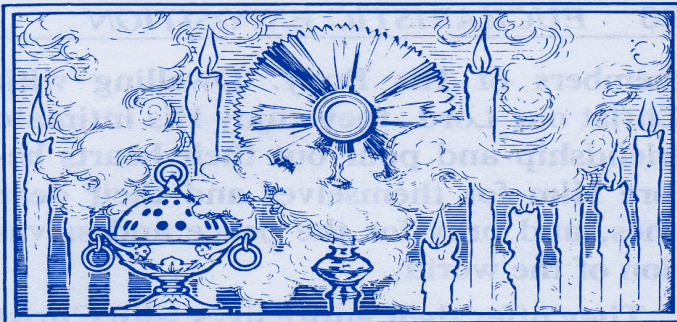
Religious Education NEWS

- **Sunday, April 30:** RE Grades 2 and 8 only meet
- **Saturday, May 13:** First Communion Mass for OLM School Students at 10:00am & OLM Religious Education Students at 12Noon
- **Sunday, May 14:** May Crowning with the entire First Communion Class at 10:30am Mass.



Outreach Update

- **OLM Bereavement Group: Thursday, May 4 at 4:00pm at Mercy House.** All those experiencing a loss, grief or loneliness are welcome.
- For more information, please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



FRIST FRIDAY ADORATION

FRIDAY, MAY 5

EXPOSITION FOLLOWING 9AM SCHOOL MASS

ADORATION ALL AFTERNOON

BENEDICTION AT 6PM

ADORERS ARE NEEDED, SIGN-UP IN VESTIBULE.



- May 1: Star Testing begins
- May 5: First Friday Mass at 9:00AM. All OLM Parishioners are invited to attend.
- May 5: Middle School Dance, 7-9pm

Discover the OLM Advantage!

www.olmschool.org



We have partnered with Parish Giving to offer this program to all of our parishioners.

It's simple: just log on to the Our Lady of Mercy website (www.olmparish.org) and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration instructions. **It's secure:** Parish Giving is Payment Card Industry compliant and uses the strongest Secure Sockets Layering encryption technology available. **It's Convenient:** No more searching for the checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM machine. You can pick the day of the month for the recurring contributions to be processed. **Tax benefits:** You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.

Parish benefits: Stable monthly contributions and significant reduction of parish administrative costs.

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3rd Sunday of Easter



The paschal candle should stand in the sanctuary during the entire season of Easter.

This candle symbolizes the risen Christ who conquers sin and death and, for that reason, is lit during baptisms and usually at funerals as well.

Each year, a new paschal candle is prepared during the opening rites at the Easter Vigil. It is marked with a cross, an alpha and omega, and the numerals of the year. Five grains of incense, representing the wounds of Christ, are also embedded into the wax.



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The Year of Mary

—REVEALING HER MANY TITLES—

May Devotions at Our Lady of Mercy Church

Join us for Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Rosary, Meditative Music and a Spiritual Talk on the Blessed Virgin Mary. 7:00PM each Monday in May

MONDAY, MAY 1: MARY, OUR LADY OF MERCY

Deacon John Dowd, Parish Deacon,
Our Lady of Mercy Church, East Greenwich, RI

MONDAY, MAY 8: MARY, OUR LADY OF KNOCK

Fr. Joseph Briody, Diocese of Raphoe, Ireland,
Professor of Sacred Scripture, St. John's Seminary, Boston, MA

MONDAY, MAY 15: MARY, OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Fr. Jorge Rocha, Associate Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church,
East Providence, RI

MONDAY, MAY 22: MARY, OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE

Fr. Christopher Murphy, Assistant Vocation Director,
Our Lady of Providence Seminary, Providence, RI

MONDAY, MAY 29: MARY, OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Deacon Brian Morris, Deacon Assistant,
St. Eugene Church, Chepachet, RI

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