

THEN JESUS SAID,  
"NEITHER DO I  
CONDEMN YOU. GO,  
AND FROM NOW  
ON DO NOT SIN  
ANY MORE."

John 8:1-11

JOHN 8:11



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*Mass Intentions*  
  
*for the Week*  
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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
 APRIL 7, 2019**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

*The Mass of Anticipation for the 5th Sunday of Lent*  
 5:00PM Bernard A. Harwood—Month's Mind

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

*The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Frank & Eva Montaquila—Memorial  
 10:30AM Dr. Augustine Capotosto  
 & Dec'd of Capotosto & Gelardi Families—Mem.  
 5:00PM Frank Ruzich—Birthday Remembrance

**MONDAY, APRIL 8**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM Fr. Donald J. Bouressa—Memorial  
 12:05PM Robert J. Kenney—Memorial

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory  
 12:05PM Bishop Robert E. Mulvee—Memorial

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM Dina Coelho—Memorial  
 12:05PM Stella Little—Memorial

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11**

*Lenten Weekday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr*

7:30AM Robert F. Armstrong—Birthday Remembrance  
 12:05PM Fr. Gerald W. Hussey—Memorial

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM Sally Hussey—Memorial  
 12:05PM Special Intention

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

*Lenten Weekday: St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr*

8:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

*The Mass of Anticipation for Palm Sunday*

5:00PM Anthony Gelsomino, Sr.—Birthday Remembrance

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

*The Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Melissa Mlga—1st Anniversary  
 10:30AM Maria DiChiaro—Birthday Remembrance  
 5:00PM Phyllis Maura T. Tripode (16th Anniv.) & Family



Dear Parishioners:

The season of Lent is soon drawing to a close. We look forward to next Sunday's solemn celebration of Palm Sunday, and with that the beginning of Holy Week. On Palm Sunday the Passion of our Lord will be proclaimed at all Masses. Palm branches will be distributed and blessed at all Masses.

The 10:30AM Mass next Sunday begins with a solemn procession from Mercy Park. We invite all those attending the 10:30AM Mass to gather at Mercy Park before Mass. The Gospel of Palm Sunday is proclaimed as we recount Christ's entry into Jerusalem with a procession. I hope the spring weather cooperates!

Lent is truly a special season of the Catholic Church. The Church has traditionally divided Lent into two parts in order to help us focus on two separate spiritual realities.

The first part of Lent began on Ash Wednesday as we marked "the beginning of the fasting days" and ends on the Saturday before Passion Sunday. The second is known as Passiontide. This focuses upon the sufferings of Christ more than of penitents, and catechumens preparing to enter the Church.

In other words, the first half of Lent is focused on "us" and our sinfulness. It reminds us of our need for repentance and mercy. Then we are urged to put on "sackcloth and ashes" and to repent for our sins. We do this with our prayer, fasting and alms giving.

This helps us to focus on interior renewal as we prepare

our hearts to receive the light of Christ into our lives. It is a time of conversion to Christ as we ask Him to "create a clean heart" in us.

Passiontide turns our gaze onto the suffering of the crucified Christ. We prayerfully enter into his Passion, and the events that lead up to his betrayal and death. This helps us to understand the results of our sins and the great love Jesus has for us. It is this love that led our beloved Savior to willingly give up his life for sinners.

Passiontide gives each of us an opportunity to meditate more deeply upon the Passion of Christ. We can do this by reading and reflecting upon the Passion accounts in the Gospel. Also, we can do this by praying the devotion of the Stations of the Cross.

With devotion we gradually prepare our hearts for the great feast of Easter. We anticipate the reality that Jesus Christ conquered sin and death and opened to us the gates of Heaven. We must prepare our hearts for such a wondrous gift, and these two parts of Lent help us do exactly that.

Preaching on the Passion, the Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa, who serves as the official preacher of the Pope and his household suggests:

*"On the cross Jesus not only gave us an example of self-giving love carried to the extreme; he also merited the grace for us to be able to bring it to pass, to some extent, in our lives. The water and blood that flowed from his side comes to us today in the sacraments of the Church, in God's word, and even in just looking at the Crucified*

*One in faith. One last thing John saw prophetically at the cross: men and women of every time and place who were turning their gaze to 'the one who was pierced' and who wept tears of repentance and of consolation (see Jn 19:37 and Zac 12:10). Let us join them in the liturgical actions that will follow in this Holy Week."*

The Passion of our Lord dominates the solemn days of Passiontide that begin next week. Therefore, the Church has traditionally covered the crucifix with red cloth and covered all statues in violet. We do this to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different.

This also focuses our attention on the words being prayed at Mass. When we listen to the Passion, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene. Finally, the Church veils the crucifix, and statues, to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for coming glory and joy we celebrate on Easter Sunday.

I am away this week preaching the Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Newport Beach, California. Msgr. Cook who preached our Mission last Lent, invited me to return the favor! Please pray for me and for the Mission! Be well. Do good. God Bless.

*Father Healey*



**Why should a person go to his or her parish church?**

For just about every Catholic, the parish serves as the source and foundation for the transmission of the faith and the sacraments. In this sense the parish serves a similar role analogous to that of the family. The parish is therefore essential to a Catholic's growth in holiness.

The composition of a parish is based on its place or location. Hence it brings together people of different classes and psychology in a unity found nowhere else. This differs from other organizations, religious faiths, and groups. Other groups organize based on shared identities, interests, economic status, causes and so on. Hence they become a sort of club. Granted, some similarities of these kinds may be found in a parish (a parish may be located in a wealthy or poor neighborhood for instance), but none of these serve as the basis of unity for the parish. Since it is based on place, the purpose of a parish is to bring together people of many different backgrounds and classes in a unity that God wants.

In the spiritual life a person should always avoid "shopping" around for churches that suit him or her best. The search for a suitable church makes a person a critic and encourages the growth of pride. On the other hand God wants us to be students.

A Catholic may reject what is false or unhelpful in his or her parish church and may consider finding another parish. A priest who preaches heresy from the pulpit or who makes the Mass more about himself, and not about our Lord, will not be spiritually beneficial. Yet this resort should not be taken flippantly. A Catholic should be receptive to any nourishment that he or she receives at a parish. A priest may be a lousy preacher or the music may be horrid, but an attitude of receptivity creates a condition in the person such that he or she can still hear the voice of God through the imperfect instruments God has placed there. Such a receptivity and humility are secrets to a strong spiritual life even in the midst of the worst of human sinfulness. Furthermore, it leads a person to pause and self-reflect on his or her imperfections and sins.

As St. Paul reminds us, "Then let us no longer judge one another, but rather resolve never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother... Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to building up one another."

The point is to develop one's love for the Mass. We mustn't forget that the Mass itself is the greatest spiritual nourishment any of us can receive in this life, and this is found in the parish. Even if the priest gave a boring homily, you have still received our Lord Himself.

*Prayer to Our Lady,  
Health of the Sick*



*Weekly Collection*

**March 31, 2019**

Weekly.....	\$12,147.00
EFT.....	\$2,257.00
	<b>Total=\$14,404.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$382.00

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**

**This Week: Building & Grounds**

**Next Week: Operation Rice Bowl**



**Our Lady of Mercy**

**2019 Parish**

**Goal=\$200,000**

**Pledged to Date=\$117,985**

**Number of Donors=293**

**Average Gift=\$403**

**Thank You for Your Generous Support!**

**Make your Pledge Today!**



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of **Christopher J. Courtney** and **Helene Pierce** whose funerals were last week.



**Upcoming Events:**

- **Monday, April 8:** School Confessions at 1pm
- **Friday, April 12:** Half –Day Dismissal at 11:30AM
- **Monday, April 15:** Spring Vacation Week begins

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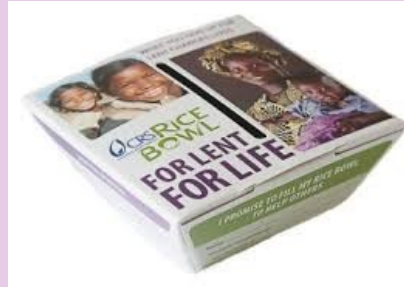


- **Sunday, April 7:** RE Grades 1 & 2 only to meet in AM.



- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need 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)

**OPERATION RICE BOWL COLLECTION  
SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**



More than 40 years ago, Catholics in the United States wanted to respond to famine in Africa. Could people who were hungry and starving be helped through Lenten

prayers, fasting and almsgiving? The answer was yes — and the help came in the form of a small cardboard box, marking the beginning of “Operation Rice Bowl” in 1975 in parishes in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Today, CRS Rice Bowl is a tradition for millions of Catholics in the U.S., who employ the Lenten pillars of praying, fasting and almsgiving to change the lives of others while enriching their own. CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through CRS Rice Bowl, faith communities in every diocese throughout the United States put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in roughly 45 different countries each year. 25% of all donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$300 million. Lenten alms go to alleviate hunger and poverty in communities overseas and in the U.S.: seventy-five percent of gifts support CRS’ humanitarian programs around the world.

**Thank you for your generous support.**

*Please*  
**P R A Y**  
*for the sick of our parish and  
those that care for them*

**Please pray for OLM Deacon John Dowd** as he recuperates from minor surgery. He is recovering and hopes to return to his Diaconal Ministry at OLM in a few weeks. God grant him healing, strength and a speedy recovery.

## **SS. John and Paul to host Holy Hour for Life**



SS. John and Paul parish, 341 South Main St., will host the Deanery Holy Hour for Life on Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m. The evening will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, silent adoration, Litany of Loreto, and Benediction. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

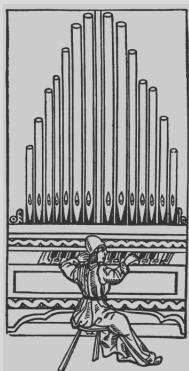
## **Seasons of Hope Support Group**

Those searching for comfort, hope and peace after losing a loved one are invited to participate in a six week support group at St. Pius X Church, 44 Elm St., Saturdays, May 11 – June 15, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Each meeting includes prayer, Scripture reading and reflection, a video and discussion. For more information, please call Linda at 401-714-9824.



## **Organ Recital**

**Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 3PM**  
**St. Francis Church, Wakefield, RI**



On Palm Sunday, April 14, at 3 p.m., Dr. Enrico Garzilli will perform his second Organ Symphony, entitled "The Final Week," a symphony in four movements is a musical meditation on the last week of Jesus, at St. Francis Church. It begins with the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, journeys with him through Holy Week and culminates with his Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The symphony is a deeply spiritual and moving tone poem on his last week. All are welcome.

# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give



## **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**Saturday, April 13**

Mass at 5:00PM

**Palm Sunday, April 14**

Masses at 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30PM & 5:00PM

*Palm Branches will be blessed at all Masses.  
Solemn Procession of Palms from  
Mercy Park at 10:30AM Mass*

**Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019**

Solemn Morning Prayer at 8:00AM  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM  
*Adoration at Altar of Repose until Midnight*

**Good Friday, April 19, 2019**

Solemn Morning Prayer at 8:00AM  
Stations of the Cross at 3:00PM  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion &  
Veneration of the Cross at 7:00PM

**Holy Saturday, April 20, 2019**

Solemn Morning Prayer at 8:00AM  
Easter Vigil at 8:00PM

**Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019**

Masses at 7:30AM, 9:00AM & 10:30AM  
*No 5:00PM on Easter Sunday*

## **Saturday Mass Time Change**



Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation moves forward to **5:00PM on Saturday, April 6, 2019 and Confessions to start at 4:00PM.** Please note the change of time. This remains in effect until November.