

“ 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
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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
 APRIL 8, 2018**

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

The Mass of Anticipation for the Second Sunday of Easter
 5:00PM Lucy Vanacore—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

The Second Sunday of Easter
 7:30 AM Father Sean Maher—25th Anniversary
 9:00 AM Frank & Eva Montaquila—Memorial
 10:30AM Michael Vitucci—Memorial
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

MONDAY, APRIL 9

The Annunciation of the Lord
 7:30AM Timothy Franzone—Memorial

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM Shirley Berlanga—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr
 7:30AM Eilen Haughey—Memorial

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Easter Weekday/St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr
 7:30AM Michael R. Dumont—29th Anniversary

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Easter Weekday
 8:30AM Special Intention
The Mass of Anticipation for the Third Sunday of Easter
 5:00PM Anthony Gelsomino, Sr. -Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

The Third Sunday of Easter
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Richard Curran—Memorial
 10:30AM Alexander Valicenti—Memorial
 5:00PM Thomas McGowan—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

Happy Easter! We continue to rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ. Easter is much more than a day! In fact, it is a season of 50 days to rejoice and reflect upon our new life in Christ.

We rejoice and give thanks for our newly initiated into the Church. We rejoice with Al Behbehani who was baptized, confirmed and received First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. Also, we welcomed Susan Healey, my sister-in-law, who was received into the Catholic Church, confirmed and received First Holy Communion. We also congratulate Grace Dobrzynski, Gerianne and Joanne Exil, Ken and Melissa Goudreau, and Haley Pinheiro who were all confirmed at the Easter Vigil!

It was a joyful celebration last Saturday night as these men and women were reborn and confirmed in the Risen Christ! We thank them for making the journey in faith to Easter and choosing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church! We welcome them and pledge our prayers that they may flourish in the faith.

The Easter Vigil is always a beautiful and meaningful event in the life of our parish. Of course, the beauty and majesty of Easter at OLM is the result of the dedication and hard work of many people. We must thank so many who work so hard and give so much to ensure a beautiful Holy Week.

We must thank Celia Franzone and her dedicated band of decorators who ensured that the Church was properly and beautifully decorated for each ceremony of Holy Week. Of

course, Paul Anderson and the great maintenance staff at OLM deserve thanks too as they cleaned and prepared the Church property, and so ably assisted setting up for Holy Week.

We also thank our many sacristans who readied all the vestments and sacred vessels for all the ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter. Their work behind the scenes is an invaluable service to the parish.

Our corps of outstanding OLM Altar Servers did a terrific job serving Holy Week and Easter. I received many compliments for their service, which is always so reverent and dutiful. We thank them for their commitment to serving God and the parish so faithfully.

We also thank our lectors for proclaiming God's Word with great solemnity; our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who reverently helped distribute Communion to the very large crowds at all the Masses; and our OLM Ushers for their service in welcoming our many visitors and ensuring that OLM is always a place of hospitality and civility.

We thank our wonderfully talented musicians and OLM Choir. Henri St. Louis, our organist and Choir Director and Deirdre Donovan, our soloist, do an outstanding job. Together they ensure that the music is appropriate and beautifully played and sung. Our OLM Choir brought much beauty to the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. The music at the Easter Vigil, with the brass and timpani, was truly majestic and fitting for the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection!

I wish to thank our

religious sisters, Sister Emma and Sister Lourdes, who daily help us so much, but even more so during these busy seasons. Their witness to humility and service is a sign for us all.

I thank Bishop Evans, Fr. Barrow, Fr. Connors and Deacon Dowd for their great help and loyal support in making Holy Week and Easter so meaningful and majestic. In particular, I must truly commend Fr. Barrow for his hard work and attention to the many details of Holy Week. We are truly blessed at OLM to have such young, fine, talented, holy and zealous priests and we give thanks to God for their vocations and Bishop Tobin for assigning them here!

Congratulations to our OLM Girls 7th/8th Grade Basketball Team who are State Champions! Our CAL Basketball program is an important part of the life our parish and I thank all the players, volunteer coaches and parents who make it possible. We celebrate all our CAL Basketball Teams on Sunday night with our annual banquet! Thanks for a great season!

"Easter is the feast of the new creation. Jesus has opened the door to a new life," said Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Let's continue to open that door to the new life in the Risen Christ! Easter isn't a day nor a week but a season! Rejoice and live your faith to the fullest! Do good. Be well. God Bless. Go Sox!!



Is it necessary to receive from the Chalice?

It is the consistent teaching of Scripture, theologians, and the Church that when a person only receives the consecrated host the person receives Christ whole and entire, body, blood, soul and divinity. Hence it is not necessary to receive both the host and the precious blood from the chalice in order to receive the fullness of grace which the Eucharist provides. As Christ tells us in Scripture: *“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world... He who eats this bread shall live forever.”*

Furthermore, the presence of Christ completely under one of the Eucharistic species finds its basis in an important theological foundation called the principle of concomitance. This states that Christ is indivisible, so that his body cannot be separated from his blood, his human soul, his divine nature, and his divine personhood. Therefore, where he is present, he is wholly present. You do not receive half of Christ when you only receive the host. To separate Christ’s body or blood from the rest of him would be to re-sacrifice Christ, which is impossible. Christ died once and for all. While we call the Mass a sacrifice, it is the participation in the single and timeless sacrifice of Christ (and not a re-sacrifice of Christ as some critics claim).

Some parishes allow communicants to receive under both species. The reason for this is purely for the sign value of the act. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: “Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite. But ‘the sign of communion is more complete when given under both kinds, since in that form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly’” (CCC 1390).

The reason why Holy Communion is most often given out under only one species is twofold: First, because of the respect and care given to the Eucharist. There is a greater risk of profanation should the Precious Blood be dropped than if a host were dropped. Second, the risk of thinking that the reception of both species is necessary to receive Christ whole and entire (this is known as the Utraquism heresy).

What is of utmost importance in the life of Catholics today is not completing the sign value, but ensuring that Holy Communion is received fruitfully, free from mortal sin.

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

Weekly Collection 

March 25, 2018

Weekly.....	\$15,369.00
EFT.....	\$1,917.00
	Total= \$17,286.00
Outreach.....	\$270.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$11,064.45

April 1, 2018

Weekly.....	\$20,253.00
EFT.....	\$1,622.00
	Total=\$21,875.00
Outreach.....	\$1,260.00
Easter Collection.....	\$7,624.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$2,379.00
Good Friday.....	\$1,672.00

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



2018 Parish Goal=\$193,864
Pledged to date=\$140,060
 % of Parish Goal=72%
 Total Donors to date=345
 Average Gift=\$405
 % of Parish Participation=16%

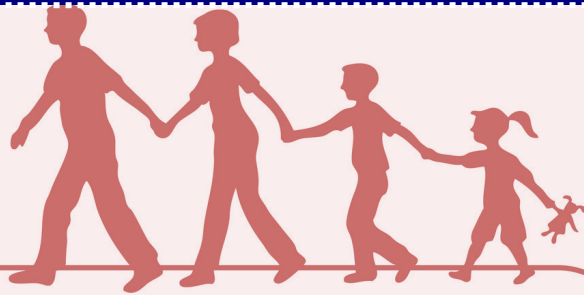
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This Week at OLM School

- **Monday, April 9:** School Mass at 8:15AM
- **Wednesday April 11th:** OLM School Faculty Meeting at 2:45pm
- **Friday, April 13:** Spring Vacation begins
- **Monday, April 23:** School resumes

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OLM YOUNG FAMILIES

OLM Young Families
Thursday, April 12, 2018
5:30pm until 7:00pm

OLM School Cafeteria

Topic of Discussion This Meeting:
*“Raising Teenagers and College Students
in the Catholic Faith”*

Fr. Joshua Barrow

Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church,
East Greenwich

All young families are most welcome to join with us in fellowship and conversation about our Catholic faith. *Babysitting is available for your children and delicious Pizza served for dinner!* For more information or just to learn more about our group contact OLM Young Families Coordinator Kate Jelinek at: Kate_Jelinek@hotmail.com



- **Sunday, April 8th:** All RE Classes Meet as scheduled.
- **Sunday, April 15th & Sunday, April 22nd:** No RE Classes due to Spring School Vacation.



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

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

Devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 8th at 3:00PM



**Eucharistic Adoration &
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Confession Available
Reflection on Divine Mercy
by Fr. Barrow

*Prayerful Congratulations
to our Newly Initiated at the Easter Vigil*



Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation

Alaedin Christopher Behbehani

Reception, First Communion & Confirmation

Susan Elizabeth Ann Seton Healey

Confirmation

Grace Sarah Dobrzynski

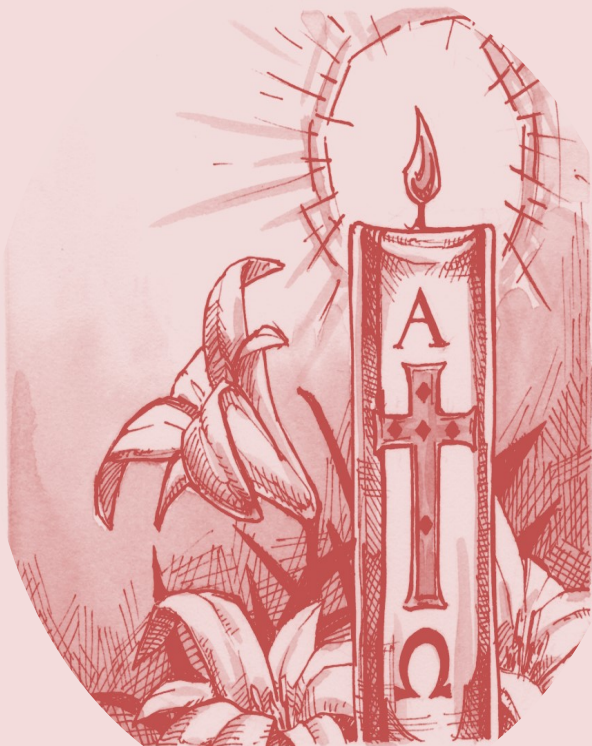
Gerianne Veronica Exil

Joanne Amanda Exil

Kenneth Jude Goudreau

Melissa Fatima Goudreau

Haley Anne Pinheiro



*Best Wishes to our newly baptized
on Easter Sunday:*



Kai Law Douglas,
and his parents, Charles and Tara.

Reagan Belle Musco,
and her parents, Brian and Sara.

*"Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn
in baptism. They are now called children of God,
for so indeed they are."—The Rite of
Baptism*

**Our Lady of Mercy Girls Basketball
Catholic Athletic League State Champions**



The OLM Girls' 7th/8th Grade School Team completed its undefeated season with a 25-14 win over Monsignor Clarke School in the Catholic Athletic League (CAL) State Championship on Saturday, March 24 at St. Mary's Academy Bay View. The OLM Jaguars finished the year a perfect 14-0 and earned their second consecutive state title, with last year's 5th/6th grade parish team winning the D1 Parish Division. We congratulate the team and the coaches, Steve Basler, Brenda Verdi and Marilyn Cretella.