

The Most Holy Trinity
June 11, 2017



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TRINITY SUNDAY JUNE 11, 2017

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

The Mass of Anticipation for the Most Holy Trinity
 5:00PM Irene Mello—6th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

The Most Holy Trinity

7:30 AM Felix, Celestina & Irene Giorgio—Memorial

9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

10:30AM Deceased Alumni & Benefactors of OLM School

MONDAY, JUNE 12

Weekday

7:30AM Fr. Michael Seger—Memorial

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM Msgr. William J. Carey—9th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Weekday

7:30AM Lewis Phillips—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

Weekday

7:30AM Deceased Members Of Pundys & Dikinis Families

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Weekday

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Weekday; BVM

8:30AM Albert Wojtcuk—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for Corpus Christi

5:00PM Charles Gassman—Memorial

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

7:30 AM For All Fathers

9:00 AM For All Fathers

10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church





Dear Parishioners:

What a glorious time we had last weekend in the Diocese of Providence, and here at Our Lady of Mercy. Three fine young men were ordained priests for our diocese and our native son, Father Brian Morris, celebrated his First Mass of Thanksgiving here at OLM.

Thankfully the weather cooperated and helped make for a beautiful two days. The Ordination Mass was solemn and majestic and many parishioners from OLM were in attendance. The newly ordained Fr. Morris did a fabulous job celebrating his First Mass.

Fr. Morris is to begin his priestly ministry as the Associate Pastor at St. Luke Church in Barrington and his classmates, Fr. Joseph Brice has been assigned to St. Augustine Church in Providence and Fr. Stephen Battey to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Bristol. Please pray for these new priests as they begin their service to the People of God.

Fr. Morris was back at OLM on Monday to help with our OLM School Confessions and also on Friday to celebrate the Final OLM School Mass. It was a tremendous witness for our school children to see a young priest who studied at OLM School, served Mass at OLM and came to Mass at OLM return as a holy priest of God.

This Sunday we welcome our OLM School 8th Grade to the 10:30am Mass. At the Mass we pray for them as they leave our parish school and enter the next chapter of life. Each one of the graduates receives the OLM School Medal at the Mass.

After Mass the 8th

Graders and their families join together with the OLM School Faculty for a Graduation Luncheon. At the luncheon the graduates receive their academic awards and honors.

The 8th Grade returns on Monday night at 6pm for their Graduation Ceremony. These twenty-four young men and women celebrate with their families, friends and faculty members, the end of their time at OLM School. All parishioners are invited to join us on Monday night for graduation.

We congratulate the OLM 8th Grade and all those who graduate from school this year. We wish the Class of 2017 well as they end an important chapter in their young lives. May God bless them and may they continue to grow in faith, love and wisdom.

We offer this prayer for all those graduating this year: *“Merciful Father, bless this special day in the life of the graduates. As they embark on the next chapter in their lives we pray that Your hand that has kept them thus far continues to guide and lead them. May Your Almighty hand of protection be about them, and may Your Word continue to be a light unto their path. Help them to make wise decisions and to always keep You first in everything that they do.”*

School ends at OLM on Friday, June 16th! It’s hard to believe that summer vacation is here already. The OLM School children put away their books and iPads, their pens and pencils, and their school uniforms. No doubt there will be many smiling faces in the OLM School

Parking Lot on Friday afternoon!

May God guide and protect the children and faculty of OLM School during the summer months. May it be a time of rest and relaxation and may they return in September healthy and happy. Schools out for the summer! Enjoy!

We are grateful to Mrs. Jill Hackett and her 3rd Grade OLM School Class who have just finished planting the OLM School Garden. It is located between the Mercy Convent and the Franciscan Convent. It is now full of tomatoes, peppers, sunflowers and chives! The OLM School 3rd Grade families have generously volunteered to water the garden throughout the summer.

Of course, Sister Emma and Sister Lourdes have their own garden next to their convent. It is loaded with tomatoes, strawberries, peppers and cucumbers. I’ve asked the good sisters to try and grow tobacco and roll some cigars but they aren’t having any of it! May St. Francis guide and protect all our gardeners this summer. We look forward to the fruits of the harvest in the fall!

Next Sunday we celebrate the great feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. There is a Eucharistic Procession following the 10:30am so please join us as we mark this important Feast with great solemnity. Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox!!



What is Purgatory?

Our sins have both eternal and temporal consequences. Through the Sacrament of Confession, the eternal consequences and the guilt of sin are remitted simultaneously. However, the temporal consequences remain, requiring one to atone for sins committed. If we die, without having atoned for these sins, we require purification before entering heaven. Such purification takes place in purgatory. Though not a physical location, purgatory is a place for those who have sinned to atone for what they have done wrong on earth. However, the only sins which are forgiven in purgatory are venial sins.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.” It also teaches that those not completely purged of sin and its consequences here on earth, may be purged after death.

Purgatory, the state of purification of love, for those who have not loved God and neighbor enough on earth, teaches us to love God completely in order to get to heaven, the perfect place of love. Before getting to heaven, we have to cleanse ourselves; make ourselves perfect.

From the Gospel of Matthew, we know purgatory exists: “and whoever says a word against the son of man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come” And “truly I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

We do know those in purgatory will eventually get us into heaven. However, the length of time a person is in purgatory depends on such things as how they lived on earth, God’s mercy, and the prayers offered for them. Therefore, those in Purgatory truly need our prayers, so that, thus purified, they may attain the Beatific Vision of God. This is why the Church spends the whole month of November praying for all souls.

Some people think that when our loved ones pass away, we cannot do anything for them. We can still do good things for the dead by having Masses offered, offering personal prayers, almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of our deceased loved ones. St. John Chrysostom stated this clearly in a homily, “Why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.” Let us pray for all the souls in purgatory!

If you have a question about the Catholic Faith, email your questions directly to our Summer Seminarian, Hiep Nguyen at Hiep.Nguyen@sjs.edu

Weekly Collection

June 4, 2017


Weekly.....	\$11,384.50
EFT.....	\$1,494.50
	Total=\$12,879.00

Outreach.....\$1,434.50
 Building & Grounds.....\$2,864.00
 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: Catholic Communications Campaign



2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL


2017 Parish Goal = \$193,864
Pledged to date = \$236,833.00

Number of Donors = 538
% of Parish Goal = 122%

Average Gift = \$440
Total Raised in 2016 = \$268,928

Over Parish Goal! Thank You for Your Generous Support!

OLM Parish Office Summer Hours
 Monday—Thursday: 8:00am—4:00pm
 Fridays: 8:00am—12:00pm
 Regulars Hours begin again on September 5th.



Change of Schedule

Please note Confessions will not be heard on this Monday June 12th at 6:00pm due to OLM School Graduation Ceremony.



This Week at OLM School:

Saturday, June 10 & Sunday 11: OLM School Play, Seussical Jr. at 7pm Saturday & 4pm Sunday at EG High School.

Sunday, June 11: 8th Grade Mass at 10:30am followed by 8th Grade Graduation Luncheon at Quidnesset County Club

Monday, June 12: OLM School Graduation at 6:00pm

Thursday, June 15: Kindergarten Graduation at 8:30am & Pre-K 4 Graduation at 10:00am

Friday, June 16: Last Day of School! Early dismissal!!

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Register Today for RE Classes Next Year

●Registrations are now being accepted for the 2017-2018 year. **Registrations are now only done on-line** at: <http://forms.parishgiving.org/form-2592082/> You may also access the link on the Parish Website: www.olmparish.org and go to Faith Formation and then Religious Education for Children. **All registrations are due by June 30th to avoid the late fee.** We accept children in Grades 1-8.

Please note: Current Grade 8 students who are being Confirmed this November 5th **DO NOT** have to register!



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families **Robert A. Newell and Jean Dibble** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last week.

May they rest in peace.



FATHER'S DAY MEMORIALS

Father's Day Memorial envelopes should be returned via the collection basket prior to Father's Day on Sunday, June 18. All Fathers will be remembered in prayer at Masses on Fathers Day.



●**OLM Food Pantry** is in need of donated non-perishable food items especially during the Summer months. Please leave items in Food Box in vestibule. Thank you for your support.

●**OLM Bereavement Group** meets this Thursday, June 15 at 4:00pm at Mercy House. All those experiencing grief, loneliness or isolation due to the loss of a loved one is invited to join us.

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

**CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY
JUNE 18, 2017**



Join us for the Solemn Celebration of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 18 at 10:30am. The Eucharistic Procession follows to Mercy Park follows Mass. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament takes places at Mercy Park.

"HE FED THEM WITH THE FINEST WHEAT AND SATISFIED THEM WITH HONEY FROM THE ROCK."—
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

Summer Camp for High School Boys

All Catholic boys of high school age are invited to attend a Quo Vadis Days Camp to spend time with other young men discovering their purpose in life while having fun. The camp will be held from July 30 – August 2 at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence. Quo Vadis Days Camp is led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Providence and is supported by the Office of Vocations. The camp will include reflections from priests and laymen from around the diocese, Mass with our bishop, an outdoor challenge course and a number of other fun activities. For more information, please contact Father Christopher Murphy at (401) 331-1316 or email FatherCJM@gmail.com. To register online, please visit <http://qvdays.org/register/diocese-of-providence>

**Pray
for
Vocations**



**Our Lady of
Czenstochowa
Polish Festival**

Friday, June 23rd
5pm–10pm

Saturday, June 24th
5pm–10pm

Sunday, June 25th
Noon–5pm

OLC School Grounds
222 Mac Arthur Blvd
Coventry, RI

Polish American Foods
Games & Raffles
Cow Chip Bingo!

Frozen Golombki & Pierogi Available to Take Home!

Live Music Nightly!

Polish Bands & Dancing!

Free Admission & Free Parking

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