

# *The Solemnity of Corpus Christi*

June 18, 2017



**Our Lady of Mercy Church**

**East Greenwich, RI**



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**CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY  
 JUNE 18, 2017**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17**

*Mass of Anticipation for the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*  
 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

**MONDAY, JUNE 19**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Frank Almonte—Memorial

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Patty Corrigan—Memorial

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21**

*St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious*  
 7:30AM Tina McGuinness—Memorial

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22**

*Weekday/St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop & St. Thomas More, Martyrs*  
 7:30AM Paul Kerin—Memorial

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23**

*The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*  
 7:30AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—Memorial

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**

*The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*  
 8:30AM Special Intention  
*Mass of Anticipation for The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM John Bucci—7th Anniversary

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

*The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Bruce Hart—Birthday Remembrance  
 10:30AM Kate Bedard—Birthday Remembrance





Dear Parishioners:

We offer our congratulations to the OLM School Class of 2017. These fine young men and women graduated on Monday night. Their names are in this week's bulletin. We wish them well as they prepare to enter high school.

We also celebrated "graduation" for our Pre-K and Kindergarten Classes this past week. These youngsters were overjoyed at their achievement. It is such a happy occasion in our school.

Of course school days are now over at OLM School! Summer vacation has arrived! The students and faculty now enjoy a time of well deserved rest and relaxation. We pray for them and look forward to seeing them tan, rested and ready for school in the fall!

Over the summer months our crack OLM Maintenance Crew, under the direction of Paul Anderson, will clean and upgrade the school plant with painting, stripping of floors and pulling up some old carpets.

We also have plans to renovate an unused classroom into a Music/Choir Room. It will be used for our OLM School Music classes as well as the OLM School Band Program. Our Church Choirs is to also use the room for their regular rehearsals.

All this work is made possible thanks to the great success of the Annual OLM School Spring Fling. Each year this event raises the much needed funds to complete projects and fund programs for our excellent parish school.

Last weekend our OLM

School put on the musical entitled "Seussical Jr." It was a fabulous play with some great performances by our very gifted and talented students. The play brought back to life all the great stories of Dr. Seuss. Bravo to all the cast for a job well done!

Today we celebrate Father's Day as we honor and give thanks for our Fathers. We do so today in prayer as we offer Masses for all Fathers. Please pray for Fathers and for the great gift of Fatherhood. Our Holy Father Pope Francis on speaking of Fathers offers some good advice.

He suggests: *"The first need is this: that a father be present in a family. That he be close to his wife, sharing everything—joy and sorrow, hope and hardship. And that he be close to his children as they grow—when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they take a wrong step, and when they find their path again. Fathers must be patient. Often there is nothing else to do but wait; pray, and wait with patience, gentleness, and mercy."*

While the nation celebrates Father's Day, Holy Mother Church celebrates the great Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*. The full name of this feast is *Corpus et Sanguis Christi* or The Body and Blood of Christ. This feast of the Blessed Sacrament was established in 1246 by Bishop Robert de Thorte of Liege, Belgium at the suggestion of St. Juliana of Mont Carvillon. It is annually celebrated the first Sunday after the feast of the Trinity.

The feast of *Corpus*

*Christi* is one time when our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed not just to faithful Catholics but to all the world. Catholics show their love for Christ in the Real Presence of the Eucharist by honoring Him in a very public way. We do so today at the 10:30am Mass as we process with the Blessed Sacrament to Mercy Park for Benediction.

Pope Emeritus Benedict states: *"What is the precise significance of today's Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ? The answer is given to us in the fundamental actions of this celebration we are carrying out: first of all we gather around the altar of the Lord, to be together in his presence; secondly, there will be the procession, that is walking with the Lord; and lastly, kneeling before the Lord, in adoration, which already begins in the Mass and accompanies the entire procession but culminates in the final moment of the Eucharistic Blessing when we all prostrate ourselves before the One who stooped down to us and gave his life for us. Let us reflect briefly on these three attitudes, so that they may truly be an expression of our faith and our life."*

A very Happy Father's Day to all Fathers! May God Bless our Fathers and may we express our respect, love and gratitude today. Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox!



### The Daily Life of a Seminarian

There are some basic requirements a young man must fulfill in order to become a Catholic priest. They include obtaining an undergraduate degree, completing two years of studies in Philosophy, and then completing four years of Theology. After obtaining a Philosophy degree and meeting the formation requirements of the College Seminary, a young man is assigned to a Major Seminary such as St. John's Seminary in Boston.

At the seminary, a young man is formed in mind, body, and soul into the image of Jesus Christ. Seminaries, contrary to some misconceptions, are not places where men walk around in silence all day chanting in Latin. Rather, they are places of joy, prayer, discernment, camaraderie, faith formation and intellectual pursuits.

For a typical Seminarian such as myself daily life in the seminary is rather busy. The course of the master's-level academics includes daily classes, lectures, research papers and intense studies. Seminarians also pray together in community frequently, attend Mass daily, celebrate regular devotions and spend time in personal prayer. They also meet regularly with their spiritual director to discuss the development of their spiritual and interior life and with their formation advisor to review their progress in priestly formation.

Each Seminarian spends many hours during the week in pastoral assignments ministering at hospitals, nursing homes, schools, prisons, and parishes. Additionally, there is a regular schedule of Seminary meetings, workshops, lectures and regular academic study outside the classroom. These are all necessary and important elements of preparation for priestly ministry.

Seminarians are formed into the priesthood of Jesus Christ through the four pillars of seminary life. Human Formation forms the future priest's personality in order to be effective public witnesses of the Church. Spiritual Formation develops a deep and mature relationship with Christ through prayer and worship. Intellectual Formation helps in the understanding the truths of the faith and cultivates the intellectual skills needed to teach the faith. And finally, Pastoral Formation develops "shepherds of souls" who are able to minister to people during the joys and trials of life.

*If you have a question about the Catholic Faith, email your questions directly to our Summer Seminarian, Hiep Nguyen at [Hiep.Nguyen@sjs.edu](mailto:Hiep.Nguyen@sjs.edu)*



## Weekly Collection

**June 11, 2017**

Weekly.....	\$11,585.00
EFT.....	\$2,844.50
	<b>Total=\$14,429.50</b>

Outreach.....	\$425.50
Catholic Communications Campaign.....	\$1,891.00

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.**



**2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL**

**2017 Parish Goal = \$193,864  
Pledged to date = \$244,898.00**

**Number of Donors = 561  
% of Parish Goal = 126%**

**Average Gift = \$436  
Total Raised in 2016 = \$268,928**

**Over Parish Goal! Thank You for Your Generous Support!**



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are lovingly donated in memory of Alfred, Julia and Alfred J. Mastrachio. In your charity please remember them in your prayers.

### OLM Parish Office Summer Hours

Monday—Thursday: 8:00am—4:00pm  
Fridays: 8:00am—12:00pm



### Confessions at OLM

Mondays: 6:00pm—6:45pm  
Saturdays: 4:00pm—4:45pm

**Don't take a vacation from God's Mercy!**

# Outreach Update

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



## **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: <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-2592082/> You may also access the link on the Parish Website: [www.olmparish.org](http://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



*We wish all our OLM School Students, Faculty, Families and Staff a Happy and Healthy Summer Break! See you on Wednesday, August 30th for the First Day of School! Enjoy and be safe!!*

***Discover the OLM Advantage!***

[www.olmschool.org](http://www.olmschool.org)

*Best Wishes to our newly baptized:*



**Quinn Everly Auclair,**  
and her parents, Erik and Melissa.

**Lauren McBride Murphy,**  
and her parents, Daniel and Kristi.

**Addison Marie Peacock,**  
and her parents, Keith and Jillian.

**Lucy May Slocum,**  
and her parents, Nicholas and Angela.

**Mila Alexis Sousa,**  
and her parents, Ryan and Melissa.

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



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of **Francis Hallaway and Michael E. Caparco** whose Funerals were celebrated last week.

***May they rest in peace.***



**Our Lady of Mercy School Class of 2017**

Brayden Allen	Bishop Hendricken
Rianna Arpin	St. Mary Academy-BayView
Dylan Brunner	Bishop Hendricken
Christopher Cambio	Bishop Hendricken
Giabella Childs	St. Mary Academy-BayView
Ethan Clark	Bishop Hendricken
John Colitz	LaSalle Academy
Anthony Commendatore	Bishop Hendricken
John DelGiudice	LaSalle Academy
Nicholas DiBattista	The Prout School
Kaitlyn Duska	Exeter-West Greenwich
Madelyn Grant	North Kingstown High School
Laura Henriques	North Kingstown High School
Alise Knudson	St. Mary Academy-BayView
Allison Lombardi	LaSalle Academy
Casey McQuesten	Bishop Hendricken
Allison Medeiros	St. Mary Academy-BayView
Isabella Merolla	The Prout School
Paxton Miga	LaSalle Academy
Kylie Mulhearn	St. Mary Academy-BayView
William Nerone	Bishop Hendricken
Kathleen O'Connell	St. Mary Academy-BayView
Malcolm Verdi	Bishop Hendricken
Robert Weedon	LaSalle Academy



*For I have chosen him,  
so that he will direct his children...  
to keep the way of the Lord.* ©JPPC

*Genesis 18:19*

OUR LADY'S

ROSARY MAKERS

**OLM Rosary Makers  
Monthly Workshop**

Tuesday, June 20, 2017  
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
OLM Cry-room

Materials and instructions provided.  
Join us in making rosaries for the missions.