

**“They all ate and
were satisfied.”**

LUKE 9:17





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Mass Intentions

for the Week
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**THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
 JUNE 23, 2019**

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Mass of Anticipation for Corpus Christi

5:00PM Alfred, Julia & Alfred Joseph Mastracchio—Memorial

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Jeremiah O'Connell—Memorial

10:30AM Bruce Hart—Birthday Remembrance

MONDAY, JUNE 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

7:30AM Edward & Dolly Healey—Memorial

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Weekday

7:30AM Marie Brusci—1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Weekday

7:30AM Richard Curran—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Weekday; St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:30AM Kate Bedard—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

8:30AM Marie Oliverio—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM John Bucci—9th Anniversary

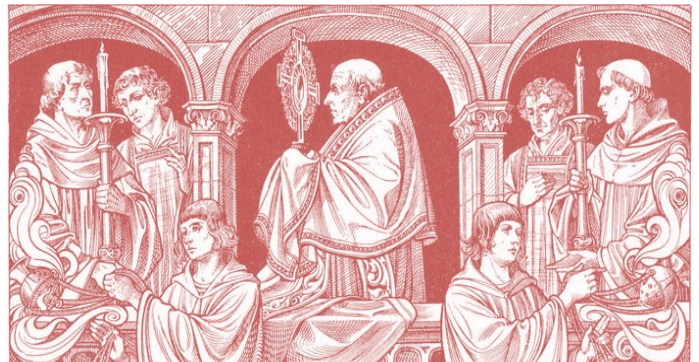
SUNDAY, JUNE 30

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Marie Brusci—1st Anniversary

10:30AM Sylvia Forti—Birthday Remembrance





Dear Parishioners:

School has ended, and Friday was the first official day of summer! It's hard to believe that it's here already and soon we'll be celebrating the Fourth of July! But now we can head to the beaches, sit by the pool, play some golf, take a ride on the boat, or just read a book under the shade of a tree!

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness," said the great American novelist, John Steinbeck. Hopefully we can enjoy some time of refreshment, renewal and relaxation that comes with the summer months. And as we do, let us remember the blessings bestowed upon us by our loving God, the Creator of all things!

Next weekend we offer a fond farewell to our Parish Deacon John Dowd. Deacon Dowd and his wife, Cathy, have sold their home in North Kingstown and moved to Wakefield. He has served as our Deacon for the last six years and with his move to South County his time of ministry at OLM is coming to an end.

Deacon Dowd is to preach all the Masses next weekend and following the 10:30AM Mass I invite you to the Reception for him, and his wife, at Mercy Park. They have been an important part of our OLM family these many years, so please stop by to offer best wishes and thanks to them.

While serving at OLM, Deacon Dowd has faithfully baptized your children, prayed for your beloved dead, taught Baptism Class, led our Men of St. Joseph, preached the Gospel,

led us in devotions and adoration of the Lord, and ministered to the residents of the St. Elizabeth's Home. In your name, I offer my sincere gratitude for his faithful, zealous and loyal service to our parish, and to the Church. We wish both him, and his wife, much health and happiness in their new home. *Ad multos annos!*

Those of you who regularly read the R.I. Catholic saw the new priests assignments. We are grateful that our own Fr. Barrow is not moving to another assignment! Yes, he is to be with us for another year (we hope and pray for a few more!!). I am grateful to Bishop Tobin for allowing Fr. Barrow to continue to serve OLM as the Associate Pastor for another year.

Over the years OLM has been truly blessed with fine, zealous and holy young priests to serve as our Associate Pastors. In this age of fewer priests, we must be truly grateful for the blessings of these young priests. I know I give thanks to God everyday, and to Bishop Tobin, for the blessing of having both Fr. Barrow and Fr. Connors assigned here at OLM.

In his homily at the Ordination Mass, a couple of weeks ago, Bishop Tobin reminded the newly ordained priests, Fr. Silva and Fr. Rowley:

"Without a doubt you will encounter difficulties and disappointments in your life and ministry. But in good times and in bad there must be something much deeper and much more profound than a superficial happiness. There must be a quiet, confident joy that underlines your life and your ministry as a priest. A joy born

of the knowledge that you have been chosen by the Lord and that you are doing his work. And even in the midst of difficulties you have very, very good news to share with others."

This week we celebrate this priestly joy and ministry at OLM. On Sunday, June 23rd, Fr. Connors marks his seventh anniversary of priesthood, on Monday, June 24th I mark 24 years of priesthood and on Thursday, June 27th, Fr. Barrow celebrates his fourth anniversary of ordination.

I humbly ask for your prayers for our priestly ministry. May we priests continue to live the Bishop's instruction given on the day of ordination: *"Know what you are doing, and imitate the mystery you celebrate: model your life on the mystery of the Lord's cross."*

If you see a large group of smiling and happy children around OLM this week, then know you've discovered our Vacation Bible School! All week these children gather to pray, and have fun, while they learn more about their Catholic Faith and our Lord. We are grateful to our Youth Activities Coordinator, Billy Burdier, who has organized this great week for the parish children. VBS is always a great week of fun and faith at OLM!

Enjoy the summer but please don't forget there is no vacation from going to Sunday Mass! God Bless! Be well. Do Good. Go Sox, please!!

Father Healey



Why do seminarians study philosophy before theology?

During the medieval period there was a popular saying that “philosophy is the handmaiden of theology”. While modern times are consumed by the hard sciences, the study of philosophy allows the seminarian to begin to think of truths that cannot be

calculated by the hard sciences such as the soul, good and evil, truth, and ultimately God.

Studying philosophy helps to assure that our faith is not simply a variety of pious platitudes and emotional sentiments. Instead, it allows one to think and reason towards the great questions that mankind asks on such a regular basis. Questions such as: “What is truth?” and “Does God exist?”. The ascent to the truths of divine relation cannot be made as act of blind faith, but instead must be a combination of faith and reason. Philosophy also exposes the seminarian to the subtle technical language of philosophy that carries into important distinctions that are made in theology.

In fact, many of the great questions that people ask are not simply theological ones, but are in fact philosophical questions that have been tackled by the giants of Catholicism. St. Thomas Aquinas uses the beginning of his great work the *Summa Theologica* to present his five proofs for the existence of God. These five proofs are not simply a matter of blind faith, but truths that can be understood purely through reason. Understanding the relationship between faith and reason is essential to the Catholic life. For a seminarian, and all people for that matter, it prevents the false perception that faith is purely sentimental or a brutish command from above.

In his 1998 Encyclical *Fides et Ratio*, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that philosophy “is directly concerned with asking the question of life’s meaning and sketching an answer to it” (*Fides et Ratio*, 3). Therefore, by studying philosophy prior to theology seminarians are afforded the opportunity to learn how to think and reason about some of the greatest questions of life. The seminarian can pair the philosophical truths gained through reason with the truth of Revelation (learned in theology) a more mature faith and understanding of Church teaching is developed. Whether it is two years of pre-theology studies or four in a college seminary, the knowledge gained in the study of philosophy helps to build the firm foundation for theological studies.

Dan Mahoney



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Weekly Collection 

June 16, 2019

Weekly.....	\$9,369.00
EFT.....	\$3,278.00
	Total=\$12,647.00
Outreach.....	\$768.00

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Pledged to Date=\$201,103
Number of Donors=447
Average Gift=\$450

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Summer Office Hours

OLM Parish Office
Monday – Thursday: 8:00AM to 4:00PM
Fridays: 8:00AM – 12:00Noon
Summer Office Hours during June, July & August.



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated this week in memory of *Marie Oliverio*. In your charity, please remember him in your prayers.



Religious Education
NEWS

Online registration for the 2019-2020
RE Classes must be completed by
JUNE 30, 2019

*Please go to the parish website &
register. Students in Grades 1-8 need to
be registered and attend sequentially*

**REGISTER
NOW**

Farewell to Deacon John Dowd
Sunday, June 30, 2019



Reception following
10:30AM Mass in Mercy Park

*Join us in wishing Deacon & Mrs. Dowd
prayerful best wishes*



Outreach
Update

- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of any kind of non-perishable food items especially in the summer months. Please leave items in the Food Box in the vestibule.
- **OLM Bereavement Group meets Thursday, July 18th at 4:00PM in Mercy House.** All those experiencing grief or loss are 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

Congratulations
To
The
Newly Baptized



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Sofia Priscilla Orabona,
and her parents, Frank & Amanda.

*"Dearly beloved, this child has been
reborn in baptism. She is now called
a child of God, for so indeed she is."*
— The Rite of Baptism

Body and Blood of Christ



Today's solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates the doctrine of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

This feast was established in the thirteenth century not long after the Fourth Lateran Council reaffirmed this doctrine in the face of much theological debate on the issue.

In former days, it was known as *Corpus Christi*, the Body of Christ, and there was a separate feast of the Precious Blood. The current church calendar combines the two into a single celebration.

In many places of the world, it is still celebrated on its traditional day, the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. That day was chosen by the church to remember Holy Thursday, the day on which the Eucharist was instituted.



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Quo Vadis Summer Camp 2019
"To the Heights!"
July 28 - 31
Friendship + Faith + Purpose
Sponsored by the Diocese of Providence Office of Vocations

Quo Vadis is Latin for "Where are you going?" Legend tells us that St. Peter asked Jesus this question on the outskirts of Rome. And we know where Jesus went in response to His Father's will. **Quo Vadis** is a camp for Catholic high school boys (from those entering ninth grade to those having just completed their senior grade year) to deepen their faith, learnt more about vocations, and better discern God's call in their lives. It is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer. Priests and seminarians from around the Diocese of Providence will be present to lead conversations and offer witness talks. Activities will include prayer, daily Mass, recreation (games/sports), group discussions, witness talks, a challenge course, and more...The **Quo Vadis** camp will take place at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence in Providence (485 Mount Pleasant Avenue). . For pictures and more information about the seminary, visit www.olpseminary.com or contact Fr. Barrow at associate@olmparish.org.



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