



“ Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God. ”

MARK 14:25



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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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**THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
 JUNE 3, 2018**

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

The Mass of Anticipation for Most Body & Blood of Christ
 5:00PM Charles Gassman—Memorial

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Stanley Berek—13th Anniversary
 10:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

MONDAY, JUNE 4

Weekday
 7:30AM Richard Vespia—1st Anniversary

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
 7:30AM Shirley G. Berlanga—Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

Weekday/St. Norbert, Bishop
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Weekday
 7:30AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 7:30AM Beatrice Alfano—2nd Anniversary
 9:00AM Deceased Alumni & Faculty of OLM School

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

The Immaculate Heart of the BVM
 8:30AM Carlos Roberti—Month's Mind
The Mass of Anticipation for the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Albert Catanio—4th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

The Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Irene Mello—7th Anniversary
 9:00 AM Angelyn Kiernan—Month's Mind
 10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church





Dear Parishioners:

This weekend the Church marks the great feast of Corpus Christi as we celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ, body, soul and divinity, in the Eucharist. Today's feast reminds us of the truth that the Eucharist is not a mere symbol and is the source and summit of our faith.

When we receive Holy Communion - the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, soul and divinity - we mystically enter his death and resurrection. Our belief in the Eucharist is central to our faith as Catholics. And as such an essential belief we should remember the wisdom of St. Philip Neri, who said, "*The Blessed Sacrament should be treated with reverence.*"

This annual celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi calls us to account for not only what we believe about the Eucharist but also how we act toward the Eucharist. Do we receive the Eucharist worthily? Do we receive the Eucharist frequently? Do we receive the Eucharist reverently?

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, lovingly invites us to Mass each and every Sunday not only when its convenient to our schedule or when we feel like coming. When we come to Mass we come to a banquet with our God and so we should arrive on time. In fact, we should try to arrive early to pray and properly prepare ourselves for the great and sacred mystery we are about to celebrate together. We shouldn't rush in at the last minute, but rather show the world around us that Holy Mass is, a priority and central in our lives as Catholic disciples.

Precisely because the

Eucharist is so central to our Catholic Faith, we should come to Mass with a proper prayerful attitude of reverence and awe. Also, we should be properly dressed as if we are attending a banquet with our loving God not dressed as if we're headed to the bar or the beach.

We prepare ourselves to receive Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in Holy Communion worthily by keeping the fast of one hour from all food and drink before our reception of Holy Communion. If we have committed a grave sin, we should seek out God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession and wash our soul clean with God's mercy. We should always strive to receive Christ in Holy Communion with a clear conscience and a clean soul!

Once we have arrive at Mass we should participate fully and actively by reciting the prayers and responses with enthusiasm. We should join in the singing of the hymns with joy and thanksgiving. St. Augustine tells us, "*When we sing, we pray twice!*"

When we come forward to receive Holy Communion we must be focused on what we are about to receive, the body of Jesus Christ. The Communion line is not the line at the grocery store or post office. We reflect what we are doing by receiving Communion with great reverence through a simple head bow. As we are presented the Body of Christ, we respond with the declaration of our faith as we loudly and joyfully respond "Amen." Staring in silence or by saying "Thank you, Father" are not proper options. If we receive

in the hand, lift up our hands, make a throne for Jesus Christ the King of the Universe! We then go to prayerfully offer our thanksgiving for having received so great a gift as the Body of Christ.

Of course, we acknowledge that when invited to a banquet a guest should stay until the banquet is finished. So we wait to leave Mass until the Lord sends us forth. We shouldn't sneak out early, but have enough respect and reverence to stay until Mass has ended.

Perhaps we should take heed of the sage advice of St Francis de Sales, who said: "*When you have received Christ in communion, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence.*"

I am in Rome this weekend and return to OLM on Monday. Fr. Connors, our new Doctor of Sacred Theology, comes back to OLM on Saturday and will be with us during the summer. Next Sunday we send forth our graduating OLM School 8th Graders at the 10:30am Mass, please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the rigors of high school.

Do good. Be well. God Bless. Go Sox!



Hello! My name is Patrick Ryan and I am a seminarian studying for the priesthood here in the Diocese of Providence. I am happy to say that I have been assigned to Our Lady of Mercy for the next ten weeks for my first summer assignment. I just moved in this past week and have had a delightful few days getting the chance to meet some of you. Here's a bit about me.

I grew up just down the road in Coventry where I attended the local public schools and was a parishioner of Saints John and Paul Parish with my family. My parents are Anne and Doug Ryan, and with three older sisters and a brother I am the youngest of five kids. My oldest sister and my brother live, and work, in New York City, my sister Bridget lives in Boston, and my sister Maura recently moved down to Florida. I really like visiting New York City and I actually spent a few years in Boston as a student at Boston University, where I studied Health Science.

I am a big sports fan having played baseball growing up, and I am always up for watching the Red Sox, or the Celtics, and for throwing a ball around. I also ran track and cross country in high school, with many practices at Goddard Park, and I have tried to keep up with running since then (which is part of why I'm so skinny and enjoy just about any food).

In school I always enjoyed history, math, and literature, and I still like to read in my free time. The Lord of the Rings is my favorite book, and I will get along well with Fr. Barrow in talking about the works of C.S. Lewis. I also enjoy watching movies and plays, and so I'll look forward to seeing Mary Poppins at the school. I have some background in music and trumpet playing myself, and so I was really impressed by the school concert last week.

I enjoyed this past year, my first in the seminary, especially for the chance it gave me to do some more studying, now in philosophy and a bit of theology. I enjoy learning and I am sure I will learn a lot this summer as I share in parish life, shadow our priests, and get to know you, the people of the parish. I have included my email below, so please send me any questions you might have regarding our faith. It will be good for me to share what I have learned and to do some digging to learn more. I am already impressed by what I have seen of the parish and I am grateful for the warm welcome so many have extended. I will look forward to meeting many of you very soon, and thank you for having me at OLM this summer.

If you have a question for the Seminarian, please email it to: pryan13@friars.providence.edu

Weekly Collection

May 27, 2018

Weekly.....	\$12,890.00
EFT.....	\$2,105.00
	Total=\$14,995.00
Outreach.....	\$60.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery.....	\$2,666.00

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: Catholic Communications



2018
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
Supporting the work of the Church

2018 Parish Goal=\$193,864

Pledged to date=\$193,132

% of Parish Goal=99%

Total Donors to date=465

Average Gift=\$415

% of Parish Participation=22%

Thank You for Your Generous Support!



OLM Summer Office Hours

Monday-Thursday:

8:00am—4:00pm

Friday: 8am—12pm Noon



This Week at OLM School

- **Monday, June 4:** School Confessions at 1pm
- **Friday, June 8:** School Mass at 9am
- **Sunday, June 10:** Graduation Mass at 10:30am

Discover the OLM Difference!

www.olmschool.org



OLM School Students Present

**Mary Poppins:
The Musical**

Saturday, June 9 at 7pm
Sunday, June 10 at 5pm
EG High School Auditorium

Tickets are \$10

Available at the door



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

● **OLM Bereavement Group** meets this **Thursday, June 7 at 4pm in Mercy House**. All those experiencing grief and loss are welcome to join us for discussion, prayer and support.

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

Best Wishes to our newly baptized



Graham Timothy Colgan,
and her parents, Jay and Lynsey.

Nina Rey Prosseda,
and his parents, Eric and Peggy.

"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



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of **George V. McKenna** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at OLM last week.

**HOLY
COMMUNION**
is the **shortest**
& **safest** way to
HEAVEN

—
Pope St. Pius X

OLM Vacation Bible School

June 25- 29, 2018

From 9am to 12 noon each day!

Children Ages 4-12



Bible Stories & Saint of the Day

Crafts & Recreation Times

Devotions and Fun Skits

Classes Grouped By Ages

Singing and celebrating the Catholic Faith!! VBS registration takes place at OLM School, OLM Parish Office and after Weekend Masses. Registration is \$50 for one child, or \$100 per family. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Billy Burdier, OLM Youth Activities Coordinator, by email at youthactivities@olmparish.org



OLM Youth Group Cookout Fundraiser
Saturday, June 23rd following 5pm Mass
Mercy Park

The OLM Youth Group invites you to join us in appreciation of our parish priests on their ordination anniversaries. We will be at Mercy Park to celebrate this special occasion after the Saturday vigil mass from 6:00pm to 8:30 pm. Tickets (\$10 individual/\$25 per family) will be available after Weekend Masses, June 16/17. All proceeds go to benefit the Youth Group Pilgrimage to Steubenville East this summer!

*Join us for Hot Dogs & Hamburgers
as we celebrate the Priesthood!*

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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