

The Solemnity of Pentecost

June 4, 2017



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East Greenwich, R.I.



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PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2017

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

The Vigil of Pentecost

5:00PM Albert Catanio—3rd Anniversary

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Pentecost Sunday

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

9:00 AM Stanley Berek—12th Anniversary

10:30AM Edward Doorley—12th Anniversary

MONDAY, JUNE 5

St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

7:30AM Lenora Purvis—Memorial

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

Weekday/ St. Norbert, Bishop

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Weekday

7:30AM Robert Anderson—Memorial

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

Weekday

7:30AM Beatrice Alfano—1st Anniversary

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

Weekday/St Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM Monsignor John W. Lolio—Memorial

9:00AM Sister Edna Lynch, RSM—Memorial

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Weekday; BVM

8:30AM Thomas & Kathleen McGerney—Memorial

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



JOYOUS PENTECOST!





Dear Parishioners:

What a joyous occasion the Ordination to the Priesthood was for our Church. On Saturday morning, Bishop Tobin ordained three young men, Father Stephen Battey, Father Joseph Brice and OLM Native Son, Father Brian Morris, as priests for service in the Diocese of Providence.

Their priestly vocation was nurtured by their parents, family, friends, and at their Parish Churches. In the case of Father Morris, his vocation was first discovered here at OLM where he worshiped and served God at Mass. Also, as a graduate of our parish school, his priestly vocation was nurtured in the classroom by our OLM School Faculty.

So we rejoice at the gift of Father Brian Morris' priestly vocation. He celebrates this joyous occasion with his parish family at his First Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday at 1:00pm. Please join us in celebrating with Father Morris, his family and friends on Sunday. A Reception and First Priestly Blessings follow the Mass of Thanksgiving in Mercy Park.

In speaking about the priesthood, our Holy Father, Pope Francis has said: "*Dear lay faithful, be close to your priests with affection and with your prayers, that they may be always be shepherds according to God's heart. And pray for those whom God is calling to be priests that they may respond to this call with humility and joy.*"

Dear priests, may God the Father renew in us the Spirit of holiness with whom we have been anointed. May he renew his

spirit in our hearts so that this anointing may spread to everyone, especially to those "outskirts" where our lay faithful people most look for it and most appreciate it. May our people sense that we are the Lord's disciples; and may they receive through our words and deeds the oil of gladness which Jesus, the Anointed One, came to bring us."

Fr. Morris is a proud *alumnus* of OLM School and will celebrate the Final School Mass on this Friday, June 9th at 9:00am. The OLM School community is delighted to have him back and welcome him with great joy and pride. Please join us at the Mass as we pray for the health and well-being of our OLM faculty and students during the upcoming Summer Break.

Next Sunday at the 10:30am Mass we celebrate with our graduating OLM School Eighth Grade. At the Mass, they are to receive their OLM School Medals. The Mass is followed by a Graduation Luncheon and Awards Ceremony with the graduates and their families

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mercy Sister Edna Lynch and to the Community of the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Edna was a part of our OLM Family for many years. She taught in our school and lived in Mercy Convent during her time at OLM.

Sister Edna had been in ill health for a few years and was living at the Mt. St. Rita Home in Cumberland. She died on Ascension Thursday and her Funeral Mass was celebrated this past week. May this faithful

bride of Christ and loving daughter of Mother McAuley, rest in peace.

This week Fr. Connors arrived home from Rome. He is to be at OLM throughout the summer and you will see him around the parish. While home from the Eternal City, Father is doing research and study on his doctoral dissertation here and in Boston at St. John Seminary. Welcome home Fr. Connors!

We celebrate Pentecost this Sunday, it is fifty days since Easter. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended with power upon the Apostles; thus began the mission of the Church in the world.

On this Pentecost Sunday, recall the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict: "*The Church must always become anew what She already is; She must open the borders between peoples and break down the barriers between class and race. In Her, there cannot be those who are forgotten or looked down upon. The wind and fire of the Holy Spirit must continually break down those barriers that we men and women continue to build between us; we must continually pass from Babel - being closed in on ourselves - to Pentecost.*"

On Pentecost let us pray: "*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love!*" Happy Pentecost!! Prayerful congratulations to Father Morris! Be well. Do good. God Bless.



My name is Hiep Nguyen. Though I am a seminarian for the Diocese of Providence, I am originally from Vietnam. I was born and raised in a very traditional family with a strong Catholic faith. I have three siblings: one older brother and two older sisters. My brother, a priest of the Diocese of Phat Diem in Vietnam, is a Pastor of two parishes. One of my sisters is a Religious Sister of the Lovers of the Holy Cross Congregation in Vietnam. She is currently studying and working in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, MO. My other sister is married and has 5 children. Neither of my parents are living. My Mother passed away 12 years ago and my Father 2 years ago.

After high school, I went to the University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Vietnam while living with twelve priests and twenty other seminarians, at the Minor Seminary. After graduation, I studied philosophy at Saint Thomas University for two years. Following my six years of study in the South of Vietnam, I returned to the North of Vietnam and attended Saint Paul Seminary for six months. I then decided to pursue my priestly vocation in the United States.

When I first came to the United States in 2012, I took English as a Second Language classes at Clark University in Worcester. I am presently studying for the priesthood at St. John's Major Seminary and have just completed my First Year of Theology. My home parish is Saint Philip Parish in Greenville, RI.

My previous parish assignments as a seminarian have included: St. John Paul II Parish in Pawtucket, St. Paul Parish in Cranston, St. Timothy Parish in Warwick, and Sts. John and Paul Parish in Coventry. I also have served in pastoral assignments at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, MA and MCI State Prison in Framingham, MA.

With your warm welcome and kindness, I hope to be able to learn a great deal from the parishioners and priests of OLM this summer. I also look forward to sharing time with you and answering your questions. I have included my email contact below. So please do not hesitate to email me with questions. I believe questions are not only good for you, but helpful to me to be able to learn from you as well. Again, thank you for providing this opportunity to further my priestly formation. I have been in the United States for just about four years and English is not my native language. Therefore, I am still working on my English language skills, so please be patient with me.

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

May 28, 2017

Weekly.....	\$15,161.00
EFT.....	\$1,829.50
	Total=\$16,990.50
Outreach.....	\$232.50
St. Patrick's Cemetery.....	\$2,478.00
Ascension Collection.....	\$3,463.00

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 Collection
Next 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.



This Week at OLM School:

Monday, June 5: School Confessions at 1pm; OLM School Board at 7pm

Tuesday, June 6: 8th Grade Yearbook Party; OLM Field Day

Friday, June 9: Final OLM School Mass of the Year at 9:00am celebrated by Fr. Brian Morris, OLM School *Alumnus*

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

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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 family of **Sister Edna Lynch, RSM** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last week.

May she rest in peace.



FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, 18 June

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.

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER BRIAN MORRIS

**NATIVE SON OF OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH
ORDAINED PRIEST FOR THE DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE
BY BISHOP THOMAS J. TOBIN ON SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017**



**FIRST MASS OF THANKSGIVING
THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017 AT 1:00PM
OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN MERCY PARK**

OUR LADY OF MERCY, PRAY FOR HIM.