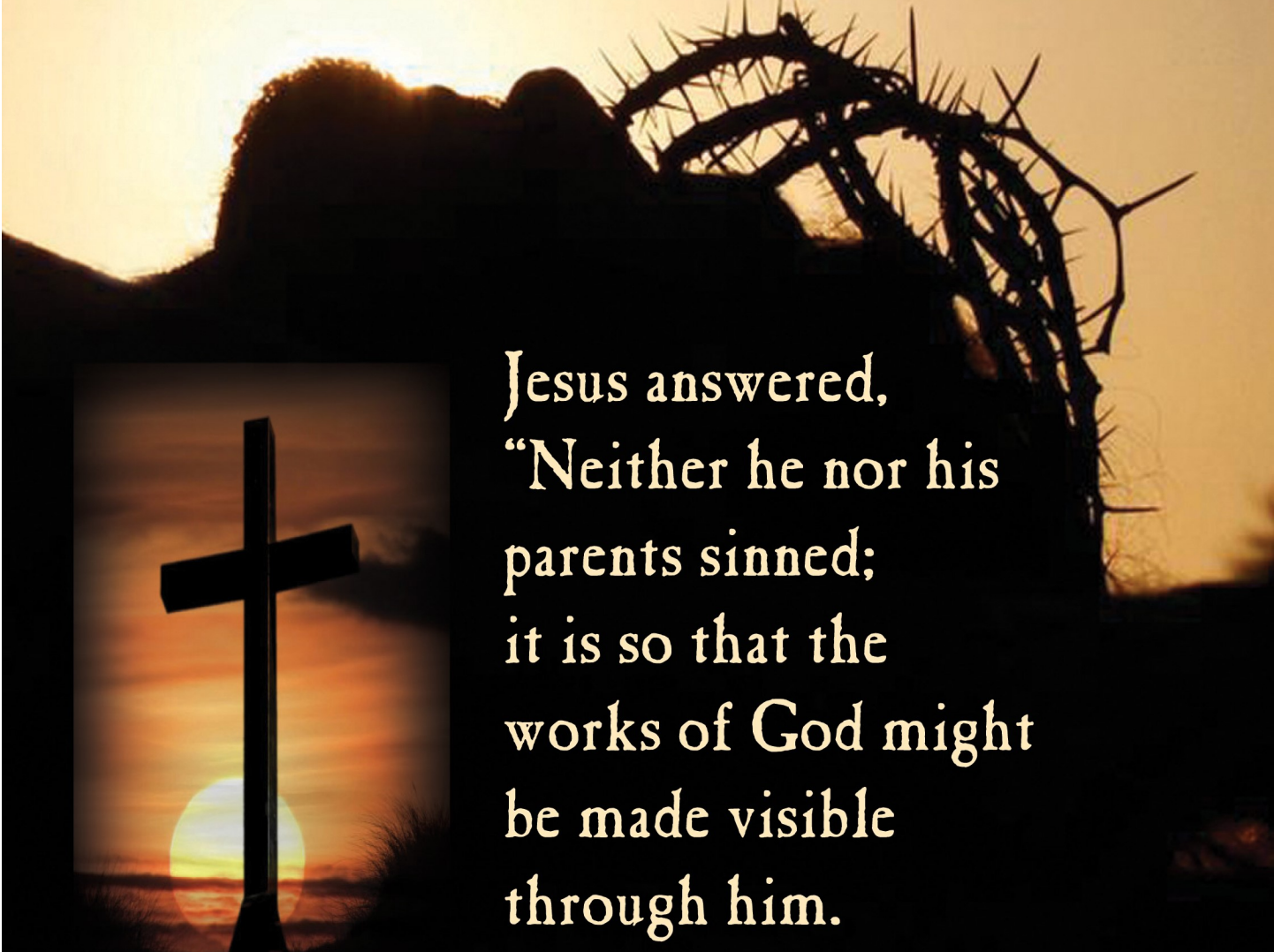


# LENT

Fourth Sunday



Jesus answered,  
“Neither he nor his  
parents sinned;  
it is so that the  
works of God might  
be made visible  
through him.



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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 26, 2017**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

*The Mass of Anticipation for Fourth Sunday of Lent*

4:00PM Deceased Members of the McCormack Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

*The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

7:30 AM Kay Sangas—Memorial

9:00 AM Bethany Briggs—10th Anniversary

10:30AM Leonardo Giarrusso—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

**MONDAY, MARCH 27**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM John Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

12:05PM Doug Eberhardt—Memorial

**TUESDAY, MARCH 28**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM Brian Tarbox—Memorial

12:05PM John Lynch, Esq.—Memorial

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM Ralph Del Pozzo—Memorial

12:05PM Mary E. Marino—Memorial

**THURSDAY, MARCH 30**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM Mary Cardillo—2nd Anniversary

12:05PM Teddye Murphy—Memorial

**FRIDAY, MARCH 31**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM Emily & Frederick Miller—Memorial

12:05PM Lillian E. Healey—30th Anniversary

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:30AM In Thanksgiving for Claire Sharpe's 107th Birthday

*Mass of Anticipation for the Fifth Sunday of Lent*

5:00PM Deceased Members of the Matricciano Family

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

*The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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

9:00 AM Frank & Eva Montaquila—Memorial

10:30AM Robert Petrucci—Memorial

5:00PM Assunta & Richard Manocchia—Memorial



Dear Parishioners:

We had some great celebrations at OLM last week. On Friday we had a large crowd for our Annual St. Patrick's Day Mass. Sinead Campion did a brilliant job of reading in her native Irish, Fr. Dave Cavanagh delivered a terrific homily on the virtues of St. Patrick and Bishop Evans, an honorary Irishman, celebrated the solemn Mass.

On Monday we celebrated St. Joseph with a beautiful Mass, in Italian, celebrated by Fr. Angelo Carusi. Dr. Anthony Bruzzese and Andrea Minopoli read terrifically, in Italian. And the zeppoles and coffee were also delicious!!

On Saturday night a couple of hundred good folks gathered for the Gaelic and Garlic Night. There was delicious corned beef, pasta and homemade meatballs! A large number of great gift baskets were raffled off and door prizes befitting the feast days were given away.

We enjoyed Uncle Al the Accordionist serenading us with the Italian hit parade. The students of the Kelly School of Irish Dance put on a terrific show of Irish Step Dancing! And Shawn "The Irish Rebel" Reilly sang so well the many happy war songs and sad love songs of Ireland! We thank them for sharing their talent with our parish.

We must truly thank Jamie Pedro, President of the OLM PTO and her many helpers for organizing such a great night. We thank the OLM Staff especially Dave Belanger, Sandra Demers, Doug Green and Mickey St. Jean who also worked to make the night a great success. These good folks and many others worked hard to make Gaelic and Garlic Night a terrific night for all!

We wish to thank those

who supported the event with their generous donations including Jamie Pedro and Kim Izzi who made 350 delicious meatballs!!

We are most grateful to Tim Haxton of Haxton Liquors for donating all the liquor for our baskets and OLM Parishioner Paul Voigt of PJ's Pub in Cranston who donated many of our raffle items.

Also, we are deeply grateful to OLM's Andrea Minopoli of *La Maseria Ristorante* who supplied us with the delicious pasta for the night. And also OLM Parishioner Scott Nicchia of Boars Head Meats who donated all the corned beef and cheese for our sandwiches!

We thank the over 200 parishioners and guests who joined us at Gaelic and Garlic Night. They made a great night of great food, fun and fellowship. The proceeds from the night are going to the OLM Saints and Scholars Fund and we thank those who donated to support it. Truly a grand time was had by all!

This weekend we welcome Fr. Chris O'Connor from the Archdiocese of Boston to OLM. He is the President of the Theological Institute for the New Evangelization, and the Vice-Rector of St. John's Seminary. He was ordained in 1998 after studying at St. John's Seminary and at the Gregorian University in Rome. He received a Licentiate in Philosophy from Catholic University of America in 2004 and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from Boston College in 2010.

Previously, Father served as director of the Pre-Theology Program and a professor of philosophy at St. John's Seminary. He also served as the Associate Pastor at St. Mary Church in Chelmsford. He has

organized seminary trips to Peru to visit with the Society of St. James and served as a member of the Archdiocese's World Youth Day committee. He was director of the Archdiocese's Youth Gospel Road Program from 2002-2007.

In addition to his other duties Father O'Connor assists at weekend Masses at both St. John the Evangelist Parish in Winthrop and Sacred Heart Parish in East Boston. Father is a chaplain to the Missionaries of Charity and to the MCI Norfolk State Prison. He is currently working on completing his doctoral degree.

Father O'Connor was most kind and generous in taking time out of his tremendously busy schedule to be with us and lead us on our Lenten Mission. I am so happy he kindly accepted the invitation to be with us, and lead us on Mission. He is a well know and popular Mission preacher in the Boston area and is in great demand.

You will enjoy his insights into living our Catholic Faith more authentically in this 21st Century. Father is preaching at all Masses this weekend and each night at 7:00PM on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Confessions are being heard each of those nights at 6:00PM with four priests.

I encourage you to find the time and make the effort to come to the Mission to deepen your faith and devotion. See you at the Mission! Welcome to OLM, Fr. O'Connor! Be well. Do good. God Bless! Pray, Fast and Give Alms!



**How to explain the Trinity to Children?**

As I tell the eighth graders, any discussion about God is (in part) necessarily difficult because we are on the fringes of what our minds can understand. We can come to some understanding of who God is using our reason, and particularly what he has told us through Revelation, but we can never fully comprehend God. We know that God is a Trinity of persons only through Revelation. We can find hints and markers of the Trinity in the world around us, but to be able to assent to the idea that God is three persons in one God is something only faith can reveal. This does not mean that the Trinity is a contradiction or against reason because we can grasp it to the extent that it does not cause difficulties.

One idea that is important to convey to children (and to ourselves) is that understanding comes with time, study, prayer, and contemplation. For children, start by having them memorize the formula: We believe in One God, who is a Trinity of three distinct Persons who are all God. This is the bedrock from which you can go forward.

Next, use an analogy or image. It is appropriate that we just celebrated St. Patrick’s day. In order to explain the Trinity when he was converting the Irish he used a three-leaf clover. It is *one* plant with *three* leaves and so this helped the Irish to see the meaning of the Trinity. Yet, with any analogy, you need to purify it: negate any concepts in it which would not properly apply to God, while affirming what would. In the case of the clover the three Persons are not simply three *parts* or *powers* of God (that would be Modalism). Also, we say that God is a Trinity of *persons*. One definition of person is: a unique *substantial* being. This is not the definition of “person” in the Trinity, because to say that each Person of the Trinity is a unique *substantial* being means that we would have three gods. We need to hold on to the *distinctiveness* of the persons and this comes from their *relation* to each other.

Part of teaching children the faith is learning about it ourselves. If anyone would like to read a great text on the Trinity I recommend Giles Emery, O.P., *The Trinity: An Introduction to Catholic Doctrine on the Triune God*. In fact I recommend reading anything by Emery. There are so many other things understand in relation to the Trinity: Appropriation, Communication of Idioms, Analogy, Nature, Person, and so on, but I hope that this will get the ball rolling

**If you have a question about the Catholic Faith , email your questions directly to Father Barrow at [associate@olmparish.org](mailto:associate@olmparish.org)**

*Weekly Collection*

**March 19, 2017**

Weekly.....	\$12,017,00
Electronic Giving.....	\$1,879.50
	<b>Total=\$13,896.50</b>

Outreach.....\$514.50

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: Lenten Mission Collection  
Next Week: Building & Grounds Collection



**2017 Parish Goal =\$193,864**  
**Pledged to date=\$107,227.50**  
**Number of Donors=233**  
**% of Parish Goal=55%**  
**Average Gift=\$460**  
**Total Raised in 2016=\$268,928**

**Thank You for Your Generous Support!**

**Saturday Evening Mass Change of Time**



The Saturday Evening Mass will **move from 4:00pm to a 5:00PM** start time on **April 1, 2017** and Confessions will move from 3:00PM to 4:00PM on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Please plan accordingly.



# Religious Education NEWS

• **Confirmation Candidates and their families** are asked to attend the Lenten Mission this week.

• **Attention OLM Confirmation Class:** The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 5, 2017** at 5:00pm by Bishop James Checchio of Metuchen, NJ.

• **First Communion Parent & Child Retreat #1:** **Saturday, April 1 at 2:00pm** in the OLM School Cafeteria. All those whose last name begins with A—K should attend. The Retreat ends with 5:00pm Mass.

• **First Communion Parent & Child Retreat #2:** **Saturday, April 8 at 2:00pm** in the OLM School Cafeteria All Those whose last names begins L—Z should attend. The Retreat ends with 5:00PM Mass.



• Monday, April 3: OLM School Board Meeting at 7:00pm

*Discover the OLM Advantage!*  
[www.olmschool.org](http://www.olmschool.org)

### Vestments Available to be Memorialized



We have some new Lenten Vestments that are available to be memorialized in memory of your deceased loved ones.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Healey at 884-4968 or via email at [pastor@olmparish.org](mailto:pastor@olmparish.org)



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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### FRIDAYS DURING LENT

**8:30AM—STATIONS FOR OLM SCHOOL**

**7:00PM—STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

*WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS  
YOU, BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS,  
YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.*

### EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS



Easter Flower Envelopes may be deposited in the Weekly Collection Basket at anytime. Your generous donations go to help defray the expense of the beautiful flowers used to decorate the Altar at Easter. Donations can be made in

memory of your deceased loved ones who will be remembered at all Easter Sunday Masses. Thanks for your support.



**RI CAL Basketball Championship Team**

Congratulations to the OLM Junior DI Girls CAL RI State Championship Team. The OLM Girls defeated St. Philip’s Parish Team by a score of 24-21. The team finished the season with a 11-1 record.



*On to the New England Tournament* Pictured above: Morgan Verdi, Faith Basler, Katie Murphy, Alex Mega, Meghan Pagliaro, Olivia Mattos, Hannah Parisella, Samantha Baker, Lauren Manton, Sydney Allen, and Alison Campione along with Coaches Steve Basler and Brenda Verdi.

**OLM CAL PROGRAM**  
**INDIVIDUAL PLAYER AWARDS**

**2017 Catholic Values Awardees**

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|------------------|---------------|
| Morgan Verdi     | Olivia Mattos |
| Mae Legare       | Aidan Skidde  |
| Nick Narcessian  | Rachel Baker  |
| Christian Butera | Connor Igoe   |
| Ethan Clark      | Eric Johnson  |

**2017 Most Valuable Player Awardees**

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Meghan Pagliaro | Katie O’Connell  |
| Ryan Youngs     | Ava Paletta      |
| Gil Bianchi     | Finn Schwoebel   |
| John Colitz     | Declan O’Connell |

*Thanks to OLM CAL Coordinator Craig Lombardi and all of our OLM team players and coaches for a great season of CAL Basketball!*

**OUR LADY OF MERCY  
PARISH LENTEN MISSION  
MARCH 25-29, 2017**

**FR. CHRISTOPHER K. O’CONNOR  
MISSION PREACHER**



***“HELPS FOR THE JOURNEY”***

**MONDAY, MARCH 27 AT 7:00PM**

**AUTHENTIC DISCIPLESHIP**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 28 AT 7:00PM**

**THE EUCHARIST: THE BREAD OF LIFE**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 AT 7:00PM**

**MARY, OUR MOTHER**

**ADORATION AND BENEDICTION**

**CONFESSION AT 6:00PM**

**ON MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY**

**WITH FOUR CONFESSORS**



**OUR PARISH KEEPS LENT**