



THE CHURCH OF
Our Lady of Mercy



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The Sixth Sunday of Easter ✠ May 1, 2016

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation.....5:00 PM

Sunday Mass.....7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM &
5:00 PM (Sept—May)

Daily

Monday - Friday.....7:30 AM

Saturdays & Legal Holidays.....8:30 AM

Holy Day

Vigil Mass.....5:00 PM

Holiday Masses.....7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment.

Saturdays at 4:00 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Second Sunday of the month. Preparation Class is required. Please contact the parish Deacon prior to birth of your child.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact one of the parish priests one year prior to the proposed date of your wedding.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact one of the parish priests if you are shut-in, sick, homebound or hospitalized and before surgery.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Please contact one of the parish priests or the Office of the Director of Vocations at 401-331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mrs. Sandra A. Demers, Parish Secretary

The Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., *Pastor*

The Reverend Ryan W. Connors, S.T.L., *Associate Pastor*

Deacon John W. Dowd, *Parish Deacon*

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Parish Founded 1853



Parish Incorporated 1867



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Mass Intentions *for the Week*

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Mass of Anticipation for Sixth Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Joseph Basler—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 1

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00 AM Deborah Anderson—Birthday Remembrance
10:30AM Richard & Sandra Ponte—Memorial
5:00PM Ceilia Campopiano—3rd Anniversary

MONDAY, MAY 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Saints Philip & James, Apostles
7:30AM Rosie DiPippo—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Easter Weekday

7:30AM John H. Readey—14th Anniversary
Vigil Mass of The Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

THURSDAY, MAY 5

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

7:30AM Edward & William Sullivan—Memorial
9:00AM Monsignor John W. Lolio—Memorial
7:00PM Mildred Forsyth—27th Anniversary

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Monsignor John W. Lolio—4th Anniversary

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Easter Weekday

8:30AM Michael & Katherine Banas—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Mary Feldman—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 8

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00 AM For All Mothers
10:30AM For All Mothers
5:00PM For All Mothers





Dear Parishioners:

The Month of May is here! We begin this month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary with May Devotions this Monday at 7:00PM. We gather together in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and pray the Rosary. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered. So please join us every Monday night at 7:00PM for May Devotions. It is a great chance to pray together, adore the Eucharistic Lord, and venerate the Blessed Mother.

Of course, the arrival of May also means that our OLM Religious Education Program ends after another fruitful year of formation and education in the Catholic Faith for the children of our parish. We offer our thanks to Mickey St. Jean and Doug Green who lead our excellent program. We are grateful to our many volunteer teachers and aides who donate so much time and talent teaching our children. And we thank the many families who so faithfully participate in our excellent program.

Next week is one of the highlights of the year at Our Lady of Mercy. First Communion Mass is to be celebrated next Saturday. The children of our RE Program celebrate First Communion at 10:00am and the OLM School First Communion Mass is at Noon. On next Sunday, Mother's Day, the entire First Communion Class celebrates the May Crowning at the 10:30am Mass. I ask you to please continue to pray for the First Communion Class as they celebrate this great occasion of

faith and joy, receiving Jesus Christ for the very first time.

First Communion is a great day for our children and their families, but also for our Parish Family too. These 64 children will experience the power and the glory of the Eucharistic Lord in their lives for the very first time. Pope Francis instructed at a First Communion Class in Rome, suggesting: *"The Eucharist is such a great gift. That's why going to Mass is so important. Going to Mass not just to pray, but to receive Communion, the Bread and Body of Christ. It saves us, forgives us and it makes us one with the Father. How beautiful!"*

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday. It is a holyday of obligation and there all Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on the Ascension. We offer four Masses for the holyday. The Vigil of the Ascension is on Wednesday at 5:00pm and on the holyday itself there is a 7:30am Mass, 9:00am School Mass and a 7:00pm. Certainly ample opportunity for us to get to Mass.

St. Leo the Great preaches on the Ascension: *"Accordingly, dearly-beloved, throughout this time which elapsed between the Lord's Resurrection and Ascension, God's Providence had this in view, to teach and impress upon both the eyes and hearts of His own people that the Lord Jesus Christ might be acknowledged to have as truly risen, as He was truly born, suffered, and died.*

And hence the most

blessed Apostles and all the disciples, who had been both bewildered at His death on the cross and backward in believing His Resurrection, were so strengthened by the clearness of the truth that when the Lord entered the heights of heaven, not only were they affected with no sadness, but were even filled with great joy.

And truly great and unspeakable was their cause for joy, when in the sight of the holy multitude, above the dignity of all heavenly creatures, the Nature of mankind went up, to pass above the angels' ranks and to rise beyond the archangels' heights, and to have its uplifting limited by no elevation until, received to sit with the Eternal Father."

Father Connors and I are headed to New Jersey this week for the ordination of the Most Reverend James Checchio as the Bishop of Meutchen. Bishop-elect Checchio served as the Rector of the North American College in Rome where Fr. Connors completed his seminary studies. He has been a friend of mine for many years. He is one of the youngest bishops in the country, having just turned 50. The ordination is on Tuesday and we return on Wednesday in time for the holyday! Please pray for the Bishop-elect.

Remember May is for Mary! Be well. Do Good. God Bless. Go Sox!

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: What should Catholics think about cremation? Can ashes be divided or scattered?

Christian belief about the human person and the resurrection of the body informs our understanding of the ethics of cremation. Catholics acknowledge that the human person is not just a soul. A human being is a composite of body and soul. These are not two separate substances but together form one reality—the human person. This is distinct from angels who are pure spirits without bodies.

Because the human being is made of body and soul, the body ought to be treated respectfully. Catholics honor the bodies of the dead because the body is sacred. At the end of time, the bodies of the blessed will rise to be rejoined to their souls in Heaven. The bodies of the damned will also be rejoined to their souls in Hell.

The celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary recalls the Catholic belief that Mary was assumed—body and soul—into Heaven. Mary enjoys already what is promised to us.

Cremation, then, certainly cannot be chosen if it is done in rejection of the belief in the resurrection of the body. The Church also makes a very strong preference that the body be present for the Mass of Christian Burial in which many of the prayers speak about the resurrection of the body.

If cremation is chosen, Catholics are still required to bury the remains. The mortal remains of our beloved dead are not decoration for a mantle, but to be interred in a consecrated place, set aside for prayer. Cremated remains should not be scattered or divided but interred in a sacred place.

Cemeteries are indeed places of prayer. They should be visited regularly. Christians go to cemeteries not simply to remember the past but to pray—to pray into the future that these beloved dead might be purified from their sins to be happy with God forever. We pray that the faithful departed be released from purgatory to join in the Heavenly praises. Thus, the dead are buried in order that will be have a place set aside to pray for them and so that their mortal remains are treated with the proper respect.

If you have a question about the Catholic Church or Catholic Teaching, please email questions to: associatepastor@olmparish.org

Weekly Collection

April 24, 2016

Weekly.....	\$11,749.00
EFT.....	\$1,837.50
	Total=\$13,586.50
Outreach.....	\$247.00

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!

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Building & Grounds Collection

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner **Elizabeth M. Puddicombe** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.



Banns of Marriage

II- Paul Lupien & Marissa Cardullo
Our Lady of Mercy Our Lady of Mercy



Religious Education NEWS

● **This is the last day of classes for RE.** Registration slips for the 2016-2017 year will be sent home with the students and need to be returned by June 30th.

● **Grade 8 Confirmation Candidates:** Regular mass attendance is expected throughout the summer, but blue cards are only required to be turned in through Memorial Day weekend.

● **First Communion is Saturday, May 7th:** RE Communicants must be at the school by 9:15am. OLM School Communicants must be at the school by 11:15am.

Please pray for all of the children as they approach the reception of the Sacrament.

● **May Crowning is Sunday, May 8th at the 10:30am Mass:** All Communicants need to be at the school by 9:45am. Girls DO NOT wear their veils.



Outreach Update

● **The OLM Bereavement Group** meets on Thursday, May 5th at 4PM in Mercy House. All those grieving a loss of a loved one are most welcome to attend.

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

alleluia!
Christ has Risen!

Congratulations to our newly baptized :



Gia Marie Tarini,
And her parents, Robert and Gina.

*"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*

Thanks to Your Generous Support,



**2016 CATHOLIC
CHARITY APPEAL**

We are now over goal!!!

Parish Goal =\$193,864

Pledged to date:\$210,400

Number of donors:436

Average Gift=\$483

108% of Goal

Only 20% of parishioners participating to date!

**Please pledge your gift today
if you have not yet done so!**

The Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 5, 2016

A Holyday of obligation for all Catholics



Mass Schedule

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Vigil Mass at 5:00PM

Thursday, May 5, 2016

Holyday Masses at 7:30AM,
9:00AM School Mass and 7:00PM

*“Men of Galilee, why gaze at the Heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into
Heaven, will return as you saw him go,
alleluia” —Entrance Antiphon*



- Ascension Holy Day School Mass, Thursday, May 5 at 9:00AM
- First Communion Mass, Saturday, May 7 at 12Noon for OLM School 2nd Grade. May Crowning at 10:30AM Mass on Sunday, May 8th.

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May Devotions

Every Monday at 7:00PM
During the Month of May

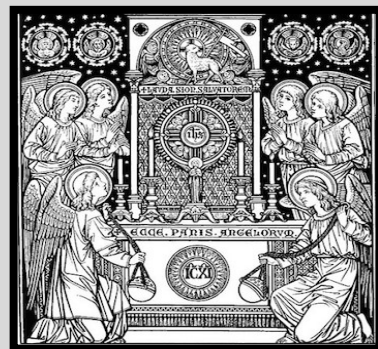


O Mary,
we crown thee with flowers today,
Queen of the Angels and
Queen of the May!

Join us for the Recitation of the Rosary,
Exposition and Benediction of
The Blessed Sacrament

“Hail Mary, Full of Grace”

First Friday Adoration
Friday, May 6, 2016



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
following 7:30AM Mass
All-Day Adoration
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
at 6:00PM

Adorers needed, please sign up in Church vestibule.