

*Jesus said:*  
"MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE; I KNOW  
THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME."

JOHN 10:27







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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 MAY 12, 2019**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**

*Mass of Anticipation for 4th Sunday of Easter*  
 5:00PM Dina Coelho—Memorial

**SUNDAY, MAY 12**

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
 7:30 AM All Mothers  
 9:00 AM All Mothers  
 10:30AM All Mothers  
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

**MONDAY, MAY 13**

*Easter Weekday; Our Lady of Fatima*  
 7:30AM Mary Palombo Falchini—Memorial

**TUESDAY, MAY 14**

*St. Matthias, Apostle*  
 7:30AM Marianna Lamb—4th Anniversary

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**

*Easter Weekday; St. Isidore*  
 7:30AM Joseph Campanella—1st Anniversary

**THURSDAY, MAY 16**

*Easter Weekday*  
 7:30AM Victor Piotrowicz—Memorial

**FRIDAY, MAY 17**

*Easter Weekday*  
 7:30AM Young-Ho Pyun—Memorial

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**

*Easter Weekday; St. John I, Pope & Martyr*  
 8:30AM Jack Donnolly—Birthday Remembrance

*Mass of Anticipation for the 5th Sunday of Easter*  
 5:00PM Patrick Durand—Birthday Remembrance

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Elsie Calore—Memorial  
 10:30AM Edward V. Healey, Jr. —7th Anniversary  
 5:00PM Mary G. Cooper—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

It's a great weekend of faith and joy at OLM! Sixty-Five of our children received First Holy Communion on Saturday. These children have been preparing all year for this special occasion. It is always a great joy to celebrate the First Communion Mass.

Pope Francis reminds us: *"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!"*

Beautiful indeed! We thank the First Communion Class and their parents for living their faith and bringing their children to Christ truly present in the Eucharist. We also offer our gratitude to the teachers who worked so hard in making our First Communion Mass so joyful and beautiful. We especially thank Mickey St. Jean who directs the OLM First Communion Program and Jean Perretta our OLM School Second Grade Teacher.

The joy continues on Sunday with the May Crowning of the Blessed Mother. It is always a truly beautiful ceremony as our First Communion Class crown Mary, and are consecrated to her protection and guidance. It's even more special as it is celebrated on Mothers Day.

On this Mothers Day weekend we wish all OLM Mothers the blessings of almighty God. We give thanks for their example of faith and love, and for all they mean. Motherhood is a sacred gift from

God and so we celebrate it with great joy and reverence.

As the late Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty stated so well: *"The Most Important Person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?"*

On Mothers Day, Fr. Barrow and I are to offer our Masses for all Mothers, living and deceased. May God bless them with abundant blessings! Let us pray for them and give thanks to God for all Mothers! May all deceased Mothers pray for us!

We also offer our prayers and congratulations to Reverend Mr. Hiep Nguyen who was ordained a Transitional Deacon by Bishop Evans on Saturday morning. It is a great day for our Church of Providence as we celebrate his ordination. He now will baptize and preach the Gospel!

We pray for him as he continues to prepare for priestly ordination in June 2020. We will be able to wish him our congratulations in person when Deacon Hiep comes to preach a Mass of Thanksgiving at OLM

this coming June. *Ad multos annos!*

We also offer our congratulations to OLM Parish Trustee Bill Wray. On Wednesday night Bill will be awarded the *Lumen Gentium* Award for Administration and Stewardship by the Diocese of Providence.

*Lumen Gentium*, considered the central document of the Second Vatican Council, begins with the proclamation "Christ is the light of the nations." The document considers how each of the Church's members (laity, religious and clergy) is called by God to bear Christ's light to the nations.

The Awards Dinner on Wednesday is to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the life of the Church in the Diocese of Providence. The award recipients have been identified as outstanding men and women whose service and personal holiness testify to Christ's presence in His Church as well as His concern for the well-being and salvation of the world. We congratulate Bill on this honor and for his service to our parish and Church.

May is Mary's Month so turn to the Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary and join us on Mondays for May Marian Devotions! Mary, our Mother, intercede for us. Be well. Do Good. Go Sox, Celtics and Bruins!

*Father Healey*



**How long are the days in Genesis?**

One of the questions that I have been asked by the eighth graders, whom I teach, is whether the days in Genesis chapter one are 24-hour periods. It is a good question, especially if one considers that contemporary scientific investigation dates the earth at 4.5 billion years old and the galaxy at a whopping 13.7 billion years old. Genesis chapter one seems to describe the creation of the entire universe over a span of a mere six days. How do we understand the Genesis chapter one creation account in light of modern science? In particular, what is the meaning of a “day” in Genesis?

It is sometimes risky to harmonize and concord everything we have in scripture to the science of the day (it is a movement called Concordism). Sometimes science changes and we find the interpretation of scripture tied to an outdated theory. But this should not disconcert us, for both reason and faith, science and religion are never in competition or contradiction. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (159) tells us, “Though faith is above reason, there can never be any real discrepancy between faith and reason. Since the same God who reveals mysteries and infuses faith has bestowed the light of reason on the human mind, God cannot deny himself, nor can truth ever contradict truth.”

So how long is a “day” in Genesis? The Hebrew word for “day” is *yom* and can mean at least three different lengths of time: (1) A period of twenty-four hours. (2) The period from sunrise to sunset. (3) A time period of an unspecified, but finite length. In the writings of the Fathers there are various opinions as to the length of these days. For instance, Augustine writes, “...we must bear in mind that these days [24-hour time periods] indeed recall the days of creation, but without any way being really similar to them.”

So, the Church has not definitively stated the length of the days of Genesis and we as Catholics are free to interpret a “day” in Genesis according to how we see the evidence.

*Weekly Collection* 

**May 5, 2019**

Weekly.....	\$12,199.00
EFT.....	\$1,687.00
	<b>Total=\$13,886.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$1374.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$3,105.50

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.***





**2019**  
**CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL**  
*Supporting the work of the Church*

**Our Lady of Mercy**  
**2019 Parish Goal=\$200,000**  
**Pledged to Date=\$161,080**  
**Number of Donors=395**  
**Average Gift=\$408**

***Thank You for Generous Support!***







● **Tuesday, May 14:** OLM School Weekly Mass at 8:15AM. All are welcome to attend.

● **Friday, May 17:** OLM Spirit Popcorn Day!

● **Saturday, May 18:** Annual Spring Fling at Quidnessett Country Club.

*Discover the OLM Difference!*

[www.olmschool.org](http://www.olmschool.org)

## OLM MAY DEVOTIONS MONDAYS AT 7PM



*Join us for the Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction every Monday in the Month of May at 7:00PM in OLM Church.*

Please  
**P R A Y**  
*for the sick of our parish and  
those that care for them*

## MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

HOLY MARY  
MOTHER OF GOD,  
PRAY FOR US



# Outreach Update

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

● **OLM Bereavement Group** meets **Thursday, May 16th at 4:00PM in Mercy House.** All those experiencing grief or loss is 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](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)

## Religious Education NEWS

We thank all our Religious Education students, families and volunteer teachers and aides for a great year. RE Registration for next year will begin in June. See you at Sunday Mass!!

**Doug Green & Mickey St. Jean**  
**OLM Religious Education Directors**

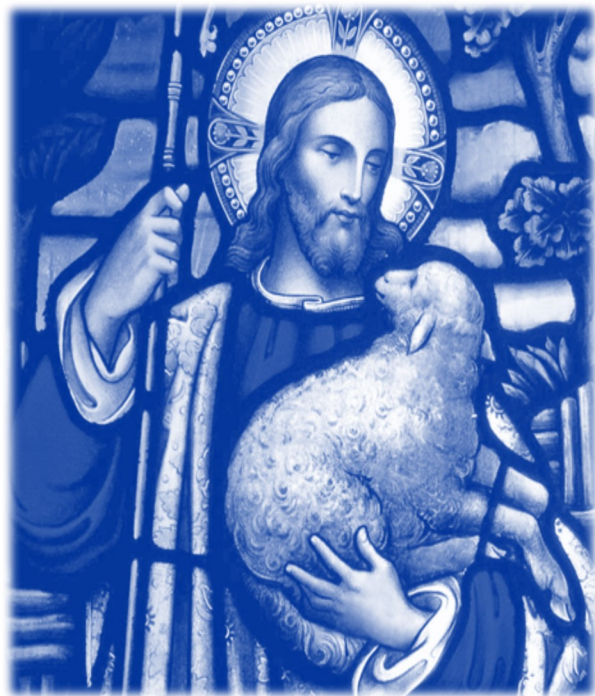
## 4th Sunday of Easter



**C**hapter ten of the Gospel of John presents the image of Christ as Good Shepherd, the charismatic and powerful leader willing to lay down his life for the salvation of the flock.

Some part of this Scripture is read every year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter.

This Sunday gives us an excellent context in which to offer special prayers for vocations to ministry, especially to ordained ministry. The flock is still, and will always be, in need of good shepherds.



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*Best Wishes to our newly baptized  
Isla Riley Voigt,  
and her parents, Paul and Crystal.*

*"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*

### OLM Rosary Makers Monthly Workshop



Tuesday,  
May 14th, 2019  
9:30 - 11:30 AM  
OLM Cryroom

**Materials and instructions provided.  
Join us in making rosaries for the missions.**



*Mothers  
Day  
Blessings!*

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