



*“Receive the
Holy Spirit”*

JOHN 20:22



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Mass Intentions *for the Week*

**PENTECOST SUNDAY
 MAY 20, 2018**

SATURDAY, MAY 19

The Vigil of Pentecost

5:00PM Frank & Mary Wildenhain—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Pentecost Sunday

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

9:00 AM Shirley Wesson—1st Anniversary

10:30AM Elsie M. Calore—1st Anniversary

5:00PM Christopher W. Grenier—Memorial

MONDAY, MAY 21

Weekday

7:30AM Edward V. Healey, Jr.—7th Anniversary

TUESDAY, MAY 22

Weekday/St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

7:30AM John Mandarinini—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Weekday

7:30AM Gerrie Coen—Memorial

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Weekday

7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

FRIDAY, MAY 25

Weekday/St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church: St.

Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

8:30AM Emily & Frederick Miller—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for Trinity Sunday

5:00PM Peter J. Descoteaux—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 27

The Most Holy Trinity

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

9:00 AM John Mirandou—2nd Anniversary

10:30AM Diane Sansoucy—Memorial

5:00PM John Bucci—8th Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

As I look out my window I see roofers on top of our Church hard at work. They are making good progress in replacing our old roof. They did discover some rotted plywood upon removing the old shingles and replaced them. Other than that the work on the new roof has been smooth.

I hope and pray that the new roof is complete by the time this bulletin is printed! The roofers are working very efficiently and have managed to get the work done without the interference of rain. The new shingles certainly look good and have a 50 year life! We closed the doors to Church and the Office for safety during this project. I thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

We had a joyful and faithful celebration of First Communion last Saturday morning. Sixty-four children from our parish received Jesus Christ sacramentally in Holy Communion for the very first time! It was a joyful celebration and we give thanks to God for such a wonderful occasion in the life of our parish family.

Our First Communion Class also celebrated the Annual May Crowning at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday. It was a fitting way to mark Mother's Day as we crowned our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May! The children consecrated themselves to the protection and patronage of Mary our Mother!

We congratulate these children and continue to pray for them as they grow in the faith. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, says: "*You, who make your*

First Communion, always remember this day your whole life: the first day that Jesus came in to us. He comes, makes himself one with us, makes himself our food, our nourishment to give us strength."

I am happy to announce that our Summer Seminarian, Patrick Ryan, arrives this week to begin his assignment here. Patrick is a seminarian studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Providence. He recently completed his first year of post-college study of philosophy and theology at Providence College. He lived at Our Lady of Providence Seminary on Mt. Pleasant Avenue in Providence.

Patrick is from Coventry where he and his family are parishioners of Saints John and Paul Parish. He graduated from Coventry High School and Boston University.

Patrick will live with us in the Rectory and work alongside of Fr. Barrow and myself for ten weeks. Besides serving Mass, Patrick will have the great opportunity to immerse himself in the life and ministry of our parish from teaching in our school to visiting our homebound.

We look forward to his presence at OLM. He will be able to see the daily life of parish priests as well as the life of a parish. I know you will give him your usual warm welcome. Please be sure to introduce yourself when you see him around the parish or around town! Welcome Patrick!

Next Saturday morning one of our former Summer Seminarians, Eric Silva, is to be ordained a transitional deacon

for our diocese. Eric will be ordained a priest next June at the Cathedral, please keep him in your prayers as he continues his studies. We wish him many blessings and offer our prayerful congratulations on his ordination to the diaconate. *Ad multos annos!*

We are getting much closer to meeting our parish goal of \$193,000 for the Catholic Charity Appeal. Thus far we have heard from just 440 families. Yet we are a parish of nearly 2,500 registered families! We ask every parish family to consider supporting the CCA and to make a pledge of \$300 over a year. The CCA helps the poor and needy across our state. Just Imagine all the good work in the name of Jesus that could be done if every family was willing to support the CCA!

If you have not yet given your gift, please do so and place it in the weekly collection basket. Please take one of the pledge envelopes that are located in the vestibule of the Church. If we are to make our parish goal, we truly need the support of every parish family. In the name of the poor, I thank you for your support.

I am away this weekend attending my niece's graduation from Georgetown Law School. She is a graduate of both OLM School and Prout. I am very proud of her and looking forward to the celebration this weekend! Do good. Be well. God Bless. Go Sox! Go Celtics!

Father Healey



What is Pentecost?

In Judaism, Pentecost was the second most important festival after Passover celebrating the giving of the Law on Sinai. It was originally a harvest festival in which the people brought the first fruits of the harvest to God, yet it became a celebration of covenant renewal and of the giving of the Law at Sinai.

With Christ, Pentecost marks the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church. Poured out by the exalted Jesus at the right hand of God, the Holy Spirit is the new law descending on His Church. The disciples are gathered in the upper room when there is rush of mighty wind and tongues of fire and all were filled with the Spirit of God. This is certainly reminiscent of Ezekiel 37 where God resurrects the dead and ushers in the end times. The discussion of fire is also linked with God’s judgment, especially in the preaching of John the Baptist. So it is very clear that the early Christians considered themselves to be the eschatological people of Israel living in the last age inaugurated by Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. The experience is centered on prophecy.

This is exactly what the book of Joel talks about: God pours out the spirit of prophecy. This links also with the celebration of the Gift of the Law on Prophecy, since it is not just the prediction of future, the bigger function is to say God’s word here and now, thereby writing the Law on the person’s heart. The Law was originally given in stone tablets but now written on the hearts of believers. For Luke, the Holy Spirit seals the New Covenant instituted by Christ, and it opens a new age: the mission of the Church to the Nations. Now God is speaking through the new Israel, the Church and the Apostles. This is symbolized by the gift of different tongues, whereby everyone understands what they say.

This gift of self by the third person of the Trinity continues the work of the life of Jesus, his founding of the Church, and the continuing guidance and sanctification of the Church. The Spirit procures the expansion of the Church. The gift of the Holy Spirit is normally connected to water baptism. The Holy Spirit, who guides the ministry of the apostles, builds up the Church by being the principle of personal sanctification of believers, by animating their actions through charity, and by inspiring their witness. Luke shows that the Holy Spirit is directly connected to Jesus: the Spirit animates the human action of Jesus, and the risen Jesus pours him out.

If you have questions about the Catholic Faith, please send them to Fr. Barrow via email at associate@olmparish.org



Weekly Collection

May 13, 2018

Weekly.....	\$12,187.00
EFT.....	\$3,439.00
Total=\$15,626.00	
Outreach.....	\$709.00
Ascension Holy Day.....	\$3,574.00

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
Next Week: St. Patrick’s Cemetery



2018
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
Supporting the work of the Church

2018 Parish Goal=\$193,864
Pledged to date=\$175,887
 % of Parish Goal=91%
 Total Donors to date=439
 Average Gift=\$400
 % of Parish Participation=22%

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

 **The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated this week in memory of Edward V. Healey, Jr.**



This Week at OLM School

- **Tuesday, May 22:** 3rd Grade Fieldtrip to the RI Philharmonic Orchestra; 4th Grade Fieldtrip to RI Statehouse; 8th Grade Fieldtrip to Holiday Hill
- **Wednesday May 23:** Weekly School Mass at 8:15am
- **Wednesday, May 23:** 5th Grade Fieldtrip to Sturbridge Village; OLM School Art Show at 6pm
- **Wednesday, May 23:** OLM School Band Spring Concert at 8:25am for student body & at 6pm for friends & family
- **Friday May 25:** Dress down Day to benefit Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter

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JOYOUS PENTECOST!



- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items. Please leave items in Food Box in vestibule.
- **For more information about OLM Outreach**, please contact Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org



Marian Devotions **Mondays in May at** **7:00PM**

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration,
Rosary & Meditative Music.

*Come,
Pray +
the Rosary*

Confirmation at OLM



We are happy to announce that the Sacrament of Confirmation is to be conferred on **Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 5:00PM Mass.** Bishop J.

Mark Spalding of Nashville, Tennessee is the confirming prelate. Please mark your calendars and pray for our OLM Confirmation Candidates.

Pentecost



On this day of Pentecost, we celebrate the full realization of Christ's work in the coming of the Holy Spirit who confers upon the Christian community strength and courage to live and proclaim the Gospel.

Easter, the church's first celebration of special note, dates back to the second century, and from early on was kept within the context of a fifty-day period called Pentecost. Pentecost as a separate celebration, however, was not established until the fourth century.

In the early church, those not quite ready for baptism at the Easter Vigil were baptized at the vigil of Pentecost.



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Best Wishes to our newly baptized



Francesca Alessandra Mellino,
and her parents, Benjamin and Maria.

Theodore William Verdi,
and his parents, Gregory and Erica.

*"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*

Help Save An Unborn Child!

**RI Right to Life Banquet
In Support of
the Ultrasound Mobile Care Center
Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 6:00PM
Quidnessett Country Club**



The Ancora Right to Life Mobile Care Center provides assistance to women in crisis pregnancy who are considering abortion. Staffed by caring healthcare professionals it provides every mother a free ultrasound of their unborn child and alternatives to abortion. It has saved countless unborn children. **Please support this noble cause with your generous donations. For more information contact RI Right to Life at 401-663-5355 or go online at ANCORABANQUET.COM**