



THE CHURCH OF

Our Lady of Mercy



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Sixty-Five Third Street ✕ East Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818

The Sixth Sunday of Easter ✕ May 21, 2017

† 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.

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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 MAY 21, 2017**

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Mass of Anticipation for the Sixth Sunday of Easter
 5:00PM Michael Alix—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 21

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Joseph & Rose D'Amato—Memorial
 10:30AM Edward V. Healey, Jr. —6th Anniversary
 5:00PM Mary Ellen Bogdon—Birthday Remembrance

MONDAY, MAY 22

Easter Weekday/St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
 7:30AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM John Gardner, Jr. —Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory
Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

THURSDAY, MAY 25

The Ascension of the Lord
 7:30AM Emily & Frederick Miller—Memorial
 9:00AM All Deceased Grandparents
 7:00PM Mildred Forsyth—28th Anniversary

FRIDAY, MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest
 7:30AM Robert Moscatelli—9th Anniversary

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Easter Weekday/St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
 8:30AM Hugh McIntosh—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation for the Seventh Sunday of Easter
 5:00PM Alfred, Julia & Alfred, Jr. Mastrachio—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 28

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Bernard Frezza, Jr.—Memorial
 10:30AM Amico & Emma Truppa—Memorial
 5:00PM Josephine Dolenc—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

Despite the rain showers and cool temperatures last week, we had a beautiful celebration of First Holy Communion and May Crowning. The children were so well prepared and did a terrific job. We congratulate them and look forward to seeing them come forward for Communion each and every Sunday!

This weekend we warmly welcome Hiep Nguyen, our Summer Seminarian who arrived this week for his assignment. Hiep is to live and work with Fr. Barrow and me for ten weeks. He is to assist at Masses, visit the homebound, help with OLM Outreach, visit the classes at OLM School, and learn more about rectory and parish life. So give him a warm welcome when you see him around the parish or in town!

This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. We celebrate it with a 5:00PM Vigil Mass on Wednesday and three Masses on the Holyday itself: 7:30am, 9:00am and 7:00pm. This schedule provides ample opportunity to get to Mass and fulfill your obligation.

In the Creed we proclaim that Our Lord *“ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.”* Thus the Ascension celebrates the elevation of Christ into Heaven by His own power in the presence of His disciples forty days after His Resurrection.

By ascending from earth to Heaven, Christ did not just open a way for us to follow as best we can. Rather, He *is* the way. Christ promised his disciples: *“And I, when I am*

lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.”

Christ does this by interceding for us to the Father resulting in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: *“Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of Heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.”*

In a special way on this Ascension Thursday we honor Grandparents with a special “Grandparent’s Day” at OLM School. There are over 200 grandparents expected to visit with us this Thursday. The day begins with the 9:00am School Holyday Mass followed by a grand reception for all the grandparents and then they make classroom visits. It is always a great day for our school children and their beloved grandparents.

Last year Pope Francis was speaking to Catholic School children and their families. He began to discuss the role of grandparents in the lives of grandchildren. He said: *“I would like to give you a task: speak to your grandparents and ask them questions, they have the memory of history, the experience of living, and this is a great gift for you that will help you in your life journey.”*

The Holy Father also pointed out that grandparents themselves needed *“to listen to you children to understand your aspirations and your hopes.”* Good advice from a *“Spiritual Grandpa”!*

Please join us this Monday at 7:00pm for May Devotions in honor of Our Lady

of Providence. Fr. Chris Murphy, the Vocation Director at Our Lady of Providence Seminary and Chaplain at Bishop Hendricken High School, is to lead us in devotion to Our Lady.

Our Lady of Providence is the patroness of our Diocese and we seek her intercession for an increase of priestly vocations. The title of *“Mary, Mother of Divine Providence”* is often traced to her intervention at the Wedding Feast at Cana. Jesus’ first public miracle was due in part to the intercession of his mother. She helped, through her foresight and concern, to avoid an embarrassing situation for the newlywed couple. May she intercede for our intentions on Monday night.

Next Sunday we celebrate the final 5:00PM Sunday Evening Mass of the season. During the months of June, July and August this Mass time *“goes on vacation”* along with many of our parishioners! It returns the first Sunday of September. If you are looking for a Sunday evening Mass during the summer months, you might look to the beach parishes!

The month of May is quickly coming to an end. The month of June is a busy time at OLM with 8th Grade Graduation, Vacation Bible Camp and the priestly ordination of OLM Native Son, Deacon Brain Morris, on Saturday, June 3rd. Be well. Do good. God Bless. Our Lady of Providence, pray for us!

Father Healey



What is God's Providence?

Contrary to popular belief Providence College is not named after the city of Providence; it is named after Divine Providence. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n.302, defines Providence as: "Creation has its own goodness and proper perfection, but it did not spring forth complete from the hands of the Creator. The universe was created 'in a state of journeying' (*in statu viae*) toward an ultimate perfection yet to be attained, which God has destined it. We call 'divine providence' the dispositions by which God guides his creation toward perfection."

God is behind everything that happens in the universe. This is a necessary truth because not only did he create the universe, but he also sustains it at every moment. If this were not true, then the universe would cease to exist. A car cannot run without gasoline and the universe cannot run without God. God sustains the flowering of a tree, the motion of the waters, and our own selves. He also sustains other things in the world such as diseases, disasters, and the evil choices that human beings make. This does not mean that God is evil or is sadistic. What he does is that he enables things to act in accordance with their natures or to act freely as in the case with human beings.

The Church distinguishes between two levels of causation: primary and secondary causation. God is the primary cause of everything; keeping everything in existence. All the natural causes and effects we see in the world fall into the category of secondary causation. These are real and significant causes and effects. God causes things to be causes themselves. For instance, we cannot say that the murderer who murders people is actually God murdering people. Yes, God sustains the murderer in existence, but he is not the cause (secondary) of the murder. It is almost like a child who has knocked over a vase saying: the floor broke the vase. Some theologians and philosophers reduce this distinction and say that God is really the cause (primary and secondary) of everything. This means that things just *appear* to be causes. This goes against God's transcendence, introduces weakness into him, and leads us into the problem of evil (why would a good God cause evil). Us, free creatures are really the cause of evil in the world, not God.

When we speak of God's plan or Providence this involves more than simply that God sustains the universe as primary cause. Providence means that God orders everything to their end; that creatures are meant to be *specific* causes. There is nothing outside of God's plan, but it is up to creatures to follow or execute that plan. Animals are much better at this than human beings are, because our freedom can cause us to veer off course and not seek the end for which we are ordered.

If you have a question about the Catholic Faith, email your questions directly to Father Barrow at associate@olmparish.org

Weekly Collection 

May 14, 2017

Weekly.....	\$13,327.00
EFT.....	\$3,383.50
	Total=\$16,710.50
Outreach.....	\$1,009.50

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: Trinity Dome National Collection
 Next Week: St. Patrick's Cemetery Fund



2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

2017 Parish Goal = \$193,864
Pledged to date = \$205,664.50

Number of Donors = 490
% of Parish Goal = 107%

Average Gift = \$420
Total Raised in 2016 = \$268,928

Over Parish Goal! Thank You for Your Generous Support!



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

May she rest in peace.



II-Michael David Ethier & Alyssa Jeanine Marquez
 Our Lady of Mercy Our Lady of Mercy



This Week at OLM School:

Sunday, May 21: Mother-Son Event at 4:30pm
Wednesday, May 24: Spring Band Concert at 8:30am & 7:00pm
Thursday, May 25: Grandparent's Day, Mass at 9am with Reception to Follow

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Registration 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!

Congratulations to our 82 First Communion Students who received the Sacrament last weekend! We are grateful to all our Religious Education families, students and teachers for a great year. Have a blessed and relaxing summer and we look forward to seeing you next year!

Mickey St. Jean & Doug Green

MAY DEVOTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 22 AT 7:00PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT, RECITATION OF THE ROSARY, MEDITATIVE MUSIC AND SPIRITUAL TALK

JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE JESUS TRULY PRESENT IN THE EUCHARIST.



"OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE"

**BY FR. CHRIS MURPHY
VOCATION DIRECTOR
SEMINARY OF
OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE**

The Ascension of the Lord

A Holy Day of Obligation for All Catholics



Wednesday, May 24

Vigil Mass at 5:00PM

Thursday, May 25

Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am & 7:00pm

"Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus who you saw ascending into Heaven will return as you saw Him go, alleluia." — Acts 1:11

6th Sunday of Easter



Easter was the church's first celebration to be noted in a special way beyond the weekly keeping of Sunday and, by the second century, seems to have been adopted by all Christian communities.

This fifty-day celebration of resurrection, ascension and descent of the Holy Spirit developed out of the Jewish *Shavvot* or Feast of Weeks, a fifty-day period following Passover.

Because the first Christians were Jews, it should not surprise us at all that we maintain reflections of that heritage.



A BLESSED EASTER

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Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations Friday, June 2, 2017 at 7:00pm

Holy Apostles Church
800 Pippin Orchard Road, Cranston, RI

Praying with those to be Ordained Priest

Rev. Mr. Stephen M. Batty
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Wakefield

Rev. Mr. Jean Joseph Brice
St. Michael Parish, Providence

Rev. Mr. Brian J. Morris
Our Lady of Mercy Parish, East Greenwich



Join us on the eve of ordinations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Providence as we pray for vocations with those men to be ordained.

**“DO NOT BE AFRAID OF
WHAT GOD ASKS OF YOU!
IT IS WORTH SAYING YES TO GOD!
IN HIM WE FIND OUR JOY!”**

POPE FRANCIS



**CONSIDER PRIESTHOOD
OR CONSECRATED LIFE**