



THE CHURCH OF

Our Lady of Mercy



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† 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

Except on Christmas & New Years

Vigil Mass.....5:00 PM

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

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter ✕ May 26, 2019

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 - Friday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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The Reverend Joshua A. Barrow, 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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 26, 2019

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Mass of Anticipation for 6th Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Deceased of Bess & Truppa Families—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 26

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

9:00 AM George V. McKenna—1st Anniversary

10:30AM Susan Metzger—Memorial

5:00PM Grayce Hruda—Memorial

MONDAY, MAY 27 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Easter Weekday; St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:30AM All Deceased Veterans

TUESDAY, MAY 28

Easter Weekday

7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Special Intention

Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

5:00PM Dr. Frank Detorie—Memorial

THURSDAY, MAY 30 ASCENSION HOLY DAY

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

9:00AM All Deceased Grandparents

7:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

FRIDAY, MAY 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM Monsignor William I. Varsanyi—Memorial

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

St. Justin, Martyr

8:30AM Rose Silva—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for the 7th Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Felix, Celestina, & Irene Giorgio—Memorial

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Bernice Primeau—Memorial

9:00 AM Stanley Berek—14th Anniversary

10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church





Dear Parishioners:

There are a lot of comings and goings at OLM these days! Our Summer Seminarian, Dan Mahoney, arrived this past Wednesday to begin his assignment here at OLM. We look forward to having him with us for the next ten weeks as he works and lives with Fr. Barrow and I.

Dan will be helping at Masses, with our OLM Outreach, at OLM School and at our upcoming Vacation Bible School. Please give him a warm welcome after Mass. And be sure to say hello when you see him around town or the parish.

Sister Lourdes, one of our wonderful Franciscan Apostolic Sisters, is home for few weeks on a visitation to the Motherhouse in the Philippines. She arrived safely last week after a 30 hour flight! She will visit with her family and then attend meetings with her religious community. Sister returns to OLM in mid June, please keep her in your prayers.

Next Sunday, the newly ordained Deacon Hiep Nguyen is visiting OLM. He is to preach the homily at the 10:30am Mass. Following the Mass, there is a Reception in Mercy Park where we can offer our congratulations to Deacon Hiep. I hope you can stop by and wish him well.

Now that classes have ended at St. John's Seminary in Boston, our own Fr. Connors is coming back to OLM for the summer months. He will be helping us with Masses here at OLM, and also helping out other area parishes while back in Rhode Island. We are always happy to have him back with us at OLM!

Monday is Memorial Day, a day in which we pay tribute and honor to all those men and women who died serving our nation and the cause of liberty. Please remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to our nation in your prayers, and at Masses, this weekend. May God grant them eternal rest.

On Memorial Day join us for Mass at 8:30AM as we pray for our nation and offer Mass for all deceased veterans. The Memorial Day Parade also commences on Monday morning. Once again I have the privilege to offer prayers at the Veterans Memorial on Cliff Street as the parade pauses to remember the fallen. I hope you can get to see the parade, it's a great tradition for our community.

Also, please join us for the final May Devotions on Monday night at 7:00pm as we pray the Rosary and seek the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother. Praying the Rosary before the Eucharistic Lord, is a great way to strengthen our relationship with the Lord. May Our Lady of Mercy intercede for us, our nation, and all those who protect our liberty and freedom.

With the end of May comes the end of our 5:00PM Sunday Evening Mass for the season. It resumes on the First Sunday of September which happens to be September 1st this year. For those looking for evening Masses on Sundays, there are several at the beach parishes in South County throughout the summer months.

On Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of the

Ascension. The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ occurred 40 days after His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. At His Ascension, the Lord Jesus ascended, Body and Soul, into heaven in the presence of His Apostles and disciples.

The 40 day period between the Resurrection of Our Lord and His Ascension into heaven is described by the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a time "*when He eats and drinks familiarly with His disciples and teaches them about the Kingdom*"

This feast contains two elements as Pope Francis teaches us: "*On one hand, it directs our look to Heaven, where Jesus, glorified, is seated at the right hand of God On the other, it recalls the beginning of the Church's mission.*"

The Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation and thus Catholics are obligated to attend Mass. At OLM, there are four Masses for the Feast: a Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 5:00PM and three Masses on the Holy Day itself at 7:30AM, 9:00AM and 7:00PM. The 9:00AM Mass on Ascension Thursday will include the many grandparents who will be with us for the OLM School Grandparents Day. This Mass is likely to be very crowded.

See you at Mass on the Holy Day. Be well. Do Good. Go Sox and Bruins! Have a Happy Memorial Day! God Bless America!

Father Healey



What is Freedom?

Memorial Day honors the men and women who died while serving in the military. This solemn occasion is a time to reflect on the American patriots who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and defending the American way of life. One aspect of Americana constantly touted is freedom. For a Catholic “freedom” has a different and special meaning.

The great Dominican moral theologian Servais Pinckaers compared “freedom for excellence” with “freedom of indifference.” Freedom for excellence is the freedom to choose the good or to choose the virtuous option. He uses the example of playing the piano: only someone who has practiced and worked hard has the freedom to play the piano well. “Freedom” here is closely associated with the *ability* to do what is actually good for a person. In its discussion of freedom, the Catechism stresses this notion of freedom for excellence: “Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude” (CCC 1731).

By contrast, freedom of indifference is the ability to choose anything one wants, without limit or reason. Based on this understanding of freedom, restrictions (of any kind) limit our freedom. We immediately notice a problem with this definition and therefore try to limit it. We are free to do what we want, provided that our actions do not interfere with the freedom of others. Yet, such a restriction only shows that this concept of freedom is untenable in the long term. Notice one of the consequences of this definition: in order for me to be free, I must be able to choose evil. We should already notice another weakness of “freedom of indifference”: it calls us free when we are really not. Let’s go back to the piano example. I would be considered “free” under “freedom of indifference” merely by choosing to play the piano. Yet, my choice does not mean that I can actually play the piano. Choice does not change reality, and yet many people use choice as a basis for how things really are. My choice determines the humanity of the infant in the womb, or my gender. Are any alarms going off in our minds? Let’s explore one more implication of this definition. In heaven we will not be able to do, nor choose evil. “Freedom of indifference” means the ability to choose anything we want, even evil. Hence in heaven we will not be free.

In its definition of freedom the Catechism embraces “freedom for excellence”: “The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to “the slavery of sin” (CCC 1733). A correct understanding of freedom leads to a correct understanding of how one should live.

Weekly Collection

May 19, 2019

Weekly.....	\$9,085.00
EFT.....	\$2,205.00
	Total=\$11,290.00
Outreach.....	\$407.00

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.

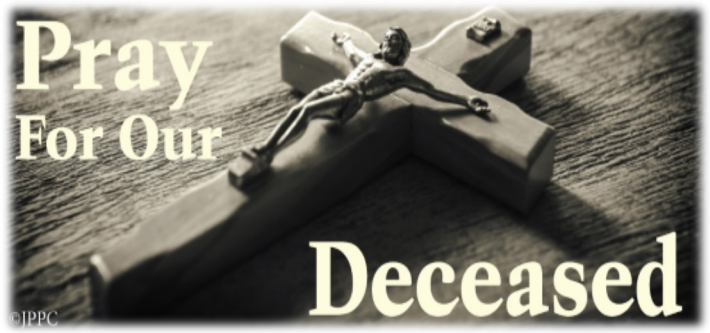
Second Collections
This Week: St. Patrick Cemetery
Next Week: Building and Grounds



2019
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
Supporting the work of the Church

Our Lady of Mercy
2019 Parish
Goal=\$200,000
Pledged to
Date=\$183,820
Number of
Donors=424
Average Gift=\$434

Thank You for Generous Support!



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of **Mary A. Garvey** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at OLM last week.



- **Monday, May 27:** No School for the Memorial Day Holiday
- **Thursday, May 30:** Grandparents' Day & Mass for the Ascension Holy Day at 9:00am
- **Friday, May 31:** Dress Down in support of the good works of the Franciscan Apostolic Sisters

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A Holy Day of Obligation

OLM Mass Schedule

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Vigil Mass of the Ascension at 5:00PM

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Holy Day Masses at 7:30AM, 9:00AM & 7:00PM

The 9:00AM Holy Day Mass is the OLM School Grandparents' Day Mass.



- **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, June 6th at 4:00PM in Mercy House.** All those experiencing grief or loss are 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

5PM SUNDAY EVENING MASS



Please note the 5:00PM Sunday Evening Mass ends this Sunday, May 26th. It is to resume on Sunday, September 1st. Please plan accordingly.

Who: Kids ages 4 to 12
 Where: Our Lady Of Mercy
 When: June 24, 2019 to June 28, 2019
 Time: 9:00 am- 12:00am
 Cost: \$50 to \$100 per family
 Contact: Mr. Burdier and Parish Office
 Registration Deadline: May 31st



Holy Hour for Vocations
 7:00pm on Friday, June 7, 2019
 St. Rocco's Church, Johnston

Priesthood Ordination
 Saturday, June 8th at 10:00am
 Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul

Rev. Mr. Brendan Rowley
 and
Rev. Mr. Eric Silva

Pray for those to be ordained

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.

"A man is no true Christian if he has no devotion to the Mother of Jesus Christ."--Saint John Eudes



Memorial Day Holiday
Monday, May 27, 2019

Mass at 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed in observance of the holiday.

