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GO, THEREFORE, AND
MAKE DISCIPLES OF
ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING
THEM IN THE NAME OF
THE FATHER, AND OF
THE SON, AND OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT...

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MATTHEW 28:19



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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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**TRINITY SUNDAY
 MAY 27, 2018**

SATURDAY, MAY 26

The Mass of Anticipation for Most Holy Trinity
 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

MONDAY, MAY 28 —MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday
 8:30AM Deceased Veterans

TUESDAY, MAY 29

Weekday
 7:30AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

Weekday
 7:30AM Bernadette & William West—Memorial

THURSDAY, MAY 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:30AM Marilyn Mellon Haxton—5th Anniversary

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

St. Justin, Martyr
 7:30AM Rose Silva—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Weekday/St. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs; BVM
 8:30AM Mariakutty Peter—Memorial
The Mass of Anticipation for the Most Holy Body & Blood
 5:00PM Charles Gassman—Memorial

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Stanley Berek—13th Anniversary
 10:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we mark Memorial Day, a day in which we honor and remember the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War. In May 1868, General John A. Logan, the commander-in-chief of the Union veterans' group known as the Grand Army of the Republic, issued a decree that May 30 should become a nationwide day of commemoration for the more than 620,000 soldiers killed in the recently ended Civil War.

Traditionally it has always been a day when Americans lay flowers and decorate the graves of the war dead "*whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land.*" Many people observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and war memorials and there are usually parades.

Lots of people have family picnics and cookouts as it unofficially marks the beginning of the summer season. Whatever we do this weekend, we must stop and remember in prayer the many men and women who have died in service to our nation.

Let us pray: "*God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*"

This weekend we offer our heartfelt congratulations and prayerful best wishes to newly ordained Deacon Eric Silva. On Saturday he was ordained as a Transitional Deacon by Bishop Evans. You may remember Eric from the summer he spent here at OLM. He will now serve as a Deacon and continue his studies for priesthood at St. John's Seminary in Boston. We look forward to Eric's ordination to the priesthood next June.

This Friday Fr. Connors is scheduled to publicly defend his doctoral dissertation in Rome. His moral theology dissertation is entitled, "*Cooperation with Evil: Toward a Virtue-Based Approach*" and it is 354 pages long! Without a doubt, he has been working very earnestly these last two years to complete his doctorate.

His public defense takes place in the Grand Aula at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (commonly called the *Angelicum*). He defends his thesis and its conclusions to a panel of learned professors and theologians. The *Angelicum* is administered by the Dominican Friars, so the panel will include several Friars, and also the supervisor of his dissertation, the Dominican Friar, Fr. Michael Sherwin from the University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

Father's public defense takes place in the very same place that St. Pope John Paul the Great publically defended his own doctoral dissertation in 1950. The future Pope and Saint was directed by the renowned theologian and Dominican Friar, Pere Garrigou Lagrange.

Fr. Connors invited me to attend this very special event and

so I depart for Rome on Monday. It is truly a distinct pleasure, and a great honor, to be part of this milestone in his priestly ministry as Fr. Connors becomes a Doctor of Sacred Theology. His only request is that I bring some fine cigars for the celebration!

I ask you to please keep Fr. Connors in your prayers this week especially on Friday. Your prayers for a successful defense of his doctorate are truly appreciated by him. However, I am more than confident that his keen intelligence, tremendous academic ability and great talent along with his hard work and faithful dedication are going to be on full display during the public defense on Friday. But we should pray for him anyway and certainly ask St. John Paul the Great to intercede for Fr. Connors!

While in Rome I hope to offer Masses at some of the special altars in St. Peter's Basilica including the Altar dedicated to St. Pope John Paul the Great. Please know that I offer all my Masses for your intentions this week. I return from Rome late on Monday, June 4th!

This Sunday our 5pm Sunday Evening Mass ends for the summer months and is to resume in September. Next Sunday we celebrate *Corpus Christi* with the Eucharistic Procession at the 10:30am Mass.

Best of luck Fr. Connors!
Do good. Be well. God Bless.
Go Sox!



Why Dress at Church Matters

“God does not care what you wear.” Truer words have never been spoken? It is true that what we wear on Sunday (or to any event for that matter) does not impact God. God is unchanging, he needs nothing, he is perfectly happy; whether we come in shorts and a t-shirt or a three piece suit, God will be perfectly fine. So why does it matter what we wear at Church (at school, in the boardroom, at the dentists, at the supermarket, etc.)?

Dress has changed much through the centuries. No one wears powdered wigs anymore (as far as I can tell), but it is a ritualized action that has an effect on our thoughts. A ritualized action is an action conditioned by the times, which seeks to set forth a certain set of ideas or purpose. In terms of setting forth a set of ideas, when a person wears a suite or dress to an event, it is automatically assumed that this is an important event. Likewise in terms of purpose, you would not wear a suite to the beach, but you would wear it to meet the president. Moreover a shared dress code symbolizes unity and communion. What is the purpose and importance of the Mass? The purpose of the Mass is the most important thing that we can do: the worship of God.

Our outward actions reflect our inner dispositions. The law of worship is the law of belief; how we worship, influences our prayer lives. Clothes have always been the most obvious indicator and vehicle for inner dispositions. If we do not take the time and effort to dress up outwardly for Mass, then there is the risk that the idea starts to form inwardly that this is not an important event. Albeit this does not necessarily have to be the case (sometimes we are running late and do not have time to change). As G. Bruce Boyer asks: “Could it be that when a person wears a polo shirt, khakis, and athletic shoes to Mass, weddings, and funerals then that person has forgotten the significance of what they are doing; could it be that it reflects something of their inner disposition?... Wearing one’s Sunday best, as much as kneeling, was a visible sign of a humble heart.”

Notice, that when you dress up for Mass it takes time, energy, and effort. It takes sacrifice. Part of preparing for Mass means preparing a worthy sacrifice for God. When the priest prays: “pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable...” what this means is that everyone offers themselves with Christ in His one timeless sacrifice. Dressing up can be part of offering an acceptable sacrifice. There is, of course, the danger of vanity, but when we dress well for God and others, it helps to fulfill the commandment to love God and neighbor.

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



Weekly Collection

May 20, 2018

Weekly.....	\$9,485.00
EFT.....	\$1,955.00
	Total=\$11,440.00
Outreach.....	\$437.00

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’s Cemetery
Next Week: Building & Grounds




2018
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
Supporting the work of the Church

2018 Parish Goal=\$193,864
Pledged to date=\$193,132
 % of Parish Goal=99%
 Total Donors to date=465
 Average Gift=\$415
 % of Parish Participation=22%

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

Memorial Day Holiday



Monday, May 28, 2018
Mass at 8:30am
The Parish Office is closed for the holiday.



This Week at OLM School

- **Monday, May 28:** Memorial Day Holiday, No School today.
- **Thursday, May 31:** School Assembly
- **Friday, June 1:** 8th Grade Field Day & Middle School Dance

Discover the OLM Difference!
www.olmschool.org



Marian Devotions **Monday May 28th** **at 7:00PM**

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration,
Rosary & Meditative Music.



First Friday **Adoration** **Friday, June 1, 2018**

Exposition of the Eucharist
following 7:30am Mass
Adoration All Day
Benediction at 6pm



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of **Dorothy Cunningham** and **Constance H. Poitras** whose Funerals were celebrated last week.



The OLM Parish Office
closes on Fridays at
Noon during the
months of June, July
& August.

OLM Summer Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:00am—4:00pm
Friday: 8am—12pm Noon

Congratulations to the Newly Confirmed
Sealed in the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday



Nurys "Theresa" Cooley
Susana "Fatima" Trindade



Prayerful Congratulations to the Our Lady of Mercy First Communion Class


Emma Rose Baker
Gavin Coen
Brianna Elisabeth Duque
Samuel George Floody
Colin Thomas Franchina
Charlotte Ann Hamil
Shane Joseph Higgins
Anna Caroline Jelinek
Christopher Gabriel Lippe
Luca Anthony Marengi
Ayden Domenico Mattia
Maximus Angelo Meletis
Wensley Evelyn Meyer
Helen Elizabeth Mita
Sophia Annikki Passananti
Jonathan Dominick Plante
Sophie Lynn Sheehan
Catherine Louise Sullivan
James Cornelius Sullivan
Jason Anthony Therriault
Emma Camille Thomas
Cameron James Tweed

Richard James Whyte
Dillon Alfred Anderson
Hunter Michael Andrews
Michael Robert Bettencourt
Payton Quinn Bialek
Edward Cole Bianco
Joseph Robert Bierwirth
Kimberly Ann Bierwirth
Gretchen Marie Brindle
Nicholas Gabriel Carreiro
Quinn Parker Connolly
Lauren Elizabeth Cosgrove
Cameron James Daigle
Angela Patricia D'Amico
Francesca Rosa Giarrusso
Miles Raymond Harwood
Kevin John Hayes
Grace Addison Healey
Bennett Charles Jackson
Oliver Francis Jackson
Sydney Elise Joubert
Tyler Peter Kanelos

Quinn Cameron Kiernan
Daniel Thomas Martinelli
Griffin Riley Mason
Ryan David Maurice
Enzo Matteo Musella
Tyler Garvan Nuti
Ethan Robert Onysko
Gianni Joseph Petrarca
Lucas David Roberts
Eden Kaila Roche
Giulia Mary Ruskaup
Lawson Gray Savage
Arianna Elena Sayegh
Chase Douglas Seymour
Raymond Nicholas Snow
Evan Mercurio Wahl
Liam Michael Wahl
Alison Rose Walsh
Courtney Elizabeth Ziady
Ella Grace Zonfrillo



MASS The 5:00PM Sunday Evening Mass ends this Sunday, May 27, 2018 for the summer. It resumes on Sunday, September 2, 2018.

SCHEDULE CHANGE 

Calling All Men of OLM!
The Men of St. Joseph meet next Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 7:00am in the OLM Rectory Meeting Room. All adult men of OLM are invited to join us for discussion, prayer and fraternity as we seek to strengthen our spirituality and renew our Catholic Faith. For more information contact Deacon John Dowd at 884-4968 or via email at Deacon@olmparish.org

