

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi

May 29, 2016



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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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Corpus Christi Sunday
May 29, 2016

SATURDAY, MAY 28

Vigil of Corpus Christi
 5:00PM W. Barbara O'Hara—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 29

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
 7:30 AM Alfred Damiano—Memorial
 9:00 AM Douglas Hauser—Memorial
 10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 5:00PM Anne Matricciano—Birthday Remembrance

MONDAY, MAY 30—MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday
 8:30 AM For All Deceased Veterans

TUESDAY, MAY 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:30AM Eleanor Mannolini—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

Saint Justin, Martyr
 7:30AM Harry Mariani—Memorial

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

Weekday/Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs
 7:30AM Helen Smrstik—Memorial

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 7:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial
 9:00AM Deceased Alumni of OLM School

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

The Most Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:30AM Special Intention
The Mass of Anticipation for 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Albert Catanio—2nd Anniversary

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Stanley Berek—11th Anniversary Mass
 10:30AM Thomas Goodwin—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

On Saturday morning, Father Connors and I attended the Ordination of our new Deacons. Three young men, Steven Battey, Joseph Brice and OLM's Brian Morris were ordained as Transitional Deacons for the Church of Providence by Bishop Evans. We wish them our prayerful best wishes and heartfelt congratulations!

We celebrate the great Solemnity of *Corpus Christi* this weekend. It is a feast in which we renew and rededicate ourselves to the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Pope Emeritus Benedict XV in a homily on this feast reminds us of its great importance in the life of the Church and in the life of every Catholic. He states:

"At the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of his Body and his Blood, the Memorial of his Paschal Sacrifice. By so doing he replaced the ancient sacrifices with himself, but he did so in a rite which he commanded the Apostles to perpetuate, as a supreme sign of the true Sacred One who is he himself. With this faith, dear brothers and sisters, let us celebrate the Eucharistic Mystery today and every day and adore it as the center of our life and the heart of the world."

This *Corpus Christi* Feast is always a good time for us to deepen our devotion to the Eucharist and renew our own commitment to dutifully attending Sunday Mass. We might ask ourselves, how important is Sunday Mass each week in our

lives? Do we skip it casually out of indifference or apathy? Do we strive to faithfully attend Sunday Mass even when traveling or away on holiday?

The Eucharist is truly the source and summit of our faith as Catholics so it must always be central in our lives. The worship and praise of God at Sunday Mass should be the highlight of our week not just something we do out of mere obligation or habit.

Yet often we take Mass for granted. We are truly blessed to be a parish that offers a full schedule of Masses and live in a nation where we can come to Mass freely and without fear. Many Catholics in our world often have limited opportunities to have Sunday Mass due lack of priests, great distance, or remote locations. Many other Catholics courageously face violence or terror in practicing their faith.

Sunday Mass is a real blessing and a true privilege for us. Yet do we truly act as if it is? Do we arrive to Mass early to pray and prepare spiritually or do we simply rush in at the last moment or casually arrive late? Do we dress as if we are going to a banquet with God or are we dressed for the beach or golf course? Do we recite the prayers with faith and joy or mumble through them? Do we join in the joyful singing of hymns?

Such a review is good for all of us to conduct from time to time. Whether priest or laity we always need to strive to deepen our devotion to the Eucharist with prayer and proper reverence. But

we also need to show our deep devotion by making Sunday Mass truly central in our faith lives and the highlight of our week.

Corpus Christi is a time when we Catholics offer our total love and commitment for Christ in the Real Presence by honoring Him in a very public way. We do this with our *Corpus Christi* Procession of the Eucharist. Together we carry Christ truly present in the Eucharist to the world outside with praise, thanksgiving, solemnity and faith.

On Monday we celebrate the important civic holiday of Memorial Day. This Federal Holiday is a time for us to remember in prayer and with thanksgiving the men and women of the armed forces who have given their lives in service to our nation.

East Greenwich has a parade like many other towns. Across the nation people visit cemeteries to lay flowers, place flags and pray for the honored dead. President Ronald Reagan said of Memorial Day: *"We owe our freedom to those men and women in uniform who have served this nation and its interests in time of need. We are forever indebted to those who have given their lives that we might be free."*

Congratulations to our new Deacons, especially Brian Morris! A Blessed *Corpus Christi*! Happy Memorial Day! Be well. Do Good. God Bless. Go Sox!

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: What is history of the feast of Corpus Christi? Where did it come from?

In the year 1263 a German priest named Peter of Prague began to doubt the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. In answer to his prayer for an increase of faith, as he celebrated Mass blood began to drop from the consecrated host onto the corporal, the altar cloth. The priest and congregation, moved by the Eucharistic miracle, decided to bring the bleeding host and altar cloth to the Pope for verification.

At that time the Pope was staying in the small Italian village of Orvieto just north of Rome. The Pope greeted the procession in the street and confirmed the miracle. He asked the Church's greatest theologian Thomas Aquinas to compose a hymn to the Blessed Sacrament in honor of this miracle. The following year the same Pope Urban IV declared a universal feast of *Corpus Christi*—the Body of Christ.

From that time until today one can visit Orvieto and see the corporal—the blood-stained altar cloth. In addition, through these many centuries, on the feast of *Corpus Christi* the Church sings St. Thomas' Latin hymn of adoration. Simply adoring His real presence in the tabernacle is the antidote to loneliness and spiritual fatigue. Because of the Eucharist we are never alone.

On *Corpus Christi* the Church also carries the Eucharist through the streets in procession. The Eucharistic procession tells us that the fruits of our reception of Holy Communion should not end at the door of the Church. Catholic faith in the Eucharist is not simply a matter for the sanctuary.

This feast of *Corpus Christi* is an occasion to commit to loving the Eucharist more. All we do should lead to loving the Eucharist more. It is the Church's greatest treasure; it is God's greatest gift. Nothing should stand in the way of our loving the Eucharist more.

If you have a question about the Catholic Church or Catholic Teaching, please email questions to: associatepastor@olmparish.org



HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

Weekly Collection

May 22, 2016

Weekly.....	\$12,067.50
EFT.....	\$1,727.50
	Total=\$13,795.00
Outreach.....	\$448.50

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: St. Patrick's Cemetery Collection
Next Week: Building & Grounds Collection



The OLM Parish Office will close at NOON on Fridays during the Months of June, July and August. Please plan accordingly.



Please note that the 5:00pm Sunday Night Mass ends this Sunday, May 29th. The 5:00pm Sunday Mass resumes again on Sunday, September 4, 2016. *Please plan accordingly.*



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Outreach Update

- **The OLM Bereavement Group** meets on this Thursday, June 2 at 4:00PM — 6:00PM in Mercy House. All those grieving a loss of a loved one are most welcome to attend.
- **For more information contact Doug Green**, OLM Outreach Director at 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



- Wednesday, June 1st, Mercy Assembly from 1pm—2pm, OLM School Cafeteria.
- Friday, June 3 at 9:00am, OLM School First Friday Mass. All are welcome to join us!
- Friday, June 3rd, Middle School Dance.
- Saturday, June 4th, 8th Grade Graduation Mass & Dinner. Mass at 5pm followed by Dinner at Quonset O Club
- Tuesday, June 7th, 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony, at 6pm in OLM Church

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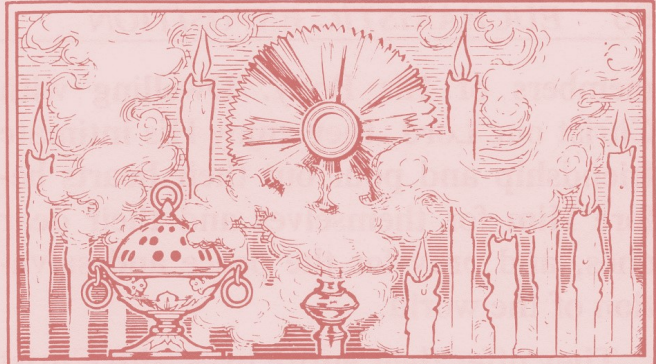


May Devotions at OLM



Every Monday at 7:00PM
During
the Month of May

Join us for the Rosary,
Exposition
and Benediction of The
Blessed Sacrament



First Friday Adoration Friday, June 3, 2016

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
The World Day of Prayer
for the Sanctification of Priests

Exposition following 9:00am School Mass
Adoration from 10:00am—6:00pm
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00pm



NB: There will be no First Friday Adoration during the months of July and August. First Friday Adoration resumes on Friday, September 2, 2016

**A Year in Rome:
Mercy & Mother Theresa
A Presentation by Fr. David Gaffney**



**Tuesday, June 28, 2016
Following 7:30AM OLM Daily Mass**

Fr. David Gaffney is a priest of the Diocese of Providence and currently serves as a Spiritual Director at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. He will deliver a presentation on some of the events associated with the Jubilee Year of Mercy and also the upcoming canonization of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) in September. Father Gaffney will celebrate the morning Mass on Tuesday, June 28 at 7:30am and then deliver his presentation in the OLM Cry Room.

Refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend.

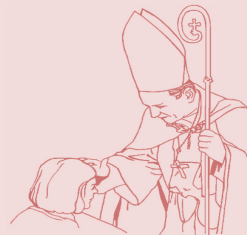
**A HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS
FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016 AT 7:00PM
OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH**

Join us as we gather as Diocesan Church Family to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and also to pray for those men to be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul, Providence.



**The Sacrament of Confirmation
at Our Lady of Mercy**

**Sunday, October 23, 2016
at 5:00pm**



**The Most Reverend
Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester, NY
Confirming Prelate**

**MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
MONDAY, MAY 30, 2106**

MASS AT 8:30AM

*The Parish Office is closed in
observance of the holiday.*

