



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 Third Sunday of Easter ✕ May 5, 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

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The Reverend Joshua A. Barrow, S.T.L., *Associate Pastor*

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Mass Intentions for the Week

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 5, 2019

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Mass of Anticipation for 3rd Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Roy & Lisa Damiano & Henry & Theresa Mangiante—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 5

The Third Sunday of Easter

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

9:00 AM Edward Doorley—14th Anniversary

10:30AM Monsignor John W. Lolio—7th Anniversary

5:00PM Frank Sazama—Birthday Remembrance

MONDAY, MAY 6

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Fr. Donald J. Bouressa—Memorial

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Edward Sullivan—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Michael Monteleone—14th Anniversary

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Easter Weekday; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

7:30AM Rose Knott—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Easter Weekday

8:30AM Special Intention

Mass of Anticipation for the 4th Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Dina Coelho—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 12

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM All Mothers

9:00 AM All Mothers

10:30AM All Mothers

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church





Dear Parishioners:

It's May, the month in which the earth springs into bloom!! It's also the Month of Mary as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. It means May Devotions every Monday at OLM this month. May means praying the Rosary.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor the Virgin Mary. Not just one day in May but the entire month. This venerable tradition goes back centuries in its foundations.

In medieval times, it centered around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1st was considered the start of new growth. During this period, the tradition of *Tricesimum*, or "*Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary*," came into being. The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary included thirty daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary, the Mother of God.

It was during this era that Mary's Month and the Month of May were combined. This Month of Mary included special devotions organized on each day throughout the month, both at Church, and in homes. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.

Saint Pope Paul VI writing on this venerable tradition in an encyclical letter entitled *Mense Maio*, teaches:

"The month of May is almost here, a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Our heart rejoices at the thought of the moving tribute of faith and love which will soon be paid to the Queen of Heaven in

every corner of the earth.

For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."

So please take some time out of your busy spring schedules and join us in honoring the Mother of God at May Devotions on Mondays at 7:00pm. We gather together to pray the Rosary in adoration before our Eucharistic Lord and receive Benediction. It is truly a peaceful time of prayer and reflection away from the busy world around us.

Also, in this Month of May we celebrate First Holy Communion at OLM. Next Saturday at Noon our First Communion Students from OLM School, and the OLM Religious Education Program, celebrate Holy Communion.

It is always a truly beautiful celebration of faith and joy for our parish family as these young Children of God receive Christ in the Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers. May they be nourished by the Lord truly present in the Eucharist throughout their lives!

Next Sunday is Mother's Day, we mark this special day with our Annual May Crowning of the Blessed Mother. At the 10:30AM Mass, the entire First Communion Class joins us for prayer, and song, as we crown Mary, Queen of the May! The Masses on Mother's Day are offered for all Mothers, living and deceased.

Also, next Saturday Hiep

Van Nguyen, who was a Summer Seminarian at OLM two summers ago, is to be ordained a Transitional Deacon by Bishop Evans.

The Diaconate Ordination on Saturday, May 11th is at 10:00AM at St. Philip Church in Greenville. All are welcome to attend the beautiful Mass. Please keep Hiep in your prayers as he begins his Diaconal Ministry in preparation for his ordination as a priest next June.

We've had a great tradition of Summer Seminarists here at OLM. Last Summer's Seminarian, Patrick Ryan, was recently assigned for priestly and theological studies to the Pontifical North American College beginning next fall. And this summer we are blessed to have Seminarian Dan Mahoney assigned to our parish.

Dan is finishing his Second Year at St. John's Seminary in Boston. He is from a Navy family that settled in Wakefield. He is a graduate of Providence College and South Kingstown High School. Dan worked for many years in Youth Ministry and Retreat Ministry. He even did a short stint as a chef, so Fr. Barrow is very excited! He is finishing up his semester studies at St. Johns and begins here at the end of the month. I know you'll give him your usual warm welcome.

It's Mary's Month, so pray the Rosary and come to Devotions! Be well. Do Good. Go Sox, Celtics and Bruins!

Father Healey



What is the Easter Season?

When it comes to liturgical seasons, Lent often stands out in our minds as the unique period when our daily life changes, but there is also the unique period of fifty days (longer than the forty days of Lent) after Easter (which ends on Pentecost Sunday). We all know how to live the season of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is almost second nature to Catholics. After Easter Sunday, however, it may seem like we have returned to the status quo. Instead it is important to realize that we have fifty days to celebrate and reflect on the meaning of Easter. Part of living the Easter Season is realizing how profoundly shattering an experience the first Easter season was for those lived during it.

When those first disciples found the empty tomb, trembling, fear, and astonishment came upon them. They feared because what had happened to them was outside anything that could be expected. Their reaction stems from what happens when a creature encounters God. Throughout scripture “fear and trembling” signals the presence of the divine. For instance, Mary at the Annunciation says that she was “greatly troubled at the saying [of the angel].” The angel reassures her: “Do not be afraid.” After this initial experience of the divine comes a soul-changing conversion of mind and heart.

What has changed? George Weigel points to five things. First, with the Resurrection we are now living in the “last days,” which are unfolding in time and not at some point at the end of time (as some early Christians and even some Christians today think). Second, unlike the resurrection of Lazarus, Christ’s resurrection is unique because Christ’s body is transformed into a glorified body. Third, Christ is now sacramentally present to us particularly in the Eucharist in which we receive his resurrected body and blood. Fourth, the resurrection is a life-changing experiencing. We see this in the Apostles. They went from being afraid in the upper room to going out and spreading the Gospel (with the result that most would be martyred). Fifth, worship changes and Sunday is now the 8th day of the new creation because it is the day Christ rose. Benedict XVI writes, “Only an event that marked souls indelibly could bring about such a profound realignment of religious culture... [The] celebration of the Lord’s day... is one of the most convincing proofs that something extraordinary happened that day.”

This is part of what the Easter Season tries to capture: that majestic and shattering sense that something radical has happened; that life and existence have been fundamentally changed.



Weekly Collection

April 28, 2019

Weekly.....	\$12,296.00
EFT.....	\$2,447.00
	Total=\$14,743.00
Outreach.....	\$551.00

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: Building & Grounds



2019
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
Supporting the work of the Church

Our Lady of Mercy
2019 Parish Goal=\$200,000
Pledged to Date=\$156,380
Number of Donors=378
Average Gift=\$414

Thank You for Generous Support!



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated this week in memory of *Jean Luc Dayde*. In your charity, please remember him in your prayers.



- **Tuesday, May 7:** OLM Assembly on The Meaning of Easter
- **Wednesday, May 8:** OLM Assembly on Internet Safety
- **Saturday, May 11:** First Communion Mass at Noon

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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.

May
the month of
Mary



- **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, May 16th at 4:00PM in Mercy House.** All those experiencing grief or loss is 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



- **First Communion** practices are May 6th and 7th for RE only. May 8th is a combined RE and OLM School practice
- **Saturday, May 11:** First Communion Mass at Noon
- **Sunday, May 12:** First Communion Class May Crowning at 10:30AM Mass

3rd Sunday of Easter



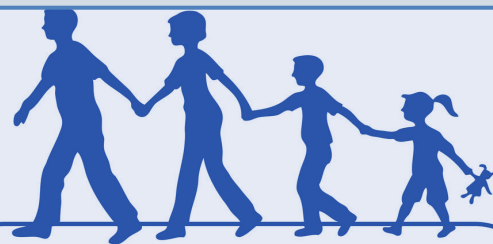
The paschal candle should stand in the sanctuary during the entire season of Easter.

This candle symbolizes the risen Christ who conquers sin and death and, for that reason, is lit during baptisms and usually at funerals as well.

Each year, a new paschal candle is prepared during the opening rites at the Easter Vigil. It is marked with a cross, an alpha and omega, and the numerals of the year. Five grains of incense, representing the wounds of Christ, are also embedded into the wax.



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OLM YOUNG FAMILIES

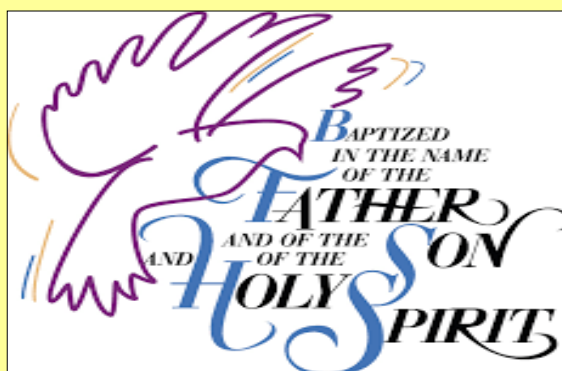
OLM Young Families Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2019
5:30—7:00PM

***"Radiating Love: Marriage Wisdom
from St. John Paul II"***

Dr. Matthew Cuddeback
Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Providence College

Pizza served for dinner! Babysitting provided.
Join with other OLM Young Families
For more information or just to learn more about
our group contact Coordinator Kate Jelinek at:
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Best Wishes to our newly baptized



Jamerson Jorge Edward Goodreau,
and his parents, Kenneth and Melissa.

***"Dearly beloved, this child has been
reborn in baptism. He is now called
a child of God, for so indeed he is."—The
Rite of Baptism***