



THE CHURCH OF  
*Our Lady of Mercy*



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***The Fourth Sunday of Easter ✕ May 7, 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 7, 2017**

### **SATURDAY, MAY 6**

*Mass of Anticipation for the Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
 5:00PM Msgr. John W. Lolio—5th Anniversary

### **SUNDAY, MAY 7**

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Catherine Slitt—Birthday Remembrance  
 10:30 AM Elizabeth Iaconetti—Memorial  
 5:00 PM Richard & Sandra Ponte—Memorial

### **MONDAY, MAY 8**

*Easter Weekday*

7:30AM Edward & William Sullivan—Memorial

### **TUESDAY, MAY 9**

*Easter Weekday*

7:30 AM Michael Monteleone—12th Anniversary

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 10**

*Easter Weekday/St. Damien de Veuster, Priest*

7:30 AM Fr. William F. Sears—Memorial

### **THURSDAY, MAY 11**

*Easter Weekday*

7:30 AM Tammy E. Galeshaw Forgue —1st Anniversary

### **FRIDAY, MAY 12**

*Easter Weekday/Sts. Nereus & Achilles, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr*

7:30 AM Mary G. Cooper—Birthday Remembrance

### **SATURDAY, MAY 13**

*Easter Weekday/Our Lady of Fatima*

8:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

*Mass of Anticipation for the Fifth Sunday of Easter*

5:00 PM Kathy Guest—Birthday Remembrance

### **SUNDAY, MAY 14—MOTHER'S DAY**

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM All Mothers  
 10:30AM All Mothers  
 5:00PM All Mothers





Dear Parishioners:

Last Saturday night the OLM School gathered to celebrate the Annual Spring Fling. This event is a major fundraiser for our school and helps to maintain and support the many fine programs offered at OLM School.

We are grateful to the many benefactors who donated some fabulous auction items, including Red Sox tickets, Patriot's Box Seats, tickets to the Broadway sensation Hamilton, and many others. There was also the Dinner with the OLM Priests, always a popular auction item! All the proceeds directly benefit the students at OLM School.

I thank OLM School PTO President, Jaime Pedro, and her excellent committee for all their hard work and dedication to ensuring a great time was had by all. Also, we thank those parents and guests who came to the big night and gave so generously in support of OLM School.

With the Spring Fling now over, it's hard to believe but in just a few weeks school ends for the summer break! On the horizon, is the First Annual OLM School Golf Open. Mark your calendar now for this golf tournament scheduled for Monday, September 11th at Quidnessett Country Club.

We also give thanks this week that we have now surpassed our Catholic Charity Appeal parish goal of \$193,000. Once again your generous support of the good works of our Diocesan Church surpasses the goal. I wholeheartedly thank all those who pledged and gave a gift to the CCA. Your generous support helped us not only reach

but go over the goal. In the name of the poor and needy who benefit from your generosity, I sincerely thank you.

This week I received news from the Office of Vocations that a Seminarian for the Diocese of Providence is to be assigned for the summer to Our Lady of Mercy Church. Seminarian Hiep Nguyen is currently finishing his First Theology Year at St. John Seminary in Boston. He has been assigned to live and work at OLM for ten weeks and arrives on May 18th.

Hiep is a native of Vietnam where he was raised. He emigrated to the United States several years ago and his home parish is St. Philip in Greenville. He has a brother who is a priest and serves as a Pastor in Vietnam, and a sister who is a religious sister and works in the St. Louis area.

We are looking forward to having Hiep here and supporting his priestly vocation. While here at OLM he will be living and working with Fr. Barrow and me. He will be helping with Masses, teaching at school, visiting the home bound and working with the OLM Outreach Office. Be sure to give him a warm welcome when he arrives on May 18th.

Hiep is to also help us with our Annual Vacation Bible School. This great week of fun and faith for our OLM children is scheduled for June 26—30. It is always a great week of faith-filled activities for our parish. There are details in the flyer found in the bulletin this week. Make sure to sign up your child or grandchild!

I hope you join us this Monday for May Devotions as Fr. Joseph Briody, a Priest of the Diocese of Raphoe, Ireland, is to lead our devotions in honor of Our Lady of Knock. He is a Professor of Scripture at St. John Seminary in Boston.

The Story of Knock began on the 21<sup>st</sup> August, 1879 when, at approximately 8 o'clock in the evening, fifteen people from the village of Knock in County Mayo, Ireland witnessed an Apparition of Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, a Lamb and a cross on an altar at the gable wall of the Parish Church.

These witnesses watched the Apparition in the pouring rain for two hours, reciting the Rosary. Although they themselves were saturated not a single drop of rain fell on the gable or the vision. There were fifteen official witnesses to the Apparition, most of whom were from the village of Knock and surrounding areas and ranged in age from just 5 years old to 74 years old.

There is a beautiful shrine at Knock where I have had the privilege to celebrate Mass and seek Our Lady's powerful intercession. Fr. Briody is to lead us in our devotions as we plead for the intercession of Our Lady of Knock for our parish. Please join us on Monday at 7:00PM for the Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration and beautiful music.

Be well. Do good. God Bless. Our Lady of Knock, pray for us!

*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 (longer than the forty days of Lent) days 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. This is because what had happened 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.

**If you have a question about the Catholic Faith, email your questions directly to Father Barrow at [associate@olmparish.org](mailto:associate@olmparish.org)**



*Weekly Collection*

**April 30, 2017**

Weekly.....	\$12,956.00
EFT.....	\$2,089.50
	<b>Total=\$15, 045.50</b>
Outreach.....	\$454.00

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 Collection



2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

2017 Parish Goal = \$193,864  
 Pledged to date = \$192,579.50  
 Number of Donors = 474  
 % of Parish Goal = 99%  
 Average Gift = \$406  
 Total Raised in 2016 = \$268,928

*Thank You for Your Generous Support!*



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

*May she rest in peace.*



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are lovingly donated in memory of Rose Knott & Deborah O’Connell. In your charity please remember them in your prayers.



Religious Education  
NEWS

●**Confirmation Class:** ALL 8th Confirmation Candidates, public, parochial and Home Study, are required to attend **MANDATORY CLASS** on Sunday, May 7th at 6:00pm.

●**Saturday, May 13:** First Communion Mass for OLM School Students at 10:00am & OLM Religious Education Students at 12 Noon.

●**Sunday, May 14:** May Crowning with the entire First Communion Class at 10:30am Mass.



**This Week at OLM School:**

- Tuesday, May 9: Mobile Loaves & Fishes
- Wednesday, May 10: Weekly School Mass at 8:15am

**Spring Fling Thanks**

A special thanks to all those who helped to make our Annual Spring Fling a huge success! We thank our Spring Fling Committee for their hard work and great job in making the night so special. We thank the many donors and supporters who provided Auction Items. We thank the many parents and friends of OLM School for their great generosity. It was a great celebration of OLM School!

Scott W. Fuller  
Principal

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*The Year of Mary*

—REVEALING HER MANY TITLES—

**May Devotions at Our Lady of Mercy Church**

Join us for Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Rosary, Meditative Music and a Spiritual Talk on the Blessed Virgin Mary. 7:00PM each Monday in May

**MONDAY, MAY 1: MARY, OUR LADY OF MERCY**

Deacon John Dowd, Parish Deacon,  
Our Lady of Mercy Church, East Greenwich, RI

**MONDAY, MAY 8: MARY, OUR LADY OF KNOCK**

Fr. Joseph Briody, Diocese of Raphoe, Ireland,  
Professor of Sacred Scripture, St. John's Seminary, Boston, MA

**MONDAY, MAY 15: MARY, OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

Fr. Jorge Rocha, Associate Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church,  
East Providence, RI

**MONDAY, MAY 22: MARY, OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE**

Fr. Christopher Murphy, Assistant Vocation Director,  
Our Lady of Providence Seminary, Providence, RI

**MONDAY, MAY 29: MARY, OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

Deacon Brian Morris, Deacon Assistant,  
St. Eugene Church, Chepachet, RI

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*All are invited!*



**SATURDAY - MAY 13, 2017**

**11:00 AM**

*Outdoor Procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima  
Cathedral Square, Providence*

**11:30 AM**

*Multi-Lingual Solemn Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
(11:00 AM - 11:45 AM Confessions)*

**12:05 PM**

*Holy Mass Celebrated by His Excellency, The Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin, D.D.,  
With Consecration of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary*



**Annual May Crowning of Mary  
Sunday, May 14th at 10:30AM Mass**

Please join us in celebrating Mary,  
Queen of Heaven and Earth, on Mother's Day!

*"O Mary, We Crown Thee with Blossoms Today,  
Queen of the Heavens, Queen of the May!"*

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**Mother's Day Memorials**

Please return all Mother's Day Memorial envelopes with the names of those to be remembered at Masses on Sunday, May 14. All Mothers, living and deceased, are to be remembered at Mother's Day Masses next week.