



THE CHURCH OF

Our Lady of Mercy



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Sixty-Five Third Street ✕ East Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818

The Seventh Sunday of Easter ✕ May 8, 2016

† 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

Our Lady of Mercy School

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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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mrs. Sandra A. Demers, Parish Secretary

The Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor

The Reverend Ryan W. Connors, S.T.L., Associate Pastor

Deacon John W. Dowd, Parish Deacon

Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr.

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Parish Founded 1853



Parish Incorporated 1867



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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2016

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Mass of Anticipation for Seventh Sunday of Easter
 5:00PM Mary Feldman—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 8

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM For All Mothers
 10:30AM For All Mothers
 5:00PM For All Mothers

MONDAY, MAY 9

Easter Weekday
 7:30 AM Michael Monteleone—11th Anniversary

TUESDAY, MAY 10

Easter Weekday/St. Damian de Veuster, Priest
 7:30AM Isabella Almonte—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM Hannah Basler—20th Anniversary

THURSDAY, MAY 12

Easter Weekday/Sts. Nereus & Achilles, Martyrs/St. Pancras, Martyr
 7:30AM Mary G. Cooper—Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, MAY 13

Easter Weekday/Our Lady of Fatima
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle
 8:30AM Young-Ho Pyun—Memorial

Vigil of Pentecost

5:00PM William & Mary Mulcahy—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 15

Pentecost Sunday
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Joseph D’Amato—Memorial
 10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 5:00PM Douglas Hauser—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting." This is the Psalm we sang at our First Communion Masses on Saturday. We rejoice and give thanks for such a joyful and faith-filled celebration. Sixty-five of our parish children came forth for the first time in their young lives to receive Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist!

It is a great day for these children, their families and for our entire parish family. We offer them our prayers and our heartfelt congratulations. As the name implies, it is their First, not their only, nor is it their last Communion. Each Sunday we have the great privilege to come together as a parish family to worship God at Mass and to worthily receive Christ in Holy Communion.

This past week I read about an Iraqi priest named Father Ragheed Ganni. He celebrated Sunday Mass for his parish community every week despite the constant threat of terrorism. He prepared the children of his parish for First Communion in a basement for fear that Islamic jihadists might kill them if they did it openly. Sadly Father Ganni would be killed by terrorists for being a Catholic Priest.

A year before he was killed by terrorists, he wrote these profound words: *"Without the Sunday Eucharist we cannot live. The terrorists might think they can kill our bodies or our spirit by frightening us, but, on*

Sundays, churches are always full. They may try to take our life, but the Eucharist gives it back. When I hold the host in my hands, it is really He who is holding me and all of us, challenging the terrorists and keeping us united in his boundless love."

As we rejoice in the celebration of First Holy Communion that took place yesterday, let us truly give thanks for the gift of our Catholic Faith and also for the gift of being able to go to Sunday Mass each week free from any fear or terror.

With great joy and hope we pray that the First Communion received by our parish children on Saturday might be just the beginning of a lifetime of weekly Communion. St. Maximilian Kolbe once said: *"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."*

The First Communion Class gathers on Sunday morning at the 10:30am Mass for the May Crowning Ceremony. This beautiful ceremony takes place appropriately enough on Mother's Day. We sing beautiful Marian Hymns as the children process with fresh gladiolas and a crown to place upon the Blessed Mother. They crown her Queen of Heaven and Queen of the May!

Of course, we wish all our OLM Mothers and Grandmothers a happy and holy Mother's Day. May God bestow his abundant blessings upon you and your families! O sweet and lovely, Virgin Mary, Holy Mother of God, Queen of all Mothers, pray for

our Mothers!

In his 1995 Letter to Women, Saint Pope John Paul II said: *"Thank you, women who are mothers! You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. This experience makes you become God's own smile upon the newborn child, the one who guides your child's first steps, who helps it to grow and who is the anchor as the child makes its way along the journey of life."* We echo his words in thanking all Mothers, living and deceased, on this Mother's Day!

The Month of May is quickly underway! We had a decent crowd for May Devotions on Monday. Do you have thirty minutes to spend in prayer and reflection on Monday nights? Join us on Mondays at 7:00pm as we adore Jesus truly present in the Eucharist, pray the Rosary, listen to meditative music, and receive Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It's a great way to start the week and God knows we need more prayer in our lives and for our broken world.

In the name of the poor who benefit so greatly, I offer my thanks to the parishioners who helped us surpass our parish goal for the Catholic Charity Appeal. Hope to see you at May Devotions! Be well. Do Good. God Bless. Go Sox!

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: Who may receive Holy Communion at Mass? If the Church is a home for everybody, shouldn't everyone be able to receive Holy Communion?

This question is a good one because it raises a very important point. Simply being in attendance at a particular Mass is not a sufficient reason to receive Holy Communion. Each person must make a judgment about whether he or she is prepared to receive Holy Communion at that Mass.

First, non-Catholics do not receive Holy Communion. Precisely because we respect the different beliefs of non-Catholics, we do not invite them to receive Holy Communion. This respects the difference that exists between Catholic and non-Catholic beliefs. Protestants, for example, do not believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist especially as it is tied to the apostolic succession of bishops and priests through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Second, ordinarily anyone receiving Holy Communion should have fasted from food for one hour in preparation to receive Communion. This small fast prepares us spiritually for the nourishment that is to come in the Eucharist.

Third, only those in a state of grace, that is, not conscious of grave sin, should receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist does not create charity in a soul; it strengthens it. So, those who have committed a serious sin—for example refusing to worship God by failure to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation—should not receive Holy Communion until first receiving God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance. The Eucharist does not affect what it should in someone who has committed a serious sin.

Tied to this final point, if one is married (or more specifically, if engaging in conjugal relations) he or she must be married in a bond recognized by the Church. If not, they mustn't receive Holy Communion until this situation is rectified. People should always ask their parish priest if they have a question regarding their personal situation.

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



Weekly Collection

May 1, 2016

Weekly.....	\$13,925.50
EFT.....	\$1,692.50
	Total=\$15,618.00
Outreach.....	\$1,411.50

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.



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



2016 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Thanks to Your Generous Support!!!

2016 Parish Goal =\$193,864

Pledged to date:\$229,395

Number of donors:493

Average Gift=\$465

118% of Goal

Only 23% of parishioners participating to date!

If you are one of the 77% please pledge your gift today for 100% participation!



Thursday, May 12, 2016

5:30pm—7:00pm

OLM School Cafeteria

*Final Meeting of the Year with Pot-Luck
Supper! New Members welcome!!*

All OLM Young Families are invited to join us for our final meeting of the year. We will honor and thank Fr. Connors for his guidance of our group. Come by with the whole family for a Pot-Luck Supper. There will be baby-sitting provided ! Contact Kate Jelinek for more information at Kate_Jelinek@hotmail.com



I—Patrick Joseph O'Donnell & Ciara Marina Pisano
Our Lady of Lourdes St. Mary

III—Paul Joseph Lupien, Jr. & Marissa Leigh Cardullo
Our Lady of Mercy Church Our Lady of Mercy Church

May Devotions

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



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

"Hail Mary, Full of Grace"



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they would be so for one reason:
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*OLM Parishioners are invited
to attend the Ordination of*

Mr. Stephen M. Battey
St. Francis Church, Wakefield

Mr. Jean Joseph Brice
St. Michael Church, Providence

Mr. Brian J. Morris
Our Lady of Mercy Church, East Greenwich

TO THE
Order of Deacon

THROUGH THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS
AND THE INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
By

The Most Reverend Robert C. Evans
Auxiliary Bishop of Providence



Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 10:00am
The Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul
Providence, RI

Please pray for our new Deacons.

*We Congratulate OLM Parishioner and
Religious Education Teacher*

Mrs. Peggy Simms

**Lumen Gentium 2016 Award Recipient
for Catholic Education**

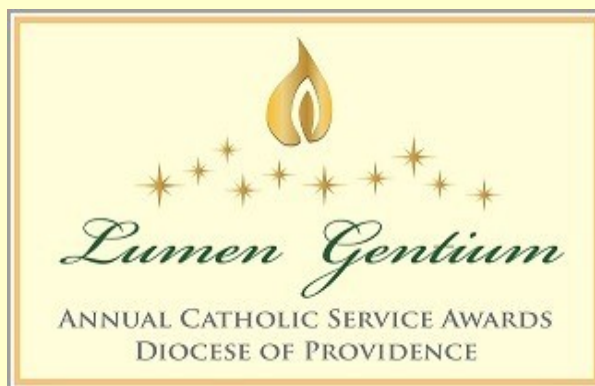
Lumen Gentium Award Dinner

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

6:00pm—9:00pm

Twin River Event Center

Lincoln, RI



Lumen Gentium, considered the central document of the Second Vatican Council, begins with the proclamation "Christ is the light of the nations." The document considers how each of the Church's members are called by God to bear Christ's light to the nations. On May 18, 2016, the Diocese of Providence will host the 4th Annual *Lumen Gentium* Awards Dinner. The purpose of this event is to honor individuals who have significant contributions to the life of the Church in the Diocese of Providence. The award recipients have been identified as outstanding men and women whose service and personal holiness testify to Christ's presence in His Church as well as His concern for the well-being and salvation of the world. The proceeds from this evening's dinner is to be distributed to two wonderful programs which provide a variety of care and services to elderly Rhode Islanders: St. Martin de Porres Multi-Service Center and Fruit Hill Day Services for the Elderly administered by the Franciscan Missionary Sisters.

*For tickets or more information, go to
www.dioceseofprovidence.org or call the Stewardship
Office at 401-278-4500*