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Second Sunday of Easter ✕ April 12, 2015

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass..... 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses..... 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

September—May..... 5:00 PM

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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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 one of the parish priests 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Please contact one of the parish priests or the Office of the Director of Vocations at 331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.

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The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2015

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Mass of Anticipation of The Second Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Jeannette Corneau—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

The Second Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Jane Watson—1st Anniversary

10:30AM Orlando Quirch—Memorial

5:00PM Special Intention

MONDAY, APRIL 13

Easter Weekday/St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

7:30 AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Lorraine M. Sedlock—2nd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Michael Dumont—26th Anniversary

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Henry Rose & Bill Berek—Memorial

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Easter Weekday

8:30AM Mrs. Mary C. Nwokeji—1st Anniversary

The Mass of Anticipation for the Third Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Frank & Eva Montaquila—Memorial

10:30AM Mary "Maggie" Shaughnessy—1st Anniversary

5:00PM Eloise Foley—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

Alleluia, He is Risen! We continue to bask in the glory of Easter! It was a magnificent Easter and Holy Week at Our Lady of Mercy. We had large crowds for our Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum and on Easter Sunday. We welcomed thirteen fully initiated Catholics into the Church at the Easter Vigil! These are great signs of faith and vitality for our parish and community.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to many people for helping make it such a solemn and joyful celebration of our Catholic Faith. We must thank our OLM Maintenance Staff under the direction of Paul Anderson for all their hard work cleaning the Church and the property around the parish from the sandy debris of the harsh winter. We also thank the many volunteers who clean and prepare the Church for Holy Week.

We are truly grateful for the dedicated work of Nancy Wray and our Sacristans who prepare all the vestments, vessels and other essentials for Holy Week Liturgies. The flowers and decorations that contributed to the beauty and joy of Easter and Holy Week are the result of the devotion and care of Cecelia Franzone and her band of decorators. We thank them!

The music provided by our OLM Choir led by our Music Director, Henri St. Louis, and the singing of our Soloist, Deirdre Donovan, during Holy Week and Easter was spectacular, and we are grateful! The service of our

many Altar Servers was truly reverent and solemn and we thank them all!

Also, our Lectors proclaimed the Word of God with great faith and joy and we are grateful. The many Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who so reverently distribute Holy Communion and those who bring the Eucharist to the homebound on Easter is truly appreciated. And of course our dedicated troop of ushers provided their usual strong support and warm welcome to our many visitors. We thank them all!

I must also thank our hardworking Associate Pastor, Fr. Connors, for his dedication to ensuring all the preparations and many details for Holy Week were not just completed but completed with care and concern. Father was able to serve as the celebrant of the Easter Vigil, for the very first time as a priest. He did a magnificent job of celebrating the Mass as he baptized, received, and confirmed our thirteen candidates.

If you didn't get to the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night then you missed an outstanding celebration of the Catholic Faith. We thank our thirteen new Catholics for their commitment to RCIA Class and for answering the call of Christ to follow Him in His Church. We also thank their many teachers of the faith in the RCIA who weekly taught and exemplified the joy of being a committed Catholic!

Yes, we can certainly sing with the Psalmist that *"this is the*

day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!" Holy Week and Easter are the most important events of the liturgical year. Here at OLM we are truly graced with so many people who not just understand this but choose to celebrate it with faith and devotion.

Fr. Connors and I also were privileged this Holy Week to celebrate an extra special event. On Wednesday of Holy Week, longtime OLM Parishioner, Mrs. Claire Sharpe, celebrated her 105th birthday. Father Connors and I were able to celebrate a special Mass for her with her daughters and some friends from the parish. It was truly a great blessing to celebrate Claire's long life but also her deep and abiding Catholic Faith. All she wanted for her 105th Birthday was to go to Mass! Happy Birthday and God's Blessing to this wonderful Catholic lady!

After such a long, cold, and snowy winter, the glory of Easter and the signs of new life are truly a welcome sight. We give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on our parish and in our own lives. I know I give thanks to God for allowing me the great privilege to serve such a wonderful parish community of faith and love. God is good and we thank Him!

Let us continue to celebrate the Risen Lord who is so alive in our lives and in our Church! Happy Easter! God Bless. Go Sox!

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

St. John Paul II declared the second Sunday of Easter to be "Divine Mercy Sunday." It is an occasion throughout the Church's year to reflect on the gift of divine mercy.

The modern devotion to divine mercy has its origin in Saint Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938). She was a Polish nun who received visions of the Lord with messages concerning His mercy. St. Faustina was the first saint canonized by Pope John Paul II in the new millennium.

Devotion to divine mercy has become especially popular in recent years. It is a custom to pray the chaplet of divine mercy at 3:00pm each day. Those prayers are prayed on traditional rosary beads with short prayers in honor of God's mercy, asking His mercy to overflow into our world.

The liturgical texts (the readings and prayers for Mass) were not changed to establish Divine Mercy Sunday. The readings and prayers of the second Sunday of Easter already expressed the theme of God's Mercy.

The Gospel for that Sunday, for example, provides as explicit reference to the Sacrament of Penance—which is the Sacrament of God's mercy. Our Lord tells his apostles, the first bishops and priests of the Church: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:22-23).

The Church offers a plenary indulgence—that is, the removal of all temporal punishment due to sin—to those who take part in prayers or devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy on this day. To obtain the indulgence the usual conditions still apply, namely, Confession, Holy Communion, prayers for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, and detachment from all sin.

Here at Our Lady of Mercy we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00pm on Divine Mercy Sunday with the opportunity for Confession following.

If you have a question for Fr. Connors about the Catholic Faith or a matter of Church Teaching, please email him at associatepastor@olmparish.org



Weekly Collection

April 5, 2015

Weekly.....	\$15,091.50
EFT.....	\$1,413.50
	Total=\$16,505.00
Outreach.....	\$1,484.50
Easter Collection.....	\$13,261.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$2,602.00
Good Friday/Holy Land.....	\$2,035.00

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.

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.

Thank you for your generosity!



SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Week: Building & Grounds



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Charity Appeal

2015 Parish Goal=\$193,864.00
CCA 2015 Total (to date): \$149,892.00
77% of Goal

Thank you for your generous support!

TIME CHANGE FOR SATURDAY MASS
Beginning on **THIS Saturday, April 11, 2015** the time of Saturday Evening Mass at OLM moves from **4:00PM to 5:00PM**. **Confessions** on Saturdays move from **3:00PM to 4:00PM**. Please plan accordingly.



RE Classes resume this weekend.

No RE Classes April 19 & 26 due to School Spring Vacation.

Mandatory Confirmation Lecture this week: ALL Confirmation Candidates, public, parochial & home study are to attend at 6:00PM in OLM School Cafeteria.



OLM Bereavement Group meets this Thursday, April 16th at 4PM at Mercy House. Please join OLM Parishioners who are experiencing loneliness, loss, grief and sorrow in a time of prayer and support. For more information please contact Doug Green at the OLM Outreach Office, 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org

We offer our thanks to the many parishioners who so generously donated food for Easter meals to the OLM Food Pantry. Thanks to you many area families in need enjoyed a meal this year!

Thank you for generous support!



●**The Spring Fling** is on **Friday, May 1st** at **Quidnessett Country Club**. For our new families, this is a festive social event and is the school's biggest fundraiser. We encourage first year families to become involved in this event-it's a great way to meet parents and connect with the OLM community. The funds raised at this event subsidize many of the school's extracurricular programs and educational enhancement initiatives.

Now accepting applications for entrance. Please visit our new website at www.olmschool.org or call 884-1618 for more information.

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We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, **Domenic Maio, Eloise Foley, Robert Burton and Mary O'Doherty** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here at Our Lady of Mercy Church last week.

May they rest in peace.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration at OLM

Sunday, April 12, 2015
3:00pm



Join us as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy together. Fr. Connors is to offer a reflection on Mercy. The Sacrament of Confession is to be available. ***Everyone is welcome to attend.***

Welcome to Our Church



***Congratulations and Prayerful Best Wishes
to Our Newly Initiated into the Catholic Faith at Easter***

Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation

Alex Hubert Iovino
Sophia Anne Cooke

Reception, First Communion & Confirmation

Brenda Elizabeth Verdi
Sally Mary Gruber
Gregory Gregory Winner
William Francis Cooke

Reception & First Communion

Marilyn Cooke
Ava Cooke

Confirmation

Christopher Nicholas Guillemette
Crystal Elizabeth Ann Seton Silva
Christopher Thomas Aquinas Ratigan
Donovan Joseph Cassidy
Kayla Genevieve Cassidy

"I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia." — Entrance Antiphon for Easter Day

alleluia!
Christ has Risen!

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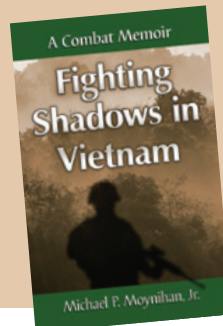


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