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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ✕ April 20, 2014

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

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

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

September—June..... 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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday..... 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Easter Vigil
 8:00 PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish
 9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish
 10:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 21

Monday within the Octave of Easter
 7:30 AM Intentions of the MMP Rosary Cenacle

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
 7:30 AM Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
 7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 7:30 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Friday with the Octave of Easter
 7:30 AM Edward & Deborah Sullivan—Memorial

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Saturday within the Octave of Easter
 8:30 AM Eleanor Cole & Irene Murtha—Birthday Rembrnc.

Mass of Anticipation for the Second Sunday of Easter
 5:00PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Second Sunday of Easter
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Frank Montaquila—8th Anniversary
 10:30 AM Dr. Augustine Capotosto & Deceased Members
 of the Capotosto & Gelardi Families—Memorial
 5:00PM Lucille Maynard—Birthday Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

Happy Easter! We pass over from darkness to light, from death to life! Jesus has passed over from the cross to the resurrection! It is indeed as the Psalmist proclaims: *"this is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"*

This Easter Sunday we once again stand before Jesus' empty tomb. Are we perplexed, like Peter? Lost in grief, like Mary Magdalene? Open to something we still don't fully understand, like John? We are privileged to stand with eyes enlightened by faith and hearts enlarged by love, having received the gift of faith and love at baptism. This gift has been nurtured through the sacraments, the preaching and the prayers of the Church.

This Easter as millions of Catholics renew their baptismal promises they also proclaim their faith: *"I believe in the resurrection of the body."* None of us has seen with our physical eyes the risen Lord nor experienced what it is to live in a risen body. But we know from our own experience that what we don't see with physical eyes, what cannot be measured and counted or manipulated in a laboratory, is more real than what we can see now with our still mortal eyes.

We cannot see or directly touch sympathy for a friend in need, sorrow for those who find their lives turned upside down because they have lost a parent, a spouse, a child or because the economic recession has deprived them of a job or a home; we

cannot directly measure compassion for the sick, joy at the birth of a child, loving devotion to a husband or wife, or our faith in Jesus Christ and our hope in his promises. Yet these immeasurable realities are what are most real. They shape a truly human life, enlivened further by God's grace.

When we are at Mass what we see with physical eyes are bread and wine. What we believe is really present is the risen body of Christ. That body is not constrained by the rules of space and time of this world's limitations. The risen Lord is completely free, having broken the bonds of death and the grave. His risen body comes to us in Holy Communion, under the visible forms of bread and wine.

Christ comes with the promise of new life, with the assurance that our still mortal bodies will rise to immortality if we receive him now in the Eucharist. *"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood,"* Jesus promises, *"will live forever."* We take him at his word, for he is the risen Lord.

Christ is risen from the grave and the Church is our Mother, therefore our destiny reaches beyond space and time, beyond what can be measured and controlled. And therein lies our hope and the meaning for our lives. The glorified Christ draws us and the whole world upward to new life.

The Resurrection which we commemorate at Easter is not just a distant historical event of

the past. It is a challenge for today and it opens a path of hope for the future. And so we must run with this Easter message. We must tell all whom we love and we must tell all others that Christ has risen from the dead. He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

Next Sunday Pope Francis is to beatify Blessed Pope John XXIII and Blessed Pope John Paul II. This means they are now to be saints of our Church. We will remember these saintly popes at Masses next week here at OLM. In his first *Urbi et Orbi* (To the City and the World) Easter Message in 1979, Pope John Paul II asked: *"How could we fail to rejoice at the victory of this Christ, who passed through the world doing good to everyone and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, in which is expressed the fullness of the redemptive goodness of God? How can we fail to rejoice at the revelation of the power of God alone and at the victory of this power over sin and human blindness? How can we fail to rejoice at the victory definitively won by good over evil?"*

We can't fail to rejoice on this Easter Day! We rejoice that Christ is risen, he has defeated sin and death. Let us proclaim: *"This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"* Fr. Connors and I offer our prayers and blessings to you for a truly Holy and Happy Easter!

Father Healey

Dear Fr. Connors: On the first Easter Sunday, was the tomb really empty?



We can answer this question unequivocally: Yes, the tomb was empty and Jesus really and truly rose from the dead. As St. Paul explained: “If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.” (1 Cor. 15:14). The historical reality of the resurrection is the foundation—and the confirmation—of Christian faith.

Christianity is not primarily a set of doctrines or a challenging moral code. It is an encounter with a person, Jesus of Nazareth. The resurrection means that He isn’t simply a moral teacher or wise sage from centuries ago. He is risen and alive and at work in the Church.

The apostles and other early Christians were transformed after the resurrection. They lived—and died—for the belief that Jesus really is who He said He was—the Son of God come among us as a man. His resurrection is confirmation of that. The willingness of the apostles to give their lives for the Christian faith—for belief in Christ’s resurrection—is strong evidence for the historical reality of the resurrection.

The enemies of Christianity never once claimed to produce a corpse nor found a single disciple to admit that it was some kind of hoax. The most honest read of the evidence points to the truth of faith—Jesus really did rise from dead. His apostles saw Him and were willing to die to tell others about Him.

The resurrection is a real event in human history. It is at the very same time an event that transcends history, as it inserts Christians into a truly new way of living. Christ did not simply rise to the same kind of life we live now, but to resurrected life, new life, life everlasting. Happy Easter.

If you have a question on the Church and Her teachings for Fr. Connors send it to associatepastor@olmparish.org

Weekly Collection

April 13, 2014

Weekly.....	\$14,402.00
EFT.....	\$1,931.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$11,078.46
Outreach.....	\$475.00

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 generosity!

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Easter Collection

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



“Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid.” —Pope Francis

Catholic Charity Appeal

2014 CCA Parish Goal for OLM: \$193,684

2014 OLM Donor Goal: 600

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Total donors to date: 342

Average gift: \$399

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Easter Sunday



Reforming our lives during Lent has led us to renewing our baptismal promises at this Easter celebration.

Each Sunday during the Easter season, we should recall our baptism through the rite of blessing and sprinkling holy water.

This is the ideal time of year to celebrate not only baptism but also confirmation and first communion, the sacraments which complete the Christian initiation process begun with baptism.



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We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner, **Francesco N. Gallo** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May he rest in peace.

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The Life and Vocation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia

Sunday, May 4, 2014

7:00pm in OLM School Library

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OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-14

RE Grades 1—5

Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM

RE Grades 6—8

Sundays 6:00PM—7:00PM

*No RE Classes this week due to School Vacation. Happy Easter!!
All RE Classes resume Sunday, May 4th!*



The **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of food. Please leave your food donations in the box in the vestibule of Church. Please place all food donations in the large Food Box located in the vestibule of Church. If you would like to volunteer to assist with our Food Pantry, please contact **Doug Green** at 884-4410. *Thank you for your generosity.*



Registration is now open to all high school teens (grades 8-12) for the Steubenville East Youth Conference on July 18-20, 2014 at University of Rhode Island Kingston, RI. For more information contact: Fr. Connors 884-4968 or associatepastor@olmparish.org

Registration form available online at www.olmparish.org



• **USED LAPTOPS:** Have you upgraded your laptop to the newest version and still have the old useable one hanging around? We are looking for Windows XP or later laptops that we can use for Robotics and other programs at Our Lady of Mercy School. If you have one to donate, please leave at the school (884-1618) with your name and address and phone number. We will send you a letter of appreciation that you can use as a deduction on your taxes for next year.

• **SAVE THE DATE:** Please join us on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 for a Celebration for Sister Jeanne Barry, RSM OLM School Principal. The Dinner will be held at Quidnessett Country Club. The Planning Committee will publish details in the coming weeks. ***So please plan on attending and mark your calendar now!***

• **SCHOOL VACATION** begins Friday April 18th. School resumes on Monday, April 28th. Happy Easter to all our faculty, staff and students!

• **2ND ANNUAL THOMAS G. CAVAVAGH 5K WALK/RUN:** Join us on Saturday, May 17th at OLM School. Start time is 9AM and Kid's Run is at 8:30AM. Register at www.iamathlete.com or TGCFund.org All proceeds to benefit OLM School. Sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, contact courtney_cavanagh@hotmail.com



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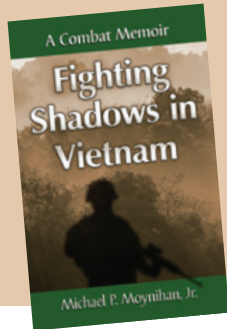
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