

*“Do not walk through time
without leaving worthy
evidence of your passage.”*

Pope John XXIII

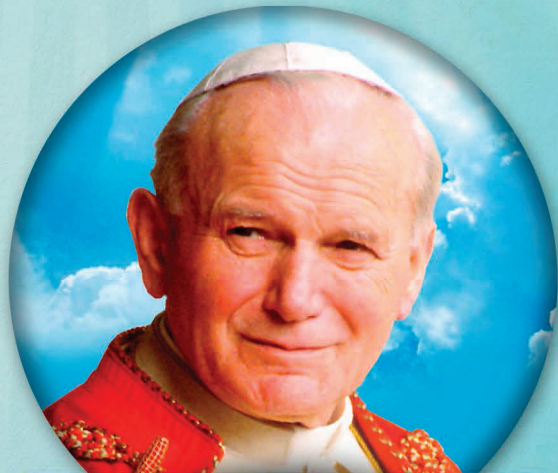


*“Divine Mercy is the light for the
way forward for the people of the
third millennium.”*

Pope John Paul II



Saint John XXIII



Saint John Paul II

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SATURDAY, APRIL 26

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Second Sunday of Easter

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

MONDAY, APRIL 28

*Easter Weekday/St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis
 Grignon de Montfort, Priest*

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Zaino Family—Mem.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 7:30 AM John Gardner—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Easter Weekday/St. Pius V, Pope
 7:30AM Robert J. Casey, Jr. —Memorial

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Easter Weekday/St. Joseph the Worker
 7:30AM Hannah Basler—17th Anniversary

FRIDAY, MAY 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Special Intention
 9:00AM Sister Joan Connelly,SSND—Memorial

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Saints Philip & James, Apostles
 8:30AM Edward T. O'Keefe—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for the Third Sunday of Easter
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Second Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Richard & Sandra Ponte—Memorial
 10:30AM Joseph D'Amato—Memorial
 5:00PM Edward F. Doorley—9th Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

Happy Easter! What a glorious celebration of Holy Week and Easter we had at Our Lady of Mercy. We saw large crowds at all the Liturgies of Holy Week and standing room only crowds on Easter Sunday. At the Easter Vigil Mass we baptized an adult into the Catholic Faith, received a convert into the Catholic Church and confirmed two adult Catholics in their faith. It was a joyful celebration of the Risen Lord and our Catholic faith.

Such beauty and joy wouldn't be possible without the hard work of so many good people. We thank Cecelia Franzone and her dedicated troop of decorators for making our Church so beautiful for Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. They did a tremendous job and we are grateful! We thank our musicians, Deirdre Donovan and Nick LaRoche, and our parish choirs for their great gift of beautiful and prayerful music.

We thank our great Altar Servers who provided reverent service at all the Holy Week Liturgies and Easter Sunday. We also thank our Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for their faithful service during such a special time for our Church and Parish. And of course we thank our loyal Ushers for their welcoming and ushering of the many people who came to Church.

It was truly a beautiful and faith-filled Holy Week and Easter at OLM and I am grateful to all who participated and helped to

make it such a meaningful experience.

With the Easter Season well underway, we continue to celebrate our faith with joy and hope. The hymn of glory we sang at the Easter Vigil, the Exsultet, declares: *"Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness."*

For the 50 days Easter we celebrate the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. We mark this season with hope and joy over the glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of every Christian: *Alleluia!* All faith flows from faith in the resurrection and it is as St. Paul said: *"If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith."*

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Easter, or Paschal Candle, is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. This candle which was blessed at the Easter Vigil is used at Baptisms, Confirmations and Funerals and during the Easter Season is kept near the ambo (pulpit) throughout Easter Time until Pentecost.

Today in Rome Pope

Francis is to canonize two Popes as Saints. Blessed Pope John Paul II and Blessed Pope John XXIII are now Saints of our Church and offered as examples to us for their heroic and holy lives of faith and service. Pope John Paul, known as a globetrotter who made 104 trips outside Italy, served as pope from 1978 to 2005 and Blessed John XXIII, known particularly for convoking the Second Vatican Council, was pope from 1958 to 1963.

We turn in prayer to these good and holy Churchmen and ask for their intercession for our Church and Parish. I am grateful to the San Martino Family for donating a beautiful statue of Saint Pope John Paul II in memory of Maria San Martino. This statue will be placed in our candle room so we make seek the regular intercession of John Paul.

Pope Francis said Blessed John was *"a bit of the 'country priest,' a priest who loves each of the faithful and knows how to care for them; He was holy, patient, had a good sense of humor and a man of courage, especially by calling the Second Vatican Council."* Pope Francis said of Blessed John Paul : *"I think of him as 'the great missionary of the church, because he was "a man who proclaimed the Gospel everywhere."* We rejoice in the Risen Lord and rejoice in our two new Saints! St. Pope John Paul II and St. Pope John XXII, pray for us! God bless. Happy Easter!!

Father Healey

Dear Fr. Connors: What do you think about the canonization of Pope John Paul II?



I must admit, I could not be happier. It is a sign of great hope for the Church. I think he shows us the posture for how the Church should relate to the contemporary world. John Paul taught us to “Be Not Afraid.” He told us that holding fast to the truth of the Gospel—with all its challenge—doesn’t make one mean or shrill but makes one a disciple of Jesus.

John Paul II taught us we could be open to the world only when we held fast to the truth of faith. He had the courage to call us—the western world—a culture of death. He told us to value human life, every human life, at every stage, in every place. He taught us the sanctity of marriage, the dignity of the life-giving capacity of human love. He told us the truth that we need an economy and a politics that serves families and the makes room for the poor.

He told us that God is rich in mercy, that the redeemer of man is the center of human history and all time. He showed us the splendor of truth and the Gospel of Life and the harmony of faith and reason. He prayed that all Christians might be one, that Mary, the Mother of the Redeemer, was our Mother too, and that the Eucharist, more than anything else, was the foundation of the Church.

He taught us the value of human suffering, which was itself transformed on the cross. One is still struck by the fact that during his final months, the whole world was invited to watch him die.

Before all else, he was a man committed to the truth of the Gospel. In a world in need of heroes John Paul II became a hero of history. He was God’s answer to the contemporary world. That is, by the way, how God answers the world’s problems, He raises up saints. At his canonization we do well to pause and remember on how blessed we were to have lived in the time of John Paul the Great.

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

Weekly Collection

April 20, 2014

Weekly.....	\$12,852.00
EFT.....	\$1,582.00
Easter.....	\$11,746.00
Outreach.....	\$130.00
Good Friday.....	\$2,142.00

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.

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Week: Building & Grounds Collection

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



2014
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Catholic Charity Appeal

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

2014 OLM Donor Goal: 600

Total to date: \$145,092.00

Total donors to date: 363

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***Congratulations to Our Newly Initiated
at the Easter Vigil***



Baptism, Communion & Confirmation

Michael Rene Senkow

Communion & Confirmation

Zachary Elmo Brekenfeld

Confirmation

James James Aptt
Christopher Allucio Campopiano

Please pray for them!

***Congratulations to our
newly baptized on Easter Sunday:***



John Gabriel Huynh,
and his parents, John and Erin.

"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

MONTHLY OLM BREAKFAST GROUP



Please join us for our monthly breakfast gathering on **Wednesday, April 30th after the 7:30AM Mass** for a delicious breakfast, fun and fellowship at the Crackerbarrel Restaurant. All are welcome!

OLM MOSI



MOSJ leaders meeting on Monday, April 28th at 7:00PM in Parish Meeting Room. Men of St. Joseph Monthly meeting is to be held on Saturday, May 3rd in the Meeting Room in the Parish Office. Contact Deacon John Dowd for more information at the Parish Office 884-4968 or deacon@olmparish.org

**The Life and Vocation of the
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Sunday, May 4, 2014

7:00pm in OLM School Library
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First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



Join us on **Friday, May 2nd** following the 9:00AM First Friday Mass for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6:45PM with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



**Catholic Relief Services
Helping Hands Meal Packing Event**
Saturday, May 3 from 2PM -5PM
at Msgr. Clarke School

Volunteers are needed to pack nutritious meals for the hungry and poor in Burkina Faso. Families welcome to help. Go to helpinghands.crs.org for more information.



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 place all food donations in the large Food Box located in the vestibule of Church. ***Thank you for your generosity.***

OLM Bereavement Group meets Thursday, May 1 at 4:00PM in Mercy House, all those experiencing grief, loneliness or despair are invited to attend. Please contact Doug Green at 884-4410 for more information.



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

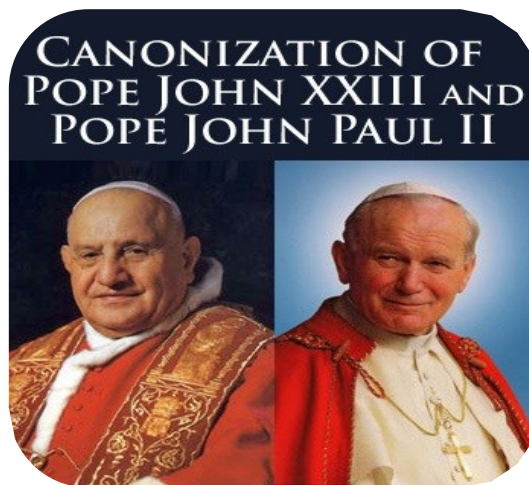
Registration form available online at www.olmparish.org



• **OLM School First Friday Mass:** Friday, May 2 at 9:00AM . All Parishioners are invited to attend.

• **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!***

• **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



Lord, we thank You for the holy examples of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. Through their intercession, may we be led ever deeper into the fullness of Your love, so that we can reflect that love to all Your children here on Earth, and eventually be united with You and all the saints in heaven. Amen.

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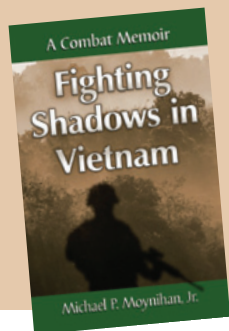
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