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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ ✕ June 22, 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

Holyday 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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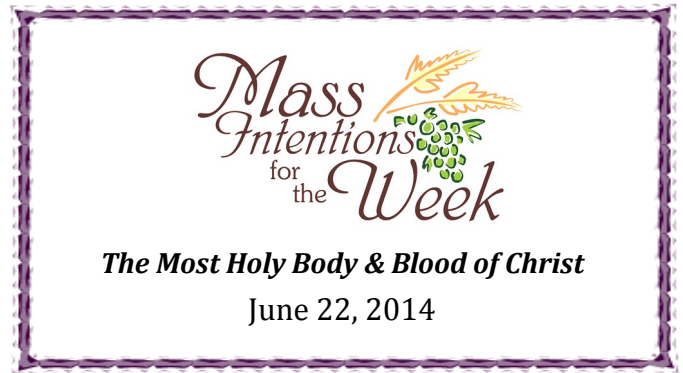
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SATURDAY, JUNE 21

The Vigil of The Most Holy Trinity
 5:00 PM Celestina, Felix, & Irene Giorgio—Memorial

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

The Most Holy Trinity

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Bruce Hart—Birthday Remembrance
 10:30AM Charles Casmir Chingas—Memorial
 5:00PM Sister Patricia Barry, RSM—1st Anniversary

MONDAY, JUNE 23

Weekday
 7:30 AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—Memorial

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
 7:30 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

Weekday
 7:30AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

Weekday
 7:30AM Philip Gardiner—12th Anniversary

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 7:30AM Maria San Martino—1st Anniversary

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:30AM Gus Paglia—25th Anniversary
Vigil of The Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles
 5:00PM Kate Bedard—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

The Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Steven Conte—Anniversary
 10:30AM John Bucci—4th Anniversary
 5:00PM George Little—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

Happy Feast of Corpus Christi!! Since the Apostolic Church, Christians have been celebrating the Eucharist in which we partake of the body and blood of Christ. Jesus instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday. The Eucharist is also called Holy Communion, the Blessed Sacrament or the Mass (from the Latin word meaning "to dismiss"). Even though Christians have highly esteemed every sacrament, the Eucharist has traditionally held a special place among the sacraments.

St. Ignatius of Antioch (105 AD) referred to the Eucharist as the "medicine of immortality" and St. Ephrem the Syrian (373 AD) taught that even crumbs from the Eucharistic host could sanctify thousands and thousands. St. Thomas Aquinas suggested the Eucharist was the greatest of all sacraments. The Church has viewed the Eucharist as unique, even among the sacraments, since the earliest times. So it is fitting that the great Feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated every year specifically to commemorate the Eucharist.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that: *"The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life.' The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ*

himself." (1324)."

The Eucharist constitutes *"the Church's entire spiritual wealth, that is, Christ Himself, our Passover and living bread."* It is the *"Sacrament of Sacraments"* and through it *"the work of our redemption is accomplished."* Jesus Christ who is the *"living bread that came down from heaven"* assures us that *"whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."*

As we celebrate this feast, let us do so with great faith, devotion and solemnity. We should never take the Eucharist for granted but celebrate it as one of the greatest gifts God has given us. This feast is a good occasion to ask ourselves how important the Eucharist is in our lives.

When we come to Mass we must never forget we are coming to the greatest banquet in the history of the world. It is at Mass that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is truly present to us. It is at Mass we come forward to reverently and worthily receive our Lord in Holy Communion. It is not a casual affair and we must not become casual in how we approach the Lord at Mass.

Each week many people come forward to receive Holy Communion but don't seem to know how to properly receive the Host. We can receive the Host on the tongue or on the hand. If we are to receive in the hand, the best way is to put the right-hand down and put the left-hand on

top of it and make, as Tertullian used to say, *"a throne for the Lord."*

When the priest or the extraordinary minister holds up the Host and says *"The Body of Christ"*, the proper response is to say loudly: *"Amen."* Our *"Amen"* is a statement of faith and should be said aloud in faith and with joy! After receiving the Host we should then take a step or two to the side to make way for the next communicant. It is then we must immediately consume the Host. Communion should not be received on the run, as we are walking back to our pew or even worse as we walk out the door! The Host should be consumed immediately before returning to our seat. It should be done reverently, solemnly and prayerfully.

We congratulate Robert Legare and Grant Lewandowski who serve their last Mass this weekend at OLM. They have served as Altar Servers since the 4th grade but now they are off to college. We thank them for their many years of faithful service and dedication to God and Parish. We are blessed at OLM to have such great Altar Servers.

Also we welcome Mr. Scott Fuller, the new Principal of Our Lady of Mercy School, to our parish this weekend. He assumes his new duties on July 1st. Please keep Mr. Fuller in your prayers as he begins to lead our school. Have a great week. Schools out, be safe!! God Bless.

Father Healey

Dear Nicholas: How does a Seminarian prepare for the Priesthood?



When I am asked about seminary, many are surprised when I tell them that it takes six to eight years to form a priest. However, when you think of the responsibility of the Priest to lead God's people to eternal life, it is comforting to know that the Church has produced a formation program which thoroughly prepares Her Priests.

But what does the seminarian do for those six to eight years? St. John Paul II left the Church instruction on how Priests should be formed in his apostolic exhortation *Pastores Dabo Vobis*. This exhortation states that seminarians should be formed under four pillars of formation.

Pastoral formation is where the seminarian learns about the works of a Priest. To learn this, the seminarian attends lectures given by priests, religious and lay people who explain their works and how they perform them. He is also given apostolic assignments where he goes out to a parish, food pantry or other ministry to see how they work.

Through human formation the seminarian works on himself to become a better human being. The seminarian meets with a formation advisor throughout his formation who helps guide him through some of his faults and to strengthen his talents.

Intellectual formation is where the seminarian learns the history and teachings of the Church. The seminarian needs to be grounded in both philosophy and theology. In the first part of seminary, known as minor seminary, the seminarian studies philosophy. In the second part of seminary, known as major seminary, the seminarian studies theology.

The seminarian grows in his spiritual life through spiritual formation. This is done through prayer and meetings with his spiritual director. With the spiritual director, the seminarian discusses his prayer life and what he believes God has been revealing to him. He uses these meetings to strengthen his prayer life and also to determine if God is calling to move on in seminary or to discern a different vocation. I hope this short glimpse into the formation process is helpful.

Peace of Christ,
Seminarian Nicholas Robenhymer

If you have a question on the Church and Her teachings for Nicholas send it to parish@olmparish.org

Weekly Collection

June 15, 2014

Weekly.....\$12,140.00
EFT.....\$2,181.00
Outreach.....\$421.00

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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CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

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

2014 OLM Donor Goal: 600

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Total donors to date: 563

Average gift: \$412.00

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Re-Registration for Religious Education
Attention all RE Families. Registration for next year (2014-2015) available online at the parish website (olmparish.org). Please re-register your children for all grades of Religious Education. Late fees will be applied to all those who do not register on time.

Thank you for your prompt cooperation.



The **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of food especially during the summer months. Please leave all donated food items in the Food Bin in the Vestibule of Church. Thank you for your generous support.



School has ended for this year! We wish our students, families, faculty and staff a healthy and happy summer! For our complete list of Summer Education Camps, please go online at www.olmschool.org

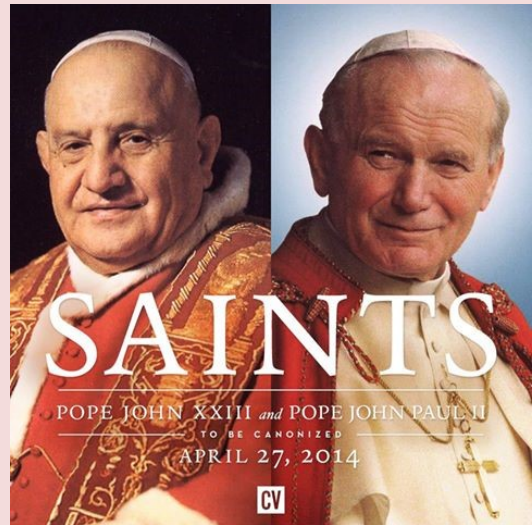


Legion of Mary

Join us for the Legion of Mary! We meet every Tuesday at 7:00PM in the Church Cry Room.

Two Popes, Two Saints

A Presentation by Father David Gaffney
 Spiritual Director at North American College in Rome
 Wednesday, July 2, 2014



Fr. David Gaffney will celebrate the 7:30AM morning Mass on Wednesday, July 2, 2014. After Mass join him for coffee an' and a presentation about the Canonization of Pope St. John XXIII and Pope St. John Paul II. Fr. Gaffney presently serves as a Spiritual Director at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. He attended the Mass of Canonization on April 27th

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT FOR EMMANUEL HOUSE



Emmanuel House needs your help. OLM Parishioner and Troop 5 North Kingstown Life Boy Scout, Chip Broderick is collecting items for the residents of Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter in Providence. They are in need of the following: snacks, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, sunscreen, soap, razors, backpacks, sheets, shoes, towels, facecloths and RIPTA bus tickets. A collection box will be placed in the vestibule from June 15-29. For more information contact Chip at 477-6465. Thank you for your support!

MONTHLY BREAKFAST



All are welcome to join us for our Monthly Breakfast Gathering at the Cracker Barrel following 7:30AM Mass on Wednesday, June 25th.

Body and Blood of Christ



Today's solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates the doctrine of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

This feast was established in the thirteenth century not long after the Fourth Lateran Council reaffirmed this doctrine in the face of much theological debate on the issue.

In former days, it was known as *Corpus Christi*, the Body of Christ, and there was a separate feast of the Precious Blood. The current church calendar combines the two into a single celebration.

In many places of the world, it is still celebrated on its traditional day, the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. That day was chosen by the church to remember Holy Thursday, the day on which the Eucharist was instituted.



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The Sunday 5:00PM Evening Mass ends on Sunday, June 29th and will resume in September. **There will be no Sunday 5PM Mass in July or August.**

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will resume in September. **There will be no First Friday Adoration in July or August.**

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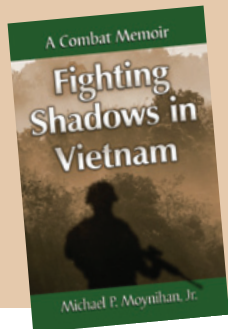
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