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Fourth Sunday of Lent ✕ March 30, 2014

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass..... 4:00 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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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment.

Saturdays at 3:00 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, MARCH 29

Mass of Anticipation for the Fourth Sunday of Lent
 4:00 PM Jeannine Hoffer—Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish
 9:00 AM Eva Montaquila—Memorial
 10:30AM Lillian E. Healey—27th Anniversary
 5:00PM John & Katherine Dwyer—Memorial

MONDAY, MARCH 31

Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Lillian E. Healey—27th Anniversary
 12:05PM Emily & Frederick Miller—Memorial

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM John H. Duffy—Memorial
 12:05PM Harold Maddalena—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Lenten Weekday/St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

7:30AM Mary Watson—Memorial
 12:05PM Greg Corgan—Memorial

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM John Stetkiewicz—Memorial
 12:05PM Shirley A. Sheehan—Month's Mind

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Lenten Weekday/St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM Gerard Collins—7th Anniversary
 12:05PM Francis J. Maguire & Deceased Members of the
 Maguire Family—Memorial

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Lenten Weekday/St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

8:30 AM Robert H. Powers, Jr.—Month's Mind

Mass of Anticipation of the Fifth Sunday of Lent
 5:00 PM Albertina June Tait—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Barbara & Harold Schock—Memorial
 10:30AM Ray Miranda—Memorial
 5:00PM Alfred Sisson—Memorial



Dear Parishioners:

We had a great turnout for last week's Lenten Mission. It was good to see so many coming to Confession and staying for the Mission talks each night. We are grateful to Father Mark Spalding from Louisville for preaching the Lenten Mission this year. His powerful and inspiring sermons provided much food for thought for all of us to reflect upon during these final weeks of Lent. I hope you were able to attend at least one night of the Mission.

Last weekend we also celebrated First Confessions for the OLM School First Communion Class. It was a joyous occasion for these children as they sacramentally received God's mercy and forgiveness for the first time. Many of their parents also were able to go to Confession and some of them expressed me how grateful they were for the opportunity to also receive God's merciful absolution of sin. I ask you to please pray for our First Communion Children as they continue to prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time in May.

If you haven't been able to get to Confession yet this Lent, I encourage you to do so. Pope Francis recently stated about Confession: *"Everyone say to himself: 'When was the last time I went to confession?' And if it has been a long time, don't lose another day! Go, the priest will be good. And Jesus, (will be) there, and Jesus is better than the priests - Jesus receives you. He will receive you with so much love! Be*

courageous, and go to confession." I pray everyone has the "courage" to go to Confession this Lent!

We have begun the search for a new Principal for OLM School and established a Search Committee to aid us in the process. Along with the Search Committee's input, we will also survey all of our school parents and faculty about our school and about what they are looking for in a principal. There are currently six of our Catholic elementary schools looking for a new principal so please pray for the members of our Search Committee that they find the best candidate available.

Also I am pleased to announce that we are planning a celebration for Sister Jeanne on June 18th at the Quidnessett Country Club. There is a committee overseeing the event and they hope to have tickets available in the coming weeks for any parishioner or school family who wish to join us in celebrating Sister Jeanne and her time at OLM School. Keep your eye on the bulletin for more information on the event.

Next weekend at the 10:30AM Mass we will bless the new Processional Cross which we will use at Mass. I discovered the cross in a basement closet in the Rectory. It was first used on the high altar of the old Our Lady of Mercy Church on Main Street. I had it refurbished and made into a Processional Cross. It is not only a great piece of our parish history but also quite beautiful. After it is

blessed at Mass, it will serve as our Processional Cross at all Masses. It is available to be memorialized if you would like to donate it in memory of a loved one.

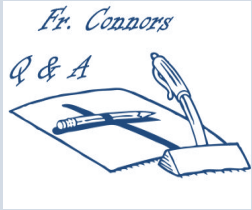
I am happy to announce that a new statue is to be placed in our OLM Candle Room. Since we moved good St. Joseph into the main Church there is a space available. So I've ordered a beautiful statue of Blessed Pope John Paul to be placed there. It is to be blessed on Sunday, April 27th, the very day that Blessed John Paul II is to be canonized a saint. I was notified that it is arriving from Italy next week and soon to be shipped to Rhode Island. This statue is available to be memorialized if you would like to donate it in memory of a loved one.

As we enter the final weeks of the Holy Season of Lent I ask you to please pray for our RCIA candidates who are to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Their presence in our parish is a great sign of our life and vitality as a faith community and we pray they may continue to grow in the faith and deepen their relationship with Christ.

I remind you that next Saturday, April 5th, the evening Mass is moving to 5:00PM and Confessions to 4:00PM on Saturdays. Pray, fast, and give Alms! See you at Stations of the Cross. God Bless.

Father Healey

Dear Fr. Connors: Would you please explain how to properly receive Holy Communion?



Thanks for your question. I only want to answer questions I actually receive (even if that means insisting the school children ask me questions for this column)! In any event, I am happy to answer this particular request.

The external posture by which we receive Holy Communion shows our interior love for the mystery we celebrate. Attention to external signs of reverence show our love of the Holy Eucharist.

Before one receives Holy Communion the Church asks that one make a bow of the head as a sign of reverence for what (or really who) we are about to receive. In order to facilitate the smooth distribution of Holy Communion, each communicant should step right up to the priest, deacon or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. After hearing the words "The Body of Christ" the communicant should respond "Amen" indicating belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

In addition to the traditional posture of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, the Holy See has granted permission for the faithful in the United States to receive Communion on the hand.

If one receives on the tongue, one should be sure to open his or her mouth wide enough that the host can easily be placed on the tongue. If one receives on the hand, the right hand should be placed directly under the left—like a throne ready to receive a king. The communicant should then **immediately** consume the host using the right hand. I must say there is nothing more disturbing than to see someone walk away with the Eucharist. In my short time as a priest, I have seen people put the host in their pocket on a number of occasions.

Those who are carrying something or assisting a small child, for example, should consider receiving on the tongue. It is very important that the Eucharist is not fumbled about where the particles of the sacred host could fall to the ground. As the *Catechism* explains: "Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts." In whatever manner one chooses to receive, the greatest attention should be given to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is the Church's greatest treasure.

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

Weekly Collection

March 23, 2014

Weekly.....	\$16,437.50
EFT.....	\$688.00
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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!

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



Catholic Charity Appeal

2014 CCA Parish Goal for OLM: \$193,684
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Average gift: \$379

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

May she rest in peace.

4th Sunday of Lent



The traditional name for the Fourth Sunday of Lent is Laetare Sunday. This title comes from *Laetare Jerusalem*, "Rejoice, Jerusalem," the first words of today's entrance antiphon (brief scriptural text that is usually replaced with a gathering song).

As we have reached the midpoint of Lent, we anticipate the joy of Easter with several options for softening our worship environment: rose-colored vestments, extra music, some floral enhancement.

These are not requirements, however, and many parishes choose to stick with purple vesture and a spare atmosphere.



LENT

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CHANGE OF TIME FOR SATURDAY EVENING MASS

Please note that beginning next Saturday, **April 5, 2014** the Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation moves from 4:00PM to 5:00PM. Confession moves from 3:00PM to 4:00PM on Saturdays. This time change remains in effect until November 1, 2014.



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Legion of Mary

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

Eucharistic Adoration in Lent

Friday, April 4th



Join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 12:05PM Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day. Benediction will take place at the Stations of the Cross.



OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-14

RE Grades 1—5
Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM
RE Grades 6—8
Sundays 6:00PM—7:00PM

*Congratulations to our First Communion Class
on celebrating their First Confession!*



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.



Reserve your spot!

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

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• **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!**



Lenten Schedule at Our Lady of Mercy

Daily Masses During Lent

7:30AM & 12:05PM

Confessions During Lent

Mondays at 6:00PM & Saturdays at 3:00PM

The Stations of the Cross

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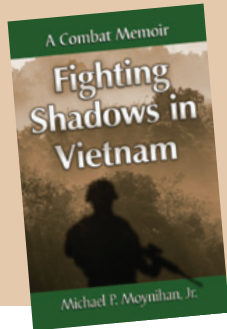
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