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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 MAY 15, 2022**

SATURDAY, MAY 14

The Mass of Anticipation of 5th Sunday of Easter
 5:00PM John M. DeGuiglio, Sr.—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 15

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
 7:30 AM Jack Palermo—Memorial
 9:00AM Mary G. Cooper—Memorial
 10:30AM Helen Celio—Birthday Remembrance
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

MONDAY, MAY 16

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM Anna Abatamatao—Memorial

TUESDAY, MAY 17

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM Joan Timalonis—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

Easter Weekday: St. John I, Pope & Martyr
 7:30AM Beatrice Jutras—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM Marylou Paolino—Memorial

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Easter Weekday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
 7:30AM Marylou Paolino—Memorial

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Easter Weekday; St. Christopher Magallenes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
 8:30AM Special Intention

The Mass of Anticipation for the 6th Sunday of Easter
 5:00PM Edward V. Healey, Jr. —11th Anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 22

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
 7:30 AM Clare F. Matteson—1st Anniversary
 9:00AM Linda Ann Riccio-Lallo—Memorial
 10:30AM John M. DeGiulio, Sr —Month's Mind
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church





Dear Parishioners:

Although the weather didn't cooperate, we had a wonderful celebration of First Holy Communion last Saturday. It was a joyful and faith-filled occasion for our parish family, especially the children who received Jesus Christ in the Eucharist for the very first time.

On Sunday, we especially celebrated Mother's Day as our First Communion Class crowned our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of the May! It is always a beautiful ceremony and made special on Mother's Day! May Our Lady continue to guide and protect our parish family, especially the children of the First Communion Class.

We received notification that pro-abortion extremists were organizing demonstrations around the country to disrupt Masses in Catholic churches on Mother's Day. Thankfully at OLM, our Masses on Mother's Day were not disturbed!

If such disruptions should ever happen while at Mass, please remain calm, peaceful, and recollected, and do not confront the protesters. Our ushers will contact the East Greenwich Police Department for assistance if necessary.

Sadly Catholic Churches in our nation were vandalized and received threats of violence and disruptions at Mass by pro-abortion zealots. In Colorado, a Catholic Church was vandalized with pro-abortion graffiti, and its windows were smashed. Pro-abortion extremists also disrupted Holy Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. In New York, a hostile protest occurred at Old St. Patrick's Cathedral.

This New York protest was particularly vile and sinister. Protestors blocking the church doors shouted, "*God loves abortion!*" What I saw of this demonstration was not only reprehensible but diabolical.

These protests are the poisonous fruit of an ideology of hatred for life that has deeply wounded our country for two generations. Our response to such hatred and violence must always be to bear witness to the mercy of Christ, who teaches us to love our enemies, to pray for our persecutors, and to do unto others as we would have others do to us.

While we celebrated Motherhood last Sunday, these radical and extremist protestors celebrated the destruction of the unborn. Babies in the womb deserve legal protection and possess the basic human right to life. Unborn children at six weeks have a heartbeat. They have fully formed noses, lips, and eyebrows by fifteen weeks and suck their thumbs and feel pain.

The abortion lobby and their elected allies in the White House, Congress, RI Governor's Office, and RI General Assembly support abortion for any reason until birth. The vast majority of Americans, however, support protections for the unborn. It's time to end the tragic and extreme abortion policy that puts us on par with China and North Korea.

The Catholic Church and the pro-life movement across the country are committed to serving mothers and babies. More than 2,700 pregnancy care centers nationwide serve millions of mothers and babies annually—

many states fund alternatives to abortion programs to serve expectant mothers.

The Diocese of Providence, through Gabriel's Call, supports expectant mothers and their unborn children. It provides emotional and practical support to those families in need, including diapers, baby clothing, baby furniture, and other needed items for them and their children. RI Right to Life Services also assists pregnant mothers and new mothers and their babies.

Sadly in Rhode Island, abortion until a child's birth is legal and will remain so. In 2019, the General Assembly passed legislation to codify abortion rights in Rhode Island. This year abortion advocates in RI seek to fund abortions with taxpayer funds.

Pope Francis has written: "*Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays, efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. It is not 'progressive' to resolve problems by eliminating a human life..*"

Pray for a culture of life in our nation, the legal protection of the unborn and expectant mothers. Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless!



May 15—The Feast of St. Isidore the Farmer

Born in the 11th century, St. Isidore grew up in the countryside of Spain, just outside Madrid. When he was still very young, he went to work on the farm of a local landowner. Isidore spent his days behind the plow in prayer, offering up his work for those who needed someone to pray for them, especially the poor. Through his work, he met and married the now Blessed Maria Torribia. St. Isidore would draw the ire of his fellow farmhands as he was frequently late to work after spending extra time praying in the churches of Madrid after Mass. St. Isidore died on May 15, 1130. He was canonized in 1622 with Saints Francis Xavier, Philip Neri, Theresa of Avila, and Ignatius of Loyal. A group lovingly referred to in Spain as “The Five Saints.” St. Isidore is the patron saint of farmers, rural communities, and the City of Madrid.

Recipe: Roasted Red Pepper Gazpacho

Gazpacho is a classic Spanish cold soup perfect for the early spring and summer. Served chilled along with grilled bread. It is a great first course or lunch dish after a long day of work.

Ingredient List

- 3 Red Bell Peppers (2 roughly chopped, 1 diced)
- 1 12 oz Jar Roasted Red Peppers
- 4 Peeled Cucumbers (3 roughly chopped, 1 diced)
- 10 Medium Sized Tomatoes
- 1 Large Clove Garlic
- 2 Cups Cold Water
- ¼ Cup Sherry Vinegar
- 1/3 Cup Plain Bread Crumbs or Stale Bread

Instructions

Place all ingredients (except diced pepper and cucumber) in blender and blend until smooth. Pour mixture through fine mesh strainer, removing any seeds. Chill for 3-5 hours prior to serving. Serve topped with the diced bell pepper and cucumber and a healthy drizzle of quality olive oil!

Weekly Collection

May 8, 2022

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| Weekly..... | \$12,015.00 |
| EFT..... | \$3,965.00 |
| | Total=\$15,980.00 |
| Outreach..... | \$1,637.00 |

May 9, 2021

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| Weekly..... | \$15,622.00 |
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**2022 OLM Goal=\$190,000
 OLM Total to Date= \$238,300
 OLM Total Donors to Date=418
 Average Gift Per Person=\$570**

**We're Over Goal!!!!
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**5:00PM Sunday
 Night Mass**

The 5:00PM Sunday Night Mass will end on Sunday, May 22, 2022. There will be no Sunday 5:00PM Mass on May 29, 2022. The 5:00PM Sunday Night Mass resumes on Sunday, October 2, 2022. Please plan your schedule accordingly.



Religious Education NEWS

We thank our Religious Education, First Communion & Confirmation students, volunteers and their families for another great year of faith formation at OLM!

Mickey St. Jean
&
Doug Green



Outreach Update

• OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated NON-EXPIRED AND non-perishable food items only and paper goods in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. Please do not leave medical supplies. Thank you for your support!

• **OLM Bereavement Group: Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 4:00PM** in Mercy House. All those who are grieving are invited to join with us.

• For information about our Outreach Office or Food Pantry, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org

Divine Mercy Chaplet



Join us every Friday at 3:00PM as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in OLM Church before the Our Lady of Mercy Altar and Shrine.



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Schedule of Events

- **Sunday, May 15:** Annie, Jr. Musical at the Prout School Auditorium at 2:00 pm
- **Monday, May 16:** Soccer Game vs. Father Doyle @ Fish Hill 5:00 pm
- **Wednesday, May 18:** Soccer Game vs. St. Peter's @ Rocky Hill 5:45 pm. PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- **Saturday, May 21:** Catholic School Arts Festival @ St. Philomena School 12:00-5:00 pm
- **Sunday, May 22:** Girls on the Run 5K @ Colt State Park 10:00 am

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**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
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SATURDAY, MAY 21 | 12-4 P.M.
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This event is co-sponsored by the diocesan Catholic Schools Office and McVinney Auditorium.

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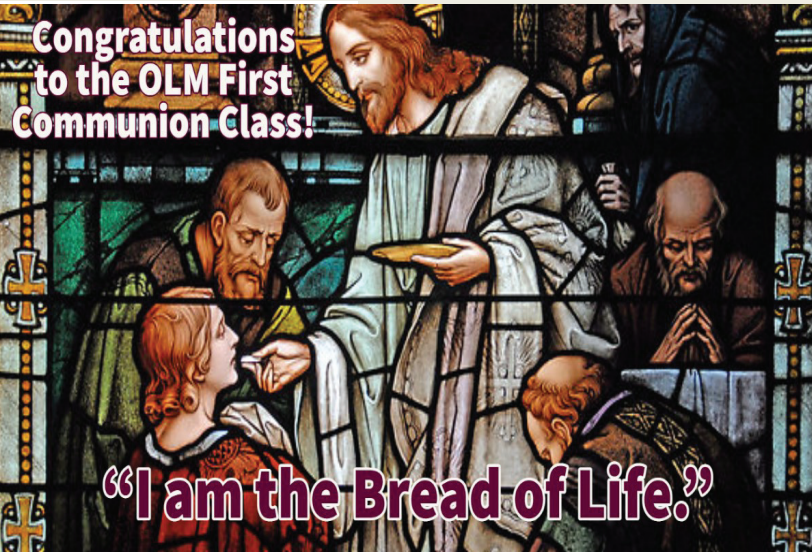
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Eloise Maria Leamy
 and her parents, Dennis & Megan.

“Dear brothers and sisters: this child has been reborn through Baptism, and is now called a child of God, for so indeed she is. Through Confirmation she will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and, approaching the altar of the Lord, she will share at the table of Sacrifice, and will call upon God as Father in the midst of the Church.”
 — The Rite of Baptism

Congratulations to the OLM First Communion Class!



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