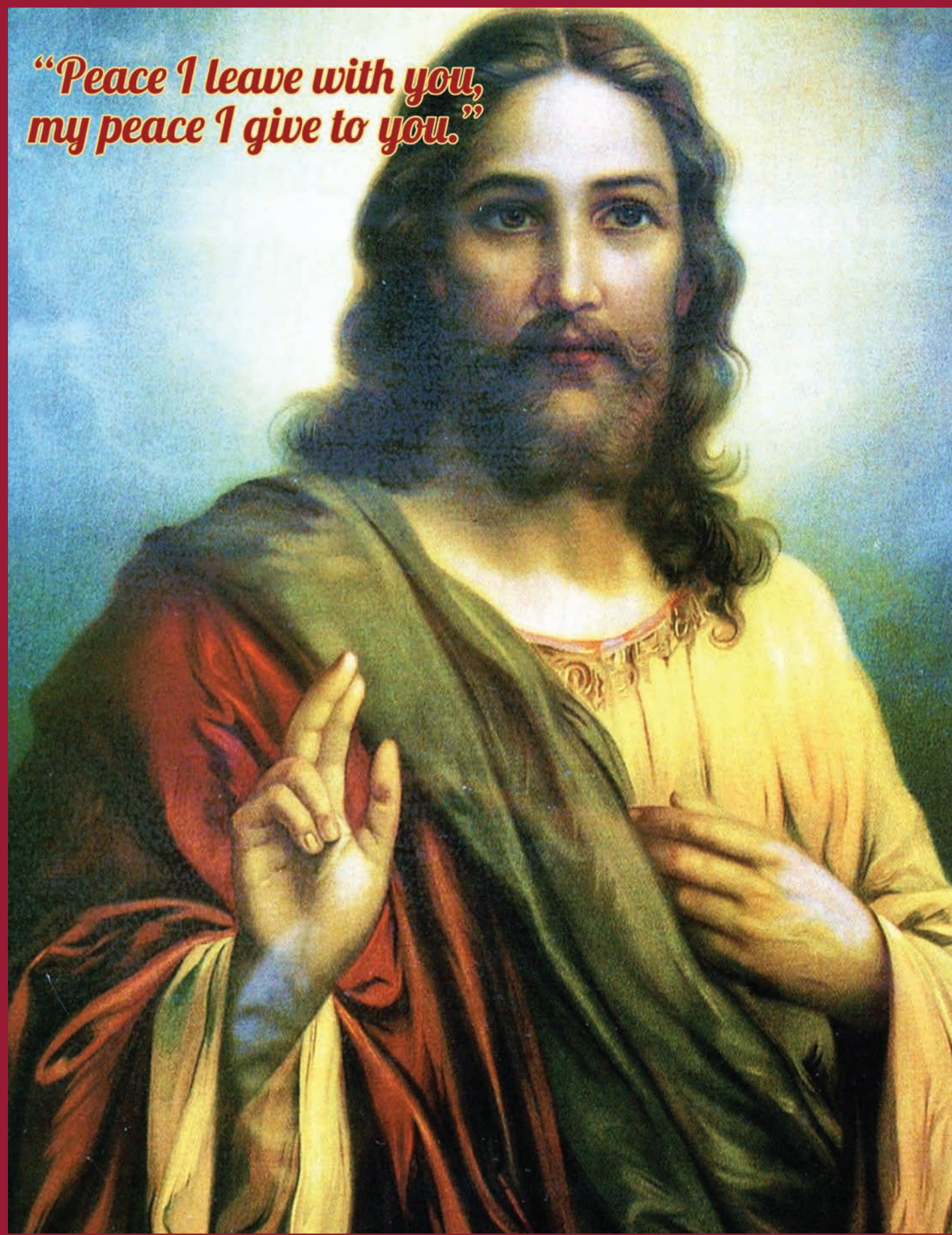


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Mass Intentions
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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 MAY 22, 2022**

SATURDAY, MAY 21

The Mass of Anticipation of 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

MONDAY, MAY 23

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM Deceased Members of Seymour Family—Mem.

TUESDAY, MAY 24

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM Deceased Members of the Duffy Family—Mem.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Easter Weekday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII
 7:30AM Emily & Frederick Miller—Memorial
Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord
 5:00PM Dr. Joseph A. Izz, Sr.—Memorial

ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 26

The Ascension of the Lord
 7:30AM John E. Gardner—Memorial
 9:00AM All Deceased Grandparents
 7:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

FRIDAY, MAY 27

Easter Weekday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
 7:30AM David Wetzel—Memorial

SATURDAY, MAY 28

Easter Weekday
 8:30AM Special Intention

The Mass of Anticipation for the 7th Sunday of Easter
 5:00PM Judith A. Mulhearn—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 29

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
 7:30 AM Lorraine Kane—3rd Anniversary
 9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 10:30AM Gerald E. Celio—Birthday Remembrance





Dear Parishioners:

This Thursday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This Feast commemorates Jesus' Ascension into heaven 40 days after his resurrection. Thus Ascension Day falls 40 days after Easter, on the 6th Thursday of Easter.

The Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. On Wednesday, we celebrate the Vigil of the Ascension at 5:00 pm, and on Thursday, Masses are at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 7:00 pm. Certainly, ample opportunity for everyone to fit the holy day into their schedule.

In a sermon on the Ascension, St. Augustine said: *"While in heaven he is also with us; we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, power, and love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love."*

On Ascension Thursday, the 9:00 am Mass is an OLM School Mass. It is also Grandparents' Day at OLM School. The Grandparents of our students join us for Mass and then get to visit with their grandchildren in their classes. It is always a great day of celebration as a couple of hundred grandparents join us from near and far.

We haven't been able to celebrate Grandparents' Day in two years due to the COVID Pandemic. It's a wonderful tradition at OLM School, and we are delighted it's back on the schedule.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, recently delivered a very timely message for World Day for Grandparents and the

Elderly. He states: *"In old age, they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true 'gospel' that we can proclaim to all on this second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life, but also to the attitude of grim resignation shown by some of us elderly people, who harbor few expectations for the future.*

Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the "throw-away culture," which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties."

As we celebrate OLM School Grandparents' Day, we offer our prayers and gratitude to the many grandparents who daily offer us an example of love and wisdom. May Saints Anne and Joachim, the patron saints of grandparents, intercede for them all.

At the 5:00 pm evening Mass this Sunday, we honor the OLM School Student-Athletes. Our parish school fields teams for Cross Country, Basketball, Soccer, and Baseball. We award the Most Valuable Players and the Catholic Sportsmanship trophies at the Mass.

I am most grateful to the many parents who volunteer their considerable time and talent to coach our students. They help teach the fundamentals of the

game, teamwork and sportsmanship but most importantly Catholic values.


The 5:00 pm Mass this Sunday is the last one until the fall. It follows our Religious Education schedule and resumes on the first Sunday in October. So please plan your schedule to attend Mass accordingly.

Next weekend is Memorial Day Weekend, and we pray for all those who have died serving our nation in the military. Memorial Day is a day to honor, remember, and celebrate those who have gone before us in faith. May we honor their sacrifice on behalf of our nation, freedom, and liberty.

Let us offer up prayers on Memorial Day for the gentle repose of their noble souls, our sincere gratitude for their service, and a renewed commitment to live our lives in ways that will reflect their sacrifice for an entire nation to see.

I am very grateful to the 424 parishioners who generously donated to support the Catholic Charity Appeal. For the first time in two years, we have reached our parish goal of \$190,000! This year OLM surpassed the goal by over \$50,000! Also, over 100 additional parishioners supported the Appeal this year! In the name of the poor and needy served by the Appeal, I offer my sincere thanks and deep gratitude.

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless!



Ascension Thursday
Wednesday, May 25
Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm
Thursday, May 26
Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am & 7:00pm



*As he blessed them,
 he parted from them,
 and was taken up to Heaven*
 Luke 24:51
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5:00PM Sunday Night Mass



The 5:00PM Sunday Night Mass ends this 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.

Weekly Collection

May 15, 2022

Weekly.....	\$19,530.00
EFT.....	\$6,501.00
	Total=\$26,031.00
Outreach.....	\$1,867.00

May 16, 2021

Weekly.....	\$10,026.00
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Second Collections
 Next Week: St. Patrick's Cemetery
 Memorial Day Collection

Leave a Legacy of Faith for the next Generation! Remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.



2022 OLM Goal=\$190,000
 OLM Total to Date= \$240,142
 OLM Total Donors to Date=424
 Average Gift Per Person=\$566

We're Over Goal!!!!
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The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times.



St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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, June 2, 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



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Schedule of Events

- Monday, May 23: Soccer Game vs. St. Joseph @ Rocky Hill 5:45 pm
- Tuesday, May 24: Eighth Grade Field Trip to Holiday Hills
- Wednesday, May 25: Soccer Game vs. Monsignor Clarke @ St. Dominic 6:00 pm
- Thursday, May 26: Ascension Thursday/ Grandparents Day 9:00 am Mass; Formal Uniforms
- Monday, May 30: No School: Memorial Day

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OLM Rosary Makers Workshop

Tuesday, May 24, 2022
2:00pm - 4:00pm
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MARIAN DEVOTIONS EVERY MONDAY IN MAY AT 7PM

The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times.
-Saint Padre Pio

Join us in praying for Peace in Ukraine

Exposition, Adoration, Rosary & Benediction

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.



7th Sunday of Easter (Ascension of the Lord)



The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord which many of us celebrated on Thursday of this past week is today's celebration in some parts of the world, including Canada and some dioceses of the United States.

The Thursday which falls forty days after Easter was always the traditional day for this celebration, but provinces of bishops now have the option of changing it to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Prior to the current liturgical reforms, the paschal candle was extinguished after the reading of the Gospel on Ascension Thursday. It now remains lit for the entire fifty-day Easter celebration.



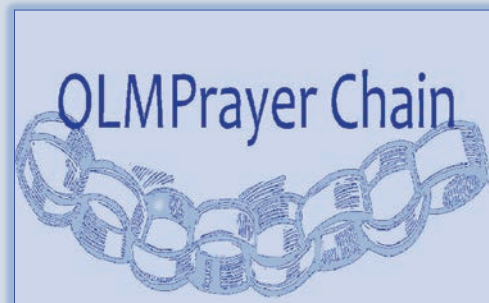
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Olivia Grace Palazzo,
and her parents, Andrew and Justin.

Rogan Robert Palanza,
and his parents, Philip and Callie.

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

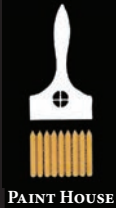


Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of prayer is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email directly at 2hart@cox.net.

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