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Mass Intentions for the Week

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SATURDAY, MAY 18

Vigil Mass of Pentecost

5:00PM Margaret Grey—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Pentecost Sunday

7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial

9:00AM Roy McGowan—1st Anniversary

10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, MAY 20

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

7:30AM Donna Ramos Fallon—Memorial

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Weekday; St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

7:30AM Edward V. Healey, Sr.—13th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Weekday; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

7:30AM Marie Franzone—Memorial

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Weekday

7:30AM Dec'd Members of Hyde & Seymour Families-Mem.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

Weekday

7:30AM Mary Scanlon & Joseph Variey—Memorial

SATURDAY, MAY 25

Weekday; St. Bede the Venerable, Priest

8:30AM Dr. John H. Duffy—Birthday Remembrance

Mass of Anticipation for Trinity Sunday

5:00PM Joseph & Rose Zangari & Lucien & Jeannine Charron—Mem.

SUNDAY, MAY 26

The Most Holy Trinity

7:30AM Lorraine Kane—5th Anniversary

9:00AM Marylee Heelan Palmisciano—25th Anniversary

10:30AM Michael & Vincent Aiello—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

As you learned last weekend, Fr. Mahoney has been appointed by Bishop Henning as the Pastor at St. Pius X Church in Westerly, effective July 1. It is a new and exciting chapter in his priestly life and ministry. We are grateful for his time at Our Lady of Mercy. I am confident that he will continue the good work he does with the people of St. Pius Parish. While we are saddened by his departure, we are also filled with happiness for him as he embarks upon his first pastorate.

Fr. Mahoney will not be replaced as there are insufficient priests in the Diocese and no Associate Pastor to assign to OLM. Only two priests are being ordained this year, and six are retiring. This means OLM will be a one priest parish for the foreseeable future. It also means that we must examine our schedule of Masses, Devotions, and other offerings as we transition from two priests to only one priest. We need to pray much more ardently for vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Providence.

Almost every parish had an Associate Pastor when I was ordained twenty-eight years ago. Now, just three parishes have more than one priest, and OLM isn't one of them! As the Lord said: *"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."* Please pray for more priestly vocations.

We are blessed to have Seminarian David Del Bonis from OLM, who is in formation for the priesthood at Our Lady of Providence Seminary and

studying philosophy and theology at Providence College. Please pray for him and his vocation that he might persevere!

Pray that more young men from OLM might begin to discern a call to the priesthood. Encourage those young men who are your sons, grandsons, nephews, players, students, and neighbors to discern a vocation to the priesthood. Also, pray for Fr. Connors, who begins the important work of helping form our future priests as the new Rector of Our Lady of Providence Seminary on July 1, 2024.

Last Saturday, we celebrated joyfully and faithfully as over 60 of our young parishioners received their First Holy Communion. The Masses and the May Crowning were beautiful, and the children prepared well. St. Maximilian Kolbe said: *"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."*

We thank our Faith Formation Directors, Jeremy Long and Julia Anthon, the First Communion Teachers Peggy Simms and Jeanne Perretta, and all those who helped prepare the children. We also thank their parents who first brought them to Christ and his Church for baptism and continue to raise them in the faith.

You will see a special announcement for our Vacation Bible School in the bulletin. It is for children aged 4 to 12 and is scheduled for the week of June 24. This year's theme is *"Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive!"* I encourage you

to enroll your children and grandchildren soon for this great opportunity of fun, faith and catechetics.

The celebration of First Communion highlights the critical importance of the Eucharist in the lives of these children and their families, as well as in the life of our parish and the entire Church. We have been in a Year of Eucharistic Revival in the U.S., culminating with a Eucharistic Congress in July in Indianapolis.

The mission of the Revival is to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Without priests, this is impossible. Pope St. John Paul II, in *Gift and Mystery: On the Fiftieth Anniversary of My Priestly Ordination*, reminds us: *"There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood, just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist."*

We have been blessed at OLM to have many fine priests who have served as associates over the years. We must now prepare for the changes and challenges of parish life with just one priest. With your patience, understanding, and, most importantly, your prayers, I am confident we will continue to thrive as a parish. Pray for me and the parish.

Be well. Do good. God Bless. Best Wishes, Fr Mahoney!!! A Holy and Blessed Pentecost! Come, Holy Spirit, Come!



MAY

MARIAN DEVOTIONS

Every Monday in
Month of May at
7:00pm

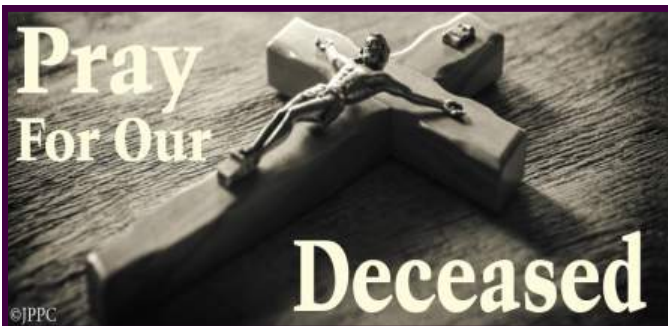
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"The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying."

-Pope Leo XIII

Confession beginning at 6:00pm

pray
for
peace



In your charity please pray for the gentle repose of the souls of the faithful departed especially **Marilyn F. Lamoureux and Rita McCaughey** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

Rest in Peace

Weekly Collection

May 12, 2024

Weekly.....	\$10,063.00
EFT.....	\$3,612.00
	Total=\$13,675.00
Outreach.....	\$963.00
Ascension Holyday.....	\$3,177.00

May 14, 2023

Weekly.....\$13,336.00

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Average gift=\$567

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Total Raised=\$277,255
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School Calendar

- Monday, May 20: Lifetouch Spring Picture Day
- Tuesday, May 21: OLM Weekly Mass at 8:15am; 8th Grade Trip to Holiday Hills
- Wednesday, May 22: Soccer vs. St. Thomas at 4:30 pm @ Wilson Park; Evening of Arts at 6:00pm
- Thursday, May 24: Beloved Meeting @2:30pm; Soccer vs. St. Joseph Blue 6:00 pm @ Wakefield Hills Elementary
- Friday, May 24: Grade 5 Field Trip to Sturbridge Village

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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 items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable. We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.
- OLM Bereavement Group:** Our next meeting is on **Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 4:00pm in Mercy House.** All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.
- For more information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



**Congratulations to the Our Lady of Mercy
First Communion Class**

Faith Formation

Evan Anderson
James Barnes
Maxwell Brady
Owen Burch
Bradley Cavanagh
Ryan Cronin
Graham Dennen
Autumn Edmonds
Annie Fornal
Colette Foss
Piper Foss
Joseph Gilbert
Remi Holzmacher
Austin Houle
Brendan Ingham
Donovan Inocencio Navarro
Olivia Johnston
Vivian Johnston
Austin Lucas
Abigail Malgieri
Jackson Mancini
Domenic Manni
Henry Maurice
Jackson McKiernan
Parker Miller
Eliza Morelli
Oliver Ocfemia
Lucas O'Neill
Grayson Prosek
Adán Quintero Cashore
Cate Seery
Gia Tarini
Faye Tasca
Eleanor Tichenor
Addilyn Verdi
Alexander Wahlig
Mary Walsh

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Daniel Biltcliffe
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Savannah Douglas
Fynn Goodenow
James Haas
Daniel Labrador
Alessandra Maggiacomo
Calla McVicker
Jagger Mulhearn
Benjamin Pedro
Benjamin Porricelli
Daniel Quinn
Dylan Ribon
Victor Salvias
Anna Simonelli
Clare Thompson
Sophie Trotta



 **Pentecost**

ON PENTECOST, we celebrate the day on which the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in a form resembling tongues of fire, empowering them to proclaim the message that Jesus is risen from the dead. According to Acts of the Apostles (1:13–14), Mary, the apostles, and other disciples had been huddled together in an upper room after the ascension of Jesus. But on this day they went forth from that room as new people, alive in the Spirit, speaking in tongues and winning over believers by the thousands.

A few special features mark the Mass of Pentecost Sunday. The options for the First Reading for Saturday's Vigil Mass, for example, are taken from the Old Testament. Throughout the Easter season, all the readings come from the New Testament—except, of course, the Responsorial Psalm. Saturday's First Reading foreshadows the coming of the Spirit. On Sunday, the First Reading comes from Acts of the Apostles, and it tells the story of Pentecost. After the Second Reading, everyone sings or says the Pentecost Sequence, a special hymn that tells the meaning of this day.

If the priest uses Eucharistic Prayer I, he inserts a special phrase saying that this is the day “on which the Holy Spirit appeared to the Apostles in tongues of fire.” The Mass concludes with a double “alleluia.” The deacon or priest adds the words to his dismissal, and you answer, “Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.” This joyful acclamation concludes the Church's celebration of Easter.

The Paschal candle burns throughout the Pentecost Mass, as it does for the fifty days of Easter Time. After Mass, however, it is moved from its place near the ambo to a position in the baptistry.

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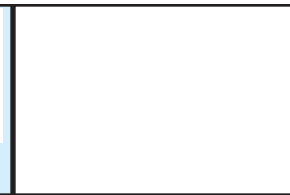


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