

### † MASS SCHEDULE †

#### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass	5:00 PM
Sunday Masses7:30, 9:	00 & 10:30 AM
September—June	5:00 PM

## Daily

Monday - Friday	7:30	AM
Saturdays & Legal Holidays	8:30	ΑM

### **Holy Day**

Vigil Mass		5:00	PM
Holyday Masses	.7:30 AM 8	7:00	PM

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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ♣ April 13, 2014

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

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.

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor

The Reverend Ryan W. Connors, S.T.L., Associate Pastor

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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 13, 2014

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 12**

Mass of Anticipation for Palm Sunday

4:00 PM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 AM Beatrice Basler—Birthday Remembrance
9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish
10:30AM Maria Dichiaro—Birthday Remembrance

5:00PM Maria San Martino—Memorial

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 14**

Monday of Holy Week

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory 12:05PM Special Intention

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 15**

Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30 AM Michael Dumont—25th Anniversary 12:05PM Sr. Joan Connelly—Memorial

## **SPY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16**

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30AM Special Intention

12:05PM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

## **HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17**

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00PM Deceased Bishops & Priest of Providence Diocese

## **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18**

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

7:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

## **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19**

Easter Vigil

8:00 PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

## **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
NO 5:00PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY



## Mercy Musings



**Dear Parishioners:** 

On Palm Sunday, we commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem before his crucifixion. During Palm Sunday Mass, the Gospel account of the Passion of Christ is proclaimed. It is truly a solemn beginning to the holiest week of the year.

Holy Week is opportunity to enter more fully in the sacred mysteries of our faith and celebrate them as a parish family. I hope you can make the time this week to attend Mass. get to Confession if you need to go, and join us for the solemn liturgies of the Sacred Triduum that are Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Also, I encourage you to attend the Living Stations of the Cross that our OLM School children have been working so hard preparing. They are offered on Wednesday at 1:00PM and 6:30PM.

On Holy Thursday we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM. On the night before Jesus Christ was crucified, he changed bread and wine into his own Body and Blood, and he commanded the Apostles and their successors through the centuries to act in his stead and re-present this sacrifice.

Just as Christ did for his 12 Apostles at the Last Supper and as he commanded them to do likewise, during the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the priests who represent Christ ceremoniously washes the feet of 12 people from the parish.

After the Last Supper, Jesus went to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, accompanied by two of the disciples. So after the Holy Thursday Mass. the remaining sacred hosts are carried out of the sanctuary to an "altar of repose." People are asked to stay for a time, adoring the wondrous sacrament that Jesus instituted that day 2,000 years ago. The Church remains open until Midnight for adoration.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper finished, the church is truly empty. So sanctuary lamp is extinguished and the tabernacle door left open, exposing the vacant space inside. The altar is stripped bare of its linens and candles, Holy water is removed from the church's fonts and the sacraments are not celebrated until the Easter Vigil. Like the first Christians bereft of Jesus and mourning the two days after the crucifixion, the church stands unadorned until the Easter Vigil.

At 3:00PM on Good Friday we offer the Stations of the Cross. This devotion is centered on the Christ Passion of and recalls the way of Jesus' suffering and death. At 7:00PM on Good Friday, the church gathers for the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, which includes a reading of a Gospel account of the Passion, Holy Communion (consecrated at Mass on Thursday night) and veneration of the Cross. The faithful process to the cross at the foot of the sanctuary, as if to receive communion. There each person reverences the crucifix with a kiss or a bow.

On Holy Saturday, we will

celebrate the Mother of all Vigils, the Easter Vigil at 8:00PM. There is no 5:00PM Mass as the Church requires the Easter Vigil to be celebrated after sunset in the darkness. We keep watch for the expectant rising of Our Saviour. This was the day He went down into the netherworld in order to bring back up with Him into heaven those who had died before His coming.

The Easter Vigil Mass is a solemn, glorious and joyful celebration. We celebrate the Lord's resurrection from the dead and at the Mass our candidates who have spent months of preparation are received through Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation into the Catholic Church for the first time. If you've never been to the Easter Vigil, consider attending this year as it is well worth the time and effort. On Easter Sunday we offer three Masses at 7:30AM, 9:00AM and 10:30AM, there will no 5:00PM Evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

Those who enter into Holy Week wholeheartedly discover that it can change them forever. It is a time to clear our schedules of unnecessary activities. Our minds and hearts should be fixed on Jesus and His Passion, Death and Resurrection!

If you are traveling for Easter, please know of our prayers for you and your families. A Blessed Holy Week to all. God Bless.

Father Healey

Dear Fr. Connors: What's the difference between the Baptism of our Lord and our

own Baptism? Are they the same thing?



That's a good question. Christ's baptism is the beginning of His public ministry—a revelation of

who He is. The baptism of the Lord is part of the manifestation of who He is. Liturgically, the Baptism of the Lord is connected to the epiphany and the wedding feast at Cana. These three events are manifestations of who Jesus is.

At His baptism, the Trinity itself is made manifest as the Father's voice is heard from Heaven and the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove. In His baptism, Jesus is understood to sanctify the waters of the world, making them ready for the Sacramental baptisms that will follow.

The baptism of Jesus is certainly different than ours. It is not a Sacrament as Jesus has no sin that needs cleansing. Our baptism initiates one into the Christian life, infusing into the soul the theological and moral virtues, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the indwelling of God Himself. Our baptism makes one an adopted son or daughter of God—a brother or sister of Jesus. The Lord, of course, is the Son of God by nature. His baptism doesn't make Him that.

In the baptism of Jesus, the Lord submits to the baptism of John the Baptist, which itself is not a sacrament, but a baptism of repentance. The baptism of Jesus symbolizes His immersion with sinners. He truly takes on our sin, entering into solidarity with our sinful state. The baptism of the Lord marks a kind of beginning of our salvation, with Jesus uniting Himself with sinners. His baptism anticipates the Cross as He joins Himself with sinners accepts the path that will lead to our salvation.

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



## April 6, 2014

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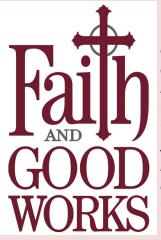
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## **SECOND COLLECTIONS**

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## **Catholic Charity Appeal**

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> > Average gift: \$393

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## Schedule for Holy Week 2014 at OLM

## Monday of Holy Week-April 14th

Mass at 7:30AM & 12:05PM Confessions at 6:00PM

## **Tuesday of Holy Week-April 15th**

Mass at 7:30AM & 12:05PM

## Spy Wednesday-April 16th

Mass at 7:30AM & 12:05PM

Living Stations of the Cross at 1:00PM & 6:30PM

### Holy Thursday-April 17th

Morning Prayer at 8:00AM
Mass of the Lords Supper at 7:00PM
Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight

## **Good Friday-April 18th**

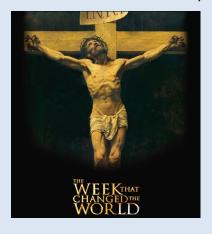
Morning Prayer at 8:00AM Stations of the Cross at 3:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:00PM

### **Holy Saturday-April 19th**

Morning Prayer at 8:00AM Solemn Vigil of Easter at 8:00PM

## **Easter Sunday-April 20th**

Masses at 7:30AM, 9:00AM & 10:30AM NO 5:00PM Mass on Easter Sunday





We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, **Maria A. Abadier and Jane M. Watson** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.



## 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

## Registration form available online at www.olmparish.org

## **Good Friday Regulations**

Good Friday is a day of abstinence from

meat fast day: those between the ages of 18 and 59. In a spirit of prayer, penance and sacrifice for Our Lord who died on the Cross for us, we are



called to eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts



## **OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-14**

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

Sundays 6:00PM-7:00PM

No RE Classes next week due to School Vacation Week. Happy Easter!! All RE Classes resume Sunday, May 4th!



The OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food. Please leave your 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 would like to volunteer assist with our Food Pantry, please contact Doug Green at 884-4410.

Thank you for your generosity.

**OLM Bereavement Group** meets Thursday, April 17th at 4:00PM in Mercy House. more information contact Doug Green at 884-4410.

## **Legion of Mary**



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



- **Used Laptops**: Have you upgraded your laptop to the newest version and still have the old useable one hanging around? We are looking for Windows XP or later laptops that we can use for Robotics and other programs at Our Lady of Mercy School. If you have one to donate, please leave at the school (884-1618) with your name and address and phone number. We will send you a letter of appreciation that you can use as a deduction on your taxes for next year.
- 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!
- •School Vacation begins Friday April 18th. School resumes on Monday, April 28th. Happy Easter to all our faculty, staff and students!



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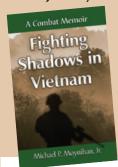
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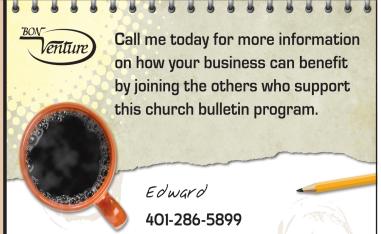
The world was a playground for Mickey, a naive Irish American kid bored with his life. His father served in World War II, his brother was a Marine in Vietnam; now it was his turn. His 365 days in Vietnam builds in torment until an attack on a bunker complex in Cambodia. Wounded, his friend captured, he becomes a tormented survivor knowing he is always just a heartbeat from death.



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