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Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2013

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass......5:00 PM Sunday Masses7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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

Holy Day

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

Our Rady of Mercy School

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School Principal

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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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.

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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, APRIL 13

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Second Sunday of Easter

7:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00AM Phyllis Maura Tripode—10th Anniversary 10:30AM Dr. Daniel Calenda—Memroial

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Beatrice Basler—Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM James Coyle—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Michael Dumont—24th Anniversary

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Ida Laura Chappelow Auld—Memorial

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Easter Weekday

8:30 AM Intentions of the OLM Cenacle

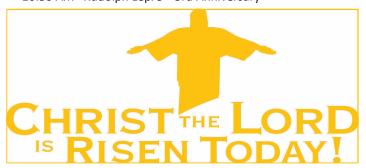
Vigil of The Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM Anna Petrucci & Joseph DiGianfilippo—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

The Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners 9:00 AM Anthony Nardone—Memorial 10:30 AM Rudolph Lepre—3rd Anniversary



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Last Saturday OLM School hosted its Spring Fling at Warwick Country Club. This annual event for our parish school is very important for fundraising. There was a nice meal, dancing and both a silent and live auction. I am grateful to the committee who worked so hard to ensure such a terrific evening for all those in attendance. Also I thank the many generous donors who help support our school.

Channel 12's own Mike Montecalvo and Danielle North acted as the auctioneers for the live auction. I thank them for the great job they did in raising the bids! There were a whole host of auction items to bid on from having your child serve as the OLM Principal for a day to luxury box seats for a New England Patriots game next fall.

However, the item that drew the highest bids was a Dinner for Eight cooked by our own resident executive chef, Father Shemek. It proved to be a popular item and so we had to add a second dinner for eight! Both dinners sold for \$3,000 a piece!

We are grateful for the bidders support as all the proceeds go to directly support our school. Father Shemek promises the dinners won't be all cabbage and kielbasa! By the way, while I cannot cook like Father Shemek, I am responsible for providing the wines and cigars for the dinners! Bon Appetit! The Spring Fling was a great way to kick off the season of spring! The

better weather and warm sun are arriving just in time for the April School Vacation! I wish all of our students and teachers a great vacation. Enjoy the week off and we hope you return all tanned, rested and ready for the final weeks of school!

Of course. springtime always brings with it the usual First Communion Celebrations, Confirmations. weddings Graduations! It's hard to believe but we are getting ready for the celebration of First Communion. Father Shemek and I are truly looking forward to celebrating First Communion here at OLM for the first time. Its always a joyful and faith-filled event in the life of the children as well as our parish family.

On Saturday, May 11th there will be two First Communion Masses here at OLM, one at 10:00AM for OLM School children and one at Noon for our OLM RE children. Of course, it will be followed by the May Crowning on Mother's Day!

Bishop Tobin will be at OLM on Sunday, May 19th to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 9th Grade Confirmation Candidates. The Mass will be celebrated at 1:00PM on Pentecost Sunday, a fitting day to call forth the Holy Spirit upon our young Catholics!

This is to be the last spring confirmation at OLM as we have changed the RE Program so that the Sacrament of Confirmation is now to be celebrated in the fall as our future 9th graders enter

high school. This serves to remind the candidates that Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation not a "graduation" from Religious Education as it has too often become for many!

Also it gives these young Catholics the many graces of the sacrament when they need it most, just as they begin their high school years! We know that the high school years can present both good and bad opportunities for teenagers. We hope and pray that with the grace of God to help them and the gifts of the Holy Spirit to guide them, they may always choose the path of Christ!

So going forward Religious Education classes are to be completed at the end of 8th Grade followed by Confirmation at the beginning of 9th grade. This style of Religious Education program is being adopted by many parishes across the state. We anticipate an October date for Confirmation for our present 8th graders.

It's seems that our spring calendar at OLM is to be very full and includes May Devotions on Mondays and OLM School Graduation in June along with a few weddings too! All signs of the new life we celebrate in this Easter Season! I am away this week visiting priest friends at the seminary in sunny Miami! I too hope to return tan, rested and ready! God Bless. Go Sox!!

Father Healey

The Catechism Corner

This Easter Season, in order to answer the question, "Who EXACTLY rose Jesus from the dead??" **The Catechism Corner** is looking at all of the seven Sacraments for clues. After all, whichever Person of the

Blessed Trinity "does more" in the Sacraments would have to be the winner since the Sacraments themselves continue the saving action of the Risen Christ in our lives. After a very close scrutiny of last week's Sacrament of Baptism,



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we go into today's Catechism Corner with a three way tie!! The score came out to be: Father -- 1; Son -- 1; Holy Spirit -- 1. Each Person of the Trinity brings about Baptism. This week though we're looking at the Sacrament of Confirmation and there is almost the surething of the Holy Spirit taking the lead. After all, it is His "special" Sacrament, wouldn't we say?? We all know that in Confirmation, we receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as His gifts are brought to a certain "maturity" within us. So, surely by looking at Confirmation, we can say the Holy Spirit is responsible of the Sacrament itself. Now we just have to find a paragraph in the Catechism of the Catholic Church to support that claim. Hmmm...let's see. Hmmm...no, not here. Hmmm...maybe this one. Nope. Try as hard as you like, but it's impossible to find it. There is NO paragraph that says that the Sacrament of Confirmation is the work of the Holy Spirit. It says just like it did for Baptism that it is the work of the entire Blessed Trinity, not just ONE Person but all three. "From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace: -- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, 'Abba! Father!'; -- it unites us more firmly to Christ; it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us." Because of Confirmation close relationship to Baptism the same reality is asserted that not just one Person of the Blessed Trinity accomplishes the Sacrament but all Three do. And Confirmation does not build up our relationship with God alone. Confirmation also "renders our bond with the Church more perfect [and] it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross." Maybe we got a little too anxious with our thinking that the Holy Spirit would pull into the lead. I'm afraid that it's still a three way tie: Father -- 2; Son -- 2; Holy Spirit -- 2. Maybe next week we'll have better luck as we look at the Eucharist, after all whose Body and Blood, is it anyone?? We'll still taking bets on who will be the winner for "Who EXACTLY rose Jesus from the dead??" In the meantime though you can always double check the paragraphs on Confirmation for yourself but be sure to **check it out** in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1303.

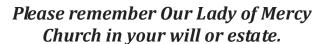


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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Tuesday—Legion of Mary at 7:00PM
Thursday—Bereavement Group at 4:00PM



OLM 2013 Parish Goal

Pledge Goal: \$195,000 Donor Goal: 600 Donors Raised to date:\$215,150 Donors to date: 546

OLM 2012 CCA Results

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A GREAT WAY TO ENSURE YOUR WEEKLY PARISH SUPPORT WHILE ON VACATION!

Inaugural Thomas G. Cavanagh Scholarship 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run Our Lady of Mercy School May 18th at 9:00AM

The 5k Run/Walk, organized by the Parent Teacher Group at OLM. will support the Thomas G.



at OLM, will support the Thomas G. Cavanagh Scholarship to Our Lady of Mercy School. Tom was a former student and parishioner of OLM and his family has founded the scholarship in his memory. We are in need of sponsors! If interested please contact Courtney Cavanagh at 401-258-8150. Register for the race at:

www.imathlete.com (search for "Thomas Cavanagh Scholarship Run") and learn more about Tom, his amazing life, and the Thomas G. Cavanagh Memorial Fund, please visit the tgcfund.org

3rd Sunday of Easter



he paschal candle should stand in the sanctuary during the entire season of Easter.

This candle symbolizes the risen Christ who conquers sin and death and, for that reason, is lit during baptisms and usually at funerals as well.

Each year, a new paschal candle is prepared during the opening rites at the Easter Vigil. It is marked with a cross, an alpha and omega, and the numerals of the year. Five grains of incense, representing the wounds of Christ, are also embedded into the wax.



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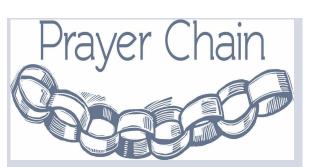


No RE Classes this week due to April School Vacation. We wish all our RE teachers and students a happy and healthy spring vacation. All RE Classes resume the week of April 22.

Grades 7, 8 & 9 Classes end on Monday, May 6th with May Devotions. Confirmation Class Penance Service on Tuesday, May 7th at 7PM.



OLM Parish Blood Drive: Sunday, April 28 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The next **Bereavement Support** Group meeting is Thursday, April 18, from 4 PM - 6 PM at Mercy House, 57 Second St. East Greenwich, RI. All those who are experiencing grief over the loss of a loved one are invited to attend. The **OLM Food Pantry** continues to service those who struggle in these challenging economic times. Your continued support makes a difference. Grocery Gift Cards of any denomination are appreciated.



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. If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!



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

May he rest in peace.



Save the date!

Sunday, April 28th at 6:00pm. Giovianni Calise, Director of Rock My Faith will be here to lead a discussion about what it means to be Catholic. We will have an ice cream social following. Please RSVP to bcroteau@olmschool.org if you plan to attend. All High School Students are welcome to join us!!

For more information about Rock My Faith, go to: http://rockmyfaith.com/index.php/events3/talk-series



The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus is Wednesday, April 24 at 7PM in the OLM Science Room. If you are interested in the Knights of Columbus, please contact Tom Mahoney at: tom@tommymahoney.com

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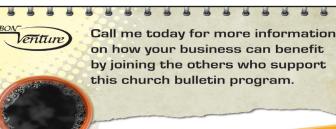
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