

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass.	5:	00 PM
Sunday Masses	.7:30, 9:00 & 10:	30 AM

Daily

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter 🕸 April 28, 2013

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.

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 Przemyslaw Lepak, Associate Pastor

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SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Vigil of The Fifth Sunday of Easter 5:00 PM Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:30AM Richard J. Casey, Jr. —Memorial
9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
10:30AM Edward & Virginia Quinton—Memorial

MONDAY, APRIL 29

Easter Weekday/St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

7:30 AM Edward T. O'Keefe—10th Anniversary

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Easter Weekday/St. Pius V, Pope 7:30 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Easter Weekday/St. Joseph the Worker 7:30 AM Teresa Pescosolido—Memorial

THURSDAY, MAY 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 7:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Saints Philip and James, Apostles 7:30AM Mildred Forsythe—Memorial

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Easter Weekday 8:30 AM John Joseph Tripode, Jr.—Birthday Remembrance Vigil of The Sixth Sunday of Easter 5:00 PM Edward Doorley—8th Anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 5

The Sixth Sunday of Easter7:30 AMOur Lady of Mercy Parishioners9:00 AMMsgr. John W. Lolio—1st Anniversary10:30 AMMichael & Katherine Banas—Memorial



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

While we are disappointed that our own Father Shemek is moving on from Our Lady of Mercy in July, we must also offer our congratulations to him on being named Pastor of St. Christopher and St. Theresa Parishes in Tiverton. I know that Bishop Tobin has expressed his great confidence in Father Shemek in giving him such an assignment.

Many parishioners told me how they shall miss Father Shemek but that they understand that he is getting a promotion with his appointment as pastor. I too shall miss him as it has been truly enjoyable to live and work with him over the last year. He and I have never had a cross word with one another and have truly enjoyed getting to learn about Our Lady of Mercy together.

Father Shemek continues to serve at Our Lady of Mercy until the end of June and we will have an opportunity to officially bid him "Farewell" and offer our thanks before he leaves. Bishop has assured me that Our Lady of Mercy is to receive another Assistant Pastor to replace Fr. Shemek. In the meantime, let's eniov our time with Father Shemek! This week the RI Catholic listed the seventeen new pastor assignments made by Bishop Tobin including Father Shemek's appointment to Tiverton. We have had many pastors retire in the Diocese and so new pastors needed to replace them. are Only two young men are to be

ordained to the priesthood this year for our Diocese.

Father Bert Theroux the Pastor at our neighboring parish of St. Francis de Sales in North Kingstown is retiring this June. Last month their Assistant Pastor, Father Andrew Messina, was named Pastor of St. Timothy in Warwick and was not replaced. So St. Francis is to become a one priest parish. So please pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood!

In your name I offer congratulations to the OLM School Science Olympiad Team who captured their 6th State Title last weekend defeating Barrington Middle School. Full details about the event are in the school news section of the bulletin.

We can all help support the team next weekend as they host a Bake Sale to help defray the cost of traveling to Ohio for the National Competition. I hope you are able to help them by buying some tasty homemade treats next weekend. The Bake Sale is to take place after all Masses, so please be prepared to help support this outstanding team.

We are certainly very proud of our OLM School Science Olympiad Team for such a great job by the students and coaches. Next weekend we can wish them good luck in the Nationals and help ensure they can make the trip all the way to Ohio to represent Rhode Island!

Like many of you, I continue to follow the news

surrounding the Patriots' Day Attack in Boston last week. This horrific evil resulted in the deaths of four people with many more severely injured some losing their limbs. Of course, we were all left asking why? Why would people commit such an evil act? It is difficult to comprehend any answer and even more difficult if we fail to search for such without our Catholic Faith.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston offered a fine reflection on this horrific evil in his Good Shepherd Sunday homily last weekend (I've posted it on the parish website). He states in his powerful homily that *"it is very* difficult to understand what was going on in the young men's minds, what demons were operative, what ideologies or politics or the perversion of their religion. It was amazing to witness, however, how much goodness and generosity were evidenced in our community as a result of the tragic events they perpetrated."

One of our OLM Families presented me with a wristband last week after Mass. It is yellow and blue, the Boston Marathon colors and reads: *"Combat evil with good"—Pope Francis, Boston* 2013. Their son ran the Marathon and was inspired by the Pope's words to the people of Boston. May we too be inspired to combat evil with good! God Bless.

Father Healey

The Catechism Corner

From Baptism, Confirmation, and Communion, all we have been able to figure out in answering the question, "Who EXACTLY rose Jesus from the dead??" is that all three of the Persons of the Blessed Trinity share equally

in the workings of these Sacraments. This week in **The Catechism Corner** we turn to the Sacrament of Penance to hopefully find more clues for our quest. So far the score is still: Father -- 3; Son -- 3; Holy Spirit -- 3. In Confession, maybe all



YEAR OF FAITH 2012 that will change. Remember that the Person who does the most in the Sacraments would obviously be the one who rose Jesus Christ from the dead. The Sacraments after all give us a share in His resurrected life while we are still here on earth (and even long before our own resurrection). Confession on the surface seems to be the Sacrament where Christ would do all the work, especially since it was the forgiveness of people's sins that got Him into so much trouble with the Jewish authorities. Here's something that supports that thought: "Since Christ entrusted to his apostles the ministry of reconciliation, bishops who are their successors, and priests, the bishops' collaborators, continue to exercise this ministry." But once again here in this Sacrament we encounter the entire Trinity at work. It goes on: "Indeed bishops and priests, by virtue of the sacrament of Holy Orders, have the power to forgive sins 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Christ entrusted the power to firgive sins to His apostles but it still remains the work of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Just as the words of the formula for absolution remind us: "God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of His Son, has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace and I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." It seems that you can't celebrate any Sacrament without bumping into the Blessed Trinity. We still have three more weeks and, therefore, three more Sacraments to consider but for now the score remains tied at: Father --4; Son -- 4; Holy Spirit -- 4. Next week we'll look at the other Sacrament of Healing, Anointing of the Sick, and see if we can break this three-way tie. Before then though, don't forget to **check it out** in the *Catechism of* the Catholic Church #1461.



Weekly Collection

APRIL 21, 2013

Weekly	\$11,969.00
EFT	\$440.00
Outreach	\$220.00

If you have been away on vacation or visiting another parish, we kindly ask you to please make up your missed budget envelopes. We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.

Second Collections

Next Week: Building & Grounds

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday—Legion of Mary at 7:00PM Tuesday—Parish Finance Council Meeting at 7:00PM Thursday—Bereavement Group meets at 4:00PM



Congratulations to our newly baptized:

Tessa Georgina Welsh, and her parents, Timothy and Meaghan

Noah Allen Neirinckx, and his parents, Benjamin & Maria

"Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn in baptism. They are now called the children of God, for so indeed they are."—The Rite of Baptism



Bake Sale! Next weekend! May 4th-5th after all Masses Support our team as they travel to Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio on May 17-19th for

the National Science Olympiad Competition. The Bake Sale helps defray costs of the trip to the National Competition. So please consider supporting our students and get something great to eat at the same time!!!

Blessing of the Bikes & Ride



OLM Church is holding The Blessing of the Bikes & Bike Ride to Aunt Carrie's Ice Cream in Narraganset, RI on Saturday, May 18, 2012 at 1:00pm in the parking

lot of OLM School. Anyone who would like to have their motorcycle blessed before they head out for the warm summer riding should participate. But don't forget to tell all your friends about this event so that they also will have a safe and blessed ride for the summer. Any question please contact Fr Shemek at 884-4968.

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. 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**: <u>www.imathlete.com</u> (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



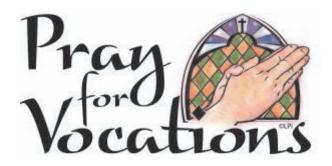
Congratulations to OLM School for winning their 6th RI State Science Olympiad title

Students: 8th graders: Jake Mueller, Matt Paliotta, Makenna Dacy, Hunter Corbett, Peter Faherty, Michael Cottam, Patrick Peterutti, Dan Legare, Zach Magiera, Isabelle Lucente, Tim O'Brien. 7th graders: Sean Meehan, Bella Lanna, Alex Lanna, Teddy Hackett, Christina Liberto. 6th grader: Caitlyn Murphy. Support team: Bianca Micolis (8th), Sophia Micolis (7th), Eric Paliotta (6th)

Volunteer Coaches: Teacher: Paula Noll Parents: Dr. Lisa Mueller, Mrs. Cindy Paliotta, Ms. Erin Corbett, Mr. Frank Faherty, Mr. Steven Peterutti, Dr. Robert Legare, Mr. Steven Magiera, Dr. Christy Lanna, Mr. Michael Hackett, Dr. Elisa Liberto and Mr. Robert Wilson.

This year Science Olympiad held 23 events. The events range from building events such as Boomilever, Mission Possible (A Rube Goldberg Device), study events such as Anatomy and Heredity, and Lab events such as Crime Busters and Experimental Design. Of the 23 events we "medaled" in 15 and placed 4th or better in 21! A huge success and defeated the second place team (Barrington) by 14 points! This is **our 6th State title.**

Medals won: 8 gold: Anatomy, Boomilever, Crime Busters, Helicopter, Mousetrap Vehicle, Road Scholar, Rocks and Minerals, Sounds of Music. **3 Silver:** Forestry, Mission Possible, Invasive Species. **4 Bronze:** Experimental Design, Heredity, Meteorology, Metric Mastery.





All RE Classes resume this week as regularly scheduled. Grades 7, 8 & 9 Classes end on Monday, May 6th with May Devotions. Confirmation Class Penance Service on Tuesday, May 7th at 7PM. Confirmation Rehearsal on Thursday, May 16th at 7:00PM

All Grade 8 students, public, parochial and private are reminded of their obligation to attend one evening of devotions in May. They are on Monday evenings at 7:00pm during the Month of May. Please sign-in on the evening you attend. Consider coming on Monday the 6th when the Religious Education students will be going to end their year and we can really fill our church and be together! Remember to bring your rosary beads!



OLM Parish Blood Drive: This Sunday, April 28 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

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.

The next **Bereavement Support Group meets** Thursday, May 2, from 4 PM - 6 PM at Mercy House, 57 Second St. East Greenwich, RI. All those who are experiencing grief over the lose of a loved one are invited to attend.



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner, **Matthew R. Franzone** 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 <u>bcroteau@olmschool.org</u> if you plan to attend. All High School Students are welcome to join us!! For more information about Rock My Faith, go to: <u>http://rockmyfaith.com/index.php/ events3/talk-series</u>



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!





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