

† 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	ΑM
Saturdays & Legal Holidays	.8:30	ΑM

Holy Day

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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent ♣ April 6, 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

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent April 6, 2014

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Mass of Anticipation for the Fifth Sunday of Lent 5:00 PM Albertina June Tait—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

9:00 AM Barbara & Harold Schock—Memorial

10:30AM Ray Miranda—Memorial 5:00PM Alfred Sisson—Memorial

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Lenten Weekday/St. Jean Baptise de la Salle, priest

7:30 AM Donald Whitaker—Memorial 12:05PM Thomas Valenti—Memorial

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Michael J. Tranghese—Memorial 12:05PM Sen. Jeremiah Denton—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Greg Corgan—Memorial

12:05PM Special Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Christopher Tasca—Memorial

12:05PM Emilio & Anna Petrucci—Memorial

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Lenten Weekday/St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

12:05PM Sister Joan Connelly, SSND—Memorial

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Lenten Weekday/St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the McCormick & Murphy Families

Mass of Anticipation of Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 5:00 PM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

7:30 AM Beatrice Basler—Birthday Remembrance 9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 10:30 AM Maria Dichiaro—Birthday Remembrance 5:00 PM Maria San Martino—Memorial

Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

This weekend the NCAA is having its Final Four. We had our own version last weekend at the New England CYO Basketball Championship Tournament. This year the Diocese of Providence was the host and we had two OLM teams in the tournament.

Our OLM School 6th Grade Girls team, who were the RI State Champions this year, played through the semi-finals but were eliminated. Meanwhile our OLM Parish 5th/6th Boys Parish Team advanced to the Championship Game but was defeated by St. Mark's Team from Stratford, Connecticut. Congratulations to both teams on a great season!

Fr. Connors was at Bishop Hendricken High School this week speaking at their Annual Career Day. He is a great promoter of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This week he also took a group of high school young men to visit with the seminarians the OLP Seminary Providence. A couple of weeks ago he took a group of young women to visit the Dominican Sisters Convent in Connecticut. I urge you to help him in promoting and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Speaking of vocations, I was asked by our Diocesan Vocation Director, Father Carl Fisette, to host a seminarian studying for the priesthood at OLM. We don't know which seminarian for the Diocese of Providence it will be but he will arrive in late May and be with us

through the summer months. Fr. Connors and I are looking forward to working with him and introducing him to the life of a parish priest.

Brian Morris from OLM is currently a seminarian pursing his studies for the priesthood at St. John's Major Seminary in Boston. Brian will be home for Holy Week assisting us at the Sacred Liturgies. I ask you to continue to pray for him as he continues his priestly formation.

There is a full schedule for Holy Week in this week's bulletin. Next Sunday we begin with the great celebration of Palm Sunday and the proclamation of the Lord's Passion. We celebrate this feast with great solemnity especially at the 10:30AM Mass as we begin the procession once again from outside the Church.

Palm Sunday we On commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. It sets the tone as we enter into the celebrations of Holy Week. God's faithful people, we remember Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey. In Jesus' time, a huge crowd assembled, put their cloaks on the ground, and waved palm branches, acclaiming Christ as the King of Israel, the Son of David.

We now wave our palm branches and sing as the priest enters the Church: "Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest." These words of praise are echoed every day at

In his homily for Palm Sunday last year Pope Francis reflected on the procession stating: "We waved our palms, our olive branches. We too welcomed Jesus: we too expressed our iov at accompanying him, at knowing him to be close, present in us and among us as a friend, a brother, and also as a King: that is, a shining beacon for our lives. We accompany, we follow Jesus, but above all we know that he

accompanies us and carries us on

his shoulders. This is our joy, this

is the hope that we must bring to

this world. Please do not let

vourselves be robbed of hope! Do

not let hope be stolen! The hope

that Jesus gives us."

Mass at the Sanctus (Holy, Holy).

On Palm Sunday we take up the Rice Bowl Collection. This important collection helps to support the great work of Catholic Relief Services feeding the hungry around the globe. Your donations support CRS' humanitarian relief programs in nearly 100 countries worldwide. As we have fasted, prayed, and given alms during Lent, we have been following Jesus' call to live in solidarity with the poorest and most vulnerable.

Please roll your coins collected in your Rice Bowls during Lent and make returns by check payable to OLM. In the name of the hungry of the world, I thank you for your generous support. God Bless. Go Sox!!

Father Healey

Dear Fr. Connors: What does the Church teach about in-vitro fertilization?



First, the teachings of the Church are the teachings of Christ. It is always a mistake to drive a wedge between Jesus and His Church. The Church applies the Gospel message to contemporary

problems. The Catholic view on this question isn't just somebody's opinion but the authentic teaching of Christ's Church.

In a word, love-making and life-making go together. Efforts to separate them are always a mistake. The creation of life outside a specific conjugal act falls short of the dignity of the human person.

The acquisition of genetic material is almost always done through immoral means. Most often, many embryos are created and left to die or be researched upon in laboratories. The dignity of the human person demands a higher level of respect than this.

Just as sexual acts closed to the gift of life do not reflect the proper dignity of conjugal love, the creation of human beings outside an act of marital love does not adequately reflect the dignity each human life deserves. This, of course, is not to say that one conceived through in vitro fertilization is in any way less loved into being by God Himself. The equal dignity of all is instead the first principle underlying this teaching.

The Church's teaching does ask that we step back and examine whether this technology is a proper reflection of human dignity. Simply because something can be done doesn't mean it should be. Human life is so precious and human love so exalted that they must go together. It honors our dignity to say that technology, while a blessing, does not have all the answers.

Living the Christian moral life may not be easy and sometimes requires sacrifice and even suffering. Still, for the Christian, sharing in the Cross is not simply a "No" to immediate human happiness. It is a "Yes" to drawing near to Christ the redeemer and true healer.

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



March 30, 2014

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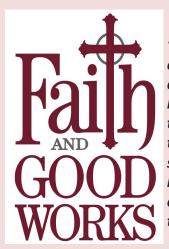
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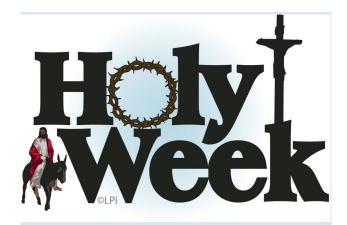
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Schedule for Holy Week 2014 at OLM

Palm Sunday-April 12th

Mass of Anticipation at 5:00PM
With simple procession & proclamation of the Passion
Palm Sunday-April 13th

7:30AM Mass

with simple procession & proclamation of the Passion 9:00AM Mass

with simple procession & proclamation of the Passion 10:30AM Mass

with Solemn Procession & Proclamation of the Passion 5:00PM Mass

with simple procession & proclamation

Monday of Holy Week-April 14th

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

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 5:00PM

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



CHANGE OF TIME FOR SATURDAY EVENING MASS

Please note that beginning this Saturday, **April 5, 2014** the Saturday Evening Mass of Anticipation moves from 4:00PM to 5:00PM. Confession moves from



3:00PM to 4:00PM on Saturdays. This time change remains in effect until November 1, 2014.

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Legion of Mary

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Coaches: Craig Lombardi & Dan Prior

6th Grade Girls OLM School Basketball Team RI State Champions School Division 1 Midget Season Record:13-3

Coaches: Jeff Knudson & Brian Pelletier



OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-14

RE Grades 1—5
Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM
RE Grades 6—8
Sundays 6:00PM—7:00PM

Please return all Rice Bowls on Sunday, April 13th. Please roll all coins and please do not return the actual bowl. Thank You!



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

Thank you for your generosity.



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

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- <u>SAVE THE DATE:</u> 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!*



Lenten Schedule at Our Lady of Mercy

<u>Daily Masses During Lent</u> 7:30AM & 12:05PM

<u>Confessions During Lent</u>
Mondays at 6:00PM & Saturdays at 4:00PM

The Stations of the Cross

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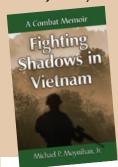
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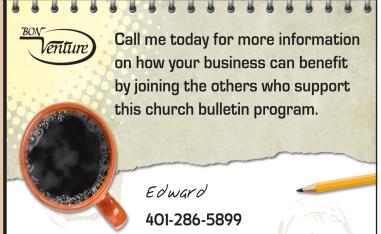
The world was a playground for Mickey, a naive Irish American kid bored with his life. His father served in World War II, his brother was a Marine in Vietnam; now it was his turn. His 365 days in Vietnam builds in torment until an attack on a bunker complex in Cambodia. Wounded, his friend captured,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



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