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Second Sunday of Easter April 7, 2013

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass......5:00 PM Sunday Masses7:30, 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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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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SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Emily & Frederick Miller—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Second Sunday of Easter

7:30AM Gerard Collins—Memorial 9:00AM The Intentions of the Volpe Family 10:30AM Lillian E. Healey—26th Anniversary

MONDAY, APRIL 8

The Annunciation of the Lord
7:30 AM Johnny O'Leary—Memorial

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM For An Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Derek Parenteau—7th Anniversary

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Sulpicia Varquez—Memorial Mass

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Priest Celebrant's Own Intention

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Easter Weekday/St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

8:30 AM Salvatore & Marion Schiano—Memorial

Vigil of The Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

The Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners

9:00 AM Phyllis Maura Tripode—10th Anniversary

10:30 AM Dr. Daniel Calenda—Memorial



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

"Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised" asks the Gospel of Easter Day. Why indeed? Christ is Risen! He has truly Risen! And so we celebrate continue to this wonderful season of joy and glory for fifty days! Let us continue to celebrate the Easter Alleluia and the Resurrection of the Lord with the same faith and gusto has we did on Easter Sunday.

We had large crowds at all our Holy Week services here at Our Lady of Mercy. Both Deacon John and Father Shemek noted that they were so very thrilled by such a great turn out for the most important and holiest days of the Church Year. I echo their enthusiasm for such a display of devotion, faith, hope, love and joy! Alleluia indeed!

My thanks to all who helped to make Holy Week and Easter such a tremendous event for our parish. The many volunteers who clean and polish, set up and clean up for the services, those who decorate the Church so beautifully, those altar servers who served so reverently, the Lectors and Ministers who ministered so well, the Ushers who greeted our visitors and parishioners with such service and welcome, our musicians and choirs who sang and performed so beautifully and all of the many good and faithful parishioners who prayed and worshiped so devotedly over the Sacred Triduum. With gratitude and thanks for all you do!

In your name, I also welcome and congratulate those who celebrated the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. We welcome Adam and Aimee Couto and their three children who joined the Catholic Church this Easter. We offer our prayers to their youngest son, Dylan who was baptized, and their daughter, Madison and son, Jacob, who were received into the Church and made their Frist Communion. We also offer prayers for Adam and Aimee who were received into the Church and received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Welcome to our Catholic Family at OLM!

I must also congratulate the others who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil: Anthony Gelsomino, John Nolin, Craig Conway and John Duffy. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and lead them in the faith and help them always to be willing and faithful members of the Church. Best wishes to you all!

I also wish to thank all those who were so generous in supporting the OLM Outreach "Irish Celebration" a couple of weeks ago. We had a great crowd for corned beef, Irish bread, step dancers and live music. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped with event and thanks to all those who donated to McAuley House. We were able to send the good folks at McAuley House \$1,500 raised at the event. Thank you one and all for a great time and for supporting a great cause.

On Easter Monday thanks to the many good folks of OLM we not only reached our Catholic Appeal Charity Goal but surpassed it. My thanks to the over 500 parish families who have been so generous in supporting the good works of the Diocese of Providence through the Charity Appeal. We are still trying to reach our donor goal of 600 families. So if you have not yet donated to the CCA, I encourage to do so. Just imagine all the good works for the poor and needy if all 2,200 families registered at OLM gave to the Charity Appeal!

Finally, wish to congratulate our Parish Trustee. Joe Cavanagh, who is to receive the Lumen Gentium Award for Respect Life from Bishop Tobin. It is a fitting recognition of Joe's steadfast and dedicated support of the sanctity of marriage and human life in our state. Lumen Gentium Awards Dinner is scheduled for May 16th and for more information on tickets or purchasing an ad please go to www.diocesepvd.org/lumengentium

Easter was early this year but now April has arrived and we've moved the Saturday Vigil Mass forward to 5:00PM. Of course, it's also baseball season and as I write this column on Monday I am joyfully listening to the Red Sox beat the Yankees in the season opener in the Bronx. Happy Easter! God Bless. Go Sox!

Father Healey

The Catechism Corner

Who EXACTLY rose Jesus from the dead?? That's the question we are trying to answer this Easter Season. Was it the Father?? OR Christ Himself??

OR the Holy Spirit?? Hopefully, by the end of these fifty days of Easter we will know because to answer this question we are looking at the seven Sacraments for clues. The Church professes that the seven Sacraments in



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truth continue the saving action of the Risen Christ; it would, therefore, make sense that whichever Person of the Trinity does "more" in the Sacraments would be the one who rose Jesus from the dead--at least we hope it makes sense. The beginning of the Resurrection for each one of us was when we were baptized. In that one instant, as Saint Paul asserts, we died and rose again with Christ. The "new life" of God's grace began to take root in our souls. "Baptism not only purifies from all sins, but also makes the neophyte 'a new creature,' an adopted son of God, who has become a 'partaker of the divine nature,' member of Christ and co-heir with him, and a temple of the Holy Spirit." BUT WHO does all of this?? "The Most Holy Trinity gives the baptized sanctifying grace, the grace of justification." Well, that's the closest we'll get to our answer in this section. The Most Holy Trinity is responsible for the graces of Baptism--all three Persons together!! And these are AWESOME graces at that!! These Baptismal graces achieve great things within the believers --"enabling them to believe in God, to hope in him, and to love him through the theological virtues; -giving them the power to live and act under the prompting of the Holy Spirit though the gifts of the Holy Spirit; -- allowing them to grow in goodness through the moral virtues." Even though we didn't discover an answer to our question of "Who EXACTLY rose Jesus from the dead??" we did find out a lot about Baptism and about the new life that each one of us lives because of our Baptism!! Next week, the plot thickens as we look at Confirmation when surely the Holy Spirit will take a definite lead!! Stay tuned but in the mean time, check it out in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1265-1266 and remember that the votes for "Who EXACTLY rose Jesus from the dead??" as of today are Father -- 1; Son -- 1; Holy Spirit -- 1. Anyone want to bet on the winner???



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Weekly	\$20,277.00
Easter	\$11,714.00
Outreach	\$1,202.00
Good Friday	\$2,043.00
Annual (Final)	

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

This Week: Building & Grounds

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday—Mass at Greenwich Bay Manor at 9:00AM Monday—Baptism Preparation Class Tuesday—Legion of Mary at 7:00PM



OLM 2013 Parish Goal Pledge Goal: \$195,000 Donor Goal: 600 Donors Raised to date:\$207,785

Donors to date: 528

OLM 2012 CCA Results

Pledge Goal: \$195,000 Total Raised: \$187,271 Total Number of Donors: 505

Thank You For Your Generous Support!

Congratulations



To Those Baptized, Received into the Church and Confirmed at the Easter Vigil

Baptism

Dylan Joseph Couto, the son of Adam & Aimee Couto

Received into the Church & First Communion

Adam & Aimee and their children, Madison & Jacob

Confirmation

Adam "Joseph" Couto

Aimee "Cecilia" Couto

Craig "Barnabas" Conway

John "Paul" Duffy

Anthony "Rocco" Gelsomino

John "Thomas Aquinas" Nolin

Welcome and Prayerful Best Wishes!

2nd Sunday of Easter



desus Christ is risen. Alleluia!

What we celebrate on Easter Sunday we celebrate with equal joy for a full fifty days—seven times seven days, a week of weeks—until Pentecost.

The jubilant word "alleluia," which comes to us from Hebrew, is not used at all during Lent.

We use it over and over again in this season, however, for as St. Augustine said, "We are an Easter people and 'alleluia' is our cry."



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RE Classes this week. Grade 9 Monday at 7PM, Grades 7 & 8 Tuesday at 7pm, Grades 1-6, Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 4PM.

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



Thank You for Your Generosity

We thank the many who helped, donated and attended our "Irish Celebration" in support of McAuley House. Thanks to your generosity we were able to forward \$1,500 to McAuley House for their ministry to the poor and needy. Thank you!



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 Parishioners, **Bertha Quinn** and **Antonetta DiNapoli** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they 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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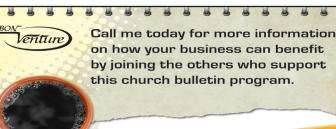
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