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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 

March 24, 2013

#### † MASS SCHEDULE †

#### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass......4:00 PM Sunday Masses .......7:30, 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

Sr. Jeanne Barry, R.S.M.

School Principal

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#### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturdays at 3:00 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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#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 23**

Vigil of Palm Sunday

4:00PM Deceased Members of the Deltufo Family—Mem.

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00AM Thomas Cavanagh—Memorial 10:30AM Inez White Auld—Memorial

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 25**

Monday of Holy Week

7:30 AM Henry Rose & William Berek—Memorial

12:05 PM Samuel Auld—Memorial

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30 AM John Gardner—5th Anniversary

12:05PM R.G. Peter—Memorial

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30 AM Queenie Colgan—15th Anniversary 12:05PM Earl & Nina Mooney—Memorial

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Holy Thursday — Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM Deceased Priest & Bishops of Providence Diocese

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

3:0PM Stations of the Cross

7:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil

8:00 PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

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

10:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



## Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

We have a Pope! Pope Francis, our new Holy Father, was installed this past Tuesday on the Solemnity of St. Joseph. It was a fitting day for such a celebration as St. Joseph is the Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis has truly been an inspiring example of humility and holiness these last weeks since his election.

At the Mass of Installation, he offered these wise words: "Let us never forget that authentic power is service, and that the Pope too, when exercising power, must enter ever more fully into that service which has its radiant culmination on the Cross. He must be inspired by the lowly, concrete and faithful service which marked Saint Joseph and, like him, he must open his arms to protect all of God's people and embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important, those whom Matthew lists in the final judgment on love: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison (cf. Mt 25:31-46). Only those who serve with love are able to protect!"

Truly inspiring words to begin our celebration of Holy Week. As we prayerfully listen to the Passion of our Lord this weekend and mark his entry into Jerusalem, may we begin this holiest time of the year with a renewed commitment to following Christ's example of love and sacrifice.

Now that the rigors and

sacred discipline of Lent are drawing to a close and as we approach the solemn celebration of the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, may we do so with our hearts renewed in the faith and a ever deeper union with Christ and His Church.

I invite you to join us for the celebrations of Holy Week. On Holy Thursday, we mark the institution of the Eucharist and Sacred Priesthood with the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM. Our Church will be transformed into that upper room where our Lord offered his last supper and humbly washed the feet of his apostles.

Following the Mass, we will have the great opportunity to "watch and pray" in adoration of the Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as our Church is transformed into the Garden of Gethsemane where our Lord prayed the night before his crucifixion. The Church will remain open until Midnight for prayer at the Altar of Repose.

On Good Friday we mark the crucifixion and death of our Lord with simple Stations of the Cross at 3:00PM and the solemn celebration of the Liturgy of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross at 7:00PM. This solemn day should be spent in prayer and reflection and is a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics.

Holy Saturday we celebrate the Mother of all Vigils, the great Easter Vigil. The Easter Vigil can only be celebrated after sunset so we will begin the great

celebration at 8:00PM next Saturday. We will celebrate with great joy our Lord's glorious and triumphant resurrection.

We especially rejoice at Our Lady of Mercy as we receive our new Catholics into the Church and welcome one of our newest Catholics with Baptism into the faith. On Easter Sunday we continue our celebration of joy with the normal Sunday Mass schedule.

Fr. Shemek, Deacon John and are truly looking forward to our first Holy Week at Our Lady of Mercy. We will remember all of you in our prayers as we humbly ask for yours. May Holy Week 2013 be for us as a parish family a truly prayerful and powerful celebration our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Benedict, the Pope Emeritus, suggests: "The Paschal Mystery we relive in the Easter Triduum is not just a memory but a current reality. Even today, Christ overcomes sin and death with His love. Evil in all its forms does not have the last word. The final triumph is of Christ's truth and love! If we are prepared to suffer and die with Him, as St. Paul reminds us in the Easter Vigil, His life becomes our life. It is upon this certainty that our Christian lives are built."

God Bless Pope Francis! Have a truly blessed Holy Week! See you in Church! God Bless.

Father Healey

### **The Catechism Corner**

In the midst of trying to figure something out, does it ever cross our mind to go to Confession? "But I haven't sinned THAT much!" Well, that might be so, but Confession is not meant just for the forgiveness of

mortal sins. It is meant for the forgiveness of all sins. One of the disorienting effects of sin in our life is that it genuinely confuses us. We cannot see things as clearly as we used to and when we are stuck in the middle of a dilemma we need



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all of the clarity of sight that we can get. There are many spiritual benefits of regular confession--and that regular confession might be weekly, monthly, or bi-monthly but the key is *regular*. "Indeed the regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving more frequently through this sacrament the gift of the Father's mercy, we are spurred to be merciful as he is merciful." We can easily get lost sometimes in the "busy-ness" of the world around us but when we enter the confessional we enter the silence and the peace of Christ Himself. There we will find all of that we need to put things back into order. Saint Augustine reminds us: "The beginning of good works is the confession of evil works. You do the truth and come to the light." And that light truly enables us to see things clearly once again. After checking out the confession schedule and then checking into the Sacrament itself, **check it all out** in the *Catechism of the* Catholic Church #1458.



The Saturday Night Vigil
Mass moves forward to
5:00PM
on Next Saturday,
April 6, 2013!
Please plan accordingly.



II-Matthew Hassett & Diane Tran



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#### Thank you for your generosity!



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

#### **Second Collections**

This Week: Operation Rice Bowl Next Week: The Easter Collection

#### **New Parish Office Hours**

The Parish Office is now open Monday—Friday from 8:00AM until 4:00PM.



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#### **OLM 2013 Parish Goal**

Pledge Goal: \$195,000 Donor Goal: 600 Donors Raised to date:\$133,890 Donors to date: 439

#### **OLM 2012 CCA Results**

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

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#### March 25, 2013—Monday of Holy Week

Masses at 7:30AM & 12:05PM Confessions 5:30 PM—6:30PM

#### Tuesday of Holy Week—March 26, 2013

Masses at 7:30AM & 12:05PM

#### Wednesday of Holy Week—March 27, 2013

Masses at 7:30AM & 12:05PM Living Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM

#### Holy Thursday—March 28, 2013

Morning Prayer at 8:00AM
Mass of the Lord's Supper with Mandatum at 7:00PM
The Church will remain open until Midnight
for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

#### Good Friday—March 29, 2013

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

#### Holy Saturday—March 30, 2013

Morning Prayer at 8:00AM Confessions 3:00—5:00PM Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00PM

#### Easter Sunday—March 31, 2013

Masses at 7:30AM, 9:00AM & 10:30AM

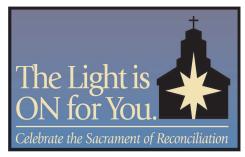
### **Living Stations of the Cross**



Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00PM OLM Church

The OLM School 7th & 8th Grade students invite you to celebrate with them the Living Stations of the Cross.

"O Christ We Adore You Because By Your Cross You Have Redeemed the World."



#### **Confessions This Week at Our Lady of Mercy**

Monday from 5:30 — 6:30 PM Holy Saturday from 3:00—5:00PM

"It is not easy trust oneself to the mercy of God, because [His mercy] is an unfathomable abyss – but we must do it! He has the ability to forget, [which is] special: He forgets [our sins], He kisses you, He embraces you, and He says to you, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now, on, sin no more.' Only that counsel does He give you. We ask for the grace of never tiring of asking pardon, for He never tires of pardoning."—Pope Francis, Homily for 5th Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2013

#### **Pope Francis**

Jorge Mario Bergoglio, SJ



Born: December 17, 1936 Ordained Priest: December 13, 1969 Ordained Bishop: June 27, 1992 Elected Pope: March 13, 2013 Installed as Pope: March 19, 2013

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



#### NO RE Classes this week.

All RE students are encouraged to attend Holy Week Services. We wish all our RE Teachers, students and families a Happy and Holy Easter. RE Classes resume next week.

#### **Reminder to Confirmation Candidates**

All Confirmation Candidates are reminded that we will be baking and decorating cupcakes for McAuley House on Good Friday from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM in the OLM School Cafeteria. Students can volunteer by emailing OLMService@yahoo.com or calling Mrs. Kathy Hall at 885-1150



#### **OLM Bereavement Support Group**

The next Bereavement Support Group meeting will be Thursday, April 4, 4 PM - 6 PM at Mercy House. All those who are experiencing grief over the lose of a loved one are invited to attend.

#### **Easter Baskets for the Needy**

As you prepare your Easter Dinner, please remember those in need. The Food Pantry is collecting items for the Annual Easter Food Baskets. We are in need of canned hams, pineapple, instant potatoes, quick breads, veggies, fruits, etc. Also Easter candies, Peeps, Chocolate Eggs, and Jelly Beans for baskets for families with children. Grocery Gift cards also needed.

Thank you for your generosity.

### OLM Spring Fling —Saturday, April 6

Fling will be held on Saturday, April 6th at Warwick Country Club. Our theme, "Kites for Kids....someday they will fly" will celebrate the importance of Our Lady of Mercy School and its role in helping our

children "take flight". Please join us in supporting this very important and worthy cause by making a tax deductible donation on behalf of your family or



business. The names of all sponsors at all levels will wave on our "banner of kites" in the school's hallways. For more information you may contact Maureen Pagliaro at 714-3474 or email to maureen-pagliaro@gmail.com.

We appreciate your generous support!



#### **Screening for Kindergarten**

Screening for Kindergarten at Our Lady of Mercy School will take place in a couple of weeks. If you are considering our wonderful program but haven't registered yet it would be wise to do so at this time. There are some openings in Pre K and the other grades at this time. Screening for the other grades will take place in April. Please call the office, 884-1618, for information.



The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00PM in the OLM Science Room. Any adult male interested in joining the Knights should contact Tom Mahoney at

tom@tommymahoney.com.

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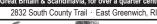
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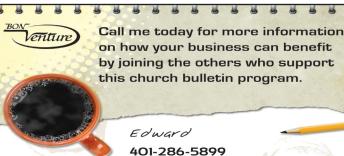
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