

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00 PM
Sunday Masses	7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
September—May	5:00 PM

Daily

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

Holy Day

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

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 29, 2015

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Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment. 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.

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Monday - Friday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

March 29, 2015

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

The Mass of Anticipation for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 4:00PM Thomas A. Briody—Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM Nancy Appleton—7th Anniversary 10:30AM Lillian E. Healey—28th Anniversary

5:00PM Pauline Minuto—Memorial

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Monday of Holy Week

7:30 AM Fr. James J. Hamilton—Memorial 12:05PM Fr. James Duhaime—Memorial

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30 AM Emily & Frederick Miller—Memorial 12:05PM Lillian E. Healey—28th Anniversary

SPY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30AM Innocenzo, Nicola & Nunziata Zaino—Memorial 12:05PM William Daylor—Memorial

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00PM The Deceased Bishops & Priests of Providence

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Friday of the Passion of Lord

7:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Easter Vigil

8:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

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
10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
No 5:00PM Mass on Faster Sunday

No 5:00PM Mass on Easter Sunday



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Today is Palm Sunday and it is the beginning of the Great Week of the Church, Holy Week: the week in which we remember, witness to, and relive in our own lives the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Every other dimension of the Christian life finds its roots and inspiration in this Paschal Mystery.

Holy Week is a time the Church sets aside each year so that we can experience in the liturgy the events of our salvation, renew our faith, strengthen our spiritual life and give strength to that vision of life that only our Catholic faith can provide us.

And, as we make our faith journey we recognize that it is through the eyes of faith that we see so much more of what God intends for us. Palm Sunday calls us to begin this spiritual journey. helps approach us mysteries of salvation with lively faith and grow that much closer to Christ.

On Holy Thursday, at 7:00PM, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper that commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper. It is the only Mass allowed on this day. Also, just as Christ did for his 12 Apostles at the Last Supper, and as he commanded them to do likewise, during the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the priests who represent Christ ceremoniously wash the feet of 12 parishioners.

After the Last Supper, and before he was arrested and

to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, accompanied by two of the disciples. So after the Holy Thursday Mass, the sacred hosts remaining are carried to an "Altar of Repose," and the people go with the Eucharistic Christ in a procession to the altar of repose.

People stay for a time, adoring the wondrous sacrament that Jesus instituted that day 2,000 years ago. Our Church is to remain open on Holy Thursday until Midnight for prayer and adoration at the Altar of Repose.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper finished, the Church now without the Eucharist is truly empty. So the tabernacle light is extinguished and the tabernacle door is left open, exposing the vacant space inside. In silence the altar is stripped bare of its linens and candles, Holy Water is removed from the Church's fonts and the sacraments are not celebrated until the Easter Vigil. Like the first Christians bereft of Jesus and mourning the two days after the crucifixion, the Church stands unadorned until the Easter Vigil Mass.

Good Friday is a day of strict fasting and abstinence. Those over 14 and under the age of 60 are required to fast, which means that they can eat only one complete meal and two smaller ones during the day, with no food in between. We refrain from eating any meat, or any food made with meat, on Good Friday.

The Stations of the Cross devotion is focused on the condemned to death, Jesus went | Passion of Christ. While many pray the meditative prayer on their own throughout the year, it can be an especially poignant experience during Holy Week, when the entire Church recalls the way of Jesus' suffering and death. The Stations are to be celebrated on Friday at 3:00PM.

On Good Friday, the Church gathers for the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, which includes a reading of a Gospel account of the Passion, Holy Communion (consecrated at Mass on Holy Thursday) and veneration of the Cross. The faithful process to the cross at the foot of the sanctuary, as if to receive communion. There each person reverences the crucifix with a kiss or a solemn bow. Join us on Good Friday at 7:00PM for this solemn liturgy.

On Holy Saturday, the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, and meditates on His Passion and Death and His descent into Hell. With prayer and fasting we await His glorious Easter resurrection. We celebrate the great Vigil of Easter at 8:00PM on Saturday. At the Vigil we baptize adults and receive into the Church those baptized in other faiths becoming Catholic. Also, First Communion and Confirmation are celebrated. On Easter Sunday morning we celebrate the glory of the Resurrection with Masses 7:30AM, 9:00AM and 10:30.

Holy Week is here! Please join us as we celebrate our Catholic Faith with devotion and solemnity. God Bless.

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors:

How long should we fast before receiving Holy Communion? How seriously should we consider this expectation?

The Church says we should fast from food and drink for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. This does not include water and medicine. The elderly and those who are sick and those who care for them are not obliged to observe this norm.

The fast before receiving Holy Communion used to be much longer. Before the liturgical reforms initiated at the Second Vatican Council, the Communion fast began at midnight the night before one was to receive Holy Communion.

One is to fast from food and drink before the reception of Holy Communion not before Holy Mass. That is to say, if one is attending Holy Mass but not receiving Holy Communion no fast need be observed. Similarly if one is receiving Communion outside of Mass (for example, on Good Friday or at any other time) the fast still is required.

Fasting from food and drink is not principally a physical thing as if the Eucharist should not be mixed with ordinary food. Instead, it helps our spiritual preparation for receiving Holy Communion. Fasting helps to remind us that something truly extraordinary is coming. We need to prepare for that and not simply stumble into Mass and receive Holy Communion without any thought.

The Communion fast also reminds us that attendance at Mass is not the only criteria for the reception of Holy Communion. Instead, everyone must examine his or her conscience at each Mass to determine if one may receive Communion that day.

For example, anyone who has intentionally missed Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation is guilty of a grave sin and must receive the Sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion. Refusing to worship God is a very serious sin that requires sacramental reconciliation before the Eucharist can be received.

The Communion fast is a helpful norm which the Church provides that aids our preparation for the greatest gift God gives, namely, the Holy Eucharist.

If you have a question for Fr. Connors about the Catholic Faith or a matter of Church Teaching, please email him at associatepastor@olmparish.org





March 22, 2015

Weekly	\$13,417.55
EFT	\$1,603.50
	Total=\$15,021.05
Outreach	\$119.50

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Operation Rice Bowl Next Week: Easter Collection



Easter Flower envelopes should be returned before Easter (April 5). All proceeds go to purchase the beautiful flowers that decorate our church. Simply return your envelope in any collection basket at weekend Mass.

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Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Charity Appeal

2015 Parish Goal=\$193,864.00 CCA 2015 Total (to date): \$78,255.00 40% of Goal

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No RE Classes this weekend (March 29) and next weekend (April 5) due to Easter. RE Students, families and teachers are encouraged to attend the services of Holy Week.

Have a Blessed Holy Week and Easter!

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<u>Easter Dinner items are needed</u> for our OLM Food Pantry. We are in need of Easter Dinner items: canned hams, beans, corn, apple sauce, soups, and also Easter candy for baskets: Peeps, Chocolates etc..

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- •Stock Market Club: Mr. Austin Kairnes invites 7th and 8th grade students to participate in The Stock Market Club. The first go-round would be a four-week program in April and early May, after school from 2:45 to 3:45. The club is free of charge and will be available to the first 25 students that sign up. If interested, please email Mr. Kairnes at akairnes19@gmail.com
- •The Spring Fling is on Friday, May 1st at Quidnessett Country Club. For our new families, this is a festive social event and is the school's biggest fundraiser. We encourage first year families to become involved in this event-it's a great way to meet parents and connect with the OLM community. The funds raised at this event subsidize many of the school's extracurricular programs and educational enhancement initiatives.
- •Library Volunteer Opportunity: Calling all volunteers! Looking for a way to help out in the mornings at Our Lady of Mercy? We are currently in need of more volunteers to help us in the newly organized library at OLM between the hours of 8:00am-8:50am. Many time slots are available! If you wish to commit to a time slot weekly or bi-weekly, please contact Kimberly Izzi for details and times available at kimberlyizzi@gmail.com. Thank you for continuing to support OLM!

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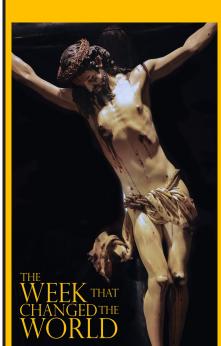


We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, Joseph E. Gruetzke, Jr., Mary Cardillo, Doris McLellan, Edmund Renehan and Laurel Carroll whose Masses of Christian Burial were recently celebrated here at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

May they rest in peace.

A Family Prayer for Palm Sunday & Holy Week

This prayer is designed to be said within the family before a Crucifix on Palm Sunday and during Holy Week. From the words of Pope Pius XII on the Sacred Liturgy.



Dearly beloved, in Holy Week, when the most bitter sufferings of Jesus Christ are put before us by the liturgy, the Church invites us to come to Calvary and follow in blood-stained the footsteps of the divine Redeemer, to carry the Cross willingly with him. reproduce our hearts his spirit of expiation atonement, and to die together with him.

Let us pray:

All-powerful, eternal God, you have chosen to give mankind a model of humility; our Savior took on our flesh, and subjected himself to the Cross. Grant us the grace to preserve faithfully the lessons he has given us in his Passion and to have a share in his resurrection. Favor this dwelling, Lord, with your presence. Far from it repulse all the wiles of Satan. Your holy angels — let them live here, to keep us in peace. And may your blessing remain always upon us. This we ask of you through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. *Amen*.



Monday of Holy Week—March 30
Masses 7:30AM & 12:05PM
Confessions 11:45AM–12Noon & 6:00PM-6:45PM

Tuesday of Holy Week—March 31
Masses 7:30AM & 12:05PM
Confession 11:45–12Noon

Spy Wednesday of Holy Week—April 1
Masses 7:30AM & 12:05PM
Confession 11:45AM–12Noon
Living Stations of the Cross 1:00PM & 6:00PM

Holy Thursday—April 2
8:00AM Morning Prayer
7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight

Good Friday—April 3
8:00AM Morning Prayer
3:00PM The Stations of the Cross
7:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
& Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday—April 4 8:00AM Morning Prayer 8:00PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday—April 5
Masses at 7:30AM, 9:00AM & 10:30AM
No 5:00PM Mass on Easter Sunday

TIME CHANGE FOR SATURDAY MASS



Beginning on <u>Saturday, April 11, 2015</u> the time of Saturday Evening Mass at OLM moves from **4:00PM to 5:00PM.** Confessions on Saturdays move from **3:00PM to 4:00PM.** Please plan accordingly.

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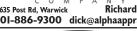
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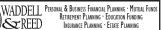
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