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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2013

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass......4:00 PM Sunday Masses7:30, 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

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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturdays at 3:00 PM or by appointment.

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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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HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Easter Vigil

8:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 7:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Monday within the Octave of Easter 7:30 AM Lillian E. Healey—26th Anniversary 9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter 7:30 AM For An Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter 7:30 AM For An End to Abortion

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Thursday within the Octave of Easter 7:30 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Friday within the Octave of Easter 7:30PM Anthony J. Sousa—Memorial

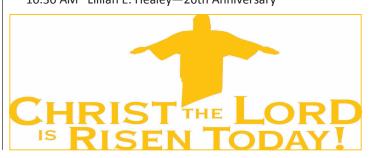
SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Saturday within the Octave of Easter 8:30 AM Sally & Neil Carey—Memorial Vigil of The Second Sunday of Easter 5:00 PM Emily & Frederick Miller—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

The Second Sunday of Easter

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



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Happy Easter! "This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!"

The Resurrection we celebrate on Easter is the very foundation of our faith, our hope, and our love. It is so central to our faith that we celebrate it every Sunday at Mass. I hope and pray those who join us at Mass this Easter begin to reclaim Sunday as the Lord's Day in their lives. May they be anchored in faithfulness to Sunday Mass which is our weekly family meal with the risen Jesus.

The triumph, the life, the light, the raising up, the salvation which exploded on that Easter morning as Jesus rose from the dead continues in His Church every day. The power of the risen Christ shows itself in the extraordinary community that is the Church. God's love for us is so personal, so passionate, so intense that He gave His only begotten Son for our salvation.

St. Paul asks a very interesting question in one of his Letters: "What would it be like if Christ did not rise from the dead?" Thankfully St. Paul answers his own question: "If Christ did not rise from the dead, then we have lived in vain, and we have believed in vain."

But Christ did rise from the dead! He did leave the tomb. He did conquered death. And so our life is neither a staircase leading nowhere or a meaningless journey because of Easter. Pope Benedict, Pope *Emeritus* reminds us: "God exists: that is the real

message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed."

Indeed because of our hope in the resurrection, our lives find their ultimate purpose and destiny in God, in life eternal. But also because of Easter, nothing that we do in this life is ever meaningless, however big or small. Because of Easter, every good deed we make, even the smallest act of kindness, becomes something of tremendous value.

The road of life, the road which we all travel, can often be uphill; filled with pot-holes of suffering, sidetracked by failure and even detoured by defeat. And yet we can endure the harshness of our journey because of the hope that we celebrate today: the Risen Christ, endless glory, lasting peace, and eternal happiness.

We took the forty days of Lent, preparing for Easter, very seriously at OLM. I offer my congratulations to those who, by more fervent prayer, more self-denial, and greater charity to those in need, responded so well to the Ash Wednesday invitation of the Lord to "return to me with all your heart!" The forty days of Lent are behind us, so now let's celebrate the fifty days of the Easter Season leading up to Pentecost Sunday.

At Easter we look around the Church and beyond at the "explosion of new life" for it's just not the lilies in full bloom but also the risen life of Christ is in full bloom! Our faith tells us that the victory of Jesus over sin, Satan, and death at Easter is not just His triumph alone — He shares it with all of us! He shares it with those baptized, confirmed, receiving Him for the first time in Holy Communion, and those joining His Church this Easter! *Alleluia*! Welcome one and all!

He shares it in a few weeks with our parish children who share the risen life of Jesus as they make their First Holy Communion! Alleluia! He shares it in a few weeks with our parish young people who are to be confirmed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! He shares it over the next couple of months, with young couples who begin new lives in the sacrament of marriage. Alleluia!

The Resurrection of Christ is radiating life and light all over! Alleluia! For fifty days we'll keep the Easter candle lit brightly, we'll smell the powerful aroma of the lilies; we'll joyfully sing out "alleluia," and we'll stay close to Jesus through the sacraments.

The darkness, gloom, and death of Good Friday do not have the last word. The night is over; winter is gone. The light and life Easter Sunday morning triumph! lt's morning. springtime in the Church. Saint Augustine said it so well: "We are an Easter People and Alleluia is sona!" Father Shemek, Deacon John and I wish you a Blessed Easter, may it be full of peace, joy and happiness!

Father Healey

The Catechism Corner

Who EXACTLY rose Jesus from the dead?? It might seem like a strange question for Easter Sunday since we are all here because we do believe in the Resurrection of Jesus but have we ever thought about WHO did it?? Of

course, the easiest answer would be "God" but really, was it the Father?? The Son?? OR the Holy Spirit?? We all know that there are plenty of New Testament references that could support a vote for any of the three Divine



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Persons as the one responsible for Christ's Resurrection. The Father's verse could be Acts 13:32-33: "We bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this day he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus." The Son's verse could be John 10:17-18: "I lay down my life, that I may take it up again...I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again." Finally, the Holy Spirit, who is probably the most obvious choice, could easily rely on Jesus' own words about Him in John 16:14: "He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it you." Well, who is it then?? Who EXACTLY rose Jesus from the dead?? It is not such a simple answer once you start to meditate upon it and that's exactly what we going to do throughout this entire Season of Easter. We are going to reflect upon the Resurrection and the work of each of the Persons of the Blessed Trinity in the "working" of the Seven Sacraments of the Church. Each week, we'll take one Sacrament and see which Person of the Blessed Trinity acts in that Sacrament. By the end we'll be able to answer our Easter question without any hesitation because whoever "works" more in the Sacraments will no doubt be the one who "worked" the great wonder of the Resurrection. By Pentecost we will have it all figured out (OR at least as well as we can figure things out on this side of heaven!!) If you do want to check your own answer to "Who EXACTLY rose Jesus from the dead??" you can always check it out in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #648-650 but the rest of us will wait patiently until Pentecost.



OLM 2013 Parish Goal Pledge Goal: \$195,000 Donor Goal: 600 Donors Raised to date:\$139.765

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OLM 2012 CCA Results

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

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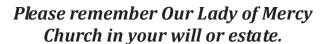


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Second Collections

This Week: The Easter Collection Next Week: Building & Grounds

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday—OLM School Mass at 9:00AM
Monday—OLM School Board Meeting at 7:00PM
Tuesday—Legion of Mary at 7:00PM
Thursday—Bereavement Group at 4:00PM
Saturday—Spring Fling at 6:00PM



First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Filipini Chapel Friday, April 5 10:00AM—4:00PM



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



III-Matthew Hassett & Diane Tran

Easter Sunday



Leforming our lives during Lent has led us to renewing our baptismal promises at this Easter celebration.

Each Sunday during the Easter season, we should recall our baptism through the rite of blessing and sprinkling holy water.

This is the ideal time of year to celebrate not only baptism but also confirmation and first communion, the sacraments which complete the Christian initiation process begun with baptism.



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An Ancient Polish Easter Blessing

The Roman ritual provides a special blessing of food at Easter. The Poles, however, have their own traditional formulas of blessing, authorized by the Synod of Piotrkow (fifteenth century) and approved by Rome. This is an ancient Polish Easter blessing.

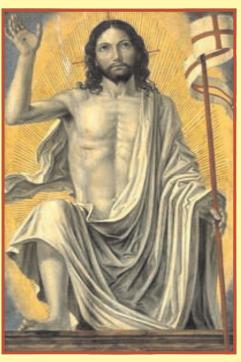
O Lord, who hast blessed five loaves in the desert, graciously give us bread for life's needs.

Almighty God, let not your gifts lead us to sin.

Let not the goblet of sparkling wine induce us to misdeeds.

While we enjoy our feast, let us also in charity remember all those who suffer want and hunger.

May not the pleasure of the body stifle the inspirations of thy Holy Spirit, O Lord.







RE Classes resume this week.

We thank our Confirmation Students who baked and decorated cupcakes for McAuley House on Good Friday.



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.

Joyous Easter to All!

Thank You to all contributed to the Easter Basket Program this year through OLM Food Pantry. The food pantry continues to service those who struggle to make ends meet. Your continued support makes a difference. Grocery Gift Cards of any denomination are also appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity.





Saturday, April 6 Warwick Country Club

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!



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, **Patricia Dunkel**, **Mary T. Gianardi**, an **Teresa Pescosolido** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here in recent weeks.

May they rest in peace.

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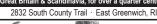
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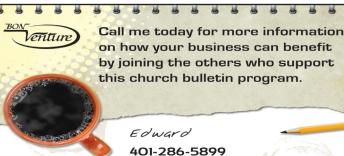
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