

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass	5:00 PM
Sunday Masses7:30, 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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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2015

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

The Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2015

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Mass of Anticipation of The Sixth Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Monsignor John W. Lolio—3rd Anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 10

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM All Mothers 10:30AM All Mothers 5:00PM All Mothers

MONDAY, MAY 11

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Hanna Basler—17th Anniversary

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Easter Weekday/Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs 7:30 AM Fr. Reinaldo M. Cardoso—1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Easter Weekday/Our Lady of Fatima

7:30AM—Special Intention of MMP Rosary Cenacle
The Vigil of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
5:00PM—The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

THURSDAY, MAY 14

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

7:30AM Mildred Forsyth—25th Anniversary

9:00AM Deceased Grandparents

12:05PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 7:00PM William & Mary Mulcahy—Memorial

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Easter Weekday/St. Isidore

7:30AM Young-Ho Pyun—Memorial

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Easter Weekday

8:30AM Isabella Almonte—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Victor Piotrowicz—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 17

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Carol Roberts—Memorial

10:30AM Richard "Ricky" Mastrachhio—Memorial 5:00PM Frances Marie Gruber—Birthday Memorial



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!" We rejoice as 80 children receive Holy Communion for the very first time in their lives this weekend. On Saturday we celebrated two First Communion Masses, one for OLM School students and the other for OLM Religious Education students.

It is always a joyful celebration when our parish marks such a special day in the life of these children and our parish. They are the future of our parish and Church and we rejoice as they receive the Eucharistic Lord. Congratulations to them all!

Last May Pope Francis spoke to a large group of Italian school children who had recently made their Frist Holy Communion. He told the "The Eucharist is children: such a great gift. That's why going to Mass is so important. Going to Mass not just to pray, but to receive Communion, the Bread and Body of Christ. It saves us, forgives us and it makes us one with the Father. How beautiful!"

On Sunday these children come to the 10:30AM Mass to make their "second" Communion and to crown the Blessed Virgin Mary. This beautiful ceremony that honors our Blessed Mother as the Queen of the May and Queen of Heaven and Earth is made all the more special as it occurs on Mother's Day. We turn to the Mother of God and the Church to intercede for us and for all Mothers on their special day.

We offer a very Happy

Mother's Day to all the Mothers of Our Lady of Mercy. Pope Francis recently recalled his own upbringing as one of five children, and spoke of how much work and how many problems, but also how much happiness and joy, come with motherhood.

In speaking about Mothers Pope Francis noted: "Mothers are antidote to the the strongest spread of selfish individualism. A world without mothers would be inhumane because mothers always know how to give witness — even in the worst of times — to tenderness, dedication, and moral strength. Being a mother does not mean just bringing a child into the world, but it is also a life choice. What does a mother choose? It is the choice to give life, and this is great, this is beautiful." How right the Holy Father's words of truly wisdom are! Happy Mother's Day!

On Thursday OLM School is to celebrate the First Annual Grandparents' Day Celebration. The children of the school have invited their grandparents to join them for Mass and a celebration in school following. We are looking forward to welcoming the many grandparents of our 375 students to OLM! Some of them are coming from great distances to be with us for the special day.

Thursday we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of obligation for all Catholics. All of these grandparents along with their families and our OLM students join us for the Ascension Day Mas at 9:00AM. Therefore,

we have added a 12:05PM Holy Day Mass for our parishioners because we expect a full Church for the 9:00AM Mass with our many guests.

We have also scheduled the usual Holyday Vigil Mass on Wednesday night at 5:00PM and Masses on Ascension Thursday at 7:30AM and 7:00PM. Certainly their is ample opportunity to get to Mass for the Holyday at OLM. So please join us in celebrating this special feast and Holyday!

On Friday our OLM Middle School students leave for their trip to Washington, DC. Connors, Principal Fuller, a few teachers and parents are accompanying the students as they explore and learn about the nation's capitol. They are to tour US Capitol, US Supreme Court, and White House. These tours are offered along with some educational sessions. In addition, they will make a pilgrimage to the Saint Pope John Paul II Museum run by the Knights of Columbus. We wish them safe travel, good weather and a great time!

I offer my sincere thanks to the 417 OLM families that donated to the Catholic Charity Appeal and helped to get us over our parish goal!! In the name of the poor who benefit from your generosity, I offer my gratitude and thanksgiving! Congratulations to our First Communion Class! A Happy Mothers' Day! See you at May Devotions on Monday at 7:00PM! God Bless.

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: Why does it seem that there were more miracles in the time of the Bible? Is God still active today?

This is a common question that is not entirely easy to answer. It seems to me there are three aspects.

On the one hand, the events of the Bible are utterly unique. God entering human history, taking on human flesh, requires very unusual intervention. His preparation for that, especially with Mary, is also quite unique. Thus, it should not trouble us that some of the events of the Bible are very much unique events never to be repeated. We shouldn't look for them to be repeated. They are precisely once-in-history events.

Secondly, it is true that times in which there is more faith seem to evoke more miraculous divine intervention. Even in the Gospels our Lord performs more miracles when there is more faith present to receive them. In the Church's history there are been an increase in Eucharistic miracles for example when there was a deepened reverence and devotion to our Eucharistic Lord. It is no secret that ours in an age of particular skepticism and indifference toward God. We have not created fertile soil for our Lord's teaching take root.

Finally, the Lord certainly is still active today. While most people have not experienced a kind of dramatic divine intervention in their lives, many people of faith are still utterly convinced of God's existence, His plan for our lives, and His ordering of all things toward the goal of our salvation. God still enters History each day in the celebration of the Sacraments. He still speaks especially through the Church's Magisterium. It requires a certain understanding to perceive Him and that is called divine and Catholic faith.

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



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May 3, 2015

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	Total=\$14,542.50
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Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Charity Appeal

2015 Parish Goal=\$193,864.00 CCA 2015 Total (to date): \$202,287.00 104% of Goal

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This week the Altar Flowers at the Marian Shrine have been donated in loving memory of Rose Knott and Deborah O'Connell.



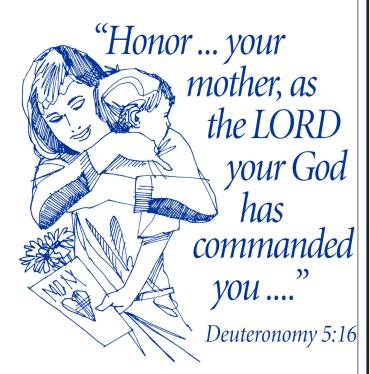
Congratulations to our First Communion Class!

Attention Grade 7 Confirmation 2016 Class: All parents of parochial, private and public school students entering 8th Grade next fall must attend MANDATORY Parent Meeting in preparation for Fall 2016 Confirmation. Meeting is this Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00PM in the OLM School Cafeteria. For more information contact Confirmation Coordinator Doug Green at 884-4410, confirmation@olmparish.org.

2015-2016 Religious Education Re-Registration

Attention all RE Families: Registration for next year (2015-2016) will take place after all Masses on the weekend of May 16/17, 2015. Please re-register your children for all grades of Religious Education at this time. Late fees will be applied to all those who do not register on time.

Thank you for your cooperation.



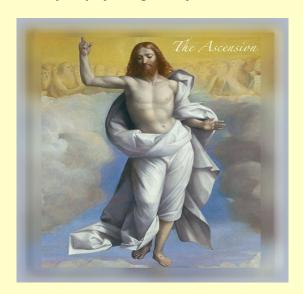


•GRANDPARENTS DAY: This Thursday, May 14. The Day starts with Ascension Day Mass at 9AM followed by special events in school. OLM's First Grandparents' Day promises to be a very special day for our school families! We have had a wonderful response so far! We are expecting a big crow! As mentioned, anyone whose grandparents may need special assistance that day should contact Marybeth Campellone at mbcampellone@verizon.net. Also, room parents have been contacted for assistance in the classrooms that day. Please respond to Maura Legare at rmlegare@cox.net if you have not done so already. Thank you very much!

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Schedule of Masses at OLM

Wednesday, May 13
Holyday Vigil Mass at 5:00PM

Ascension Thursday, May 14
7:30AM, 9:00AM School Mass, 12:05PM & 7:00PM

Please Note: 9AM School Mass will include OLM School Grandparents Day many guests, therefore we have added an extra Mass at 12:05PM.

Legion of Mary

Join us for the Legion of Mary! We meet every Tuesday at 7:00PM in the Church Cry Room.

Junior Legion of Mary

Every other Saturday morning immediately following the 8:30am Mass, children of all ages are invited to join the Junior Legion of Mary. The group meets in the cry room of the Church to pray the rosary, hear a brief spiritual talk by Fr. Connors followed by a visit to a local nursing home to visit with residents. In an enjoyable setting, children learn to join faith and works of mercy. For more Information, contact Angela Toljan at atoljan@msn.com



Save the Date!
The Week of June
22—26, 2015

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More information contact: Mrs. Bethany Bessette, at bcroteau@olmschool.org



The Knights of Columbus meeting at 6PM on Sunday, May 17 in the Church Cry Room. Prospective members are welcome to attend. The meeting should last one hour. The Knights of Columbus, Council 58, is a fraternal order of men, who perform charitable missionary work in support of Our Lady of Mercy Church. If you are

interested in the Knights of Columbus, please contact Tom Mahoney at tom@redhousecb.com



MAY DEVOTIONS



Join us on the Mondays of May at 7:00PM for May Devotions. Each Monday exposition of the Eucharist, recitation of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mondays are for Mary!



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