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#### † MASS SCHEDULE †

#### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass......5:00 PM Sunday Masses .......7:30, 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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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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The Most Holy Trinity
May 26, 2013

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 25**

Vigil of the Most Holy Trinity
5:00 PM Venice Hayes—Memorial

## **SUNDAY, MAY 26**

Trinity Sunday

7:30 AM Yolanda Denice—Memorial9:00 AM Anthony Nardone—Memorial10:30 AM Emily & Frederick Miller—Memorial

## MONDAY, MAY 27 -MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday/St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop 8:30 AM R. G. Peter—Birthday Remembrance

## **TUESDAY, MAY 28**

Weekday

7:30 AM John Gardner—Memorial

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Weekday

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

## THURSDAY, MAY 30

Weekday

7:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

#### FRIDAY, MAY 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:30 AM Mary C. Verri—Memorial

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 1**

St. Justin, Martyr

8:30 AM For An Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood Vigil of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 5:00 PM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 2**

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM John P. Henderson—Memorial Mass 10:30 AM Walter & Frances Collins—Memorial



# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

What a beautiful day we had for last week's Confirmation Mass. The sun was shining, and on Pentecost Sunday the Holy Spirit was alive and well. Nearly a hundred of our young adults were confirmed in their Catholic Faith by Bishop Tobin. The Mass was truly a joyful and faithful occasion for the conformandi and their families. In your name, I offer them our prayers and congratulations.

I hope and pray that these young people will stay close to Christ and His Church in the coming years. So often we see families disappear from parish life after celebrating a sacrament. This is certainly true for those who make Confirmation. In the coming weeks I will be writing each of the newly confirmed to invite them to take up a parish ministry and deepen their faith as as serve their community. Keep them in your prayers.

My thanks to all those who made Confirmation such a great occasion for our parish. We thank all the teachers, parents, and sponsors who helped prepare these young men and women for this important day in their faith lives. We also thank Mickey St. Jean who coordinates the Confirmation Program for a job well done.

My thanks to Doug Green and the Reception Committee for providing a wonderful celebration in Mercy Park for the conformandi and their families. The rain held off until everyone

had finished. Indeed God is good!

With Confirmation over, we have come to the end of the Religious Education Year. thank all of our volunteer teachers and helpers for their commitment to teaching the faith to our young children. happy to announce that Mickey St. Jean is to take over the coordination of the First Communion Program and Religious Education for Grades 1 through 5. Also, Doug Green will now coordinate the Confirmation Program for Grades 6 through 8.

I have been meeting with both Doug and Mickey the last few weeks to discuss how we might reconfigure and revitalize our Religious Education Program at OLM. We hope to put some final plans together in the coming weeks about the restructure of the program and the further enhancement of the Sacramental Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation.

Father Shemek left after Confirmation to make a visit to his family in Poland and is to return next weekend. While his departure from OLM is a big loss to our parish, he is truly very excited about his new position as Pastor in Tiverton and wanted to share it with his family. The weekend of June 22/23 will be his final weekend here at OLM and we will have a reception where you can wish him a fond farewell.

Also on the weekend of June 30 we will have a Mass of Thanksgiving for Sister Rose and Sister Lucy. We will offer Mass in thanks for their many years of dedicated service to our parish community. The Mass will be followed by a reception in Mercy Park where you can personally thank the good sisters.

With the month of May coming to an end, June is soon to arrive. June brings with it the graduation of our OLM School 8th Grade on June 13th and the end of our school year on June 14th. It's hard to believe that the school year is ending so soon and the summer beginning! Where does the time go?? I ask you to please pray for the 8th Graders graduating from OLM School this year that they may continue to grow in grace and holiness and faith and wisdom.

This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for all those brave men and women who died in service to our nation. On this day we honor their sacrifice in defense of our freedom and Bishop Fulton Sheen liberty. once said: "There are certain things in life too beautiful to be forgotten. That is why we revere the sacrifice of our soldiers on Memorial Day. The most beautiful thing about the life of our Lord was His death. Everyone else came into the world to live; He came into it to die; "to give his life as a ransom for many." Let us remember all those who have ultimate sacrifice given the for us and for our nation. May God Bless them and America! Happy Memorial Day.

Father Healey

## The Catechism Corner

One of the more traditional aspects of Catholic piety during the month of May is the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a wreath of flowers. This "crowning" is unheard of for any other saint. Do we crown Saint

Dominic?? or Saint Gertrude?? or even Saint Thomas Aquinas?? They are, of course, each a saint and, therefore, worthy of our devotion but they are not crowned as Mary is. Why just her?? Well, there are



many reasons why we crown Mary YEAR OF FAITH 2012 alone. She is, above all other saints, the Queen of heaven and earth. Also, she deserves the greatest outpouring of our devotion because of her sinlessness and perfect obedience to the Father. But the crowning of Mary goes even further than that. This crowning not only highlights the devotion that we owe to her but also and, more importantly, helps us to understand her role in each one of our lives. This crowning, above all else, teaches us how to approach her and ask for her prayers (and even to ask her to teach us how to pray more fervently). This can all be so because Mary's own personal prayer possesses a irreplaceable value in the salvation of the world. "Mary's prayer is revealed to us at the dawning of the fullness of time. Before the incarnation of the Son of God, and before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, her prayer cooperates in a unique way with the Father's plan of loving kindness: at the Annunciation, for Christ's conception; at Pentecost, for the formation of the Church, his Body. In the faith of his humble handmaid, the Gift of God found the acceptance he had awaited from the beginning of time." In other words, Mary was always in the right place at the right time with the right prayerful attitude. Our crowning her during the month of May reminds us of this unique role, of her powerful intercession, and of her personal love for each one of us. That which makes Mary's prayer in heaven so perfect is the same quality it possessed while she lived on earth. "She whom the Almighty made 'full of grace' responds by offering her whole being: 'Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be [done] to me according to your word.' 'Fiat': this is Christian prayer: to be wholly God's, because he is wholly ours." Mary's Fiat ("Let it be done") calls us back to the true meaning of prayer in our life, whether it is during May or not. Prayer is meant to bring us into communion with the Lord, a communion that begins in our will, asking that His will be done. Mary knew that special secret of prayer and draws us deeper into this mystery as we crown her this month. Check it out in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #2617-2619.

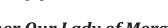


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## Thank you for your generosity!



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

## **Second Collections**

This Week: St. Patrick's Cemetery Collection
Next Week: Building & Grounds Collection

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Monday—May Devotions at 7:00PM Tuesday—Legion of Mary at 7:00PM

# Marian Altar Flowers Memorial e Flowers at the Marian Sh

The Flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in memory of Rose Knott this week.

## Memorial Day Holiday



Monday, May 26, 2013

Mass at 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed for the holiday.

# May Devotions Rosary & Benediction Mondays at 7:00PM in May

Join us at 7:00PM on Memorial Day, Monday May 27, 2013 for the Rosary and Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.





The **OLM Food Pantry** is in need of pancake mix and syrup, spaghetti sauce and many other none perishable food items. There is also a need for personal care items, tooth paste & brushes, shampoo, deodorant, soap, toilet paper, etc. Grocery Gift Cards of any denomination are also helpful. **OLM Bereavement Group** meets next on Thursday, June 6 at 4:00PM. All those suffering a loss or in need of support are welcome to attend.



### **Upcoming Events at OLM School**

- 8th Grade Graduation Dinner at Quidnessett Country Club Sunday, June 2nd at 6:00PM.
- Field Day—Tuesday, June 4.
- First Friday Mass—Friday, June 7 at 9:00AM.
- Pre-K Graduation—Wednesday, June 12th at 8:30AM
- PTG Meeting —Wednesday, June 12th at 6:30PM
- 8th Grade Graduation Mass—Thursday, June 13th at 6PM



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner, **Ralph E. Marden** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May he rest in peace.





Congratulations to our newly baptized:

**Maya Jaye Narccessian,** and her parents, Jon and Jamie.

**Mazie Elizabeth Martin,** and her parents, Thomas and Lorraine.

**Beckett Anthony Farside**, and his parents, Joseph and Aubrey.

"Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn in baptism. They are now called the children of God, for so indeed they are."—The Rite of Baptism

## Holy Trinity



he major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum, and Easter are now past, but about half the year remains for us to celebrate our redemption in Christ in a more general way.

Before we resume the counted Sundays of Ordinary Time, however, we devote this Sunday and next to celebrating two profound mysteries of our faith: the Trinity and the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

A special feast in honor of the Holy Trinity began in monastic communities as early as the ninth century. By the fourteenth century, the whole Western church was observing it as it does today, on the Sunday after Pentecost.



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## **Holy Hour for Vocations**

7:00PM on Friday, May 31, 2013 St. Augustine Church Providence, RI

The Most Rev. Robert C. Evans, D.D., J.C.L.
Auxiliary Bishop of Providence
Presider

Rev. Timothy D. Rielly
Chancellor of the Diocese of Providence
Homilist

Join us on the even of ordinations to the priesthood for the Diocese of Providence as join with the *ordinandi* for a Holy Hour for Vocations. Help support and pray for Priestly vocations!



## PRIESTHOOD ORDINATIONS

10:00AM on Saturday, June 1, 2013 Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul Providence, RI

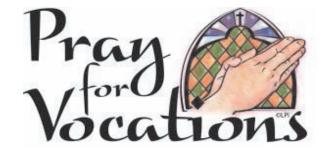
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Rev. Mr. Thomas J. Woodhouse

Please pray for our new priests!



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