

#### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass	5:00 PM
Sunday Masses7:30, 9:00	0 & 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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#### Fifth Sunday of Easter May 3, 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

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# The Fifth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2015

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 2**

Mass of Anticipation of The Fifth Sunday of Easter 5:00PM Ray & Theresa Sylvia—Memorial

#### SUNDAY, MAY 3

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Deborah Anderson—Memorial 9:00 AM Edward Doorley—10th Anniversary

10:30AM Dr. Augustine Capotasto & Deceased Members of the Capotasto & Gelardi Families—Memorial

5:00PM Richard & Sandra Ponte—Memorial

#### MONDAY, MAY 4

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Catherine & Michael Banas—Memorial

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 5**

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Mary Costa—Birthday Memorial

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Monsignor John W. Lolio—3rd Anniversary

#### THURSDAY, MAY 7

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Deceased Members of the Zaino Family—Mem.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 8

Easter Weekday

7:30AM John H. Readey—13th Anniversary

#### SATURDAY, MAY 9

Easter Weekday

8:30AM Michael Monteleone—10th Anniversary

The Mass of Anticipation for 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





# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

The Month of May has arrived! May is always a busy month at the parish with First Communions and May Crowning. First Communion at OLM is next Saturday, so please pray for fine weather!

Also, please pray for our First Communion Class as they receive Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist for the very first time. We hope and pray that nourished by the Eucharistic Lord they might continue to grow in faith and remain close to Christ and His Church.

May is also a month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary. We celebrate Mary each Monday night at 7:00PM at May Devotions. We expose Blessed Sacrament, pray the Rosary and offer Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a wonderful and prayerful way to honor the Mother of God.

Pope Francis reminds us about Mary: "I like reflecting on the life of Mary; you see how Mary always leads us to Jesus." So please join us as we turn to Mary, the Queen of Heaven and Earth, to intercede for us and lead us ever closer to Christ!

Next Sunday is Mothers' Day and we offer Masses for all Mothers, living and deceased. At the 10:30AM Mass our Frist Communion Class crowns Mary. It is always a beautiful ceremony celebrating the Crowning on Mothers' Day makes it even more special.

Last week I made a trip up

where many of our Providence seminarians are preparing for the priesthood. It was an appreciation night for the priests who have worked with seminarians during the year or over the summer. I was able to join with our parish seminarian Brian Morris and some of the other young men studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Providence.

Bishop Tobin recently wrote to inform me that Our Lady of Mercy Church is once again to have a seminarian assigned to serve here for the summer. This year we are happy to welcome Providence Seminarian Eric Silva. I met Eric last week at St. John's where he is finishing up his pre-theology studies of philosophy.

He is a fine young man and arrives to OLM on May 18th to begin ten weeks of living and working with us. Eric is a life-long resident of Cranston where he makes his home with his parents, and attends St. Mark Church. He attended the Cranston-Johnston Catholic Regional School (now the Immaculate Conception School) graduated and from Bishop Hendricken High School in 2009.

Eric received a B.A. in Communications at URI and worked for a few years in radio including producing industry Pawtucket Red Sox games! He has been studying the last two years at St. Johns and enters his first year of Theology there next fall.

Fr. Connors and I are delighted to have Eric live and to St. John's Seminary in Boston | work with us at OLM. Eric informs me that he is an avid Red Sox fan, but not to worry he also studies philosophy, so he and Fr. Connors have something to chat about at breakfast too!

Good Shepherd Sunday last weekend was also World Day for Prayer for Vocations. Bishop Tobin announced at our Annual Priest's Study Day, two weeks ago, that nearly 50% of our active priests are scheduled to retire in the next five years! This year eight priests retired from active administration as pastors and only three new priests are to be ordained in June. How blessed we truly are at OLM to have two priests serve our parish. I urge you to pray every day for an increase of vocations. There is urgent need for this prayer and for more priests!

The Month of May is here! The late Francis Cardinal George once said: "I'm glad to remember on May 1 that we dedicate a full month, no matter what else happens, to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In recent years, many Catholics have re-discovered the Rosary or have learned to pray it for the first time. A month is not too long to think about Mary and join in prayer."

Please join us for May Devotions on Mondays this month, "no matter what else happens!" Let us pray for our Frist Communion Class as we turn to Our Lady of Mercy, our patroness and Mother, intercede for them. God Bless.

Father Healey



# Dear Fr. Connors: How many times a day may one receive Holy Communion?

I may have answered this question some time ago but since I am asked it so often I am very happy

to answer it again. It is interesting to me actually how often I am asked this question.

The short answer is twice. Canon 917 of the Code of Canon Law says: "A person who has received the Most Holy Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only during the celebration of the Eucharist in which the person participates." That means that if one goes to Mass a second time during the day he or she may receive Holy Communion again. If, for whatever reason, one attended a liturgy in which Holy Communion was distributed outside of Mass then one would not receive Holy Communion a second time.

The fact that so many people ask this question indicates to me that they understand that simply being present at Mass is not a sufficient condition to receive Holy Communion. Each time one receives Holy Communion one must consider if in fact he or she meets the conditions necessary to receive the Eucharist.

For example, the Church requires a one hour fast from food before receiving Holy Communion. In addition, the nature of the Eucharist itself requires that one be in a state of grace—that is, not conscious of any grave sin—in order to receive Holy Communion worthily. So, for example, if one missed Mass on a Sunday or obligatory Holy Day (not due to sickness or some other grave reason but simply refused to worship God) that failure to worship God is a grave sin. In such a case, one must seek reconciliation in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion.

The Eucharist is the Church's most treasured gift. For that reason, the Church establishes norms for the reception of Holy Communion including how often one may receive.

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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**FIRST COMMUNION:** Grade 2 RE students have **MANDATORY** practice from 4:00pm-5:00pm on of May 4,5,6,and 7. *It is imperative that the children attend.* 

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION: Saturday, May 9th. OLM School First Communion Class at 10:00AM and OLM RE First Communion Class at Noon.

FIRST COMMUNION MAY CROWNING: Sunday, May 10th at 10:30AM.



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**THE OLM BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** meets on Thursday, May 7th at 4:00PM at Mercy House. All those experiencing a loss, grief, loneliness or isolation are invited to attend. Contact OLM Outreach Director Doug Green for more

#### **OLM YOUNG FAMILY GROUP**



All young adults and families are invited to the OLM Young Family Group this Wednesday, May 6th at 5PM. Pizza and babysitting are available. This month our topic is the Blessed Virgin Mary with Fr. Connors. All young families are invited to attend!



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#### May he rest in peace.



#### **MOTHERS' DAY REMEMBRANCE**

All Mothers' Day Remembrance envelopes should be returned before Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 10th. All Mothers, living and deceased, are to be remembered at Masses on Mothers' Day.

A great way to remember Mom!



The Knights of Columbus Museum at 1 State Street, New Haven, CT has a new exhibit marking the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. "Answering the Call" (March 14—September 20) profiles Catholic military and civilian figures, with a focus on ministry and medical care. There's also a history of the 9th Connecticut, a volunteer infantry regiment whose members were predominantly of Irish ancestry. More information is available at 203-865-4528 or at kofcmuseum.org *Free Admission & Parking* 

#### **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 <a href="mailto:atoljan@msn.com">atoljan@msn.com</a>



The Knights of Columbus meeting is at 6PM on Sunday, May 17 in the parish 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!





#### **MAY BREAKFAST**

Friday, May 8, 2015

Following 7:30AM Mass in the Church Vestibule

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