

#### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass......5:00 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 AM

#### Holy Day

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

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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 Most Holy Trinity
May 31, 2015

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 30**

The Mass of Anticipation for the Most Holy Trinity
5:00PM Anne Matricciano—Birthday Remembrance

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 31**

The Most Holy Trinity

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Joseph D'Amato-Memorial

10:30AM Paul Roy—Memorial

5:00PM Harold Maddelena & Vincent Mulhearn—Mem.

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 1**

St. Justin, Martyr

8:30 AM Deborah Anderson—Memorial

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 2**

Weekday/Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

7:30 AM Edward, Deborah & William Sullivan—Memorial

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs 7:30AM—Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 4**

Weekday

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 5**

St. Bonifice, Bishop & Martyr

7:30AM Special Intention of the MMP Rosary Cenacle

9:00AM The Deceased Alumni of OLM School

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Weekday/St. Norbert, Bishop/BVM

8:30AM Special Intention

The Mass of Anticipation for Corpus Christi

5:00PM Albert R. Catanio—1st Anniversary

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 7**

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

7:30 AM Stanley Berek—10th Anniversary 9:00 AM Barbara McMahon—1st Anniversary

10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Last weekend we celebrated the great feast of Pentecost. Pope Francis celebrated the Mass of Pentecost at a packed St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. In his homily he suggests:

"The world needs men and women who are not closed in on themselves, but filled with the Holy Spirit. Closing oneself off from the Holy Spirit means not only a lack of freedom; it is a sin.

The world needs the fruits of the Holy Spirit: 'love, joy, patience, kindness, peace, goodness, faithfulness, self-control' gentleness, (Gal 5:22). The gift of the Holy Spirit has been bestowed upon the Church and upon each one of us, so that we may live lives of genuine faith and active charity, that we may sow the seeds of reconciliation and peace.

Strengthened by the Spirit and his many gifts, may we be able uncompromisingly to battle against sin and corruption, devoting ourselves with patient perseverance to the works of justice and peace."

While the Church Universal was celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles at Pentecost last weekend, many others were marking graduation at colleges universities across country. We offer our heartfelt congratulations to the many OLM parishioners who graduated from college and graduate school this year. Our prayerful best wishes go out to them as they mark this

their lives.

Now we await as our many OLM high school seniors graduate from local high schools in the coming weeks. They too deserve our congratulations and best wishes as they celebrate the end of their high school years and a beginning of a new and exciting chapter in their young lives. May God bless and guide them all with health, happiness, wisdom, and holiness!

We offer congratulations and prayerful best wishes to all those who graduate in 2015. Let us pray for them: "Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve our God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Next weekend celebrate the great feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is a feast of particular importance as we renew our praise and worship of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We celebrate that the Eucharist is essential to Catholic belief fundamental and our Catholic life.

The feast of Corpus Christi was established in 1246 by Bishop Robert de Thorte of Liege, Belgium at the suggestion of St. Juliana of Mont Carvillon. It was extended to the universal Church by Pope Urban in 1264.

go out to them as they mark this After the 10:30AM Mass milestone of achievement in on this feast day Our Lord is

placed in the monstrance. The priest then carries the Eucharistic Lord procession. in While processing, the congregation follows and sings. Those not in procession kneel as the Blessed Sacrament passes by them. the procession ends in Mercy Park all gather to receive Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

I hope you can join us for the Corpus Christi Procession next Sunday immediately following the 10:30AM Mass. It is a great way to celebrate our faith and belief in Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist. We recall that Jesus says: "Truly, truly I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The month of June is here and with it the end of school and the beginning of summer. In anticipation of this I remind you that this Sunday we celebrate our last 5:00PM Sunday Night Mass of the season. It resumes again on the first Sunday in September.

Thank you for your warm welcome to our Summer Seminarian Eric Silva. Please say hello if you not met him yet! God Bless. Go Sox!

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: Why should Catholics receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Is it really that important?

The short answer is because Jesus instituted Confirmation and it gives a grace

that helps us get to Heaven. So yes, it is crucially important. If the question is why Confirmation is necessary or what does it give that Baptism does not, I suggest the help of St. Thomas Aguinas.

St. Thomas explains, "In Baptism one receives power to do those things which pertain to his own salvation...whereas in Confirmation he receives power to do those things which pertain to spiritual combat with enemies of the faith. This is evident from the example of the apostles, who, before they received the fullness of the Holy Spirit, were in the "upper room . . . persevering . . . in prayer" whereas afterwards they went out and feared not to confess their faith in public" (ST. III, 72, 5).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church concurs: "It gives a special strength to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to never to be ashamed of the Cross."

While Baptism gives us the grace necessary for salvation, Confirmation gives the special grace to help others to be saved. It makes us official witnesses to spread the faith to others. Precisely when we need God's help in a particular way—to express and defend the faith publicly—the good God is there in the Church to give us the special strength of Confirmation.

Confirmation has always been associated with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. These special gifts already given in Baptism are strengthened however in Confirmation.

When called upon to profess our faith publicly—standing for life or marriage or an economy that supports families, or simply saying "Yes," we are followers of Jesus Christ, we can call upon the grace of our Confirmation.

Being a Christian in the 21<sup>st</sup> century isn't easy. Our Lord never said it would be. But he did promise the Holy Spirit, the strength that remains with us forever. That strength continues today in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Its importance cannot be overstated.

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



# Weekly Collection

May 24, 2015

Weekly	\$10,863.50
EFT	\$1,908.50
	Total=\$12,772.00
St. Patrick's Cemetery	\$2,650.50
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#### **SECOND COLLECTIONS**

Next Week: Monthly Building & Grounds Collection



### Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Charity Appeal

2015 Parish Goal=\$193,864.00 CCA 2015 Total (to date): \$218,102.00 112% of Goal

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# The Sacrament of Confession at Our Lady of Mercy

Mondays at 6:00PM—6:45PM Saturdays at 4:00PM—4:45PM



Many thanks to our RE teachers, volunteers, students and families for a great year!

**RE REGISTRATION: Please register now for next year.** Late registration fees apply.

Thank you for cooperation.



**THE OLM FOOD PANTRY** is always in need of donated food items. Please place all donated non-perishable food in the box in the vestibule.



- •OLM School First Friday Mass, June 5th at 9:00AM. All parishioners are most welcome to join us!
- •Field Day: Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please contact Brenda Verdi at <a href="mailto:jandbverdi@hotmail.com">jandbverdi@hotmail.com</a>

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#### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday, June 7, 2015 10:30AM Mass



Please join us for the Corpus Christi Procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament immediately following 10:30AM Mass. The procession will end at Mercy Park and there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

# ALL DAY ADORATION Friday, June 5, 2015



Exposition of the Eucharist following the 9AM First Friday Mass

Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00PM

Adorers are needed, please sign up in advance. Thank you.

NB: Monthly First Friday Adoration is suspended during the months of July & August and returns on Friday, September 4th



#### **Sunday Night 5:00PM Mass**

There is no 5:00PM Sunday Night Mass during the months of June, July and August, The 5:00PM Mass on Sundays ends on Sunday, May 31, 2015 and is to begin again on Sunday, September 6, 2015. Please plan accordingly. Thank you.

### A Day of Hiking & Prayer for Young Men



The Office of Vocations is sponsoring a day of prayer and hiking for High School and College men on Saturday, June 6, 2015. Assistant Vocation Director, Father Chris Murphy, will lead a hike up Mount Monadnock in Jeffrey, NH. The group will depart from OLP Seminary (485 Mt. Pleasant Ave, Providence) at 7:00AM, car pool to Mt. Monadnock and return to Providence around 4PM. If interested or

need more information, contact Fr. Murphy at 401-331-1316 or via email at FatherCJM@gmail.com

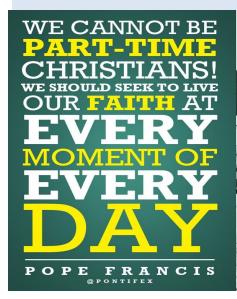
#### **Legion of Mary**

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







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