

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass......5:00 PM Sunday Masses7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM September—June.....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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Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2014

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

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The Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2014

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Mass of Anticipation for the Third Sunday of Easter
5:00 PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

9:00 AM Richard & Sandra Ponte—Memorial

10:30AM Joseph D'Amato-Memorial

5:00PM Edward F. Doorley—9th Anniversary

MONDAY, MAY 5

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Michael & Katherine Bands—Memorial

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Msgr. John W. Lolio—2nd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Easter Weekday

7:30AM John Readey — Memorial

THURSDAY, MAY 8

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Young-Ho Pyun—Memorial

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Michael Monteleone—9th Anniversary

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Saint Damien de Veuster

8:30AM Ralph Marden—1st Anniversary

Mass of Anticipation for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Maria San Martino—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 11

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM For All Mothers

10:30AM For All Mothers

5:00PM For All Mothers



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

With nearly two million people attending in Rome and millions more watching on TV, Pope Francis made history last Sunday when he canonized two of his predecessors, Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II. Pope Francis was joined by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, for the beautiful Mass of Canonization. I hope you were able to see it on TV as it was truly an inspirational and historic event.

In his homily at the Mass, Pope Francis stated: "May these two new saints and shepherds of God's people intercede for the Church... May both of them teach us not to be scandalized by the wounds of Christ and to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of divine mercy, which always hopes and always forgives, because it always loves." Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II, pray for us!

We are fully immersed into the Easter Season and now look forward to the parish celebration of First Communion. Next Saturday the Second Grade Students of the OLM Religious Education Program and OLM School celebrate their First Communion. I ask you to please keep them in your prayers as they continue to prepare for this joyous and faith-filled occasion in their lives. First Communion is a great celebration in the life of our parish and a sign of the future for our Church.

Next Sunday, we also celebrate Mother's Day, and our First Communion Class is to

celebrate the May Crowning of the Blessed Mother at the 10:30AM Mass. It's a wonderful way to celebrate Motherhood as we honor the Mother of God and of the Church. Also, Fr. Connors and I offer Masses on Mother's Day for all Mothers. We hope spring weather arrives soon for First Communion and Mother's Day!

Let's not forget that May is for Mary! I invite you to join us on Monday evenings at 7:00PM during the Month of May for Marian Devotions. Each Monday in May we expose the Blessed Sacrament, pray the Rosary and receive Benediction. I can't think of a better way to spend a half hour on Mondays, can you? See you at May Devotions!

While we continue to bask in the glory and joy of the Easter Season, let's remember how we got here. We spent forty days during Lent praying, fasting and giving alms. I am happy to report that your generous alms giving to the OLM Outreach Office helped us provide financial support and material aid to many people and agencies in need.

Over the winter months, the OLM Outreach Office has provided rental assistance and assistance with utilities to several local families. Also during Lent we collected \$3,000 for Bishop Tobin's Keep the Heat On Fund which helps those struggling to keep their heat in the winter. We also donated \$500 each to McAuley House, Emmanuel House, Whitmarsh House and the RI Coalition for the Homeless. In

addition, we provided hundreds of bags of healthcare and hygiene products to the residents of Emmanuel House for the Homeless, New Hope Shelter for Women, and Breadlines, the weekly food distribution program for the homeless at Cathedral Square.

For Easter we provided nearly 50 Easter Baskets with food cards to area families in need. The Confirmation Class baked over 300 cupcakes for McAuley House's Easter Dinner and the Outreach Office provided 200 candy filled eggs for the McAuley House Easter Egg Hunt.

Almsgiving is alive and well at OLM! I've published in the bulletin this week some of the thank you letters we've received for our assistance. All of these and financial good works assistance efforts are a direct result of your generous support of the Monthly OLM Outreach Collection. Please know that all of the funds collected go directly to our OLM Outreach efforts locally and across the state. the name of the poor, the needy and the homeless who benefit from your almsgiving, I offer thanks and gratitude for your generous charity and bountiful support.

Fr. Connors is back and this weekend we welcome him home from his well deserved vacation. Have a great week and pray the spring weather comes soon. Happy Easter! God Bless. Go Sox! Go Bruins!!

Father Healey

Dear Fr. Connors: You have said the teaching of the Church is the teaching of Christ. Must one

Fr. Connors

accept everything the Church teaches?

The authentic teaching of the Church—as distinguished from simply the opinions of priests

and bishops—should be received with loyal submission of intellect and will. Jesus tells His apostles—and through them the bishops, their successors—"he who hears you hears me" (Luke 10:16).

The Second Vatican Council explains: "[This] Sacred Council teaches that bishops by divine institution have succeeded to the place of the apostles, as shepherds of the Church, and he who hears them, hears Christ, and he who rejects them, rejects Christ and Him who sent Christ" (Lumen Gentium 20).

The Magisterium—the official teaching organ of the Catholic Church, from the Latin word *magister* or teacher—is a gift of Jesus to His Church. We are not left to ourselves to figure out the full truth about God. That wouldn't make sense. Jesus wouldn't come and then leave us orphans. He leaves Sacred Scripture *and* a teaching office in the Church to provide authentic interpretation.

The basic posture towards the Church's teaching should be to receive it, to accept it, to submit to it. From time to time there will be questions: has that teaching been expressed as clearly as it could or isn't there a bit more to say about it than that? Those clarifying questions however, all exist within the context of faith; of a faith that accepts Jesus at His word. He leaves the Church to speak for Him, to keep His teaching safe. The Magisterium must then be seen as a gift, a truth-giver and thus an aid to human freedom and human flourishing.

If you have a question on the Church and Her teachings for Fr. Connors send it to associatepastor@olmparish.org



April 20, 2014

| Weekly | \$11,029.50 |
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| EFT | \$862.00 |
| Outreach | \$529.50 |

If you have been away on vacation or visiting another parish, we kindly ask you to please make up your missed budget envelopes. We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

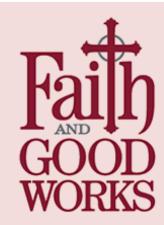
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SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Building & Grounds Collection

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



2014 Catholic Charity Appeal

Catholic Charity Appeal

2014 CCA Parish Goal for OLM: \$193,684 2014 OLM Donor Goal: 600

> Total to date: \$159,452.00 Total donors to date: 409 Average gift: \$390.00

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Dear Fr. Healey & OLM Parishioners:

Your generous contribution will help provide critical support to the RI Coalition for the Homeless. Our work in needed now more than ever. Thank you for your support.

Jim Ryczek

Executive Director -RI Coalition for the Homeless

Dear Fr. Healey & OLM Parishioners:

On behalf of all of us at McAuley Ministries, thank you for your generous donation. Gifts like yours enable us to fulfill our mission of providing the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, health services, emotional support and guidance to the most vulnerable in our community. We couldn't do it without the help of our many wonderful volunteers and the generosity of donors.

Donald P. Wolfe
Executive Director-McAuley Ministries

Dear Fr. Healey & OLM Parishioners:

Thank you for your generous donation to the boys and young men who live in our homes here at Whitmarsh House. You gift goes directly to our young people and helps fill the gaps where are funds are lacking. Thank you for your support.

Brother John McHale, OLP Executive Director—Whitmarsh House

Dear Fr. Healey & OLM Parishioners:

Thank you for the generous donation to "Keep the Heat On." While the weather warms up so do the number of calls from people facing utility shut-offs after the winter heating season. Your generosity allows us to help them.

John J. Barry III

Secretary for Catholic Charities & Social Ministry

Dear Fr. Healey & OLM Parishioners:

Please accept my thanks for your recent contribution of personal hygiene products for the guests of Emmanuel House. Please know that this generous donation goes to provide dignity to those staying at the shelter. Thanks for your support of Emmanuel House.

James R. Jahnz Coordinator – Emmanuel House

All of these donations are made possible through your generous support of the OLM Outreach Office Collection.

Congratulations to our newly baptized:



Grace Marie O'Connor, and her parents, John and Andrea.

Natalie Marie Sogard, and her parents, Neil and Maria.

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



The Life and Vocation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia

Sunday, May 4, 2014 7:00pm in OLM School Library Sister Mary Amata Mueller, OP



All OLM Parishioners are invited to learn more about the nation's fastest growing female religious order. Learn about their charism and why they have over 300 sisters teaching across the country. For more information, contact Fr. Connors at 884-4968 or associatepastor@olmparish.org



OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-14

All RE Classes resume Sunday, May 4th!

First Communion Masses
Saturday, May 10th

10:00AM—OLM RE Class
12:00PM—OLM School Class

May Crowing Mass
Sunday, May 11th at 10:30AM Mass



The OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food. Please place all food donations in the large Food Box located in the vestibule of Church. *Thank you for your generosity.*



Registration is now open to all high school teens (grades 8-12) for the Steubenville East Youth Conference on July 18-20, 2014 at the University of Rhode Island Kingston, RI. For more information contact: Fr. Connors 884-4968 or associatepastor@olmparish.org

Registration form available online at www.olmparish.org



- <u>SAVE THE DATE:</u> Please join us on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 for a Celebration for Sister Jeanne Barry, RSM OLM School Principal. The Dinner will be held at Quidnessett Country Club. The Planning Committee will publish details in the coming weeks. *So please plan on attending and mark your calendar now!*
- 2ND ANNUAL THOMAS G. CAVAVAGH 5K WALK/RUN: Join us on Saturday, May 17th at OLM School. Start time is 9AM and Kid's Run is at 8:30AM. Register at www.iamathlete.com or TGCFund.org All proceeds to benefit OLM School. Sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, contact courtney_cavanagh@hotmail.com

Mother's Day Remembrance



Mother's Day Remembrance Envelopes are in Budget Envelope Packet. Please return all

Mother's Day Envelopes prior to May 11th. All Mothers, living and deceased, will be remembered at Mother's Day Masses on Sunday, May 11th.



MAY DEVOTIONS

Mondays at 7:00PM

Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Recitation of the Holy Rosary

"The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." — St. Francis de Sales

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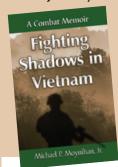


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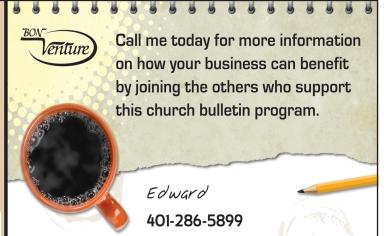
The world was a playground for Mickey, a naive Irish American kid bored with his life. His father served in World War II, his brother was a Marine in Vietnam; now it was his turn. His 365 days in Vietnam builds in torment until an attack on a bunker complex in Cambodia. Wounded, his friend captured, he becomes a tormented survivor knowing he is always just a heartbeat from death.



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