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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2013

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass......5:00 PM Sunday Masses7:30, 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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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.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2013

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Vigil of The Sixth Sunday of Easter 5:00 PM Edward Doorely—8th Anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00AM Msgr. John W. Lolio—1st Anniversary 10:30AM Michael & Katherine Banas—Memorial

MONDAY, MAY 6

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Mary Costa—Birthday Remembrance 9:00AM Msgr. John W. Lolio—1st Anniversary

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM John Ready—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM For Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord 5:00PM—Jerry McQueeney—4th Anniversary

THURSDAY, MAY 9

The Ascension of the Lord

7:30 AM Hannah Lynn Basler—17th Anniversary 9:00AM Michael Monteleone—7th Anniversary 7:00PM Mr. & Mrs. Attilio Fillippi—Memorial

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Mary Gianardi—Month's Mind

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Easter Weekday

8:30 AM Mary Verri-Month's Mind

10:00AM First Communion Mass for OLM School

12:00PM Frist Communion Mass for OLM RE

Vigil of The Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM Dr. Augustine Capotosto & Deceased Members of the Capotosto & Gelardi Families—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 12

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners 9:00 AM Isabella Almonte—Memorial Mass 10:30 AM For All Deceased Mothers

Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

I wish to thank OLM Parishioner Colin Tierney, a Junior at Bishop Hendricken High School, for including the parish in his efforts to help the victims of the Boston Terrorist Attacks. He was at the Boston Marathon and inspired to react. So he created and designed wristbands with the Holy Father's words to the City of Boston, "Combat evil with good." What a great way to react to the tragedy with faith and hope! I'm happy to report that he raised \$750 selling these wristbands after Mass at OLM for the One Boston Fund.

The horrific tragedy in Boston continues to play out in the news media and seems to gain more connections to little Rhode Island everyday. We can only respond with faith, hope and love. In a world too full of fear, hate, violence and war, perhaps we might pray for the many victims of violence and hatred as well as their families who suffer with them. Let us not only pray but let us truly work to "combat evil with good!"

We are looking forward to the celebration of First Communion next weekend. What a happy day for our parish children as they receive the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time. Let us pray for them as they continue to prepare for this great day in their young lives.

Several years ago Benedict, Pope *Emeritus*, meet with a group of children who recently made their First Holy Communion. He reflected about

his own First Communion and "So on that day I was said: really filled with great joy, because Jesus came to me and I realized that a new stage in my life was beginning, I was 9 years old, and that it was henceforth important to stay faithful to that encounter, to that communion. I promised the Lord as best I could: 'I always want to stay with you', and I prayed to him, 'but above all, stay with me'. So I went on living my life like that; thanks be to God, the Lord has always taken me by the hand and guided me, even in difficult situations."

I too remember my First Communion Day at St. Paul's in Cranston. My older brothers served the Mass and I received from Father the Eucharist Raymond Rafferty, then the Assistant Pastor. Afterwards the whole Healey Family went to IHOP! It was a great day and I hope and pray that our OLM First Communion Class will also always remember their special day when they receive the Eucharistic Lord for the first time.

Of course, next Sunday is Mothers' Day, so we will be praying for all mothers, living and deceased. The First Communion Class will celebrate Mothers' Day in fine fashion with the May Crowning at next Sunday's 10:30AM Mass. What a great way to celebrate Mothers' Day by crowning Mary ,the Mother of the Church and Queen of the May!

Father Shemek and I will remember all Mothers at the Masses on Mothers' Day as we call upon the intercession of our Mother, Our Lady of Mercy.

During his reflection at a Wednesday Audience recent Pope Francis departed from his official text to say, "Mothers, go forth with this witness to the living Christ." He was referring to the fact that women were the first messengers of the risen Christ when Mary Magdalene took the good news of the resurrection to the disciples. Pope Francis is urging mothers everywhere to be the messengers of the risen Christ to their families most especially their children. Let us pray that Mothers continue to bear witness to the living Christ especially to their children!

It's hard to believe that one year has passed since we learned of Monsignor Lolio's untimely death. Without a doubt his family, friends and many parishioners continue to grieve the loss of such a fine priest and pastor. I invite all parishioners to join us for a special First Anniversary Mass in memory of Monsignor Lolio on Monday morning at 9:00AM. Bishop Evans is to celebrate and preach the Mass that will include the children from our parish school. As a former Catholic high school teacher Monsignor Lolio was always very dedicated to Catholic Education. Thanks to generosity we now have a OLM School Scholarship Fund in his memory. Let us continue to pray for the repose of his noble soul. God Bless.

Father Healey

The Catechism Corner

This week we have to have the answer to the question, "Who EXACTLY rose Jesus from the dead??" because this week's Sacrament to be considered is

the Anointing of the Sick. If there was anything that Christ was known for in His earthly life it was the healing of the sick. So He must be chiefly responsible for this Sacrament and therefore prove to us that He is the one



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who raised Himself from the dead. Now we just have to hope that the Catechism of the Catholic Church agrees with us. It looks like we're going to run into the same problem that we did with the other Sacraments so far. While it is true that Christ worked many miracles of healing throughout His life, the Anointing of the Sick is not His work alone. "The first grace of the this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age. This grace is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who renews trust and faith in God and strengthens against the temptations of the evil one, the temptation to discouragement and anguish in the face of death." But it is not just the work of the Holy Spirit though because "[b]y the grace of this sacrament the sick person persons receives the strength and the gift of uniting himself more closely to Christ's Passion: in a certain way he is consecrated to bear fruit by configuration to the Savior's redemptive Passion." And just so that the Father doesn't feel left out, the Anointing of the Sick being "the last anointing fortifies the end of our earthly life like a solid rampart for the final struggles before entering the Father's house." That seems to bring the score up to: Father -- 5; Son -- 5; Holy Spirit -- 5. Maybe we'll have better luck next week as we look at Matrimony and the role of the Trinity. Just to assure you that this is not all made up you can always check it out in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1520-1523.



I —Nathan Hayek & Lauren Smith



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Outreach	\$270.00

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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: Building & Grounds

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

The Ascension of the Lord A Holy Day of Obligation for All Catholics



Mass Schedule for the Holy Day
Wednesday, May 8th

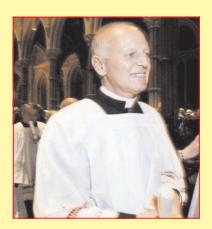
5:00PM Vigil Mass

Thursday, May 9th

7:30AM Mass 9:00AM School Mass 7:00PM Mass

1st Anniversary Mass in Memory Of Monsignor John W. Lolio

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Monday, May 6th at 9:00AM
Our Lady of Mercy Church
Bishop Robert C. Evans
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All are invited to join with the priests, faculty, staff and students of OLM School in remembering the late Monsignor Lolio.

Dedication of "The Monsignor John W. Lolio Hall" at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church Bristol, RI Saturday, May 25, 2013

Father Henry P. Zinno, Jr., Pastor and the Parish of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Bristol where the late Msgr. Lolio served as Pastor from 1980—1992, are pleased to announce the naming of their parish hall, "The Monsignor John W. Lolio Hall." The dedication and blessing of the hall will take place on Saturday, May 25th immediately following the 5:00PM Mass at Mt. Carmel Church. A Reception will be held and all are invited to attend.

Marian Altar Flowers Memorial

The flowers at the Altar of Mary this week are offered in memory of the late Monsignor John W. Lolio.

May Devotions Mondays at 7:00PM in May



Join us at 7:00PM every Monday during the Month of May for the Rosary and Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Blessing of the Motorcycles & Ride



OLM Church is holding The Blessing of the Bikes & Bike Ride to Aunt Carrie's Ice Cream in Narraganset, RI on Saturday, May 18, 2012 at 1:00pm in the parking

lot of OLM School. Anyone who would like to have their motorcycle blessed before they head out for the warm summer riding should participate. But don't forget to tell all your friends about this event so that they also will have a safe and blessed ride for the summer. Any questions please contact Fr Shemek at 884-4968.

Inaugural Thomas G. Cavanagh Scholarship 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run Our Lady of Mercy School May 18th at 9:00AM

The 5k Run/Walk, organized by the Parent Teacher Group at OLM, will support the Thomas G. Cavanagh



Scholarship to Our Lady of Mercy School. Tom was a former student and parishioner of OLM and his family has founded the scholarship in his memory. We are in need of sponsors! If interested please contact Courtney Cavanagh at 401-258-8150. Register for the race at: www.imathlete.com (search for "Thomas Cavanagh Scholarship Run") and learn more about

Tom, his amazing life, and the Thomas G. Cavanagh Memorial Fund, please visit the <u>tgcfund.org</u>



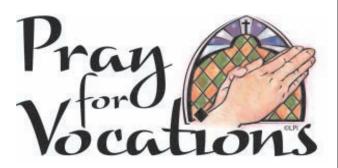
All RE Classes this week as regularly scheduled. Grades 7, 8 & 9 Classes end on Monday, May 6th with May Devotions. Confirmation Class Penance Service on Tuesday, May 7th at 7PM. Confirmation Rehearsal on Thursday, May 16th at 7:00PM.

All Grade 8 students, public, parochial and private are reminded of their obligation to attend one evening of devotions in May. They are on Monday evenings at 7:00pm during the Month of May. Please sign-in on the evening you attend. Consider coming on Monday the 6th when the Religious Education students will be going to end their year and we can really fill our church and be together! Remember to bring your rosary beads!



The **OLM Food Pantry** continues to service those who struggle in these challenging economic times. Your continued support makes a difference. Grocery Gift Cards of any denomination are appreciated.

The OLM Bereavement Group is scheduled to meet next Thursday, May 16th at 4:00PM at Mercy House. All those experiencing a loss of loved one or looking for support are invited to attend. For more information, call Doug Green at 884-4410





We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, Robert J. White, Suzanne M. Romano and Doris Lawrence whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated last week.

May they rest in peace.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of prayer is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629. If you know

someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!



Bake Sale! This weekend! May 4th-5th after all Masses



Support our team as they travel to Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio on May 17-19th for the National Science Olympiad Competition. The Bake Sale helps defray costs of the trip to the National Competition.

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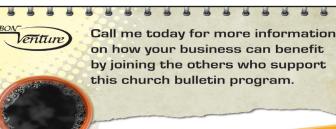
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