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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 27, 2022**

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

The Mass of Anticipation of the 4th Sunday of Lent
4:00PM Helen Whalen—Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM Dino Martini—Memorial
9:00AM David & Bethany Briggs—Memorial
10:30AM Dolly Healey—35th Anniversary
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, MARCH 28

Lenten Weekday
7:30AM John E. Gardner—Memorial
12:05PM Natalie Jane True—Memorial

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Lenten Weekday
7:30AM Daniel Sullivan—Memorial
12:05PM Marie Costello—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Lenten Weekday
7:30AM Emily & Frederick Miller—Memorial
12:05PM Special Intention

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Lenten Weekday
7:30AM Lillian E. Healey—35th Anniversary
12:05PM Fr. Joseph D. Santos—Memorial

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

Lenten Weekday
7:30AM Souls in Purgatory
12:05PM Special Intention

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Lenten Weekday
8:30AM Souls in Purgatory
The Mass of Anticipation for 5th Sunday of Lent
5:00PM Kevin F. Healey—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
7:30 AM Keven A. McKenna—Month's Mind
9:00AM Roland J. Lentendre—Memorial
10:30AM Linda Ann Riccio-Lallo—Memorial
5:00PM Charles Mansolillo—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

While the nation was watching the NCAA Tournament last Sunday, Fr. Mahoney and I, and many parents and kids, watched the Catholic Athletic League Basketball Tournament at the Bishop Hendricken High School Gym. Three teams from OLM were in Championship games. The Boys 7th/8th Grade and 5th/6th Grade played their hearts out but were the runners-up in their final Championship Games. The OLM Girls 5th/6th Team beat out the Monsignor Clarke ladies squad to win the state title!

We congratulate all our CAL players on a great season of basketball. The kids played well, worked hard, and are all champions in my book! We thank the many coaches and parents who volunteer countless hours to make the OLM basketball program a great success. CAL Basketball is a great way to develop fundamental basketball skills, promote teamwork, and teach Catholic sportsmanship! Thank you to all who make it possible!!

This Saturday, we host All Day Confessions at OLM from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. I thank the many volunteers and our good Franciscan Sisters who assist us with this event. Also, I am grateful to the many priests from across the Diocese who volunteered to hear Confessions in some cases for two hours or more.

If you didn't make it to All-Day Confessions on Saturday, don't worry, you've still got plenty of time to get to Confession. We continue to have Confession every Monday at 6:00pm with two priests,

including a guest Confessor.

In addition, there is Confession every Saturday afternoon and every day Monday through Friday just before the 12:05 pm Lenten Mass. Also, two Dominican Friars from the PC Priory are scheduled to hear Confessions at OLM on Monday, April 11. Plenty of opportunities to get to Confession before Easter!!

I hope you were able to attend the 150th Anniversary Lecture on Wednesday night. Mr. George Weigel gave an outstanding talk on the Church in the United States. His lecture is just one of the many events taking place since September to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Providence. The celebration concludes on Sunday, June 26, with a Mass at the Cathedral.

There are other events planned to celebrate the Anniversary taking place this spring. These terrific events include a concert by the Hillbilly Thomists, a band of Dominican Friars who play bluegrass, a talk by Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York at the Cathedral, and a Catholic Schools Arts Festival featuring the OLM School Band. Details about these events are in this week's bulletin.

Amidst all these events, we continue to pray for peace in Ukraine. On this past Friday, March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Pope Francis, at St. Peter's Basilica, offered a prayer for peace and consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

On the same day, the same act was undertaken by all the bishops of the world. Cardinal Krajewski, the papal

almoner, performed the act of consecration at Fatima as the envoy of the Holy Father.

Last Sunday after the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis recalled that the faithful had just prayed to the Virgin Mary and noted that the city that bears her name, Mariupol, has "*become a city of martyrs in the terrible war ravaging Ukraine.*"

The Holy Father expressed his horror over the barbarity of killing children, innocents, and unarmed civilians. He called for an end to armed aggression before it reduced cities to cemeteries. He stated:

"In the name of God, let the cries of those who suffer be heard and let the bombings and attacks cease! Let there be a real and decisive focus on negotiation, and let the humanitarian corridors be effective and safe. In the name of God, I ask you: stop this massacre!"

As we take up more prayer in this Lenten Season, may we continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and an end to war and violence. Perhaps you might pray a Rosary for peace in Ukraine or come to Adoration this Friday, make the Stations of the Cross and spend more time in prayer for peace. Pope Francis reminds us: "*Prayer, fasting and charity are weapons of the spirit.*"

So pray, fast and give alms for Ukraine! Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless!

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE



Weekly Collection

March 20, 2022

Weekly.....	\$9,815.00
EFT.....	\$5,069.00
	Total=\$14,884.00
Outreach.....	\$1,745.00

March 21, 2021

Weekly.....	\$13,479.00
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Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

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

First Friday Adoration

Friday, April 1, 2022

Adorers are needed, sign-up online at olmparish.org

Exposition following 12:05 PM Mass
Adoration All Afternoon
Benediction at 6:45 PM Prior to Stations of the Cross

"Lent is the time of grace that liberates the heart from vanity. It is a time of healing from addictions that seduce us. It is a time to fix our gaze on what abides."- Pope Francis

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2022 OLM Parish Goal=\$190,000
OLM Total to Date=\$127,205
OLM Total Donors to Date=244
Average Gift=\$521

2021 OLM Parish Goal=\$190,000
 2021 OLM Total Raised=169,851
 2021 OLM Total Donors=336

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Pray For Our Deceased

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In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially **Julie Medeiros, Edward. J. Oliver and Arthur J. McDonald, Jr.** whose Mass of Christian Burial were celebrated last week.



Religious Education
NEWS

RE Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 27:

5:00PM Mass and Class: 8th Grade Confirmation

Sunday, April 3:

5:00PM Mass and Class: Grade 1 & Grade 2

Sunday, April 10:

Mass at 5:00PM, No Class

Easter Sunday, April 17:

No Mass and No Class

Both Parents & Students must attend Mass & Class

Important Dates:

Saturday, April 2: First Penance at 1:00pm

Saturday, April 9: First Penance at 1:00pm

Saturday, May



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Schedule of Events

- March 28 Deadline to Order 2021-2022 Yearbooks
- March 28-29 Auditions for Annie, Jr. 2:30-4:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 30 OLM Evening of the Arts 6:00-8:00 pm
- Friday, April 1 Stations of the Cross, Led by Grade 5

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•OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated NON-EXPIRED AND non-perishable food items only and paper goods in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. Please do not leave medical supplies. Thank you for your support!

•OLM Bereavement Group: Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those who are grieving are invited to join with us.

•For information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or email at outreach@olmparish.org



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4th Sunday of Lent



The traditional name for the Fourth Sunday of Lent is Laetare Sunday. This title comes from *Laetare Jerusalem*, “Rejoice, Jerusalem,” the first words of today’s entrance antiphon (brief scriptural text that is usually replaced with a gathering song).

As we have reached the midpoint of Lent, we anticipate the joy of Easter with several options for softening our worship environment: rose-colored vestments, extra music, some floral enhancement.

These are not requirements, however, and many parishes choose to stick with purple vesture and a spare atmosphere.



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A large graphic celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Providence. It features a large, stylized "150" in gold and blue, with a gold cross inside the zero. Below it, "YEARS" is written in gold, and "1872-2022" is in blue. The graphic is framed by an intricate, blue, gothic-style border. At the bottom, there is a blue illustration of a cathedral and a figure in prayer.

150 YEARS
1872 - 2022

The Diocese of Providence is celebrating 150 years! Join us:

DETAILS & FULL SCHEDULES AT:
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MAR 23	GEORGE WEIGEL Our Lady of Mercy Church East Greenwich, RI 7:00 p.m.
APR 21	HILLBILLY THOMISTS CONCERT Providence College Providence, RI 7:00 p.m.
MAY 15	CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul Providence, RI 5:00 p.m.
MAY 21	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARTS FESTIVAL Saint Philomena School Portsmouth, RI Noon to 5:00 p.m.
JUNE 26	CLOSING MASS Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul Providence, RI 1:00 p.m.

A graphic with a dark purple background. The text is in white, bold, sans-serif font. It reads: "PRAY IS LOVE FOR GOD", "FAST IS LOVE FOR YOURSELF", and "GIVE IS LOVE FOR OTHERS".

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