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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 11, 2021

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Mass of Anticipation for 2nd Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Stephen H. Kavanagh, Jr. —1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Second Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00AM Maureen M. Lee—Month's Mind

10:30AM Robert Garafano—Memorial

MONDAY, APRIL 12

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Fr. George Behan—Memorial

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Fay Masterson—Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

7:30AM Fr. Edward J. McGovern—Memorial

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Easter Weekday

8:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for 3rd Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Frank Impelizzieri—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

The Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial

9:00AM Frank Alagna—Memorial

10:30AM George Cooper—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

"*He is not here, for he has risen as he said,*" proclaims The Gospel of Saint Matthew. We continue to celebrate Easter and rejoice at the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Easter is a season, not just one Sunday! Following Easter Sunday, the Season of Easter lasts fifty days until the great Solemnity of Pentecost on May 23rd. So let us continue to celebrate the Resurrection. *Christ is Risen. Alleluia! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia!*

As we joyfully resound the Alleluia of Easter, let us take the opportunity to give thanks for the many blessings and graces of this holy season. We thank Almighty God for the blessings bestowed upon us, our families, and our Parish. Indeed, God is good and generous in bestowing upon us His choicest blessings! Let us give thanks, and let our hearts be grateful!

We give thanks for a holy and fruitful Lenten Season at OLM. Our two Daily Lenten Masses were well attended, as were the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. We saw a terrific turnout for our Lenten Mission. Our confessionals were also very busy throughout the Lenten Season and beyond! All-Day Confessions saw an incredible turnout of people experiencing God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession!

A fruitful Lent always makes for a joyful Easter! So we give thanks for the joy of this Easter Season! We are grateful for all those who work to make it lively and glorious. We give thanks to so many who make OLM a wonderful place to worship and praise God,

especially for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

Our good Franciscan Apostolic Sisters, Sister Lourdes, Sister Emma, and Sister Soledad, are so helpful, holy, and joyful, and we give them thanks for all they do for our Parish and school. They not only greet everyone coming to Mass, but they also help decorate, clean, organize and prepare everything for Mass and Holy week!

We thank Cecilia Franzone, who is so instrumental in ensuring our Church is beautifully decorated for every occasion and season. We thank her for her dedication and hard work. The music at OLM is always beautiful, and we are thankful for our very talented Music Director and Organist, Henri St. Louis. He and the musicians who help us with the proper praise and worship of God at Mass do an outstanding job. They bring glory and majesty to our solemn worship, and we are grateful.

Our Altar Servers are a dedicated group who always serve Holy Mass and Holy Week services with great reverence and solemnity. We also thank our outstanding Lectors who proclaim God's Word so superbly and reverently. We thank all these good people and many more for the terrific job they do and the excellent service they provide our Parish.

We must thank Paul Anderson and the OLM maintenance team for their hard work and dedication to the Parish. Their hard work cleaning, sanitizing and setting up, and taking down, everything for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter is due our gratitude. Their work

in keeping the grounds so beautiful is always top-notch. Let us thank them for their work and dedication to our Parish.

I certainly wish to thank Fr. Barrow for his tremendous dedication and hard work for the Parish and school. His commitment to priestly ministry is zealous and enthusiastic every day. But especially over the Lenten and Holy Week season, he works incredibly hard organizing, preparing, and ensuring everything is ready and done with devotion, and reverence.

We also give thanks to God for the dozen new members of our Parish, and Church baptized, confirmed, and received at the Easter Vigil. They are a sign of hope and new life for our Church. We offer them heartfelt congratulations and a warm welcome to our parish family. Keep them in your prayers that they may continue to flourish in the faith!

Easter Sunday was a joyful and glorious day! Seeing so many people return to Mass was truly inspiring as we celebrated our Lord's Resurrection together in Church. As we enter into better weather and vaccines continue, let us hope and pray more come back to Mass on Sundays!

We join St. Augustine in proclaiming: "*We are Easter people, and alleluia is our song!*" Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless. A Blessed Easter Season!!



What is the Easter Season?

When it comes to liturgical seasons, Lent often stands out in our minds as the unique period when our daily life changes, but there is also the unique period of fifty days (longer than the forty days of Lent) after Easter (which ends on Pentecost Sunday). We all know how to live the season of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is almost second nature to Catholics. After Easter Sunday, however, it may seem like we have returned to the status quo. Instead it is important to realize that we have fifty days to celebrate and reflect on the meaning of Easter. Part of living the Easter Season is realizing how profoundly shattering an experience the first Easter season was for those lived during it.

When those first disciples found the empty tomb trembling, fear, and astonishment came upon them. They feared because what had happened to them was outside anything that could be expected. Their reaction stems from what happens when a creature encounters God. Throughout scripture “fear and trembling” signals the presence of the divine. For instance, Mary at the Annunciation says that she was “greatly troubled at the saying [of the angel].” The angel reassures her: “Do not be afraid.” After this initial experience of the divine comes a soul-changing conversion of mind and heart.

What has changed? George Weigel points to five things. First, with the Resurrection we are now living in the “last days,” which are unfolding in time and not at some point at the end of time (as some early Christians and even some Christians today think). Second, unlike the resurrection of Lazarus, Christ’s resurrection is unique because Christ’s body is transformed into a glorified body. Third, Christ is now sacramentally present to us particularly in the Eucharist in which we receive his resurrected body and blood. Fourth, the resurrection is a life-changing experiencing. We see this in the Apostles. They went from being afraid in the upper room to going out and spreading the Gospel (with the result that most would be martyred). Fifth, worship changes and Sunday is now the 8th day of the new creation because it is the day Christ rose. Benedict XVI writes, “Only an event that marked souls indelibly could bring about such a profound realignment of religious culture... [The] celebration of the Lord’s day... is one of the most convincing proofs that something extraordinary happened that day.”

This is part of what the Easter Season tries to capture: that majestic and shattering sense that something radical has happened; that life and existence have been fundamentally changed.

Weekly Collection

March 28, 2021

Weekly.....	\$12,276.00
EFT.....	\$5,465.00
Total=\$17,741.00	
Outreach.....	\$1,255.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$7,655.00

March 30, 2020 (Lockdown)

Weekly	\$9,375.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$4,212.00

April 4, 2021

Weekly.....	\$12,458.00
EFT.....	\$3,810.00
Total=\$16,268.00	
Outreach.....	\$1,893.00
Easter.....	\$5,897.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$563.00
Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.....	\$1,224.00

April 6, 2020 (Lockdown)

Weekly.....	\$20,618.00
Easter.....	\$3,573.00



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2021 OLM Parish Goal= \$190,000
2021 Pledged (to date)=\$119,873
2021 Total of Pledges (to date)=268

2020 Goal= \$200,000
2020 Amount Pledged= \$131,236
Total Number Parishioners Pledges=290

Thank you for your support.



Sunday, April 11: Mass at 5pm & Class following Mass. Topic: "Holy Eucharist". Mass is for First Communion students and their families only.

Sunday, May 2: Mass at 5pm & Class following Mass. Topic: "Receiving the Real Presence." Mass is for First Communion students and their families only.

Saturday, May 8: First Communion Mass & May Crowning at 12:00PM



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In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially **Edith Sheppard and Martha Guilfoyle.**



Striving to be Saints & Scholars!

- **Tuesday, April 13:** 9AM School Mass with Grade 5 (*no livestream*)
- **Wednesday, April 14:** OLM School Community Zoom Meeting at 7:00pm
- **April 19-23:** No School for the Spring Vacation Week

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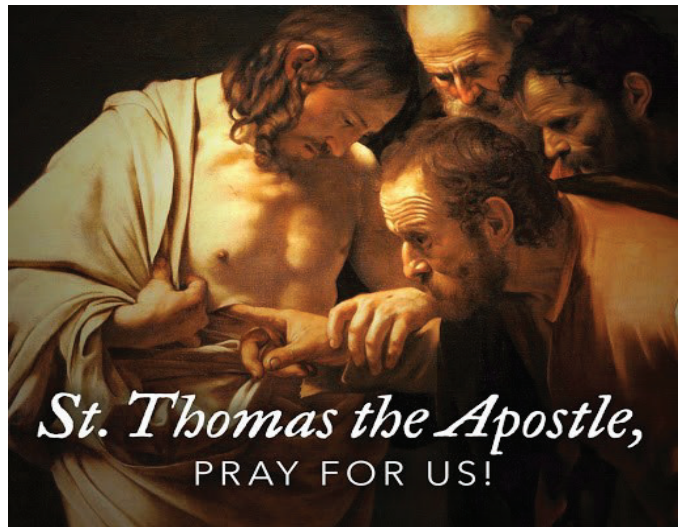
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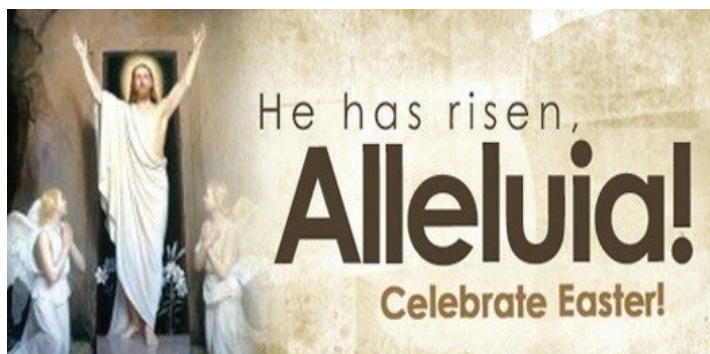
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