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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 16, 2023

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

SATURDAY,	APRIL 15
The Mass of	Antioption for 2nd Sunday of Easter
5:00PM	Rose Doyle—Memorial
SUNDAY, AF	PRIL 16
The Second	Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM	Mary Proia—8th Anniversary
9:00AM	Arlene Roberti—Memorial
10:30AM	Bill Gebhard—Memorial
5:00PM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish
MONDAY,	APRIL 17
Easter Week	:day
7:30AM	Jean Vient—Memorial
<u>TUESDAY, A</u>	PRIL 18
Easter Week	:day
7:30AM	Daniel Green—Memorial
WEDNESDA	Y, APRIL 19
Easter Week	day
7:30AM	Peter Pundys—Memorial
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	APRIL 20
Easter Week	:day
7:30AM	Fr. Robert F. Hawkins—Memorial
<u>FRIDAY, APF</u>	
Easter Week	day: St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:30AM	Rosemary Beachnau—Memorial
SATURDAY,	APRIL 22
Easter Week	:day
8:30AM	Anthony J. Paolino, Sr.—Memorial
Mass of Ant	icipation for the 3rd Sunday of Easter
5:00PM	Pat Tarantino—Birthday Remembrance
SUNDAY, A	
	inday of Easter
7:30 AM	Darlene Doyle—Memorial
9:00AM	Achille Aquino—6h Anniversary
10:30AM	, ,
5:00PM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

"Alleluia! The Lord is Risen! Alleluia, He has Risen Indeed!" This is the great truth that fills our faith with meaning. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who died on the cross, has risen. He has triumphed over sin and death and has overcome sorrow, anguish, and the power of darkness! After the event of Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord, nothing remains the same!

We celebrated the truth of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with great joy, hope, and faith at OLM. The Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday were the highlight of our liturgical year. Easter Sunday was a joyous and faith-filled day for our parish family! We thank the many volunteers and OLM Staff who make all the beauty, reverence, prayer, devotion, and solemnity of Holy Week possible at OLM.

Our OLM Maintenance Staff worked hard to clean, set up, and prepare for the celebrations. We owe them each our thanks. Once again, the OLM Decorating Committee did an outstanding job making OLM the most beautifully decorated Church in the Ocean State. We offer them our heartfelt thanks!

We also thank our good Franciscan Apostolic Sisters and their helpers who work so hard behind the scenes readying all the vestments and sacred vessels. They ensure everything is ready, clean, polished, ironed, and ready for Holy Week and Easter. Of course, we must thank our truly superb Altar Servers under the direction of our Senior Master of Ceremonies, Erik Carlson, who did a tremendous job serving the ceremonies of Holy Week. They were reverent and dutiful, ensuring the Sacred Liturgy was celebrated with great solemnity. They are outstanding, and we are grateful for their service to God and our parish.

We thank Henri St. Louis, the OLM Choir, and the guest musicians for their magnificent gift of sacred music. The music for Holy Week and Easter was uplifting and raised our worship and praise of God to great heights. I thank them for their great work providing such majestic and beautiful music.

We thank the great work of our Lectors in proclaiming the Word of God and our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for reverently distributing Communion to such large crowds. We offer thanks to our dutiful Ushers who do such great work with hospitality and keeping good order during Mass.

And I also offer my deep gratitude to Fr. Mahoney, our Associate Pastor. He worked tremendously hard in making Holy Week truly meaningful for our parish. Seeing him celebrate his first Easter Vigil as a priest was a great joy. He is an outstanding priest full of zeal and holiness, and I am grateful for his presence here at OLM.

However, we must express all our gratitude to the one who truly deserves our thanks and praise, Almighty God! God is the great giver of all that is beautiful, true, and joyful. Thus, we thank Him for the many blessings we received during Holy Week and the Easter Season! St. Ignatius of Loyal reminds us: "All for the greater glory of God!"

Thousands across the globe entered the Catholic Church and received the Sacraments of Initiation on Easter. At OLM, we continue to rejoice with the three adults fully initiated into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil. And also with our youngest new Catholic, a beautiful baby girl baptized on Easter Sunday. We welcome them and pledge our promise to continue to pray for them. With them, we echo the words of St. Ignatius of Antioch: "I wish not merely to be called Christian but also to he Christian."

Easter is just beginning and is a season of fifty days, so we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. Let us live our faith with joy and fidelity as we celebrate Easter every Sunday at Holy Mass. St. John Paul II said: "Sunday recalls the day of Christ's Resurrection. It is Easter which week bv returns week. celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death, the fulfillment in him of the first creation and the dawn of 'the new creation.""

I am away this week to visit with my sisters, who are retired and have been enjoying the winter months in Florida this year. Fr. Mahoney is also away this week from Wednesday until Saturday on the OLM 8th Grade Graduation Trip to Washington, DC! We thank Bishop Evans for covering Masses.

Be well. Do good. A joyous Easter Season! Pope St. John Paul II said: "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!"

Father Healey

🗱 Divine Mercy Sunday

THE SECOND Sunday of Easter is also called "Divine Mercy Sunday." When Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina in the Jubilee Year of 2000, he added the title to this day. In visions, Faustina heard Jesus request that the image of Divine Mercy be venerated on the Sunday after Easter, a day John Paul lovingly chose for Faustina's canonization.

Many communities display the image of Divine Mercy on this day. Jesus' penetrating, compassionate gaze reaches out to the viewer. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbols of blood and water—Eucharist and Baptism. Many Catholics confess their sins or pray before the Blessed Sacrament in conjunction with this feast.

A priest may use the prayers from the Votive Mass for Divine Mercy on any day when a stronger feast does not conflict. The Second Sunday of Easter has its own prayers and readings, so the Votive Mass for Divine Mercy is never permitted on that day. Instead, we observe the much older tradition of the octave day of Easter. The Gospel story of the doubting Thomas is heard every year on this day because Jesus appeared to him a week after the Resurrection. The other texts for this Mass refer to the season and to Baptism. This day used to be called *Dominica in albis*, the Sunday of white garments, because those baptized at the Easter Vigil wore their new vesture to conclude a week of catechesis about the sacraments.

Today the only change to this liturgy is its title: the Second Sunday of Easter, or Divine Mercy Sunday. The mercy of God may be proclaimed in the homily or the Universal Prayer, but especially in the actions of believers, who extend God's mercy to all they meet.

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<u>April 9, 2023</u>

Weekly	\$20,559.00
EFT	<u>\$5,078.00</u>
	Total=\$25,637.00
Outreach	\$1,295.00
Easter	. ,
Good Friday	\$1,312.00

April 10, 2022

Weekly\$26,3

Leave a Legacy of Faith for the next Generation! Remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.

Second Collections

This Week: Building & Grounds



2023 Parish Goal=\$190,000 Total Pledged=\$225,745 Total Donors=412 Average Gift=\$549

WALKING TOGETHER

Over Goal!! Thank You for Your Support!

2022 Catholic Charity Appeal OLM Parish Goal=\$190,000 Total Pledged=\$262,643 Total Number of Donors=440

Average Gift=\$597



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!



RE Schedule

•<u>Sunday, April 16</u>: 5:00pm Mass followed by Class for Grades 5, 6 & 7 in the OLM School Gym (*Last class*)

• <u>Sunday, April 23</u>: 9:00am Mass followed by Class for Grades 1 & 2 First Communion 2023 in the OLM School Gym (*Last class for Grade 1*) :Mandatory Meeting for All 1st Communion Parents at 7pm in Olm School Gym

• <u>Saturday April 29</u>: Mandatory First Communion Interviews for all students & parents with Fr. Healey & Fr. Mahoney, 10:00am-2:00pm

• <u>Sunday, April 30</u>: 5:00pm Mass followed by Class for Grade 8 Confirmation 2023 (*Last class*)



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed, most especially **Ann T. Bartnick and Anna M. Renzi** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week. Prayerful Congratulations to our Newly Initiated into the Church at Easter

Baptized, Communion & Confirmation Eric Joseph Broomfield

Reception, Communion & Confirmation Philip Augustine Palanza

Pamela Agatha Bibeault

First Communion Hadley Carosi





Avery Elaine Labadie and her parents, Brian and Jessica

"Dear brothers and sisters: this child has been reborn through Baptism, and is now called a child of God, for so indeed she is. Through Confirmation she will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and, approaching the altar of the Lord, he will share at the table of Sacrifice, and will call upon God as Father in the midst of the Church." — The Rite of Baptism

Rest in Peace

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OLM SCHOOL'S

Don't miss out on this fun evening filled with friends, great food, and amazing auction items. Visit olmspringfling.com or scan the code below to purchase your tickets!

RAFFLE TICKETS

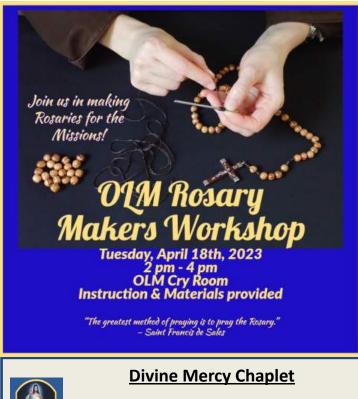
Visit olmspringfling.com/raffle for prize information and to order your raffle tickets. Be sure to share the link with family and friends, too!

STARS FOR STUDENTS

NEW this year: the class that raises the most stars will receive a BONUS recess, including middle school classes! Check out olmspringfling.com/starsforstudents for details and to purchase unlimited stars for your student.



APRIL 29 | 6 PM | QUIDNESSETT COUNTRY CLUB | OLMSPRINGFLING.COM



Join us every Friday at 3:00PM as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in OLM Church before the Our Lady of Mercy Altar and Shrine.





"I would like to remind everyone that closeness to the sick and their pastoral care is not only the task of certain specifically designated ministers; visiting the sick is an invitation that Christ addresses to all his disciples." -Pope Francis

If intrested in volunteering for this imporant minsitry or for more infomation please contact Michael Leighton, Lay Ministry Coordintor at Kent Hospital at 401-419-6360



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