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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 23, 2023

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

The Mass of Antioption for 3rd Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Pat Tarantino—Birthday Remembrance
SUNDAY, APRIL 23

The Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Darlene Doyle—Memorial
9:00AM Achille Aquino—6h Anniversary

10:30AM Sean T. Healey—Birthday Remembrance5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 24

Easter Weekday; St. Fidelis Sigmaringen, Preist & Martyr 7:30AM Rosalie Ferruccio—Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

St. Mark, Evangelist

7:30AM Susan Charbonneau—1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Ellie Cole & Irene Murtha—Birthday Rembrnce.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Raymond Petteruti—5th Anniversary

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Easter Weekday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis de Montfort, Priest 7:30AM John E. Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church 8:30AM Arthur T. Carr, Sr. & D'cd of Merrill Family-Mem.

Mass of Anticipation for the 4th Sunday of Easter 5:00PM Joseph Cormier—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Arlene Roberti—Memorial 9:00AM John Capuano—Memorial 10:30AM Mirian Krysiek—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Spring has sprung! Spring means basketball has ended, and baseball begins! I want to congratulate the OLM Basketball teams and coaches for a great Catholic Athletic League Basketball season. Several teams made it to the playoffs, and our Girls' 5th/6th Grade Team was crowned the RI CAL State Champion and went on to be the runner-up for the New England Championship!

A great season for OLM, and we are truly grateful for all the parent volunteers who help coach, score the games, and assist in so many ways. Fr. Mahoney had a good season as a First Time CAL Basketball Coach, and we thank him! We thank Jerry O'Connell, our new OLM School Athletic Director, for his leadership. We thank our players for an outstanding season of sportsmanship on the court. Now on to baseball and soccer!

We look forward to honoring our OLMSchool athletes, coaches, and their families at the Annual OLM School Athletic Banquet on Sunday, May 21st. It is a great way to celebrate our sports program as we honor athletic achievement and Catholic values!

Speaking of banquets, we celebrate the Annual Spring Fling for OLM School next Saturday night. This is the most important fundraiser for our School of the entire year. We have a live and silent auction with a host of great items available. It is always a great night to celebrate our School with parents and friends of OLM School. If you cannot attend, consider donating or bidding on

an auction item online.

Spring also means that our OLM Religious Education Program is finishing for the year. Next Sunday is the last weekend for Religious Ed Classes and the final 5:00PM Sunday Evening Mass. Our First Communion class continues to meet and prepare in the coming weeks for the May 13th Celebration of First Communion Masses.

This Saturday, Father Mahoney and I are interviewing our many First Communion Candidates and their parents. It isn't a theological investigation or test of knowledge but rather a friendly discussion about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the importance of Sunday Mass in the lives of all Catholics. Please pray for our First Communion Candidates as they continue to prepare for this important moment in their lives.

Pope Francis said in a First Communion Homily, "The Eucharist is such a great gift. That's why going to Mass is so important. Going to Mass not just to pray but to receive Communion, the Bread and Body of Christ. It saves us, forgives us, and makes us one with the Father. How heautiful! It's *important* for children properly prepare for their First Communion so that there's no child without this Sacrament. The Eucharist is a firm step towards Jesus, along with Baptism and Confirmation."

The great Russian Writer Leo Tolstoy once said: "Spring is the time of plans and projects." He is correct, especially here at OLM, where Spring always means plans and projects! The Spring weather helps as we can spruce up the property and beautify the Church Plant.

It also enables our Church Door Project to resume. Next week the painting and preparation of the Church door frames begins. This is the first step in installing our new Church Doors. As you can imagine, this is quite a process as our church doors are nearly sixty years old. the new, and quite Soon beautiful, doors are to be completely installed. We hope that the project lasts only a few weeks. We've patiently waited for these doors with delays due to the pandemic, but hope springs eternal!!

The Grateful for God's Providence Capital Campaign funds the Church Door Project. Your generosity in this campaign has enabled us to install new roofs on the Convents, a new roof and gutters in the School, and new boilers in the Rectory and Convents.

We have put off the restoration of our parking lots and cemetery road until the price of asphalt comes down. We hope to restore the Franciscan Convent Chapel this summer. I thank your for your pledges to the campaign. We are grateful to you for your generous support. We are also grateful to God for the blessings we enjoy at Our Lady of Mercy Parish!

Spring is here and at OLM it's a time of joy! As St. John Vianney said: "It's always springtime in the heart that loves God!" Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox!!!

Father Healey



The Feast of St. Mark: Venetian Rice and Peas

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist each year on April 25. While St. Mark is the patron saint of many things, including notaries, lawyers, captives, and stained glass workers. It is the city of Venice that celebrates St. Mark as her patron. Celebrating the patron saint of Venice, the Evangelist Mark, one should make Rice and Peas. It is a thick soup specially prepared in April, as it is a typical spring dish. Its origins may be traced back to the early centuries of the history of Venice when the city was under the rule of Constantinople. They had long had the habit of mixing rice with other ingredients. A plate of Rice and Peas was offered to the Doge in the Banquet Hall of the Doges' Palace during celebrations in honor of St. Mark. The Doge of the Venice Republic used it for the party of the Republic of Venice on St. Mark's Day. This dish combining rice, a symbol of fertility (as when handfuls are often thrown over brides), with peas, one of the spring vegetables grown in the lagoon gardens, was offered to all members of the Venetian government. Celebrate St. Mark with this bright spring dish!

Ingredients

- 1 garlic clove
- 1 medium onion, quartered
- 1/4 pound sliced pancetta
- 2 (2- by 1-inch) strips lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 1 (10-ournce bag) frozen baby peas
- 1 cup Arborio rice
- 1/3 cup grated parmesan

Instructions

Step 1:Bring broth to a simmer in a saucepan, then keep at a simmer. Step 2:Meanwhile, turn on a food processor and drop in garlic, processing until finely chopped. Turn off processor, then add onion and pancetta and pulse until finely chopped. Step 3:Cook onion mixture with lemon zest in oil and 1 tablespoon butter in a 12-inch heavy skillet over medium-high heat, stirring once or twice, until onion is softened and just beginning to turn golden, about 6 minutes. Step 4: Cook peas in broth 2 minutes. Strain broth into onion mixture, reserving peas, then stir in rice. Cook, covered, over high heat, stirring once after 5 minutes, until rice is al dente, 10 to 12 minutes. Stir in peas, cheese, remaining tablespoon butter, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.



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Sunday 5:00PM Mass

Next Sunday, April 30 is the last 5:00PM Sunday Evening Mass. The Sunday Evening Mass at 5:00PM resumes on Sunday, October 1, 2023.



RE Schedule

- <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*)
- <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*)
- Saturday, May 13: First Communion Masses:
 OLM Religious Ed Class at 10:00am
 OLM School at 12:00pm



- •OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable. We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.
- OLM Bereavement Group: Next meeting Thursday, May 10, 2023 at 4:00pm in Mercy House. All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.
- For more information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



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Upcoming Events

- Monday, April 24: OLM School Board Meeting at 7:00pm in School Library
- Tuesday, April 25: Weekly School Mass at 8:15am
- Friday, April 28: OLM Youth Ministry Meeting & Easter Party at 6:30pm
- <u>Saturday, April 28</u>: Annual Spring Fling at Quidnessett Country Club at 6:00pm

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🗱 St. Catherine of Siena

THE PASSION of Jesus Christ was the passion of St. Catherine of Siena. She meditated on Jesus' sufferings, death, and resurrection intently. She thus experienced a union with Christ so deep that it could only be called a spiritual marriage. Fasting fueled her religious fervor. In one vision she received communion from Christ himself.

Born in 1347 among the last of her parents' twenty-five children, she devoted herself to prayer and service. As a teenager she became a Dominican Tertiary—living at home with her family, but wearing the habit of a nun. Although she provided hands-on assistance to the poor and the sick, she became a correspondent with kings, queens, and popes. Hundreds of her letters survive.

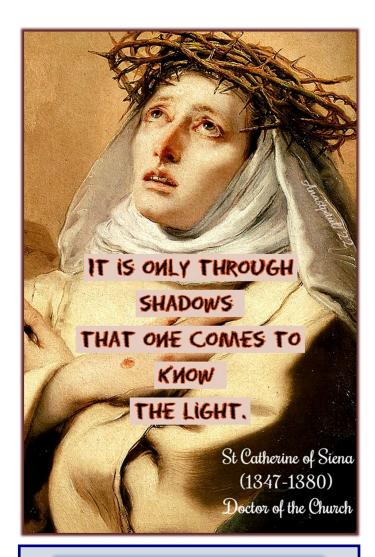
For nearly one hundred years the popes had been living in Avignon, France. But others claiming to be pope took up residence in Rome. In 1376 Catherine traveled to Avignon to convince Pope Gregory XI to leave and return to Italy, where the schism gradually came to an end. A statue of her resolute face stops pilgrims on their way to St. Peter's Basilica today.

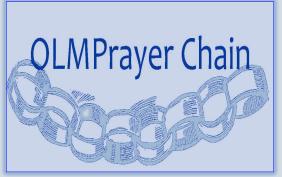
Catherine died in 1380 on April 29, the day on which the entire Church still celebrates her memory. Her body lies beneath the altar of Rome's Dominican church, Santa Maria sopra Minerva, though her separated head was returned to Siena. In 1970 she was proclaimed a doctor of the Church.

The Collect for her Mass acknowledges the fire of divine love that inspired Catherine in her mystical marriage with Christ. It prays that God's faithful people may exult in the revelation of the glory of Christ. His Passion can become our passion as well.

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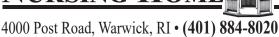
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