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#### THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT **APRIL 3, 2022**

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 2**

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

#### MONDAY, APRIL 4

Lenten Weekday-Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 7:30AM Jane Daly—Memorial

12:05PM Carol DiGianfilippo—Memorial

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 5**

Lenten Weekday-Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

7:30AM Dec'd Mbrs of Zaino & Mattiace Fam—Memorial

12:05PM Fr. Joseph D. Santos—Memorial

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM George Bonaski—Memorial

12:05PM Martha Guilfoyle—1st Anniversary

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 7

Lenten Weekday-St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

7:30AM Elizabeth Callaghan—Memorial

12:05PM Louise Kiernan—Birthday Remembrance

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Michael McGlynn—Memorial 12:05PM Alfred Petteruti—1st Anniversary

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 9**

Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Mary & Joseph Morgan—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for Palm Sunday of the Pasion of the Lord

5:00PM Joan "Jenny" McLaughlin—Memorial

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 10**

Palm Sunday of the Pasion of the Lord

7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial 9:00AM Charles R. Mansolillo-Month's Mind

10:30AM Marion Gillcrist—Memorial

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









# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Hundreds of people made their way to OLM last Saturday for All-Day Confessions. As the Lord said in the Gospel of Luke: "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

I am grateful to the many volunteers who greeted, aided and warmly welcomed people to OLM. Also, I thank the many priests from across the Diocese who helped hear Confessions last Saturday. Some of these priests spent two or three hours in the Confessionals as there was a steady flow of people all day.

Last Friday, Pope Francis' homily at the Ceremony for the Consecration for Russia and Ukraine spoke beautifully about Confession. His words offer a powerful message about Confession during Lent. He preached:

"All too often, we think that Confession is about going to God with dejected looks. Yet it is not so much that we go to the Lord, but that he comes to us, to fill us with his grace, to fill us with his joy. Our Confession gives the Father the joy of raising us up once more.

It is not so much about our sins as about his forgiveness. Our sins are present but the forgiveness of God is always at the heart of our Confession. Think about it: if our sins were at the heart of the sacrament, almost everything would depend on us, on our repentance, our efforts, our resolves.

Far from it. The sacrament is about God, who liberates us and puts us back on our feet."

Over the next two Saturdays, the OLM First Communion Class students are making their First Confessions. It is a beautiful celebration as these children receive God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession for the very first time. Please pray for them as they continue to prepare for First Holy Communion in May.

Mark your calendars for two special events on the OLM Schedule this coming week. First, join us on Friday for the Living Stations of the Cross performed by our OLM Middle School students. This prayerful Lenten Devotion of Living Stations occurs at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. It's truly a wonderful way to pray and prepare for Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

Also, next Saturday night at the Quidnessett Country Club, OLM School hosts its Annual Spring Fling Fundraiser. This fun event is the chief fundraiser of our outstanding parish school and includes both a silent and live auction. You may bid in person at the event and also bid online.

There are some great donated auction items to bid on, including Elton John Tickets, a week's stay in a home on the Bourbon Trail in Woodford, Kentucky, Golfing at Shelter Harbor Golf Course, a week at a ski chalet on Loon Mountain and a Chef's Table at La Masseria. We thank our donors and supporters.

The Church celebrates
Palm Sunday next week. A time
when we stop to reflect upon the
events which brought about our
redemption and salvation. For
Palm Sunday is the great

doorway leading into Holy Week.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) offered a sermon about Christ's entry Jerusalem: "How different the cries, 'Away with him, away with him, crucify him,' and then, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna, in the highest!' How different the cries are that now are calling him 'King of Israel' and then in a few days' time will be saying, 'We have no king but Caesar!' What a contrast between the green branches and the cross. between the flowers and the thorns! Before, they were offering their own clothes for him to walk upon, and so soon afterward, they are stripping him of his and casting lots upon them."

On Palm Sunday we recall that our Lord made His entrance upon a donkey while the crowds scattered their garments before Him and waved their palm branches. This lively scene is soon followed by betrayal, sorrow, and the agony of the Lord's Passion. His entry is as a triumphant hero but soon Christ is crucified like a criminal.

At OLM on Palm Sunday we bless palm branches at all Masses, and make a Solemn Procession from Mercy Park at the 10:30 am Mass. Let us prayerfully prepare to enter the celebration of Holy Week.

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless!

Father Healey

946 Our Lady of Mercy—3







In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially James M. Hannon, Jr., June T. Fitzgerald, and James J. DeCotis whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated last week.

# Weekly Collection

#### March 27, 2022

Weekly	\$12,276.00
EFT	\$7,650.00
	Total=\$19,926.00
Outreach	\$1,342.00
<u>March</u>	<u>28, 2021</u>
Weekly	\$16,086.00



### **Second Collections**

**Next Week: Monthly Building & Grounds** 



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

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



2022 OLM Parish Goal=\$190,000 OLM Total to Date=\$138,965 OLM Total Donors to Date=256 Average Gift=\$543

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

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#### **RE Calendar of Events**

Sunday, April 3:

5:00PM Mass and Class: Grade 1 & Grade 2 (ALL)

Palm Sunday, April 10:

Mass at 5:00PM, No Class

Easter Sunday, April 17:

No Mass and No Class

Sunday April 24:
Mass at 5:00PM & 1st Communion 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 7: OLM School 1st Communion at 10:00am Saturday, May7: OLM RE 1st Communion at 12Noon



- 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



#### Striving to Be Saints & Scholars!

#### **Schedule of Events**

- Tuesday, April 5: Student Council Meeting 2:30-3:00 pm; Girls on the Run Practice 2:30-4:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 6: Girls on the Run Practice 2:30-4:00 pm; PTG Board Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm
- Friday, April 8: Living Stations of the Cross 1:00 & 7:00 pm
- Saturday, April 9: Spring Fling 6:00 pm at Quidnessett Country Club

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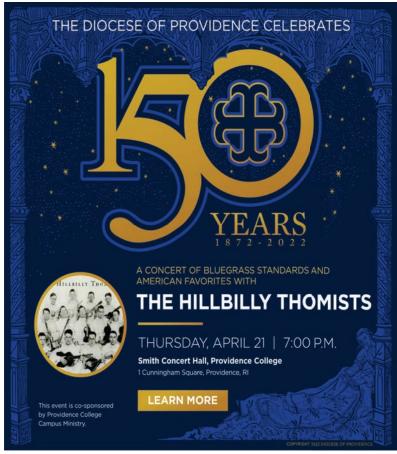
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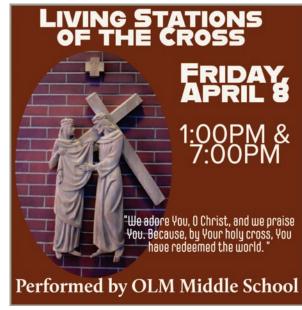
April 9 - Quidnessett Country Club



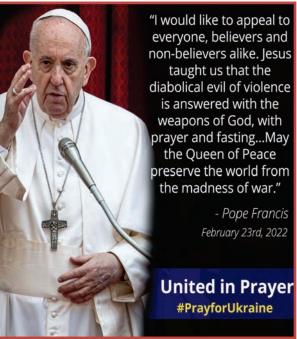












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