

So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord."



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Mass Intentions
for the Week
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**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 1, 2022**

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

The Mass of Anticipation of 3rd Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Thomas Chisholm—2nd Anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 1

The Third Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial
9:00AM Monsignor John W. Lolio—10th Anniversary
10:30AM Phyllis Wathen—Memorial
5:00PM Nancy Delaney—Month's Mind

MONDAY, MAY 2

Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:30AM Deborah A. & Robert C. Anderson—Memorial

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Saints Philip & James, Apostles
7:30AM Mary Catherine Dillion—1st Anniversary .

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Easter Weekday
7:30AM Bobby Sands, M.P.—41st Anniversary

THURSDAY, MAY 5

Easter Weekday;
7:30AM Edward C. Sullivan—Memorial

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Easter Weekday
7:30AM Pat Tarantino—Memorial
9:00AM Monsignor John W. Lolio—10th Anniversary

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Easter Weekday
8:30AM Souls in Purgatory
The Mass of Anticipation for the 4th Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Sue Carcieri—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, MAY 8

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM All Mothers
9:00AM All Mothers
10:30AM All Mothers
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church





Dear Parishioners:

Today we begin the month of May! It is a month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary. Saint Francis de Sales said: *"Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence."*

And so during this month, we run to Mary in prayer and with confidence. Each Monday night in May, we gather as a parish to pray the Rosary for Peace in Ukraine. We call upon the powerful intercession of our patroness Our Lady of Mercy, the Queen of Peace.

So schedule thirty minutes each Monday to come to May Devotions as we pray the Rosary before the Eucharistic Lord and receive Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. As Saint Padre Pio once said: *"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times!"*

The month of May also brings us the celebration of First Holy Communion at OLM. Next Saturday, the Our Lady of Mercy First Communion Class children receive Jesus Christ, body, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist for the first time in their young lives. Pray for them!

Celebrating a First Holy Communion Mass in a parish church in Italy in 2019, Pope Francis said to the children: *"We rejoice because, for love of us, Jesus gave his life on the cross and destroyed sin. He rose again and made us adopted sons and daughters of God the Father. We are joyful because he is alive and present among us, today and always. That is why we can encounter him today in the Eucharist."*

First Communion is a

beautiful day of faith, hope, and love for our parish children, their families, and our entire parish family. As our children celebrate this First Holy Communion, we pray that it is just the beginning of a lifelong and loving relationship with Jesus Christ nourished and strengthened weekly at Sunday Mass.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day! We celebrate God's great gift of Motherhood and honor our Mothers for their love and support. We will offer Masses next Sunday for all Mothers, living and deceased. So please return your Mother's Day Memorial envelopes before next Sunday so we may pray for your beloved Mothers and Grandmothers.

Next Sunday, we also celebrate Motherhood in a very special way. at 10:30 am Mass. Our First Communion Class will crown the Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of May. It is a beautiful tradition and a wonderful way to pay tribute to our parish patroness, Our Lady of Mercy.

What a joy for our parish family to celebrate both the Mothers of our parish and First Communion for our parish children. St. Thérèse of Lisieux said: *"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother."*

May is a month for us to pick up our Rosary beads and put them to work. Take them out of our pockets and use them to pray. Many great popes, saints, and scholars have encouraged us to pray the Rosary daily.

It's a powerful prayer that can change your life, strengthen the family, bring peace to the world, convert entire nations, and win the salvation of souls.

Some people have the impression that the Rosary is not relevant to them. It might be a sacred prayer for very religious people—priests, religious sisters, and pious Catholics—but not for an ordinary layperson. Many view it as the marathon of Catholic devotions. They dismiss it as too long and too difficult.

We don't have to be holy to pray the Rosary and we don't have to pray it all at once. Some people quietly pray a whole rosary in one sitting. But we can also choose to divide it up, praying just a decade or two at a time at different points throughout the day.

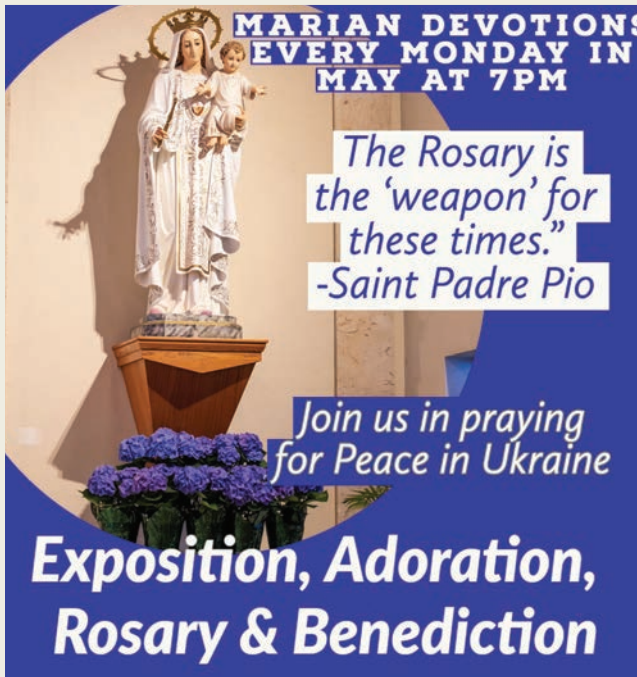
Perhaps on the way to work, in between errands, in between meetings, while folding laundry, or doing dishes. Many holy men and women have prayed the Rosary just this way and found it fruitful for their busy lives.

We can pray it anywhere! The Rosary is like a portable chapel we pull out anytime, anyplace. Whether we have a sudden, urgent situation to present to God in prayer, or we want to fill some of our days with thoughts of God, all we need to do is pull out our beads and turn to the Lord in this prayer. Indeed, the Rosary is always accessible. It's May so take out the beads and pray the Holy Rosary!

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless! Hope to see you at Devotions on Monday night as we pray for peace!

Father Healey

**MARIAN DEVOTIONS
EVERY MONDAY IN
MAY AT 7PM**



*The Rosary is
the 'weapon' for
these times."
-Saint Padre Pio*

*Join us in praying
for Peace in Ukraine*

**Exposition, Adoration,
Rosary & Benediction**

Honoring Mary
During the
Month of May



Pray the
Rosary

First Friday Adoration

**Friday,
May 6, 2022**

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

**Exposition following 9:00 AM School Mass
Adoration All Afternoon
Benediction at 6:00 PM**

**"A thousand years of enjoying human
glory are not worth even an hour spent
sweetly communing with Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament." - St. Pio of Pietrelcina**



Weekly Collection

April 24, 2022

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| Weekly..... | \$9,263.00 |
| EFT..... | \$5,783.00 |
| | Total=\$15,046.00 |
| Outreach..... | \$1,232.00 |

April 25, 2021

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| Weekly..... | \$12,221.00 |
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Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

Second Collections

This Week: Building & Grounds Collection

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



2022 OLM Parish Goal=\$190,000
OLM Total to Date= \$227,042
OLM Total Donors to Date=403
Average Gift Per Person=\$563

***We're Over Goal!!!!
Thank You for Your Support!***



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in loving memory of **Rose Knott & Deborah O'Connell**. In your charity, please pray for the gentle repose of their souls.



Religious Education
NEWS

RE Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 1:

Mass at 5:00PM & Class-1st Communion only

Sunday, May 8:

Mass at 5:00PM & NO Class

Important Dates:

Saturday, May 7:

OLM School 1st Communion at 10:00am

Saturday, May 7:

OLM RE 1st Communion at 12 Noon



Outreach
Update

•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, May 5, 2022 at 4:00PM** in Mercy House. All those who are grieving are invited to join with us.

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

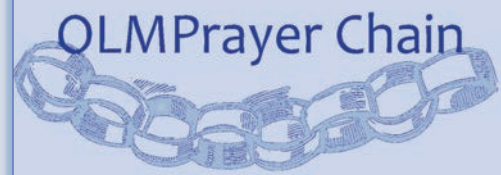


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Schedule of Events

- Monday, May 2:** Baseball Game @ Birchwood Middle School 4:30pm
- Tuesday, May 3:** Choir Rehearsal @ Bishop Hendricken 10am—12:30pm
Soccer Game vs St. Joseph (Gold) @ Wakefield Hills 5pm
- Thursday, May 5:** Soccer Game vs Fr Doyle @ Rocky Hill 5:45pm
Baseball Game @ Tiverton Middle School 6pm
- Friday, May 6:** First Friday Mass at 9:00am
- Saturday, May 7:** First Holy Communion Mass 10am

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Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of prayer is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email directly at 2hart@cox.net.

If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!

The power of prayer at work!

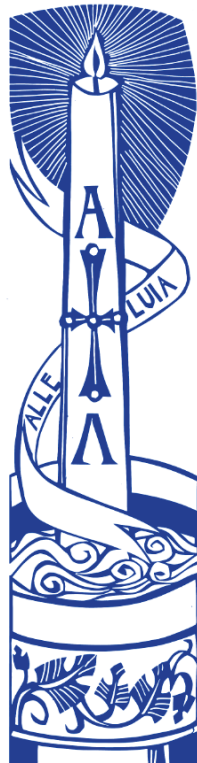
3rd Sunday of Easter



The paschal candle should stand in the sanctuary during the entire season of Easter.

This candle symbolizes the risen Christ who conquers sin and death and, for that reason, is lit during baptisms and usually at funerals as well.

Each year, a new paschal candle is prepared during the opening rites at the Easter Vigil. It is marked with a cross, an alpha and omega, and the numerals of the year. Five grains of incense, representing the wounds of Christ, are also embedded into the wax.



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First Holy Communion Masses
Saturday, May 7, 2022

OLM School Class 10:00AM OLM Religious Education Class 12:00PM

OLM FIRST COMMUNION CLASS MAY CROWNING **MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022 10:30 AM MASS**

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