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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 14, 2023

SATURDAY, MAY 13

The Mass of Antioption for 6th Sunday of Easter 5:00PM Patricia Moran—17th Anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 14

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM All Mothers
9:00AM All Mothers
10:30AM All Mothers

MONDAY, MAY 15

Easter Weekday; St Isidore

7:30AM Young-Ho Pyun—Memorial

TUESDAY, MAY 16

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Helen Celio—Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Victor Piotrowicz—Memorial *The Vigil of the Ascension*

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

THURSDAY, MAY 18

The Ascension of the Lord

7:30AM Beatrice Jutras—Birthday Remembrance

10:00AM All Deceased Grandparents

7:00PM James Hannon—Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, MAY 19

Easter Weekday

7:30AM John E. Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Easter Weekday: St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest 8:30AM Ann E. Gardiner—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for the 7th Sunday of Easter 5:00PM Anton Houdek—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 21

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Arlene Roberti—Memorial

9:00AM The Deceased Members of the Giordano Family

10:30AM Edward V. Healey, Jr—12th Anniversary



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate Mother's Day! In the United States, the first Mother's Day was celebrated by Anna Jarvis in honor of her late mother over 100 years ago in 1908. While Mother's Day in the United States is a secular holiday, the Catholic Church has celebrated the original "Mothering Sunday" since the earliest years of the Church.

So today, as Catholics, we celebrate our Mothers by Still, giving gifts. more importantly, we pray for all living and deceased Mothers. Masses on Mother's Day are offered for Mothers. particular, we remember the Mothers whose names are inscribed on the Mother's Day envelopes.

On this special Day to honor Mothers, we thank God for Motherhood's wonder, miracle, and gift. Mothers carry us in their wombs, the first home of the whole human race. They offer us to the family, the Church, and the whole world.

Mothers gave us life and birthed us into the relationships which give our life meaning, the family. They taught and nurtured us on the way by offering wisdom, giving us love, and making sacrifices. Mothers picked us up when we fell and unconditionally loved us back when we strayed.

There is no one like a mother, no substitute for her place, no equal to her love and placement in our life. St. Therese of Lisuex said: "The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." So let us honor and celebrate Motherhood today with our

prayers at Mass.

We also honor our Blessed Mother today at the May Crowning at 10:30am Mass. The First Communion Class join us in this beautiful ceremony as we crown Mary, Queen of May! Let us turn to our Mother Mary and pray for our living and deceased mothers.

We congratulate our First Communion Class who received Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist on Saturday. First Communion Mass is always a joyful and hopeful celebration in the life of a parish. Fr. Mahony and I were delighted that the children were ready, and prepared, and did well in their interviews. Please pray for our First Communion Class!

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord 40 days after Easter. We celebrate Jesus' return to God the Father after being with his disciples after the resurrection. It is a central element of our tradition and is included in the creed recited at Mass each Sunday.

Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass is Wednesday at 5:00pm, and on the Holy Day, Masses are at 7:30am, 10:00am, and 7:00pm. Please note that the OLM School Mass has been moved up one hour accommodate the many grandparents coming for OLM Grandparents' Day.

Grandparents' Day is always very joyful for our school children and their families. Grandparents travel near and far to be here and see the great work their grandchildren are doing at our outstanding parish school.

You may have seen the

news that Pope Francis has accepted Bishop Tobin's retirement as our Bishop on Monday, May 1st. We thank Bishop Tobin for his 18 years of strong, loving, and wise leadership as our shepherd.

I thank him for all his personal and pastoral support for me and my priesthood over the years. He has been a kind and loving spiritual Father to me and many of our priests. We wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement. May he be healthy and happy! Ad multos annos!

Immediately upon Pope Francis accepting Bishop Tobin's retirement, Bishop Henning became the 9th Bishop of Providence. As he begins his episcopal leadership of the Church of Providence, I ask you in your charity to pray daily for Bishop Henning as he "puts out into the deep," teaching, governing, and sanctifying our local Church.

He is a man of deep faith, hope, charity, and great intellect. His ministry as our chief shepherd will be strong, loving, and wise! As we seek to stay in communion with Bishop Henning, let us remember the words of the great Saint Augustine upon his ordination as a bishop. He said: "For you, I am a bishop. With you, I am a Christian."

A Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers! Enjoy your Day! May God bestow his blessings upon all Mothers! See you on the Ascension Holy Day! Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox!!

Father Healey

Ascension on Sunday

THE ASCENSION of the Lord, which traditionally falls on a Thursday, may be celebrated on a Sunday in certain parts of the world.

The Ascension originated as a Thursday celebration because of the story of the event from the opening of the Acts of the Apostles. There, Luke says that Jesus rose from the dead, appeared to believers for forty days and then ascended to the heavens. Even though the accounts of the Ascension in the Gospels suggest it took place after a shorter period of time, the liturgy of the Church has honored the chronology from Acts by celebrating the Ascension on Thursday of the sixth week of Easter.

The Solemnity of the Ascension is one of ten days that may be a holyday of obligation. Not all countries have the same holydays. In those countries where the Ascension is not a holyday, the solemnity is transferred to the following Sunday. The United States is so large and its needs so varied that Rome has granted it permission to decide by region on the date of this one solemnity. It is possible within the United States for Ascension to be on a Thursday in one state and on a Sunday in another. Travelers are expected to honor the custom of the place where they are that week.

Those celebrating Ascension on Sunday will miss the Mass texts of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, filled with anticipation for the Spirit of Pentecost. The Second Reading and the Gospel of the Seventh Sunday of Easter may replace those usually heard on the Sixth. Those attending weekday Masses may notice that the Responsorial Psalm on Friday and Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter is a seasonal psalm for the Ascension, even if their community will not celebrate the solemnity until Sunday.

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April 30, 2023

Weekly	\$9,714.	00
EFT	<u>\$7,060.</u>	00
	Total=\$16,774.	00
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In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed, most especially Jane M. Kelly whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here at OLM last week.







- •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.
- <u>OLM Bereavement Group</u>: Next meeting <u>Thursday</u>, <u>May 18, 2023 at 4:00pm</u> 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, May 15: Yearbook Club @2:30pm; Mock Trial vs. Tiverton 12:30 @ Garrahy Judicial Complex, Providence
- <u>Tuesday, May 16</u>: Science Club Meeting @2:30pm
- Wednesday, May 17: Band Rehearsal @2:15pm
- Thursday, May 18: Grandparent's Day, Ascension
 Holy Day Mass at 10:00am
- Friday, May 19: Youth Ministry Meeting, Team Trivia Challenge @6:30pm

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May Devotions Monday, May 15, 2023, at 7:00 pm



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Divine Mercy Chaplet

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.

Mother's Day Prayer to Mary, our Mother Mary, Mother of God and our Mother. pray for all mothers, so that they will be able to fulfill their maternal responsibilities. Help them to be lovers and nurturers of all human life from the moment of conception until natural death, all the while being examples for their own children. Pray for their children, so that they, too, will be faithful followers of your Son. We pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love. We pray for mothers, who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope and their family and friend, support and console them. We pray for mothers who have died. that God may bring them into the joy of His kingdom We offer these prayers through Christ, our Lord and your Son, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Anastpaul/19 Amen

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