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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 21, 2023

SATURDAY, MAY 20

The Mass of Antioption for 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

MONDAY, MAY 22

Easter Weekday; St Rita of Cascia, Religious
7:30AM Dec'd of Seymour Family—Memorial

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Susan Paoletta—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Fr. Wilfred Gregoire—Memorial

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Easter Weekday; St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church 7:30AM Dr. John H. Duffy—Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

7:30AM Bill Daly—Memorial

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Easter Weekday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop 8:30AM Thomas Chisholm—3rd Anniversary

The Viail of Pentecost

5:00PM Edward F. Ricci—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Pentecost Sunday

7:30 AM Lorraine Kane—4th Anniversary
9:00AM Anthony J. Paolino, Sr. —Memorial
10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Last weekend, our First Communion and May Crowning celebrations were joyful and faith-filled. Sixty-two of our young parishioners received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. It was a wonderful day for the children, their families, and our parish family.

Pray that they and their families remain faithful to the Eucharistic Lord, grow in their love of Holy Mass, and deepen their friendship with Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. As the Angelic Doctor, St Thomas Aquinas teaches: "The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love and produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."

The First Communion Class returned on Sunday at the 10:30am Mass for the May Crowning. It was a beautiful way to celebrate Mother's Day and Motherhood as we crowned our Blessed Mother Mary, the Queen of the May! May Mother Mary, our parish patroness, intercede for us and our parish family!

Saint Francis de Sales said: "Let us run to Mary and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence." On Monday nights at 7:00pm, we have May Devotions. If you haven't yet made it to May Devotions, grab your Rosary and run to join us on Monday. Skip "The Wheel of Fortune" and pray with Mary, our Mother and Patroness!

With the celebration of First Communion, our Religious Education Program has ended for the year. We thank the many families who participated in the program, the teachers and

volunteers who so willingly helped us, and the students who benefited from our program.

Of course, our program serves only to support parents in their primary role of teaching the faith to their children. The Rite of Baptism states that parents are "the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith." This is echoed in the words of the Catechism: "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children." Please pray that our parents may be the best teachers of the faith in what they say and do!

We thank Mickey St. Jean and Doug Green, who coordinate our Religious Education Program, particularly for their exemplary work preparing students for First Communion and Confirmation. We are grateful for all they do for our parish family, especially in teaching the children the faith!

So it is with some sadness that I announce that Mickey St. Jean is retiring as the Director of RE at the end of June. Also, Doug Green is stepping down from his role in Religious Education. However, he will continue to direct our OLM Outreach Program part-time.

After many years of loyal service and faithful dedication to our OLM parish family, they begin a new chapter in their lives. We thank them for all they've done for our parish family, especially for our students. Please pray for them both; may their years ahead be healthy and happy!

Of course, with this change in our Religious Education Program, we begin a search for a new Director. This is an extremely important role in

the life and mission of our parish family, so please pray that we find the best candidate possible!

I thank the over 400 parish families who have made pledges to the Catholic Charity Appeal. Your support this year is truly outstanding. We are well over our parish goal of \$190,000, with over \$250,000 pledged to date.

However, we have not reached last year's total of over \$260,000. Please make a pledge if you have not yet done so. We need every parish family to participate in this important charity. The funds raised by the Charity Appeal support the many good works of our Church in helping the poor, the sick, the homeless, the unborn, and so many others in need.

Our state is now poised to legalize the state funding of unlimited abortion with our tax dollars. We must redouble our efforts with St. Gabriel's Call which helps expectant mothers in crisis choose life for their unborn babies and assists mothers and infants in need with baby supplies.

Also as the homeless problem grows in our state, Emmanuel House, our diocesan homeless shelter, is needed more than ever to assist people with food and shelter. So I thank you for your generous support of the Charity Appeal. Your donation enables our Church to provide critical good works for the unborn, the poor, and the homeless.

Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox!!

Father Healey



May 30 - St. Joan of Arc - Cotignac

In 1428 the nation of France was in danger of collapsing. The 100 years of war with the English had raged on, and the English were victorious on almost every front. The English set their sights on Orleans, a pivotal battleground. It was then when young Joan, under claims of divine guidance, led the French troops and helped to recapture the cities of Orleans and Troyes and to bring food to those in desperate need. She had become a symbol of hope and faith at a much-needed time.

Joan would be captured by the English and tried for heresy. She was burned at the stake in an untimely death at 19. As she went to hear death, she asked two clergy members to hold a crucifix before her so that it was the last thing she would gaze upon on earth before seeing God face to face. The brutal English would burn her body twice more so that no relics could be had, and no one could say she survived. They reduced her to ash and scattered her remains in the river Seine so that she would be lost forever.

Often, in the city of Orleans, her feast day is celebrated with pain perdu, which translates to lost bread; it is the original French toast made without milk. This is served with an Orleans specialty, Cotignac, a marmalade made from quince, said to be the first gift presented to Joan when she lifted the siege of Orleans!

Ingredients

10 quinces 4 oranges, peeled, and seeds removed. 1 - 2 cups sugar 2 tbsp Lemon Juice Water

Instructions

Wash the guinces to remove the 'bloom', then chop into ½ inch cubes and place in a pot. Add the lemon juice. Add enough water to barely float the fruit - at most, barely cover the quinces. Peel, core, and slice quinces. Peel and remove seeds from oranges. Put 4 peeled, sliced, and cored quinces into a pan with water not quite covering them. Bring them to the boil and cook for 30 minutes.

Strain through a colander saving liquid, then squeeze the resulting juice through 2 layers of cheese cloth to extract as much juice as possible. In the strained quince juice cook the other 6 peeled, sliced, and cored quinces, prepared oranges, simmer for 1 hour then press the mixture through a sieve, so as to obtain a thick puree; weigh the puree, add an equal quantity of sugar, return to the pan and cook until the mixture begins to come away from the sides. Remove from heat, allow to cool and store in jars and refrigerate.



May 7, 2023

Weekly	\$11,014.00
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May 8, 2022	
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Next Week: St. Patrick's Cemetery



2023 Parish Goal=\$190,000 Total Pledged=\$254,382 **Total Donors=461** Average Gift=\$552

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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!



We thank you for a great year of RE and wish all RE students and teachers a happy & healthy summer.

2023 Confirmation Class Schedule

Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, September 9th from 12:00pm-6:00pm

Confirmation Interviews

September 16, 18 & 23

Final Confirmation Class

Sunday, October 1st at 5:00PM Mass & 6:00pm Class

Confirmation Devotions & Confessions

Monday, October 23 at 7:00pm

Confirmation Mass Rehearsal

Thursday, October 26 at 7:00pm

Confirmation Mass

Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 5:00pm The Most Reverend Robert C. Evans Confirming Prelate



- •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 is on <u>Thursday, June 1, 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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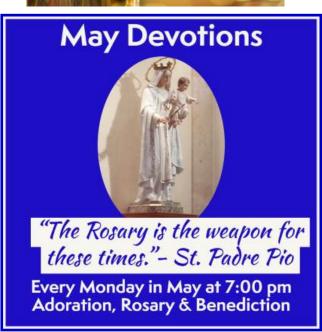
Upcoming Events

- <u>Sunday, May 21</u>: OLM School Athletic Banquet at 5pm at Quidnessett Country Club
- •<u>Tuesday, May 24</u>: Weekly School Mass at 8:15am; 8th Grade Field Trip to Holiday Hills
- Wednesday, May 24: Band Rehearsal @2:30pm;
 Evening of the Arts at 6:30pm
- •Thursday, May 25: Beloved Meeting at 2:30pm

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Congratulations to the 2023 OLM First Communion Class

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London Marie Mulhearn, and her parents, Christopher and Kendra.

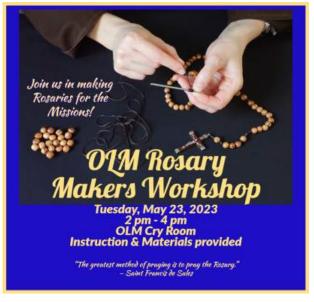
Benjamin Daniel Hayes, and his parents. Andrew and Hayley.

Camryn Alana Jantzen, and her parents, Stephen and Alyson.

Ethan Christopher Johnson, and his parents, Christopher and Megan.

Jaxxon Paul Snurkowski, and his parents, Brian and Sarah.

"Dear brothers and sisters: these children have been reborn through Baptism, and are now called children of God, for so indeed they are.. Through Confirmation they will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and, approaching the altar of the Lord, they will share at the table of Sacrifice, and will call upon God as Father in the midst of the Church."— The Rite of Baptism



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