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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 29, 2022

SATURDAY, MAY 28

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The Mass of	^f Anticipation of 7th Sunday of Easter			
5:00PM Judith A. Mulhearn—Memorial				
SUNDAY, M	AY 29			
The Seventh	Sunday of Easter			
7:30 AM	Lorraine Kane—3rd Anniversary			
9:00AM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church			
10:30AM	Gerald E. Celio—Birthday Remembrance			
MONDAY, N	MAY 30 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY			
Easter Weel	kday			
8:30AM	Deceased Members of the U.S. Military			
TUESDAY, N	/IAY 31			
The Visitatio	on of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
7:30AM	Richard T. Vespia—5th Anniversary			
WEDNESDA	Y, JUNE 1			
St. Justin, M	artyr			
7:30AM	The Souls in Purgatory			
THURSDAY,	JUNE 2			
Easter Weel	kday; Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs			
7:30AM	William Sullivan—5th Anniversary			
FRIDAY, JUN	NE 3			
St. Charles L	wanga & Companions, Martyrs			
7:30AM	Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial			
9:00AM	The Deceased Alumni of OLM School			
SATURDAY,	JUNE 4			
Easter Weel	<i>kday</i>			
8:30AM	Brian Larocque—Memorial			
The Vigil Mo	ass of Pentecost			
5:00PM	Roy & Lisa Damiano, Henry & Theresa Mangiante,			
	& Joseph & Anna Giuliano—Memorial			
SUNDAY, JU	INE 5			
The Solemni	ity of Pentecost			
7:30 AM	Albert Catanio—8th Anniversary			
	Stanley Berek—17th Anniversary			
	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish			



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Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Happy Memorial Day! This weekend is often described as the unofficial kickoff of There summer are manv activities like parades and picnics. Many people head to the beach or the golf course. It is the end of May, and June brings warmer weather, the end of the school year, and summer!

Yet Memorial Day is more than an excuse to golf, sail, go to the beach, or cook on the grill. It is a day to commemorate all the men and women who died in service to our nation and for the cause of freedom. It is a day to place flags and flowers beside the graves of those who have fallen in military uniform. And a day to honor and remember in prayer the fallen and recall their sacrifice with gratitude.

Memorial Day first began as Decoration Day. The Grand Army of the Republic, the group of Union veterans that survived the American Civil War, first established the day in May 1868 to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. The focus for that day, and the activities that had come to define it, expanded after World War I. All service personnel from all wars who lost their lives in service to the United States are now included.

So please enjoy the Memorial Day weekend and its many activities with family and friends. But also spend some time praying for those who sacrificed their lives for our nation. Honor the dead and pay tribute to the memory of those who gave their lives for the USA.

On Memorial Day, join us as we pray for the fallen at Holy Mass at 8:30 am. And then, on Memorial Day night at 7:00 pm, join us to pray the Rosary before the Eucharistic Lord. In a particular way, we remember those who have died in the time of war serving our nation as we pray for peace in our world today.

On Friday this coming week, we celebrate our Final First Friday School Mass at 9:00 am! It is the last time our 8th Grade Class will be in attendance at First Friday Mass. Their time at our excellent parish school is drawing to an end as they head for high school.

Next Sunday, we pray for our 8th Grade Graduates, especially at the 10:30 am Mass. At this Graduation Mass, we call upon Our Lady of Mercy, our parish patroness, to lay her mantle of love and protection on the OLM Class of 2022. Each graduate receives an OLM School Medal with a beautiful image of Our Lady.

Following the Mass, the graduating class, their families, and the school faculty gather for a Graduation Luncheon. At this celebration, we pay tribute to the outstanding scholars in the class who have exhibited the excellence and hard work for which OLM School is so well known.

On Monday, June 6 at 6:00 pm, we celebrate the OLM School Graduation in Church. As we prepare to say goodbye to our 8th Graders and wish them much success in high school, I ask you to please pray for the Class of 2022! May they continue to grow to be the saints and scholars God calls them to be!

Also, next Sunday, we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost. With this feast, the Church celebrates one of the most important feast days of her liturgical year. It always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus and ten days after his ascension into heaven. Pentecost concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church.

On Pentecost, we recall the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. We will celebrate it with Adult Confirmations at the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass. Please pray for these candidates. This week's bulletin

contains information about the drive to fund abortion in R.I. with tax dollars. The legislation pending the General in Assembly would force all taxpayers to pay for the abortions of state employees and those on Medicaid. I urge you to contact our local State Senator Valverde and let her know your opposition to her bill.

For women who live in poverty, abortion is a desperate act, not an act of choice. Advocating for the destruction of human life to save funds in the state budget is a cold and calculating policy that seeks to imitate the coercive abortion policies of China and North Korea. It is truly devoid of any sense of morality and must be rejected.

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. Happy Memorial Day! God Bless the USA!

Father Healer

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May 22, 2022

Weekly	\$9,350.00
EFT	<u>\$5,179.00</u>
	Total=\$14,529.00
Outreach	\$1,390.00
<u>May 23, 2021</u>	
Weekly	\$12,260.00

Second Collections

This Week: St. Patrick's Cemetery Next Week: Building & Grounds

Leave a Legacy of Faith for the next Generation! Remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.



2022 OLM Goal=\$190,000 OLM Total to Date= \$ 250,000 OLM Total Donors to Date=428 Average Gift Per Person=\$566

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



Monday, May 30, 2022 Memorial Day Mass at 8:30am

The OLM Office is closed for the holiday.

Join us in praying for Peace in Ukraine

RIAN DEVOTIONS Ery Monday in May at 7pm

The Rosary is

the 'weapon' for these times." Saint Padre Pio

Exposition, Adoration, Rosary & Benediction



• 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, June 2, 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





Striving to Be Saints & Scholars!

Schedule of Events

• <u>Monday, May 30</u>: No School: Memorial Day

• <u>Tuesday, May 31</u>: Eighth Grade Retreat

<u>Friday, June 3</u>: First Friday Mass 9:00 am; Formal Uniforms: Eighth Grade Dance 6:00 pm
<u>Sunday, June 5</u>: Class of 2022 Graduation Mass & Brunch 10:30 am

• <u>Monday, June 6</u>: School Confessions 12:45 pm Class of 2022 Graduation 6:00 pm

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First Friday Adoration

Friday, une 3, 2022 Adorers are needed, sign-up online at olmparish.org

"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

Exposition of the Eucharist at 12 Noon Adoration All Afternoon Benediction at 6:00 PM



Stop taxpayer funded abortions in Rhode Island.

Tell the members of the General Assembly you don't want to foot the bill for someone else's abortion. Currently pending House bill 7442 and Senate bill 2549 propose using your tax dollars to fund abortions for state workers and people on Medicaid.

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