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THE SOLMUNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY MAY 30, 2021

SATURDAY, MAY 29

The Mass of Anticipation for the Most Holy Trinity

5:00PM Michael D. Henderson—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 30

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

7:30 AM Lorraine Kane—2nd Anniversary

9:00AM Giovanna "Jennie" Merola—Memorial

10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, MAY 31—MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30AM Deceased Veterans

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

St. Justin Martyr

7:30AM Gerald E. Celio—Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

Weekday; St. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

7:30AM William Sullivan & Bobby Anderson—Memorial

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

7:30AM Richard Vespia—4th Anniversary

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Weekday

7:30AM In Thanksgiving

9:00AM OLM School Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

8:30AM Shirley Berlanga—Birthday Remembrance

Mass of Anticipation of Corpus Christi

5:00PM Albert Catanio—7th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

7:30 AM Beverly Northup—Memorial

9:00AM Stanley Berek—16th Anniversary

10:30AM Cheryl Zola—Birthday Remembrance





Dear Parishioners:

As Father Barrow announced last weekend, Bishop Tobin has appointed him as the new Pastor of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus Church, and School, in Pawtucket. He begins this new assignment on July 1, 2021. Congratulations, Fr. Barrow!

We wish Fr. Barrow all the best in his first pastorate and assure him of our prayers. And we thank him for his five years of zealous priestly ministry here at OLM. As our Associate Pastor, he has done a tremendous job serving the parish and school. He is a joy to work and live with, and will be missed by many including myself.

At this time, Bishop Tobin has not named a replacement for Fr. Barrow. This year six priests are retiring from active ministry, and just two men are to be ordained. So please pray for an increase of priestly vocations in the Diocese of Providence.

Father Barrow's last Sunday at OLM is June 20, 2021. Appropriately enough, it is also Father's Day! On that weekend, we shall have a chance to officially say "Thank You" and "Farewell" to Father. So please mark your calendars.

It's hard to believe that June begins on Tuesday. The school year is soon coming to a close, and we celebrate our final OLM School Mass on Friday, June 4. It is to be the final First Friday Mass for our graduating 8th Grade Class.

Many of these students have spent the last eight to nine years at our parish school striving to be saints and scholars. We pray for them, in particular at the Mass on Friday. All

parishioners and school families are welcome to join us for the Mass.

Next weekend, we hope to begin the customary practices of having the ushers take up the collection and the gifts of bread and wine presented by parishioners. These traditional practices were suspended for safety reasons during the pandemic, but are now allowed.

We could always use a few more ushers to help take up the collection, open and close doors, and greet people. Also, we invite all families who wish to bring forward the gifts to inform the ushers.

Next weekend we also resume the usual method of distributing Holy Communion. Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to assist us once again as they did before the pandemic. All the priests and EMHCs are to continue sanitizing their hands before distributing Holy Communion.

The wearing of face masks is optional for those vaccinated. However, the CDC and the RI Department of Health still insist that the non-vaccinated wear a face mask in church. I thank you for your cooperation, patience and understanding.

Next weekend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass ends. As you know, obeying the Third Commandment to honor the sabbath, we are obliged to attend Sunday Mass every week. It is a grave sin to miss Mass without a good reason. Coming to Sunday Mass also fulfills the interior law inscribed in the human heart to render God visible, and public worship as a sign of radical

dependence upon Him and as gratitude for all the blessings we have received. We pray many parishioners begin to return to Sunday Mass.

Next Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This feast calls us to focus upon the Holy Eucharist. At every Mass, our focus is upon the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. But on Corpus Christi, we celebrate the great gift of the Mass and renew our belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

A Eucharistic Procession to Mercy Park follows the 10:30am Corpus Christi Mass. A beautiful and venerable tradition on this great feast. At Mercy Park, we kneel in adoration and pray with renewed devotion before the Eucharistic Lord. As St. Thomas Aquinas wrote: *"Down in adoration falling, Lo! the sacred Host we hail, Lo! o'er ancient forms departing Newer rites of grace prevail; Faith for all defects supplying, Where the feeble senses fail."*

On Saturday, June 6, Bishop Tobin is to ordain two new priests for our Diocese. Transitional Deacons Dan Mahoney, who served at OLM as a summer seminarian, and Doan V. Nguyen, are the new Priests of Providence. Please pray for them and their priesthood.

Happy Memorial Day! Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless. See you at Devotions!

Ask Father

Why is Attending Mass an Obligation?

I find it difficult to explain why a person should go to Mass. The simple reason: because the obligation to attend Mass is so obvious. I suppose the more difficult problem consists in explaining why someone should not go to Mass. The logic is simple: unity with Christ will lead to the greatest possible happiness here on earth and in heaven.

Christ gave us a way to unite ourselves to Him through the Sacraments; particularly at the Mass. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive Christ. So, there is nothing more important we can do here on earth than to go to Mass and receive the Eucharist. If the Eucharist is really the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ, then there is nothing better for us here on earth. The saints understand this truth so well.

Unfortunately, human beings need to be commanded to do what is good for them, much like a parent directs a child to be well behaved and self-controlled. God and His Church always command what is good for us. So, God gives us the Commandments, the words of Christ, and the teaching of the Church to try and direct people to the worship of God at Mass.

People often ask me: why would a person not go to heaven? There are many possible answers. At the moment I think of this answer: if a person does not want to spend time with God here on earth, why would they want to spend time with Him eternally in heaven?

Arriving before the judgment seat of God, such a person would look at heaven as boring or uninteresting. Their heart and mind, clouded by sin, ignorance, and indifference, would miss heaven staring them in the face. Hence, our love of the Eucharist and our attendance at Mass is one of the surest signs of our desire to go to heaven. What about a non-Catholic or someone who has not been sufficiently taught the truth about the Eucharist? We hope that for such people their thoughts and actions, if given sufficient time, would eventually lead them to love Christ in the Eucharist. If a person understands what the Mass is, and still does not attend (excluding incapacity or illness), then it is a fair assumption that such a person does not want to go to heaven.

Weekly Collection

May 23, 2021

Weekly.....	\$6,410.00
EFT.....	\$3,624.00
	Total=\$10,034.00
Outreach.....	\$1,152.00

May 24, 2020

Weekly.....	\$9,930.00
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Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.



Memorial Day Holiday
Monday, May 31, 2021
Mass at 8:30am

The OLM Parish Office is closed on Monday.



OLM Parish Office Summer Hours
Monday—Thursday
8:00AM—4:00PM

The Parish Office is closed on all Fridays in June, July & August

First Friday Adoration



**Friday,
June 4, 2021**

*"In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration, we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ."
-St. Pope John Paul II*

**Exposition following 9:00 am School Mass
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Benediction at 6:00pm**

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- **Friday, June 4:** School Mass at 9:00am (livestreamed). Formal uniforms required.

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Outreach Update

- **OLM Bereavement Support Group** resumes meeting twice a month starting in June. The first meeting will be **Thursday, June 3 from 4:00 to 6:00PM**, at Mercy House. The second meeting is **Thursday, June 17**. Anyone interested in attending is invited to call 884-4410 for information.
- **OLM Food Pantry** is continually in need of food and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated **non-perishable foods only and paper goods** in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. **Thank you for your support!**
- For information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



**Religious Education
NEWS**

Religious Education Registration for Next Year
Registrations are presently being taken on the OLM Parish website for all grades, 1 through 8 for the Religious Education Year 2021 - 2022.
Please register your child today! Thank You!



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Holy Trinity



The major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum, and Easter are now past, but about half the year remains for us to celebrate our redemption in Christ in a more general way.

Before we resume the counted Sundays of Ordinary Time, however, we devote this Sunday and next to celebrating two profound mysteries of our faith: the Trinity and the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

A special feast in honor of the Holy Trinity began in monastic communities as early as the ninth century. By the fourteenth century, the whole Western church was observing it as it does today, on the Sunday after Pentecost.

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Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

**Meeting for All Ushers
Tuesday, June 1st at 6:00PM
OLM Church**

All Adult Men and Women interested in serving as Ushers at Masses, please join us for a brief meeting to review proper procedures. We ask all retuning ushers, and any others who are willing to serve as ushers, to please join us.

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