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I know them, and they follow me.”*



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 for the Week
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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 MAY 8, 2022**

SATURDAY, MAY 7

The Mass of Anticipation of 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

MONDAY, MAY 9

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM Michael Monteleone—17th Anniversary

TUESDAY, MAY 10

Easter Weekday; Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest
 7:30AM William Mahoney—10th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM Joan Timalonis—Memorial

THURSDAY, MAY 12

Easter Weekday; Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MAY 13

Easter Weekday: Our Lady of Fatima
 7:30AM John "Jack" Donnelly—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Saint Matthias, Apostle
 8:30AM Young-Ho Pyun—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for the 5th Sunday of Easter
 5:00PM John DeGuiglio—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 15

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
 7:30 AM Jack Palermo—Memorial
 9:00AM Mary G. Cooper—Memorial
 10:30AM Helen Celio—Birthday Remembrance
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church





Dear Parishioners:

Happy Mother's Day! Saint Pope John Paul the Great said: *"The history of every human being passes through the threshold of a woman's Motherhood."* Thus, on one Sunday a year, we honor our Mothers and celebrate God's gift of Motherhood.

Today, we can express our thanks to all of them, including the adoptive mothers, the foster mothers, the grandmothers, and all those women who, by their care for others, help mothers in caring for their children and families. It is a lot to honor in a single day.

I have always found it fitting that Mother's Day falls on the second Sunday of May, the month of Mary, Mother of God. Mary's divine Motherhood begins in her consent to God's invitation to become the mother of Jesus and all of his brothers and sisters in faith. In life, Mary knew in her heart that only in reflection, prayer, and conversation with the God who had called her to be the mother of his child would she be able to carry on her mission with faith and love.

We give thanks for the blessing in our lives of our mothers who, like Mary, have been faithful to their calling of caring for us with the deepest love. A mother's love, like all love, is of God. It models unselfish and sacrificial love. It is grounded in mercy and forgiveness. In their special way of loving, mothers reflect God's love for their children.

Take a moment this weekend to thank the woman in your life who loves you in that special way that only mothers

do. Give thanks to God for the blessing she is to your life. Or, if your mother is deceased, take a moment, as I will, to remember gratefully the woman who gave you life, formed you, and nurtured you in faith with love.

Pope Francis said: *"Every human person owes his or her life to a mother."* So say a prayer for your mother and give thanks for the generosity of her life. Pray as well, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God, that the beauty and sacrifice of a mother's love might be at the heart of the life of the Church and the love and care we give to one another. Happy Mother's Day!

This weekend we also celebrate First Holy Communion for the children of our parish. It is a joyful occasion of faith, hope, and love! The children also celebrate the May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 10:30 am on this Mother's Day!

These are occasions to celebrate as a parish family. But what exactly are we celebrating at First Communion? The Catholic Catechism describes the Eucharist as a "sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'"

It is bread and wine transformed into Body and Blood. It is the greatest of intimacies and the most profound of mysteries. It is a moment of deep union between the broken and the Divine Healer. It is *"the source and summit of the Christian life."*

And further, "The other sacraments, and indeed all

ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."

The great Catholic writer Flannery O'Connor once sat quietly at a cocktail party amidst fashionable New York writers condescending about the Eucharist as "a pretty good" symbol. Having said nothing the entire evening out of an awkward nervousness, O'Connor finally blurted out, *"Well, if it's a symbol, to hell with it."*


No, the Eucharist is not just a "pretty good" symbol. The Eucharist, instituted at the Last Supper, is truly the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. It is Jesus's Precious and Holy Blood, poured out for us and our sins. Eating His Body and drinking His Blood puts His life inside of us.

This truth of the real and abiding presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is what we celebrate in faith and joy this weekend as a parish family with our First Communion Class. May we never take it for granted, for St. Maximilian Kolbe said: *"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."*

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless! Blessings upon all Mothers this Mother's Day! Congratulations to our First Communion Class!

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*


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*Congratulations
To
The
Newly Baptized*



Naomi Danielle Albert,
her parents, Alexzander and Heather.

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



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in loving memory of **Elizabeth Loughlin**. In your charity, please pray for the gentle repose of her soul.

Weekly Collection

May 1, 2022

Weekly.....	\$9,684.00
EFT.....	\$5,945.00
	Total=\$15,629.00
Outreach.....	\$2,581.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$3,074.00

May 2, 2021

Weekly.....	\$13,650.00
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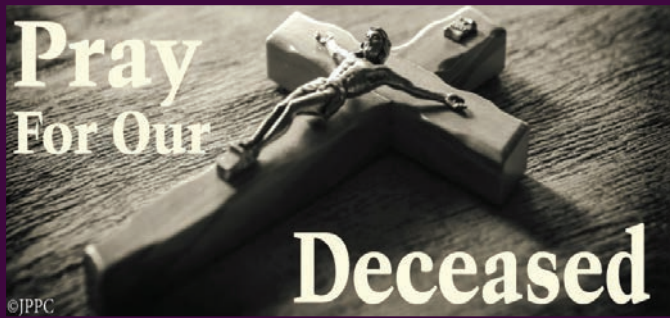
Leave a Legacy of Faith for the next Generation! Remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.



2022 OLM Goal=\$190,000
OLM Total to Date= \$236,675
OLM Total Donors to Date=413
Average Gift Per Person=\$563

We're Over Goal!!!!
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**Pray
For Our
Deceased**



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially **John DiGiulio** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last week.



Religious Education
NEWS

***Congratulations and Prayerful Best Wishes
to the 2022 OLM First Communion Class!***

Mrs. Mickey St. Jean
Directress of First Communion Formation
&
Ms. Jean Perretta
OLM School 2nd Grade Teacher



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 19, 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

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.



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Schedule of Events

- **Monday, May 9:** Soccer Game vs. Monsignor Clarke @ Rocky Hill 5:45 pm
- **Tuesday, May 10:** Baseball Game @ Ferri Middle School 5:00 pm
- **Wednesday, May 11:** Third Trimester Progress Reports Go Home & Soccer Game vs. St. Kevin's @ Rocky Hill 5:45 pm
- **Thursday, May 12:** Baseball Game @ Riverside Middle School 4:30 pm
- **Saturday, May 14:** Annie, Jr. Musical at the Prout School Auditorium at 7:00 pm
- **Sunday, May 15:** Annie, Jr. Musical at the Prout School Auditorium at 2:00 pm

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A Prayer for all Mothers

Thank You, Lord, that You fill a mother's heart with love, That You have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if at all possible, Thank You for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching them, of comforting them, for feeding them and making a safe place for them.

For guiding them to be all that God has created them to be.

Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance, with strength and patience and joy.

Give them ability to forgive again and again. Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You will give her all she needs.

In Your precious and all powerful name, Amen.





**Happy
Mothers
Day!**

**"The loveliest masterpiece
of the heart of God is
the heart of a mother."
-St. Thérèse of Lisieux**

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