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JOHN 15:9

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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 MAY 9, 2021**

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Mass of Anticipation for 6th Sunday of Easter
 5:00PM Roy & Lisa Damiano & Henry & Theresa Mangiante—Mem.

SUNDAY, MAY 9

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
 7:30 AM All Mothers
 9:00AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 10:30AM All Mothers

MONDAY, MAY 10

Easter Weekday; St. Damian de Veuster, Priest
 7:30AM Marcia & Elia Durel—Memorial

TUESDAY, MAY 11

Easter Weekday
 7:30AM William O'Connor Jr.—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Easter Weekday; Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
 7:30AM Mary M. Cooper—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, MAY 13

The Ascension of the Lord
 7:30AM John "Jack" Donnelly—Birthday Remembrance
 9:00AM Deceased Alumni of OLM School—Memorial
 7:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

FRIDAY, MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle
 7:30AM Fr. Anthony D. Iwuc—Memorial

SATURDAY, MAY 15

Easter Weekday; St. Isidore
 8:30AM Young-Ho Pyun—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for 7th Sunday of Easter
 5:00PM Ann Probst—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, MAY 16

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
 7:30 AM Mary Palombo Falchini—Memorial
 9:00AM Helen Celio—Birthday Remembrance
 10:30AM Augustine Copotosto & D'cd of Capotosto
 & Gelardi Families—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

It's a great weekend of faith and joy, glory, and praise at OLM! Forty-three of our children received First Holy Communion on Saturday. These children have been preparing all year for this special occasion. It is always a great joy to celebrate the First Communion Mass.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, reminds us: *"The Eucharist is such a great gift. That's why going to Mass is so important—going to Mass not just to pray but to receive Communion, the Bread, and the Body of Christ. It saves us, forgives us, and it makes us one with the Father. How beautiful!"* How beautiful indeed!

We thank the First Communion Class and their parents for living their faith and bringing their children to Christ truly present in the Eucharist. We also offer our gratitude to the teachers who worked so hard in making our First Communion Mass so joyful and beautiful.

We especially thank Mickey St. Jean, who directs the OLM First Communion Program, and Jean Perretta, our OLM School Second Grade Teacher.

Following the First Communion Mass, the joy continued with the May Crowning of the Blessed Mother. It is a beautiful ceremony as our First Communion Class crowns Mother Mary and consecrates themselves to her protection and guidance.

As we crown our Blessed Mother, we prayerfully turn to her on this Mother's Day to guide and protect our First Communion Class and our entire parish family. On this Mothers

Day, we wish all Mothers, a Happy Mother's Day!

We thank them for their example of love and their tremendous witness to maternal care. Motherhood is a sacred gift from God, and so we celebrate it with great joy and reverence. Mother's Day is a day for us to give thanks to God for Mothers and Motherhood.

As the late Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty, the great Hungarian Churchman, stated so well: *"The Most Important Person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?"*

On Mothers Day, we are offering Masses for all Mothers, living and deceased. May God bless all Mothers with his abundant and choicest blessings! Let us pray for them and give thanks to God for our Mothers! May all our deceased Mothers pray for us!

Sadly as we honor the dignity of Motherhood, many of our elected officials seek to attack it. A serious effort is underway in Congress to force all taxpayers to pay for abortion. The Hyde Amendment and other

similar laws have long protected taxpayers from funding elective abortions.

Now, members of Congress, including our own RI Delegation, seek to eliminate these laws. Laws that prohibit the funding of abortion have always garnered support from both Democrats and Republicans for over 45 years. President Biden was once a supporter of these laws until he ran for President. So I urge you to contact Congressman Langevin and Senators Reed and Whitehouse and tell them not to allow tax dollars for such evil practices as abortion.

The RI General Assembly is also considering the state funding of abortion. State Senator Valverde is the sponsor of the bill. I urge you to contact Senator Valverde and State Rep. Caldwell and tell them not to support this legislation.

Abortion is not healthcare but a wrongful attack on life, as millions of American women and men believe, and it is wrong to use government funds to promote it. The government should better direct federal and state tax dollars to ensure the healthy birth of unborn children and provide quality prenatal care and support for expectant Mothers rather than attack Motherhood and destroy innocent unborn children.

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. Happy Mother's Day! Come pray for an end to the pandemic at Monday Devotions!

Father Healey

Ask Father

Is there enough time for God?

If you make time for God, he will make time for you. This expression needs some explaining. Typically, the phrase “make time for someone” means that I will set aside time in my schedule to pay attention to you. Applying this phrase in this sense to God does not work. He does not need to set aside time to think about us. God exists outside of time. At all moments God thinks of us. Hence we should take the phrase “God will make time for you” quasi-literally. When a person makes God the ordering principle of one’s time, then a person will find time for everything important in life.

When God is not the ordering principle of our time, then we will experience time as a limited commodity. Conflict will ensure as a result, since there will not be enough time for every concern in our lives. Unfortunately, very often when we divvy our time we avoid prayer and directing attention to God for other matters. We put our time dedicated to Him in competition with time dedicated toward other activities, such as hobbies, work, school, and the like. This apparent competition is merely an illusion. In fact as our Lord constantly reminds us, if you lose your life you will gain it. Or better yet if you lose your time, you will gain it. Ironically, the person who assents to this false dichotomy has less time both for God and for activities in the world. When God does not order how we spend our time, time will always seem like a limited quantity constantly running out.

The conflict between time directed to God and time directed to other matters arises from an erroneous principle: “My time is my own.” We think that we begin each day as the lawful possessor of twenty four hours. We take it as an affront when someone else, or some other activity infringes on time we had set aside for our own desires. Yet, the phrase “my time is my own” is absolutely ridiculous. Human beings do not create time, nor can we hold onto time. The time we have on earth comes to us as a complete gift from the Creator. Our time belongs entirely to God. In His generosity he gives us time here on earth to serve him and others. Of course, when we begin to think about everything that is “ours” we begin to discover that we really own nothing in relation to God. The word “mine” in its fully possessive sense cannot be used by a human being about anything.

Instead, give your time back to God and he will multiply it much like he multiplied the loaves and the fishes

Weekly Collection

May 2, 2021

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EFT.....	\$4,935.00
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Outreach.....	\$2,103.00

May 3, 2020

Weekly.....	\$12,233.00
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2020 Goal= \$200,000

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Total Number Parishioners Pledges=290

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- **Monday, May 10:** School Confessions at 1:00pm
- **Wednesday, May 12:** OLM School Community Meeting via Zoom
- **Thursday, May 13:** 9AM School Ascension Mass with Grade 5 (livestreamed)
- **Friday, May 14:** Spring Fling Day!! Raffle Drawing!!

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Note: bidding on the Spring Fling dinner ends May 12 at 8 PM. All other bidding is through May 14 at 10 PM.

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!

The last day to order yours is May 12. Please share the link below with family & friends, too!

Visit olmspringfling2021.com for event details.



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MAY 14

Congratulations To The Newly Baptized

William Fiorentino Hogan,
and his parents, William and Devon.

*“Dear brothers and sisters: this child has been reborn through Baptism, and is now called a child of God, for so indeed he is. Through Confirmation he will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and, approaching the altar of the Lord, he 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 Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Masses at

7:30am, 9:00am & 7:00pm

9:00am School Mass livestreamed



•**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



Sunday, May 16, 5:00PM: Confirmation Class Mass & Class. Topic: *The Holy Spirit, Pentecost & Confirmation*. This Mass is limited to Confirmation Candidates & their families only.

Ushers Needed

Are you willing to serve?

We are need of adult men and women willing to serve as Ushers at Weekend Masses. We need a minimum of six Ushers at each Weekend Mass to help greet, open doors, take up collections and see to the good order of the congregation. Training provided! No salary but great spiritual benefits provided!!

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