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SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Mass of Anticipation for Corpus Christi 5:00PM Rita McGoff—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Corpus Christi Sunday

7:30 AM Bruce Hart—Birthday Remembrance 10:30AM Catherine & Michael Caparco—Memorial

MONDAY, JUNE 15

Weekday

7:30AM Dec'd Mbrs of Pundys & Dikinis Families—Mem

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Weekday

7:30AM Francis J. Wegrzyn—1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Weekday

7:30AM Jane Walsh—1st Anniversary

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

Weekday

7:30AM Lou Forys—Memorial

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:30AM Rita McGoff—1st Anniversary

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:30AM Samuel & Marie Oliverio—Memorial

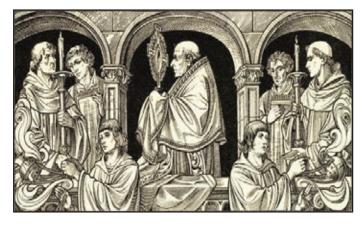
Mass of Anticipation for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Felix, Celestina & Irene Giorgio—Memorial **SUNDAY, JUNE 21**

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For All Living & Deceased Fathers

10:30AM Deceased Members of the Healey, Devlin,

McGrath & Winters families-Memorial



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Amid so much bad news lately, it is helpful to speak about some good news! Early last Sunday morning as I looked at the newspapers, I was thrilled to see our own Fr. Connors on the front page of the New York Sunday Times. It was excellent article on Catholic priests in Boson who serve as COVID 19 Chaplains to the sick and dying. It is an exceptional examination of the Sacrament of the Sick and the importance of the Priesthood. Both, so needed at such crucial times in our lives and our world.

If you have not yet read the article, I encourage you to read it online at the N.Y. Times website. It is entitled, "We Are Not Alone: The Last Anointing," and written by N.Y. Times reporter, Jennifer Dias. It features some wonderful pictures of Father Connors, and other priests, and is well worth the time and effort to read.

Last weekend we also rejoiced as Fr. Hiep Van Nguyen was ordained a priest by Bishop Tobin. It was a beautiful Ordination Mass full of faith, joy, and hope. You may remember Father Hiep as he spent a summer at OLM as a seminarian.

I and Fr. Barrow also had the great joy to attend Father Hiep's Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Philip Church last Sunday afternoon. He did an excellent job celebrating his First Holy Mass. The Mass, live-streamed, allowed his family in Vietnam, including his older brother, who is also a priest, to watch and pray along. Father Hiep's older sister is a Religious Sister, and she was able to be here last weekend for

this great day for his family, friends, and the Church of Providence.

Father Hiep has been assigned by Bishop Tobin to serve as the Associate Pastor at St. Francis Xavier Church. It is a vast and active parish in East Providence with an excellent pastor, Fr. Rocha. Pray for Father Hiep as he begins his first priestly assignment, may it be fruitful, and may God continue to guide and bless him in his priestly ministry.

It was nice to see so many OLM parishioners were able to attend the Masses and wish Father Hiep well. We hope to have Father Hiep celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving here at OLM sometime in the fall when his schedule might allow it. It will be another opportunity to celebrate with him!

Father Hiep's Ordination reminds me of my Priestly Ordination. Next weekend I celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for my Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination. It's hard for me to believe that its been twenty-five years since Bishop Gelineau ordained me a priest on June 24, 1995.

As I mark this milestone in my priestly ministry, I humbly ask for your prayers. It has been a joyful and happy life as a priest, and I am genuinely grateful to God for the gift of his Priesthood. I am deeply thankful to my parents and family, friends, parishioners, brother priests, and bishops who have supported me over the years.

It has been twenty-five wonderful and happy years as a priest. I encourage any young man to consider answering the call to serve God and His Church as a priest! Pray for vocations!

Due to the restrictions on the number of those permitted to attend public Masses, I know that not all of my family and friends are able to attend the Mass next Sunday at 10:30 am. Those who cannot attend may join us in Spiritual Communion as the Mass is to be live-streamed.

There is still more good news to report. Thanks to your generous support of the Our Faith, Our Future Capital Campaign, we can begin some much-needed projects. New roofs on the Franciscan and Mercy Convents as well as the west side of the OLM School building were installed this week.

D'Angelo Custom Homes won the project bid. They also installed the new roof on OLM Church a couple of years ago. The cost for the two Convent roofs was \$17,000 for both, and the school roof, \$16,500. Thanks to your generous support of the Our Faith, Our Future Campaign, the project has the necessary funds to cover the costs.

We offer prayers, best wishes and congratulations to the OLM School 8th Grade, who graduated this past week! Their achievements are noted in the bulletin this week. OLM School ended Friday, and we wish the students and faculty all the best for the summer! Stay safe. Be Well. Do Good! God Bless! Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us!

Father Healey



How is Christ present in the Eucharist?

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Many of us know the dogma: Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, body, blood, soul and divinity under the appearance of bread and wine. This miraculous transformation occurs in the sacrifice of the Mass at the consecration in a process known as Transubstantiation. This word tries to capture the miraculous event. Transubstantiation means that the substance of the bread and wine has been converted into the substance of the body and blood of Christ. The bread and wine cease to be bread and wine.

There are many examples in scripture which support this dogma (cf. John 6, the Institution Narratives and 1 Corinthians). Further, this dogma has not changed from the very beginning of the Church, through the Fathers of the Church (e.g. St. Irenaeus, Against Heresies), saints, theologians, and finally to our present day. St. Justin Martyr writes in the second century: "For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these things... so likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by word of prayer, which is from him, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh."

In order to wrap our minds around this miracle, several principles derived from St. Thomas Aquinas may help. (1) The accidents of the bread and wine are found before and after the consecration. Accidents are real; not an illusion. The accidents are the sensory appearances of an object. (2) We really receive Christ's Body and Blood at the Mass. At the same time Christ remains in heaven (cf. Hebrews). (3) A single body cannot be extended with its quantity in two places at once with its own accidents (hence why the accidents of bread and wine remain). (4) An object or a person comes to be in a place either by a change of place (called locomotion) or by the conversion of one thing into another (called substantial change). (5) At the Last Supper Christ speaks literally and not figuratively.

For change to occur there must be something at the beginning of the process and something at the end of the process (change does not come from nothing; i.e. there has to be something in order for there to be a change [creation means "comes from nothing"]). In this change called Transubstantiation, Christ's body and blood do not change (if they did, then Christ would be constantly recreated at every Mass, which is impossible and it would be a different Christ). Instead the substance of bread and wine change. The bread and wine are not annihilated and then Christ is present, rather the bread and wine have to be there in order for a change to occur (otherwise we are back to creation rather than change). No substance of the bread and wine remain (an idea called impanation), since this would imply a weakness on the part of Christ. Finally the bread and wine must be changed (called a substantial change), otherwise the only other way Christ could be present would be by locomotion (change of place), which contradicts principle (2), (3) and (4) above. So in short, we literally receive Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity.

Weekly Collection 650800

June 7, 2020

Weekly	\$9,905.00
EFT	<u>\$2,880.00</u>
	Total=\$12,785.00
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<u>June 2, 2019</u>	
Weekly	\$14,188.00

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.





In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Therese DiBlasio** and **Louis Pucino** who have died.



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated this week in memory of Samuel & Marie Oliverio In your charity, please remember them in your prayers.



• OLM Food Pantry is in urgent need of food and paper goods for many members of our local community. Please place all donated non-perishable foods 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!

•If you are need of food or financial assistance please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 (leave a message if not in) or via email at outreach@olmparish.org

Mass

Visit our parish website and celebrate the liturgy with our parish community



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of pray is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email directly at 2hart@cox.net. If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!

The power of prayer at work!

Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Healey's Silver Jubilee 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 10:30AM



Please join in praying for Fr. Healey Livestreamed at olmparish.org



Confessions at OLM

Mondays: 6:00PM-6:45PM



Confessions on Saturdays have been suspended until further notice to allow for Church cleaning and sanitizing.

For Confession by appointment please call the OLM Parish Office at 401-884-4968 to contact a priest to schedule an appointment.

Congratulations

Our Lady of Mercy School Class of 2020

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Olivia K. Higgins**
Gianna L. Lamendola**
Michael F. Mita Jr.**
Marina Nguyen**

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Brandon J. Santurri*
Christopher Therriault*
Jayden M. Wilkins*

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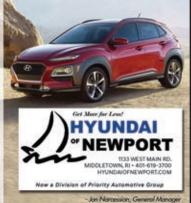
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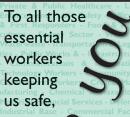
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