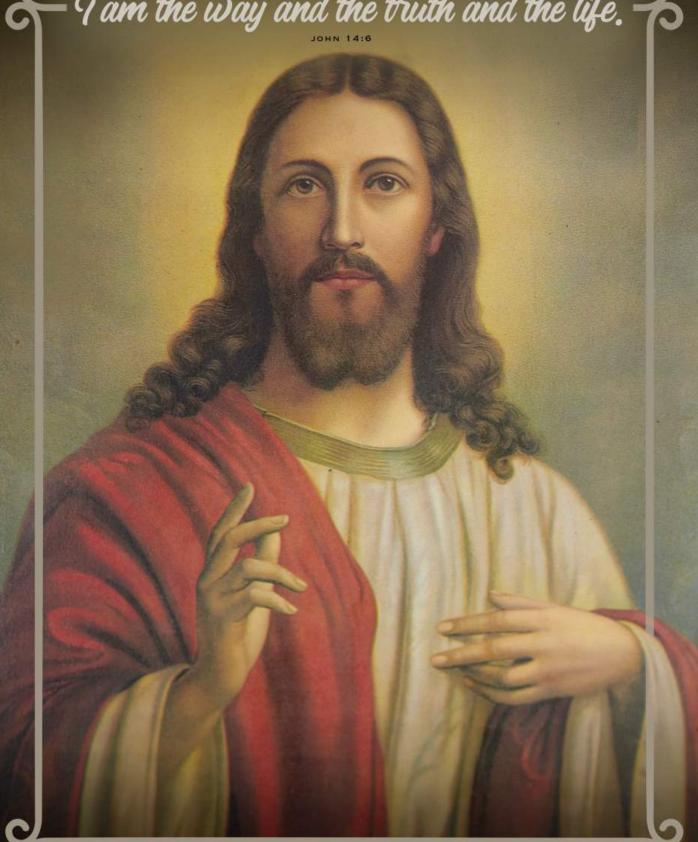
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 7, 2023

SATURDAY, MAY 6

The Mass of Antioption for 5th Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Arlene Pazienza—Birthday Remembrance
SUNDAY, MAY 7

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial 9:00AM Monsignor John W. Lolio—11th Anniversary 10:30AM Corwin Carson—Memorial

MONDAY, MAY 8

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Edward Sullivan—Memorial

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Michael Monteleone—18th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Easter Weekday; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest 7:30AM Mary Martin—Memorial

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Easter Weekday

7:30AM William Mahoney—Memorial

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Easter Weekday: Saints Nereus & Achilles, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr 7:30AM Bill Daly—Memorial

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Easter Weekday: Our Lady of Fatima 8:30AM Mary Cooper—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for the 6th Sunday of Easter 5:00PM Patricia Moran—17th Anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 14

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM All Mothers
9:00AM All Mothers
10:30AM All Mothers



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

In December 2017, Pope Francis promulgated the decree recognizing the heroic virtues of Father Patrick Peyton, a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, recognizing him thus Roman Venerable by the Catholic Church. It is the beginning of the cause for sainthood for Father Peyton.

Older Catholics may remember Father Peyton, often known as the Rosary Priest, from the Rosary Rallies he organized beginning in the late 1940s. These Rallies were held across the globe, and hundreds of thousands of Catholics gathered together to pray the Rosary. These rallies were the Catholic version of the Billy Graham Crusades.

Father Peyton often said, "The family that prays together stays together," and "A world at prayer is a world at peace." The need for families to pray together and for peace in our world is as urgent today as they were fifty years ago. Prayer in our life is essential for Catholics.

The Rosary is one of the most excellent ways to pray for ourselves, our families, and our world. The great saints and popes all attest to his fact. The Venerable Pope Pius XII said: "We put great confidence in the Holy Rosary for the healing of evils of our times."

This is true today as the needs this spiritual world weapon to combat violence, war, racism, hatred, fear, anxiety, persecution, illness. hardship. Much of the power of the Rosary comes from the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, said:

"I take refuge, then, in prayer, and turn to Mary, and our Lord always triumphs."

People often ask others to pray for them. Still, so much more can be gained by asking Mary to pray for us since she is close to God and can bring our intentions directly to Him. It is said that the Rosary is a chain that links heaven and earth, with one end in our hands and the other in the hands of Our Holy Mother.

Through Saint Dominic and Blessed Alan de Rupe, the Blessed Virgin revealed fifteen specific promises for those who pray the Rosary, including receiving special graces and protection. She even stated, "You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary."

With such incredible promises and encouragement to pray the Rosary directly from Our Lady, one would think that devotion to the Rosary would be widespread, much more especially Catholics. among However, many still view the repetitive. Rosarv as a monotonous, and outdated form instead of prayer efficacious tool it is for us.

Please take some time this month to pray the Rosary. You can easily do so while driving to work or before bed at night. Come to May Devotions on Monday nights at 7:00pm as we gather together as a parish family to pray the Rosary. As St. Padre Pio said: "Pray the Rosary frequently. It costs so little, and it's worth so much!"

You may see the children of our First Communion Class practicing in Church this week for their big day. The great celebration of faith for these children, their families, and our entire parish family is next Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers and offer a Rosary for them as they prepare to receive the Eucharistic Lord truly present in Holy Communion for the first time.

I have received word from the Superior of Franciscan Apostolic Sisters, Mother Aida. She wrote to inform me that Sister Soledad is moving to a new assignment in Peoria, Illinois, beginning this July. Sister is returning home to the Philippines at the end of this month to visit with her family and community for several weeks before taking up her new assignment. Please keep her in your prayers. We thank her for her ministry and presence with us at OLM over these last three years.

Happily for us, Sister Lourdes and Sister Emma will remain at OLM! While we are sad to see Sister Soledad leave our parish, we are grateful to Mother Aida for the good news that Sister Lourdes and Sister Emma are staying at OLM. However, at this time, no other Sister is available to be assigned to OLM. We are so blessed to have such holy, joyful, and humble sisters serve our parish and school! Please pray for more vocations to the consecrated life!

Pick up your Rosary beads this month! Come to Devotions on Monday in May! Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox! Go Bruins! Go Celtics!!!

Father Healey

Solution Flowers

FLOWERS THAT decorate a church beautify the sacred place. Flowers please the eye and the nose, engaging our senses in the wonder of creation.

Flowers may draw attention to some object or to the sacred space they occupy. If your church has a gathering area between the front door and the worship space, a large floral arrangement on a central table may greet you as you enter. Some churches keep vases of flowers near statues of beloved saints, in wall niches or on shelves. You may also see flowers adorning the altar, ambo, or font.

Flowers can draw attention to themselves, but they should not distract people from the sacred objects they adorn. For example, the top of the altar should be free from flowers, lest they vie for attention with the bread and wine. If placed before the ambo, they should not obstruct anyone's view of the reader.

Floral arrangements need not be restricted to the sanctuary or devotional spaces. Flowers may decorate the area where the assembly gathers. But such arrangements should not block access to the sanctuary or the aisles of the church.

Some occasions call for special decorations. Advent wreaths, evergreens, palm branches, and lilies evoke the mysteries of the liturgical year.

At weddings and funerals, flowers cheer the heart and comfort the soul. When arranging decorations for these events, be mindful of those already in place for the season. During Lent, for example, many churches prefer to keep the sanctuary rather bare.

Real flowers always support worship of the Creator better than artificial flowers do.

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The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in memory of **Rose Knott** and **Deborah O'Connell.**

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Due to an early print deadline the results for last week's Weekly Collection are not available.

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RE Schedule

Saturday, May 13

First Communion Masses:
OLM Religious Education Class at 10:00am
OLM School 2nd Grade Class at 12:00pm

Sunday, May 14

May Crowning at 10:30am Mass

Please pray for our First Communion Class.

Confirmation Mass

Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 5:00pm The Most Reverend Robert C. Evans Confirming Prelate



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Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, May 3: Lifetouch Spring Pictures
- •Friday, May 5: 1st Friday Mass at 9:00am
- <u>Saturday & Sunday, May 6-7</u>: The Lion King, Jr. Performances @ The Prout School
- Tuesday, May 9: Weekly School Mass at 8:15am

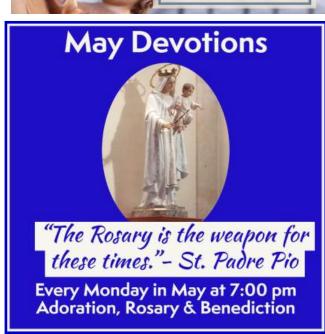
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- <u>OLM Food Pantry</u> is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. <u>All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable</u>. We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.
- <u>OLM Bereavement Group</u>: Next meeting <u>Thursday</u>, <u>May 10, 2023 at 4:00pm</u> in Mercy House. All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.
- For more information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org





First Holy Communion Saturday, May 13, 2023



Mass for OLM Religious Education Class at 10:00 am Mass for OLM School 2nd Grade at 12:00 pm

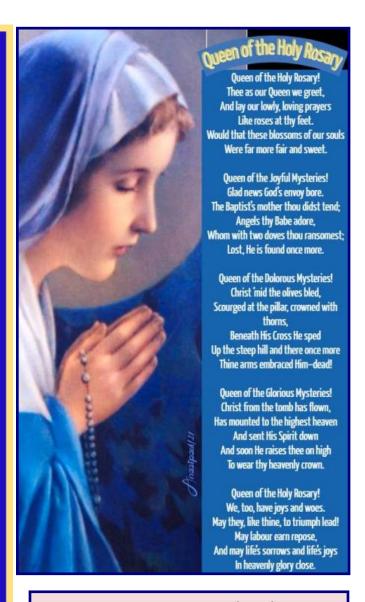


May Crowing Ceremony Sunday, May 14, 2023 10:30 am Mass



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of prayer 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!



Have Your Intentions Remembered in Prayer



A book in which your prayer intentions can be written has been placed in the OLM Candle Room. Please feel free to list those intentions and needs you would like to be remembered in prayer. Weekly on Fridays at 3:00pm all the intentions in the book are remembered at the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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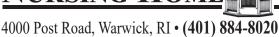
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