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- Pope Francis



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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 MARCH 29, 2020**

The OLM Parish Priests are offering private Mass daily for the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church. In particular, we remember this week these intentions:

Saturday, March 28

Elizabeth Loughlin—Memorial
 Thomas Ucci—Memorial

Sunday, March 29

Ava Ocfemia—Memorial
 Andre Dayde—Birthday Remembrance

Monday, March 30

John Gardner—Memorial
 Bishop Francis X. Roque—Memorial

Tuesday, March 31

John Arrow—13th Anniversary
 Lillian E. "Dolly" Healey—33rd Anniversary

Wednesday, April 1

Emily & Frederick Miller—Memorial
 Fr. Matthew J. Strumski—Memorial

Thursday, April 2

John & Jack Duffy—Memorial
 Special Intention

Friday, April 3

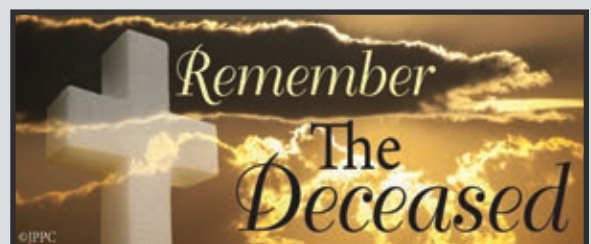
Father John E. Watterson—Memorial
 Maureen Nelson—Memorial

Saturday, April 4

Marion Leone—Memorial
 Special Intention

Sunday, April 5

Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial
 Nancy Chalker—Memorial
 Frank Ruzich—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

Pope Francis in his morning homily on Monday reminds us of the importance of prayer during this global crisis. He said: *"Faith, perseverance and courage. In these days, it's necessary to pray more. Imagine if we were to pray like this. With faith—that the Lord can intervene; with perseverance and with courage. The Lord never deceives. He makes us wait. He takes His time. But he never deceives. Faith, perseverance and courage."*

We are called to be people of faith, perseverance and courage as Catholic disciples. In many ways this time of isolation and quarantine is a time of renewal of our faith. It is a Lent within a Lent, a time we are forced to refocus the priorities of our lives. It is time for us to focus on what is truly important and essential, the health and well being of ourselves, our family, friends and our community. The health and well being not only in the physical and financial sense, but also in the spiritual sense.

While being in a comfortable and secure location, all of us might be tempted to reduce this time of lockdown into an opportunity to catch up on sleep, reading, or even our hobbies. We must fight these temptations and choose instead to renew our commitments to prayer, sacrifices and worship.

There are many opportunities to support these efforts available online. We can reflect upon the Word of God and the truths of the Faith. At the OLM parish webpage (olmparish.org) you will find links to resources to help you with prayer and worship while at

home. These include Word on Fire with Bishop Barron, Magnificat which is offering free access, and Formed which offers informative ways to be formed in the Catholic Faith.

We are expecting to install a new livestreaming system at OLM. We hope this will help us as a parish family as we are able to livestream Mass at OLM. More information about this is available on the parish webpage (olmparish.org).

Also we are signing up for a new communication system for parishioners called Flocknote. This will enable us to email or text parishioners updates and invitations on a regular basis. It is easy and efficient, and we hope to launch it this week.

In the meantime, I encourage you to read the bulletin online at the parish webpage. We have a limited number of bulletins being printed, but it will be posted weekly on the webpage along with any updates or messages, please check our parish website daily.

I must thank Fr. Barrow for his technological genius and help with all these matters. Much of this is new to me, as I expect it is to many of us of a certain age and generation. However, it is the best way for us to stay connected in these strange times of separation.

Fr. Connors has returned to OLM as St. John Seminary has closed. He is living with us and teaching his classes via the internet much like our dedicated faculty at OLM School. It's good to have him home with us!

I commend our OLM School Principal, Patrick

McNabb, and our faculty for the great job of implementing the distance learning for our parish school students. The teachers are teaching and the students are learning! We are grateful for the hard work, dedication and cooperation of our school family!

OLM Outreach continues to supply food and assistance to those in need on a daily basis. If you are in need, or know someone who is, please contact Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or reach him via email at outreach@olmparish.org

As your parish priests, we are truly heartsick that we cannot minister directly to our flock. However, Fr. Barrow, Fr. Connors and I offer Mass privately everyday for you and your intentions. We are joined by our good sisters who daily pray for you. Please continue to pray for us.

I ask you to please mail in your budget envelopes or put them in the newly installed depository in the vestibule. I ask all parishioners to please consider giving online; sign up at Parish Giving at olmparish.org. We need your continued financial support in this time of crisis as we still have employees and bills to pay. I thank you for your continued support.

St. Padre Pio reminds us: *"Pray, hope, don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayers."* Be well. Do Good! Stay safe. God Bless. *Oremus pro invicem!*



These are unique times in the history in the Church. With God's help and the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Mercy, we pray that the current crisis will pass quickly. At this time, while we cannot gather in large crowds for Masses and devotions, we can use social media and streaming platforms to connect with parishioners. So, in order to stay connected with everyone we have joined the following social media platforms:

Facebook Page

Our new Facebook page is now live. Here we will post our Masses and devotions, as well as parish news and events. Please go to www.facebook.com/OLMparishEG/. We will also use Facebook Live to stream Masses, devotions, and other events.

Flocknote

Flocknote is an email and texting application for quick and easy communication about what events are happening at the parish. It also allows us to send out quick updates and changes to schedules and activities. Go to OLMparish.flocknote.com or text "OLMParish" to 84576 to join. When you join you will have the option to join the various groups of the parish that you'd like to hear from such as Men of St. Joseph, Outreach, Choir, etc.

YouTube Channel

In addition to Facebook Live, the parish will post and stream on YouTube. Go to our website, olmparish.org to find the link.

Twitter

Fr. Healey is on Twitter. Follow him for the latest news and articles @FatherHealey.

Parish Website

We updated our parish website a couple of years ago. That upgrade allows us to connect these services together. Please check out olmparish.org for news, events, and Fr. Healey's blog.

Please join us on these platforms and stay connected with the parish. If you need assistance with any of these platforms let us know by emailing the parish at parish@olmparish.org or calling the office at (401) 884-4968. As we go forward, we will continue to update these pages and channels with more information.

Weekly Collection

During this state of emergency, we are grateful for your continued support. We ask that you please either mail your budget envelopes to OLM or place them in the depository in the Church vestibule. Also please consider donating online at Parish Giving link located at www.olmparish.org

Thank You for Your Support!



For the safety and well being of the OLM staff and parishioners, the OLM Parish Office is closed to the public until further notice. We ask that you please call the office at 401-884-4968 or email us at parish@olmparish.org for all parish business.

For Sacramental Emergencies or to talk with a priest please call 401-884-4968. We are readily available to help, talk, or assist you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Stay Informed at OLM!

Social Media at OLM

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OLM Church Opening Hours

Monday -Friday

8:00AM—7:00PM

Saturday

9:00AM—6:00PM

Sunday

10:00AM—6:00PM

The celebration of Public Masses has been suspended until further notice. The Church is locked for the private daily celebration of Mass and for the daily cleaning of the Church.

We welcome you to come in to Church and pray privately. Please keep proper social distance (AT LEAST 6 feet) from others IN CHURCH.

Thank you for your cooperation.



MONDAYS

6:00pm —6:45pm

SATURDAYS

3:00pm—3:45pm

Confession is available at anytime by appointment, please call 401-884-4968 to schedule an appointment with one of the parish priests.

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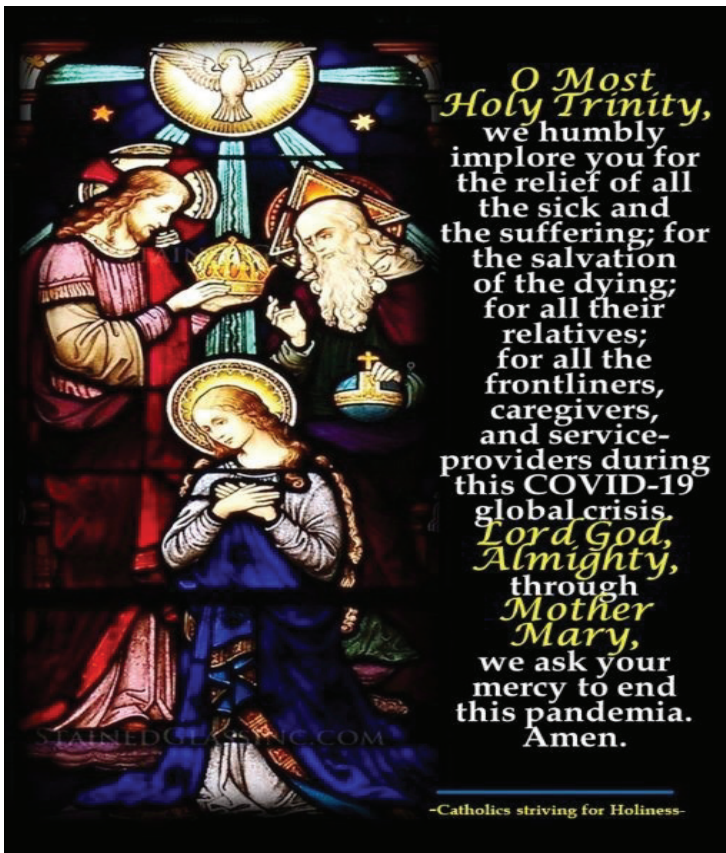
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Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



O Most Holy Trinity, we humbly implore you for the relief of all the sick and the suffering; for the salvation of the dying; for all their relatives; for all the frontliners, caregivers, and service-providers during this COVID-19 global crisis. Lord God, Almighty, through Mother Mary, we ask your mercy to end this pandemia. Amen.

-Catholics striving for Holiness-

5th Sunday of Lent



Prior to the calendar reform brought about by Vatican II, the Fifth Sunday of Lent was called Passion Sunday and ushered in a season known as Passiontide wherein we focused on the Lord's suffering and death.

Those in our assemblies who are old enough will recall purple-draped statues creating the atmosphere for this end-of-Lent season.

We no longer divide Lent in this way, but keep its penitential and baptismal focus until we enter Holy Week on Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion.

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

Daily Mass Readings

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 or Mt 27:11-54



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