

**"I WILL LAY DOWN MY LIFE
FOR MY SHEEP."**

John 10:13



Mass Intentions for the Week

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 21, 2024**

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Mass of Anticipation for the 4th Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Kenneth F. Uttley—Month's Mind

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM Ronald Verri—Memorial
9:00AM Monchi Martinez Quibus—Memorial
10:30AM Mariakutty Peter & All Souls—Memorial
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 22

Easter Weekday
7:30AM Pat Tranantino—Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Easter Weekday; St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr
7:30AM Sean T. Healey—Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Easter Weekday; St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr
7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Saint Mark, Evangelist
7:30AM Susan Charbonneau—Memorial

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Easter Weekday
7:30AM Eleanor Cole & Irene Murtha—Birthday Remb.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Easter Weekday
8:30AM Arthur T. & Margaret D. Carr—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation for the 5th Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Darlene M. Doyle—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:30AM Ronald Verri—Memorial
9:00AM Thomas J. & Joseph G. Chisholm & Lisa B. Johnson-Memorial
10:30AM Grace M. DiColo—Memorial
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish





Dear Parishioners:

It's hard to believe we had the April Spring School Vacation this past week, and it's already the Fourth Week of the Easter Season. Between an early Easter Sunday and all the rainy weather, the spring has gotten off to a slow start. As Mark Twain famously said: *"In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours."*

Of course, spring brings with it many events on our parish calendar. The School Play debuts with the Little Mermaid Jr., and the School's Annual Spring Fling Fundraiser kicks off on Kentucky Derby Day. First Holy Communion and Mother's Day are also in early May! Lots of great events to celebrate as a parish and school family.

Mark your calendar for next weekend to see performances of The Little Mermaid Jr. Tickets for the shows are available at the door at the Prout School Theater. There are two performances, a 7:00pm on Saturday, April 27, and a 2:00pm matinee on Sunday, April 28. Our theatre troupe has been working hard for months on this production. Come see our talented students sing, dance, and entertain. It's closer and more affordable than Broadway and perhaps even more entertaining!

Then, on May 4, the OLM School Spring Fling takes place at 6:00pm at the Quidnessett Country Club. This is the most important fundraiser of the year for our school, with all the proceeds going directly to support the excellent education and outstanding teaching of our Church and the world's future

saints and scholars.

The night will include a Kentucky Derby theme, featuring food and drinks to suit the occasion. The Spring Fling is an event for the whole parish and all the alums and friends of OLM School. So please wear your Derby suit or dress, hat, or bonnet, and join us! And remember to bring your checkbook for the auction!

It is a fun-filled evening that provides crucial financial support for our parish school. There are live and silent auctions of great prizes to bid on, ranging from Dinner with the Priests in the Rectory, MasterChef Fr. Mahoney Cooking Lessons for the Perfect Steak on the Grille, Hi-Lo Jack Night at the Regency Cigar Emporium, In-Home Wine Tasting from the Savory Grape, Vacation Get-Aways, Chef's Tables at local restaurants and much more! Tickets and information are available online at olmspringfling.org.

We look forward to our parish celebration of First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 11, and the May Crowning on Mother's Day, May 12. Fr. Mahoney and I will interview our First Communion candidates and their parents this week. They are entering into the final preparation for the big day.

Please pray for them as they continue preparing to receive Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist for the first time. May they heed the words of Pope Francis speaking to a First Communion Class: *"Remember that this is the sacrament of your First Communion, not your last. Remember that Jesus is always waiting for you!"*

Today is Good Shepherd

Sunday. It is the perfect time for us to pray for priests, bishops, and all those who shepherd the Lord's flock. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, a day for us to fulfill the Lord's instruction to *"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest."*

While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. So please spend some time in prayer today and during this upcoming week to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially in the Diocese of Providence. Also, please pray for all the priests, bishops, and seminarians of Providence.

Pope Francis reminds us: *"Vocations aren't the result of planning, but an encounter with God that changes your life."* If you know a young man who would make a good priest or a young woman who would be a good religious sister, invite them to consider it and pray for them. Help them encounter God, change their lives, and pursue a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

At OLM, we are truly blessed to have two priests, four religious sisters, a seminarian, and even a retired Auxiliary Bishop living next door. Pray that every parish in our Diocese may be so blessed with vocations! Be well. Do good. God Bless



James Paul Cinquegrana,
and his parents, Joseph & Molly

Samuel Patrick McDevitt,
and his parents, Michael & Kelly.

Margaret Clare Saiz,
and her parents, Jordan & Blair

Leo Isaac Ureneck,
and his parents, Adam & Elise

Felipe Agustin Villamar
and his parents, Mauricio & Ana

“Dear brothers and sisters: these children have been reborn through Baptism, and are now called children of God, for so indeed they are. Through Confirmation they will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and, approaching the altar of the Lord, they will share at the table of Sacrifice, and will call upon God as Father in the midst of the Church.” — The Rite of Baptism

Mass Schedule Change

The 5:00PM Sunday, Mass ends on Sunday, April 28, 2024 and resumes on Sunday, October 6, 2024. Please plan accordingly.



In your charity please pray for the gentle repose of the souls of the faithful departed especially **Anthony C. Bartolotta** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last week.

Rest In Peace

Weekly Collection

April 14, 2024

Weekly.....	\$9,65800
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	Total=\$16,380.00
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April 16, 2023

Weekly.....\$13,842.00

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OLM Parish Goal=\$190,000
Pledged to date=\$231,580
Number of pledges to date=413
Average gift=\$560

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OLM Parish Goal=\$190,000
Total Raised=\$277,255
Total Number of Pledges=480
Average Gift=\$578

**Over Parish Goal!!!
Thanks for your Generous Support!!**



First Communion Formation Class Schedule

April 22 & 27: First Communion Interviews

Sunday, April 28: Class following 9:00am Mass

Sunday, May 5: Class following 9:00am Mass

Tuesday, May 7: First Communion Practice @ 4pm

Thursday, May 9: First Communion Practice @4pm

Saturday, May 11: First Communion Masses

Faith Formation at 10:00am & OLM School at 12:00pm

Confirmation Formation Class Schedule

Sunday, April 21: Class following 5pm Mass

Sunday, April 28: Class following 5pm Mass

Confirmation Mass: Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 5pm

For any questions and more information please contact Mr. Jeremy Long, Director of First Communion & Confirmation at 884-4968 or faithformation@olmparish.org or Miss Julia Anthon, Directress of Faith Formation, at 884-4968 or faithformationdir@olmparish.org



Striving to Be Saints & Scholars

School Calendar

• Monday, April 22: April School Vacation ends and school resumes! Welcome back!

• Tuesday, April 23: OLM Weekly School Mass at 8:15am; Beloved Meeting 2:30-3:15 pm

• Thursday, April 25: Mock Trial Practice

• Saturday, April 27 @7pm & Sunday, April 28 @2pm: OLM School Performance of the Little Mermaid, Jr. at the Prout School Auditorium

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Performances at The Prout School:

Saturday, April 27 at 7:00PM

Sunday, April 28 at 2:00PM



ANNUAL
Spring Fling *Fundraiser*

Hosted by the OLM Parent Teacher Group

A NIGHT AT  THE DERBY

What is Spring Fling?

Spring Fling is the largest annual fundraiser benefiting Our Lady of Mercy School, to be held the evening of Saturday, May 4, 2024.

Funds raised at Spring Fling are critical to the school's ability to provide enrichment activities to enhance our students' educational experience.

Visit the Spring Fling Website to learn more about event details, to purchase event and raffle tickets, and to learn more about how you can support Spring Fling.

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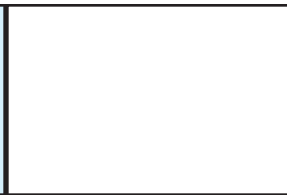


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