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Mass Intentions for the Week

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 2024**

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SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Mass of Anticipation for the 5th Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Darlene M. Doyle—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM 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

MONDAY, APRIL 29

St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
7:30AM Yvette & Bertrand Nadeau—Memorial

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Easter Weekday; St. Pius V, Pope
7:30AM Anthony Perretta—Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Easter Weekday; St. Joseph the Worker
7:30AM Jane Carolyn McClanahan—Memorial

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:30AM Nicholas R. Tella—Memorial

FRIDAY, MAY 3

St. Philip & St. James, Apostles
7:30AM All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Easter Weekday
8:30AM Special Intention

Mass of Anticipation for the 6th Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Johnny Coppa—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 5

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:30AM Jack Palermo—Memorial
9:00AM Michael Coscina—Month's Mind
10:30AM Jane McClanahan—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

It begins this week! Yes, it's the month of May, when all the flowers watered by April showers finally bloom, the grass grows, and we start thinking about planting gardens, having family picnics, going to college graduations, and celebrating First Communions.

The Month of May is also dedicated to the Blessed Mother Mary. For centuries, we have dedicated the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. This is not just a day in May but a month of reverence and devotion.

The tradition of the Month of Mary is not a recent one. It spans centuries and cultures, with its roots going back to the Ancient Greeks. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity.

In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms. At the end of April, they celebrated *ludi florals*, or floral games, and asked Flora for the intercession of all that bloomed.

Similar such customs abounded in medieval times, centering around expelling winter, as May First was considered the start of new growth. The medieval tradition of *Tricesimum*, or "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary," occurred during this period. It was also sometimes called "Lady Month."

The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Blessed Mother Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises and devotions honoring Mary.

In this era, Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized daily. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.

There are numerous ways to honor Mary in May, and these traditions are as diverse as the people who practice them. Here at OLM, we have the great tradition of May Devotions with Eucharistic Adoration and the recitation of the Holy Rosary every Monday in May at 7:00pm. We also have a morning Rosary Group who pray the Rosary after the daily 7:30am Mass.

Additionally, we crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. The crown, made of beautiful blossoms, represents Mary's beauty and virtue. It serves as a reminder for us to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue, faith, and humility in our lives.

The May Crowning at OLM is always on Mother's Day at the 10:30am Mass. Our First Communion children come to the Mass in their First Communion attire and crown our Blessed Mother, Queen of the May! This beautiful ceremony is a wonderful way to celebrate Mother's Day and honor Mary.

During May, give Mary a special spot in your spiritual life. Take up the Rosary and pray it daily! Come to May Devotions on Mondays, and pray for peace in your life and our world. Yes, turn to Mary and pray for her intercession. St. Padre Pio said: "*The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times!*"

It is widely believed that in 1214, St. Dominic had a vision of Blessed Mother Mary. She presented him with the Rosary, both the beads and the prayers to be prayed. St. Dominic had a tremendous devotion to Mary and the Rosary, which he promoted wherever he traveled to preach. He encouraged Catholics to gather in small groups to pray together, which was an early form of the Rosary together.

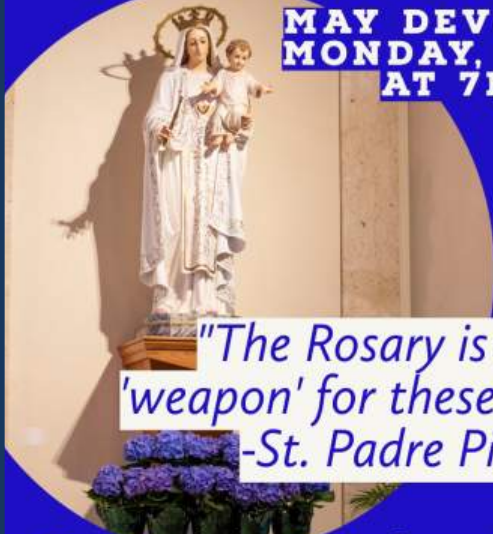
Mary is our mother, and because she cares for us day in and day out without fail, she intercedes for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, she deserves an entire month in her honor. So take your Rosary beads and put them to prayerful work, meditating on the joyful, sorrowful, glorious, and luminous mysteries.

Pope Francis has urged Catholics to pray the Rosary, especially in May. He said: "*I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. Contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family. It will help us overcome this time of trial.*"

So add a Rosary to your week and come to Devotions on Mondays too! The Rosary is a mobile prayer. Pray it alone in the car on the way to work or together while taking the kids to a game. Mary, pray for us! Be well. Do good. God Bless.

Father Healey


**MAY DEVOTIONS
MONDAY, MAY 6
AT 7PM**



*"The Rosary is the
'weapon' for these times."
-St. Padre Pio*

**Exposition, Adoration,
Rosary & Benediction**

Divine Mercy Chaplet



Join us each Friday at 3:00PM as we pray together the Chaplet of Divine Mercy before the Our Lady of Mercy Altar and Shrine.



PRAYER IS POWERFUL!
Pray for the Sick of Our Parish



**Pray
For Our
Deceased**

In your charity please pray for the gentle repose of the souls of the faithful departed especially **Norman Dufault** and **Diane Souza** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

Rest In Peace

Weekly Collection

April 21, 2024

Weekly.....	\$9,889.00
EFT.....	\$5,197.00
	Total=\$15,086.00
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April 16, 2023

Weekly.....\$16,832.00

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Next Week: Building & Grounds



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OLM Parish Goal=\$190,000
Pledged to date=\$244,996
Number of pledges to date=420
Average gift=\$583

2023 Catholic Charity Appeal

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

Over Parish Goal!!!
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First Communion Formation Class Schedule

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



•**OLM Food Pantry** 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. All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable. We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.

•**OLM Bereavement Group:** Our next meeting is on **Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 4:00pm 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

Mass Schedule Change

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



Striving to Be Saints & Scholars

School Calendar

•**Monday, April 29:** Student Council Meeting 2:30-3:15 pm; Chess Master Connections 2:30-3:30 pm; Girls Softball vs. Feinstein @ Winslow 5:00 pm; OLM School Board Meeting at 7:00pm in library

•**Tuesday, April 30:** OLM Weekly School Mass at 8:15am; Boys Baseball @ Bain Middle School 4:00 pm

•**Wednesday, May 1:** Co-Ed Soccer vs. St. Rose @ Wilson Park 4:30 pm

•**Thursday, May 2:** Grade Seven Field Trip to Biomes; Choir Practice 2:30-3:15 pm; Mock Trial Practice 2:30-3:30 pm; Girls Softball @ Davisville Middle School 4:30 pm

•**Friday, May 3:** Co-Ed Soccer vs. St. Joseph Gold @ Wilson Park 4:00 pm

•**Saturday, May 4:** Annual Spring Fling at Quidnessett Country Club

www.olmschool.org



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."
-St Mother Teresa of Calcutta

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, May 3, 2024
Exposition following 7:30am Mass
Adoration All-Morning
Benediction at 12:00PM
Adorers are needed. Sign up online



ANNUAL Spring Fling Fundraiser

Hosted by the OLM Parent Teacher Group



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.

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✦ Ss. Philip and James

THE REMAINS of the apostles Philip and James were interred in a sixth-century Roman church, which was dedicated on the first of May. That became their feast day, but when the calendar was revised after the Second Vatican Council, May 1 was given to St. Joseph. May 2 was already set aside for St. Athanasius. So the Feast of Sts. Philip and James is now observed on May 3.

Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, and was among the first disciples of Jesus. Immediately Philip found Nathanael and invited him to follow Jesus as well (John 1:43–45). On one occasion, amazed at the size of the crowd listening to Jesus, Philip wondered how they would be fed (6:5). At the Last Supper, Philip asked Jesus to reveal the Father to the disciples, prompting Jesus to say that seeing him was seeing the Father (14:8–10).

James, son of Alphaeus, was one of two apostles sharing the same name. The other James was included with Peter and John in the inner circle of apostles accompanying Jesus on some important events, such as the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–2) and his prayer in Gethsemane (26:37). That one is called James the Greater, and this one is James the Lesser, usually listed ninth among the Twelve. Some people associate him with the leader of the church in Jerusalem (Acts 15:13) or the author of the New Testament letter that bears his name. The feast on May 3 simply recognizes him as an apostle.

Tradition has it that Philip died by the sword and James by stoning. The Collect for their feast asks for a share in the passion and resurrection of Christ. Many Christians would prefer the resurrection to the passion. But Philip and James accepted it all.

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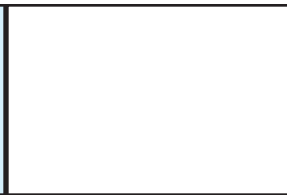


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