

"This I Command You:
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John 15:17



Mass Intentions for the Week

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 5, 2024**

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SATURDAY, MAY 4

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

SUNDAY, MAY 5

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

MONDAY, MAY 6

Easter Weekday
7:30AM Salvatore Quetta—7th Anniversary

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Easter Weekday;
7:30AM Edward Sullivan—Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Easter Weekday
7:30AM Mary Martin—9th Anniversary
Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord
5:00PM James Kelly—Memorial

THURSDAY, MAY 9

The Ascension of the Lord
7:30AM Michael Monteleone—19th Anniversary
10:00AM All Deceased Grandparents
7:00PM William Mahoney—12th Anniversary

FRIDAY, MAY 10

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

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Easter Weekday
8:30AM Mary Cooper—Birthday Remembrance
Mass of Anticipation for the 7th Sunday of Easter
5:00PM Arlene Pazienza—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, MAY 12

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





Dear Parishioners:

This week, I will joyfully travel north to Maine, for the Ordination of Bishop-Elect James Ruggieri as the 13th Bishop of Portland. The Ordination Mass is on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. It will be celebrated by Séan Patrick Cardinal O'Malley of Boston in the presence of Christophe Cardinal Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio (ambassador of the Holy See) to the United States.

Many bishops from the area will attend. Also many priests from Providence, and many more priests and people from Portland are attending. The Bishop's family, friends, and parishioners from Rhode Island will also make the trek north for the celebration.

Pope Francis named Bishop Ruggieri, then pastor of St. Michael and St. Patrick Parishes in Providence, as the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of Portland on February 13, 2024. Bishop Ruggieri grew up in Barrington, RI, where he was trained as an altar boy by Bishop Evans, then a young curate at Holy Angels Church.

The Bishop and I were ordained priests together on June 24, 1995, at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul by Bishop Gelineau. He is a holy and humble priest and will be an outstanding shepherd of his flock in Maine. It is a bittersweet moment as we lose such a fine priest of Providence, but it is a happy day for the Bishop and a time of great joy for Portland. .

Our parish has long supported the many good and charitable works at his parishes

in Providence. Over the years, we have had food drives, backpack drives, and provided outreach efforts in support of the many poor and needy served by his parishes.

Bishop Ruggieri regularly drove his Food Truck for the poor and hungry throughout Providence. He established St. Patrick's Academy, a Catholic High School for low-income students. Fluent in Spanish, this "Padre," as he is known, is truly a beloved shepherd of his flock in Providence.

Just a few weeks ago, over 1,000 people gathered at a Farewell Mass for Bishop Ruggieri at the Cathedral in Providence. As a pastor, he has never turned a blind eye toward anyone but always sought to help the unborn, the immigrant, the refugee, the addict, the homeless, and the poorest of the poor. Without a doubt, he will continue to do so in Maine.

Although ordained a priest, the bishop-elect will celebrate another degree of the sacrament of holy orders of the Catholic Church. Bishops are ordained to "the fullness of the priesthood." He continues the ministry of charity while taking on the responsibility for governance of the local Church.

At the Ordination Mass, the recitation of the Prayer of Ordination, which dates to the 4th century, officially makes the man over whom it is being prayed a bishop. During the prayer, two deacons hold the open Book of the Gospels over the head of the new bishop to symbolize the principal task of proclaiming and living the Gospel.

The new bishop is then

anointed on the head with Sacred Chrism and receives the signs and symbols of his office: The Book of the Gospels and a ring, signifying his union with this local Church and his lifetime commitment as a servant of the Lord.

He receives a mitre worn by bishops at liturgical functions, a symbol of the wings of the Holy Spirit. He is presented with a crozier (pastoral staff), which looks like a shepherd's crook, symbolizing the bishop as the chief shepherd, protector, and guide of Christ's flock.

All the bishops at the Mass then give the new bishop a Sign of Peace, an embrace that marks the newly ordained bishop's membership in the College of Bishops. The newly ordained and installed bishop then presides for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, his first as bishop of Portland.

Bishop Ruggieri chose "*Auspice Maria*" as his episcopal motto, "*Under the protection of Mary.*" Pray for Bishop Ruggieri. May our Blessed Mother Mary guide and protect him in his ministry of teaching, governing, and sanctifying the People of God as the Bishop of Portland. *Ad multos annos! Gloriosque annos, Vivas! Vivas! Vivas!*

Be well. Do good. God Bless. Join us for May Devotions on Monday at 7:00pm. Saint Francis de Sales said: "*The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary.*"

Ascension on Sunday

THE ASCENSION of the Lord, which traditionally falls on a Thursday, may be celebrated on a Sunday in certain parts of the world.

The Ascension originated as a Thursday celebration because of the story of the event from the opening of the Acts of the Apostles. There, Luke says that Jesus rose from the dead, appeared to believers for forty days and then ascended to the heavens. Even though the accounts of the Ascension in the Gospels suggest it took place after a shorter period of time, the liturgy of the Church has honored the chronology from Acts by celebrating the Ascension on Thursday of the sixth week of Easter.

The Solemnity of the Ascension is one of ten days that may be a holyday of obligation. Not all countries have the same holydays. In those countries where the Ascension is not a holyday, the solemnity is transferred to the following Sunday. The United States is so large and its needs so varied that Rome has granted it permission to decide by region on the date of this one solemnity. It is possible within the United States for Ascension to be on a Thursday in one state and on a Sunday in another. Travelers are expected to honor the custom of the place where they are that week.

Those celebrating Ascension on Sunday will miss the Mass texts of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, filled with anticipation for the Spirit of Pentecost. The Second Reading and the Gospel of the Seventh Sunday of Easter may replace those usually heard on the Sixth. Those attending weekday Masses may notice that the Responsorial Psalm on Friday and Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter is a seasonal psalm for the Ascension, even if their community will not celebrate the solemnity until Sunday.



“Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven; let our hearts ascend with him.”
— St. Augustine

Weekly Collection

April 28, 2024

Weekly.....	\$10,493.00
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	Total=\$14,506.00
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April 30, 2023

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This Week: Building & Grounds



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Average gift=\$583

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 Total Raised=\$277,255
 Total Number of Pledges=480
 Average Gift=\$578

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First Communion Formation Class Schedule

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 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 by email at faithformation@olmparish.org or Miss Julia Anthon, Directress of Faith Formation, at 884-4968 or by email at 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 16, 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



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School Calendar

- **May 6-10:** Reading Week!
- **Tuesday, May 7:** Boys Baseball vs. Winman
- **Wednesday, May 8:** Hearing Screening; Third Trimester Progress Reports go home; Co-Ed Soccer vs. Fr. Doyle School @Wilson Park 4:30pm;
- **Thursday, May 9:** Ascension Thursday Holy Day Mass & Grandparents Day Mass at 10:00am; Go-Ed Soccer vs. Immaculate Conception 4:00pm @ Chafee Complex; Boy's Baseball vs. Deeling Middle School 4:30pm @Ray Sliva Field ; Girls Softball vs Westerly 4:30pm @Winslow
- **Friday, May 10:** OLM Youth Ministry Meeting 6:30pm, Team Trivia Night!
- **Saturday, May 11:** OLM School First Communion Mass 12:00pm

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A Holy Day of Obligation**



Schedule of Masses

Wednesday, May 8

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Thursday, May 9

7:30am, 10:00AM & 7:00pm

NB: 10:00am Mass is the OLM School Grandparents' Day Mass



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

*"The Rosary is the
'weapon' for these times."*

-St. Padre Pio

**Exposition, Adoration,
Rosary & Benediction**

Mothers' Day Spiritual Bouquets



Please return all your Mother's Day Envelopes before next Sunday. All Masses on Mothers Day, May 12, are to be offered for All Mothers, living and deceased. In particular we prayerfully remember the names of your beloved Mothers and Grandmothers inscribed on the envelopes that will be placed upon the Altar.

*Come,
Pray
the Rosary*



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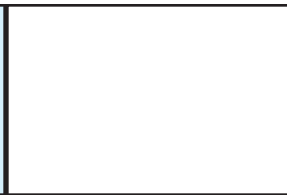
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