

Go, therefore, and make *disciples* of all nations

MATTHEW 28:19



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Our Lady of Mercy Parish May 26, 2024



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:30PM
Sunday 8:30AM & 10:30AM
Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri 8:30AM
Holy Days 8:30AM and anticipated vigil 7:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM
By appointment: please call the office to schedule with Fr. Paul.

Baptism

Please call the office. Baptisms are usually planned for the last weekend of the month.

Marriage

Please contact the office to schedule marriage preparation with Fr. Paul.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of themselves becoming a Catholic.

Funerals

The contact person for the deceased (or the funeral home) should connect with the office to schedule.

Planning ahead for funeral Mass celebrations is also available to all parishioners.

Faith Formation

We offer Faith Formation for all ages. Please see the website for current dates and programs.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM

Church Hours

The church will be locked for safety. You are welcome to spend prayer time in church during office hours! Please come into the office and someone will be happy to let you into the church.

Live streaming available at olmnh.org

The 4:30pm vigil Mass is live streamed. View by going to the website at www.olmnh.org.

Sanctuary Candle

Please contact the office to have the sanctuary candle lit in memory of, or for the intentions of, a loved one.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 25th
Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

4:30PM: Aurelio Castillo, Magdalena Huerta, and
Barbara & Thomas Hunt req by Maria Hunt

Sunday, May 26th
The Most Holy Trinity

8:30AM: Roland & Lucille Delude requested by Clay
& Kathy Rush

10:30AM: Rita Gallagher requested by Megan Hayes
For all parishioners

Monday, May 27th
Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: For all those who have died in service

Tuesday, May 28th

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Margaret Carlon

Wednesday, May 29th
Saint Paul VI, Pope

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Barbara Mulhern requested by a neighbor

Thursday, May 30th

No Mass

Friday, May 31st
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:10AM: Morning Prayer

8:30AM: Carmelle Murch req by her loving husband

Saturday, June 1st

Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

4:30PM: Sean Fagan req by Claude & Sandy Mayo
For all parishioners

Sunday, June 2nd
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:30AM: Timothy Dwyer requested by the family

10:30AM: Ethel Bonaccorsi requested by Claude &
Sandy Mayo

Corpus Christi Procession

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle burns
from May 25th to 31st
in memory of
George & Margaret Carlon.



Please pray for our recently deceased

Barbara Rafferty, May 11
Elaine McGonagle, May 15
Bob Gilbert, May 20

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and
let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of
all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

Memorial Day Prayer

God of power and mercy,

You destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our
tears, that we may all deserve to be called Your
sons and daughters.

Keep in Your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom and bring
them safely into Your
kingdom of justice and peace.



We ask this through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Amen!

Readings for the Week: May 26, 2024

Monday 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c and
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 and
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday 1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
and Mk 10:32-45

Thursday 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12 Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5 and
Mk 10:46-52

Friday Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd,
5-6 and Lk 1:39-56

Saturday Jud 17, 20b-25 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6 and
Mk 11:27-33

Sunday Ex 24:3-8 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18
Heb 9:11-15 and Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-12 Upcoming Dates

- Grades 1-5:** Books are due; please drop them at the office or the box in the main entrance of the church
- Youth Ministry:** Steubenville East is July 26 - 28 in Springfield, MA; His Hands and Feet is August 11 - 14. Friends welcome! Call the office for info and to register.
- Grades 1 - 12 Registration for 2024-25:** will open early summer

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity is celebrated on the Sunday following Pentecost (that's today!). The Blessed Trinity is the mystery of one God in three Divine Persons. It is a mystery of our faith because it cannot be understood by reason alone.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches:

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in Himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith."

The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals Himself to men "and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin" (CCC 234).

What is a Solemnity?

A solemnity is the highest ranked celebration. Easter, Christmas, All Saints, the Ascension, Corpus Christi, and other celebrations of events in our Lord's life on earth and certain saints are solemnities. The Gloria and Creed are always said on those days. Solemnities are like Sundays, though most are not days of obligation.

Procession: June 2 The Most Holy Body and Blood

Sunday, June 2 after the 10:30 Mass, all are invited to participate in a Corpus Christi procession. Corpus Christi, also known as the Most Holy Body and Blood, is a solemnity celebrating the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The procession will go out into the parking lot, down the sidewalk, and around the church. A rosary will be prayed during the procession.

Make Disciples of all Nations

Matthew 28:16-20

This week we return to Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next however, are designated as solemnities: special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed Himself to us in the Trinity: one God in three Persons. The Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. In its conclusion, Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus's empty tomb and Jesus's appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to His disciples in today's Gospel.

The final commission, as this part of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture many of the most important events happen on a mountaintop, and Matthew used the motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel the disciples go to the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared His disciples. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission the disciples are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is to be taken to all people, and the task is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions His disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity. This is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptized Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love.



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Parish Happenings: the Week Ahead

Coffee & Donuts: Sunday, May 26 after the Masses, sponsored by our Knights, church hall

Memorial Day Coffee & Donuts: Monday, May 27 after the 8:30am Mass, church hall

Office Closed: Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day

Knitting Ministry: Thursday, May 30 from noon to 2:00pm, parish office building

Blood Drive: Thurs, May 30 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm, hall; schedule an appointment by phone or online

Rosary Cenacle: Saturday, June 1 at 8:30am, church

Recital: Sunday, June 2 at 1:30pm Schola and Organ recital, church; All are welcome!

Baby Bottle Donations

St. Gianna's Place - a home in the Catholic tradition for women in crisis pregnancies - will hold its baby bottle campaign starting this weekend. The doors have been open for 5 years and we've been able to a loving, formative and supportive home to over 30 women and their children during this short time! Your financial support is greatly appreciated in order to defray the costs of the day-to-day operations and educational programs we offer to our moms.

If you would like to help, simply take home a baby bottle, fill it with your donation, and return it to the bin in the entrance of the church by June 9. With your support, we can change mothers' and their babies lives through the love and care of this community. Thank you!

OLM Recital: Please Join Us!

All are invited to a recital on Sunday, June 2 at 1:30pm in the church. Come support and be inspired by our Schola choir and organ students.



Thursday, May 30 from 1:00 to 6:00pm, church hall

Schedule an appointment:
Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to

RedCrossBlood.org and enter: LADYOFMERCY.

120 Club

Week 1: Ursula Gall
Carol Bilodeau
Week 2: Lainie Blazonis
Theresa Maki

Congratulations and thank you!

Rosary for Life Calendar Intentions for May

You are invited to pray a rosary each day during the month of May and include the following prayer intentions.

May 27 - Queen of Peace, heal the victims of war and of violent crimes.

May 28 - Immaculate Mary, guide the youth of our parish who are seeking a vocation.

May 29 - Mother of Wisdom, inspire our lawmakers to promote and protect the dignity of all human life.

May 30 - Comforter of the Afflicted, bring an end to animal cruelty.

May 31 - Our Lady of Consolation, help us to make time for those who are lonely, afraid, in need of love.



Build a Stronger Marriage

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Parish Stewardship

Weekly collections May 13 - 19, 2024

Budget: \$9,321

Actual: \$9,458

Variance: (\$254)

Thank you for your generosity!

Congratulations Deacon John!

May 24 marked the 10th anniversary of Deacon John's ordination. We are grateful for your service and dedication to the Church and to our parish, Deacon John! May God continue to bless your ministry!





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