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*Born as a Mission of Bristol in 1864 and  
Established as a Parish in 1881*

### ***WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH!***

If you are new to the area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in our celebration of the Eucharist. We invite you to become part of our parish family. To register or to update your address or phone number, please complete this form and mail it to the Parish Office or place in the collection box. *Thank you.*

☐ New Parishioner ☐ Address/Phone Number Change

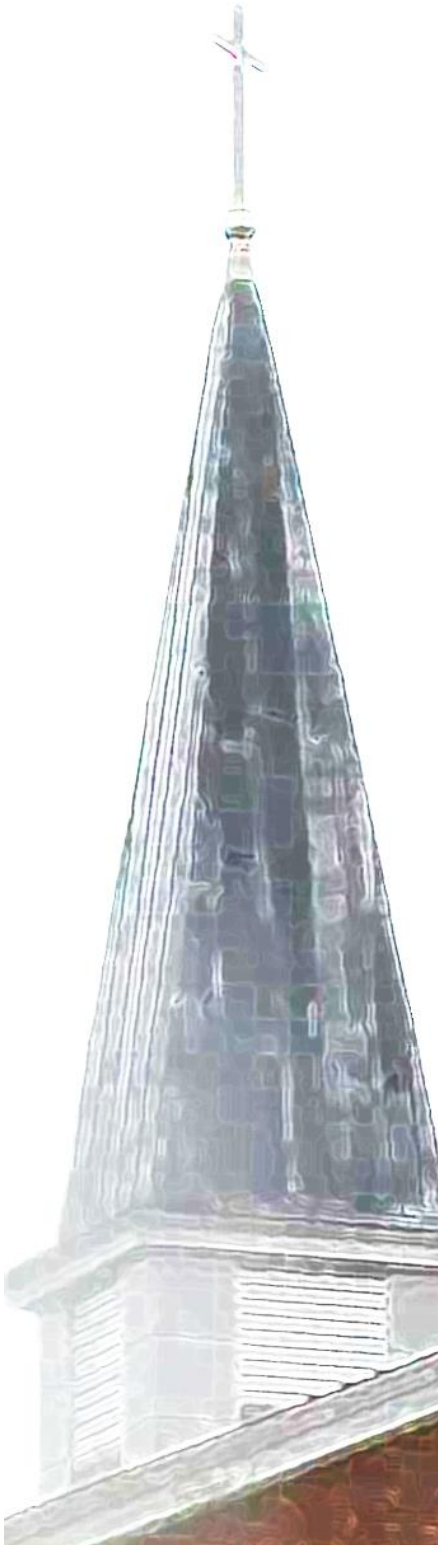
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***“Do whatever He tells you.”***

– Mary to the disciples of Jesus  
(John 2:5)



# Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25th, 2022



**Saturday September 24, Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm Zbigniew, Tadeusz, & Paraskiewia Kukielka

Req. Family

**Sunday September 25, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am Intentions of All Parishioners

10:30am **Blessing for All Volunteers & Students,**

Theresa & Nelson Masse & Kathy Pelegrino Req. Linda Masse

**Monday September 26, Sts. Cosmas & Damian; Martyrs**

8:00am John Walko Req. Daughter Francine

**Tuesday September 27, St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**

8:00am Cathy Cassidy Sadowski Req. Sarah

**Wednesday September 28, St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs**

No Mass

**Thursday September 29, St. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels**

8:00am Milton S. Burton Req. Sister

**Friday September 30, St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

8:00am Viola Sliwonik Req. Family

**Saturday October 1, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

8:00am Stephen Bruno Month's Mind

Candito Carroccia Month's Mind

**Saturday October 1, Vigil of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm Tobie Lynn Racine Req. ESPN Safety Group

**Sunday October 2, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am Intentions of All Parishioners

10:30am Chris Dziura Req. Dziura Family

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## A Thought for the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Today's Liturgy of the Word opens with the prophet Amos, quoting God and crying out, "Woe to the complacent," who enjoy comfort and rich foods.

These words prompt some serious soul searching. The key is the last word, "complacent." The real tragedy Amos sees around him is complacency. The rich man had learned to look the other way.

The ghost story told by Jesus which follows, no doubt, is meant to disturb our peace. He addressed it to the upright, the Pharisees. Folks perhaps equivalent to the pillars of the community, the parish, the clergy, the religious.

At the final judgement God will ask us about our stewardship, especially our care for the poor. (Mt. 25) What sacrifices can you make so that you can reach out to the poor more fully?

In our brief time on earth, how can we seize the opportunities to act charitably, to give generously, or to ease the suffering of another?

God Bless, Fr. Ray

## Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy!

If you are new to our parish and wish to become a member of OLM, we invite you to introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr.

Raymond Smialowski, and to register. Registration can be

completed by stopping by the Parish Office, completing a short registration form which can be found by clicking the button *New Here?* at [www.olmct.org](http://www.olmct.org) then click *Welcome!*, or call the Parish Office at 860.747.6825 and we can fill it out with you over the phone. Please return the hard copy to the office by dropping it off at the Parish Office, the collection box, or mailing it to 19 S. Canal St., Plainville.

## The Tabernacle Lamp...

is lighted for the Greater Glory of God and in recognition of the Real Presence of Christ. This week the candle is flickering **in Memory of Andrew Predota.**



### Sunday September 25

10:30a AA, Room 103

11:30a Choir Rehearsal, Church

### Monday September 26

9:30a Legion of Mary, Room 102

6:30p Scripture Study, Timothy Room

6:30 – 7:30p Confirmation Parent Meeting, Gym

7p Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting, Room 102

### Tuesday September 27

9a Scripture Study, Timothy Room

4:30 – 6:00p Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atrium

### Wednesday September 28

1 – 2:30p Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atrium

### Thursday September 29

4:30 – 6p Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atrium

5:30 – 6:30p St. Joseph Basketball, Gym

7p Prayer & Worship Committee Meeting, Room 102

8p Parish Life Committee Meeting, Room 102

### Friday September 30

6 – 8p Coffee House Social, Gym

### Saturday October 1

6 – 8p Teen Night, Gym

7p AA, Room 103

### Sunday October 2

8:30 – 10:30a Knights of Columbus Breakfast, Gym

10:30a AA, Room 103

11:30a Choir Rehearsal, Church

6 – 7:30p Confirmation Class, Timothy Room



### Volunteer Sign Up!

Still looking for a few more volunteers!! Thank you to all who have offered their Time and Talents thus far. There is a blue sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. Please consider becoming involved in our

teen's faith journeys. We **ESPECIALLY** need volunteers to help out with our EDGE Program, which works with our middle school children. If you are a parent of one of these children, please consider helping out with this ministry. You will learn of the JOY of Jesus together! This is also a google form. If you would like this sent to you, please email [olmteens@gmail.com](mailto:olmteens@gmail.com).

### Registrations at Our Lady of Mercy Church



### Fall Faith Formation

**Registrations are ongoing at this time. Thank you to all who have sent in their registrations thus far! We have a great year planned for the children!!** **Classes begin on October**

**17<sup>th</sup> for Grades 1 - 5.** The date has been changed from

**September 19<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact Michelle at [ourladyofmercyreled@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofmercyreled@gmail.com) for a registration form or any questions. **Still Looking for Teachers and Assistants Grades 1-5 / Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** (No Experience needed. Training available.)

Please contact Michelle at the email above.

### An Invitation to Joy

Do you want to deepen your faith? Looking for an answer to suffering? He who rose from death wants to reach you, to give purpose and happiness to your life.

Come and listen!

A catechesis for Adults & Youth will be offered at Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Talks will be given on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7 to 8pm in the Parish Center, beginning Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The talks will build upon each other. If you cannot attend both talks, attending one per week will be fine.

**You won't get lost in the program. Even if you** can only attend a few of the talks, you will greatly benefit. Come listen so you can experience that God loves you as you are, and you can announce this good news to those you love. Everyone 13 years and older is invited. For more information, call David Rak at 1.309.232.9175. Free babysitting provided.



### Coffee House Nights in September!!

Let's worship together through Christian contemporary music!

Perfect voices not required. Bring your instruments or your Bluetooth cell phone and join us in singing as a group, as an individual or just come listen. **THIS** Friday,

September 30<sup>th</sup>, Parish Gym,

6 - 8 pm. Call the office if you'd like to get involved or have any questions at 860.747.6825.



### TEENS

**OLM HAS A LOT GOING ON FOR TEENS! THE COFFEE HOUSE ON FRIDAY EVENINGS IS SCHEDULED FOR ONE MORE FRIDAY NIGHT. OUR FIRST TEEN NIGHT FOR THE SEASON IS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 6 - 8PM IN THE PARISH CENTER GYM.**

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR GRADES FRESHMAN AND UP BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, FROM 6 - 7:30PM IN THE TIMOTHY ROOM. OUR EDGE PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS BEGINS ON OCTOBER 17 FROM 6:15 - 7:30PM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE**





**PROGRAMS. PLEASE CONTACT  
KAREN AT [OLMTEENS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:OLMTEENS@GMAIL.COM)  
TO REGISTER OR FIND OUT MORE  
INFORMATION.**

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism of your child. You may begin preparation even before your child is born. To begin the process, call Sue at 860-747-5451. The date of the Baptism is scheduled after attending the Parent Preparation Program. Please note that Godparents must be confirmed and obtain a *Sponsor Certificate* from their own Catholic parish.



### **Parish Raffle**

Please support our Annual Parish Raffle. Many returns have been flooding the Parish Office! **Thank You!!** If you did not receive them or are not registered in our parish, and would like to support our raffle, tickets are available in the Parish Office - 860.747.6825. The Raffle which features 6 attractive prizes will take place in a week and a half on **Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at Noon in the Parish Center. Thank you for your generous support.

### **2022 HOPES Collection: Help Our Parish Elementary Schools**

The HOPES Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of our Archdiocese by providing them with individual HOPES Grants. Please help us in providing a culture of faith and academic excellence for our elementary school students by giving to the 2022 HOPES Collection **THIS** weekend.

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### **OLM Tag Sale**

The Tag Sale will be held October 7 & 8, which is a Friday and Saturday. We need help moving items from the garage to the Parish Center **NEXT** Monday morning, 9am, October 3. We also need help all week long in setting up and working the tag sale. If you have an hour to give, we would be so pleased if you gave it to us. If you have more time to share with us during the day that week, we will be happy

to give you an assignment on what needs to be accomplished. Come build the OLM Community by helping out the church and spending time with each other. Please **DO NOT** drop items off **this week** in the garage. We are using this week to get organized. Furniture may be dropped off at the Parish Center on Friday, Oct. 7, 5 – 7pm. Any more donations may be brought to the Parish Center on Tuesday, Oct. 4 & Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 9am – 3pm. **Please NO computers, TV's, glassware or used children's toys.** If you have any questions, please call the Parish Center at 860.747.6825.



### **Pumpkinfest October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Our parish is planning to have a booth at the **PumpkinFest** which will be held in the center of town on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4 – 8pm with set up of the booth between 2 – 3pm, Rain or Shine. Help is needed. Please consider volunteering to be present in the booth for an hour or so or setting up the booth. We also need a pop-up tent to cover our booth in case of rain. To volunteer, please contact the Parish Office or come to the next meeting of the Parish Life Committee on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Parish Center.

### **Blessing of Pets and Animals**

In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, a blessing of Pets and Animals will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 2pm on the lawn in front of the Parish Center. In case of rain the blessing will be cancelled.



## Feast of Our Lady of Mercy

This year we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 10:30am Mass. More details will be discussed at the meeting of the Prayer and Worship Committee this Thursday at 7pm in the Parish Center. Please join us. Your presence and ideas will be welcomed.



## Banns of Marriage

*John J. Smialowski*

*& Erika Fulton*

### Committee Meetings this Week

Monday – Sept. 26 Building & Grounds, 7pm in the Parish Center. Please join us.

Thursday – Sept. 29 Prayer & Worship Committee, 7pm in the Parish Center.

Thursday – Sept. 29 Parish Life Committee, 8pm in the Parish Center.

### OLM Young Adult Music Ministry

We are expanding our Young Adult Music Ministry! Currently a small group of teens leads

the music at the monthly teen Mass.

We would like to encourage more youths ages 13 – 18 to join and are

looking to find more events for the Youth Music Ministry to participate in. We are not just looking for the best singers, but for any types of musical talents and especially for enthusiasm.

Teresa Burkard will lead this group. Please send her questions, ideas and your contact information if you are interested in being a part of this Ministry. Scan the QR Code to fill out a form online.



## Food Collection Next Weekend

Please support our monthly collection of non-perishable food items, toiletries, and cleaning supplies to help the work of the Plainville Food Pantry. Recepticals will be placed at the church entrance.

### Towel & Sock Drive

The Human Needs and Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a drive of new towels, washcloths, and socks to benefit those at the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter and Mission in Bristol. Please place them in the receptacle in the Gathering Space. The drive will begin during the weekend of October 8 – 9 and will conclude during the weekend of October 22 – 23.



## Stewardship in Action

- We are grateful to Dale for donating a beautiful new rug which was placed in the center of the Gathering Space.
- Thank you to Camille and Brian for cleaning the wooden fence by the Statue of the Blessed Mother as well as applying a wood preservation. This together with some landscaping improvements has enhanced the Shrine area in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Thank you to Maria, Hailey, and Mia for bringing two beautiful vases of flowers for the altar just before the 10:30am Mass last Sunday.

### Renting a Table at the Tag Sale

If you are interested in renting a table and two chairs, \$20, 9a – 3p, for Saturday, Oct. 8 to sell your own wares in the gym, please call Dan at 860.747.4429 for information. Checks may be made payable to Knights of Columbus #3544. Payment must be made by Oct. 6. If you wish to pay by Venmo, you may do so at Don Melanson @Don-Melanson. Set up will be Saturday morning, 10.8.22, at 8am.



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