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March 26, 2023

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Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m. (No morning Mass on Wednesdays)

## *The Sacrament of RECONCILIATION (Confession)*

Saturday: 12 Noon or by appointment

**During Lent:** Fridays at 5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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Established as a Parish in 1881*

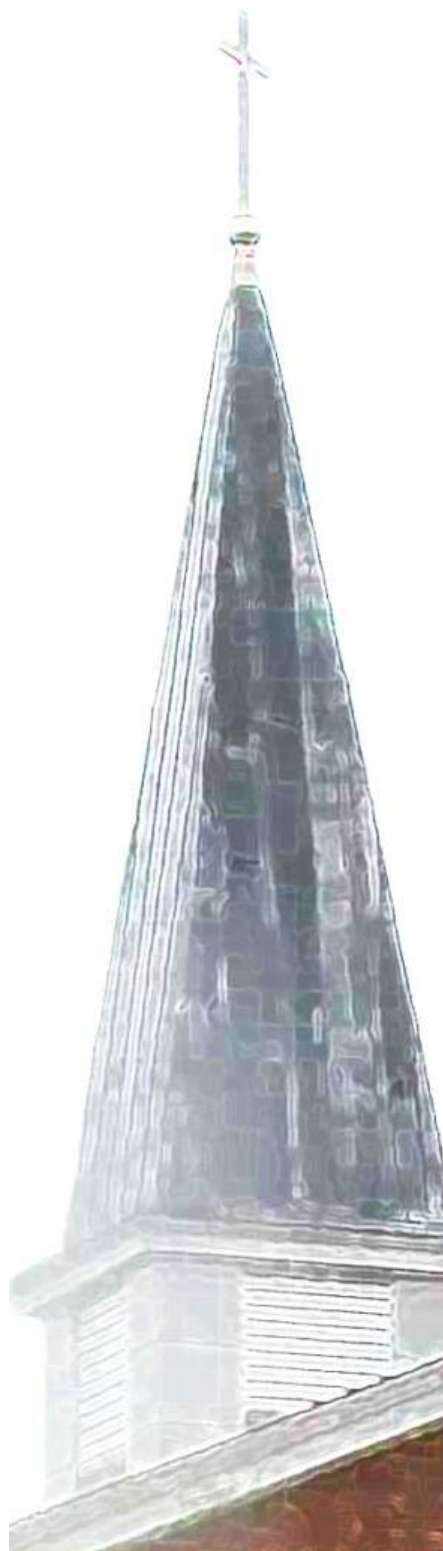
## **WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH!**

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)



## Mass Schedule for This Week

**Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Weekday,**  
*The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD*

8:00 a.m. Priscilla Dombroski, 1st Anniversary;  
Emilia Bucci, 1st Anniversary;  
Salvatore Cristofaro, Month's Mind;  
John Conti, Month's Mind

Noon Confession

*Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent*

4:00 p.m. Frank Stawski, 50th Ann. req. Family

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Fifth Sunday of Lent,**  
**Teen Mass**

8:30 a.m. For the Intentions of All Parishioners  
10:30 a.m. Alice Brousseau req. Family

**Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Weekday,**

8:00 a.m. Bob Cassidy req. Family

**Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Weekday,**

8:00 a.m. Barry Fontaine req. Joe and Jo-Ann

**Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Weekday**  
**No Mass**

**Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Weekday,**

8:00 a.m. Joanna Nardi req. Barbara Simpson

**Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Lenten Weekday,**

8:00 a.m. Sophie, Steven, Blanche req. Daughter  
8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Lenten Weekday,**

8:00 a.m. Ryszard Zajackowski, 1st Anniversary  
Noon Confession

*Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Lent*

4:00 p.m. Ellie Silverio, req. Joe and Jo-Ann

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, PALM SUNDAY OF THE**  
**PASSION OF THE LORD,**

8:30 a.m. For the Intentions of All Parishioners  
10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Ewelina's Birthday  
req. Mom

## A Thought for the Fifth Sunday of Lent—Year A

Our scripture readings today present images of hope, promise and new life.

In our first reading from Ezekiel 37:12-14 we have an image, a vision, of new life in what seemed to be a hopeless situation. In our Gospel reading from John 11:1-45, we read about Lazarus being literally raised from the dead.

These passages of scripture remind us that no matter what situation we may find ourselves in, no matter however seemingly hopeless, God provides us the grace, the strength, we need. He knows our needs better than we know them ourselves. We are called to put our trust in Him.

In the Gospel reading Jesus says to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

God Bless,  
*Father Ray*



## The Tabernacle Lamp:

is lite for the Greater Glory of God and in recognition of the Real Presence of Christ. This week the candle is flickering in Memory of:



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**March 19, 2023**

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## Our Lady of Mercy Church:

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 in the Church, or by mailing it to 19 South Canal Street, Plainville

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2023:**

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2023 Appeal literature! Organizations such as the Plainville Food Pantry right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org) to learn more and make your gift today.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. *No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.*

**Baptism—Last Sunday:**

**Lillianna Rose Baldwin McCarthy** was baptized. We rejoice as a Parish and pray that Lillianna will gradually grow in the love of God.

**Cemetery Palm Crosses:**

Cemetery Palm Crosses are on sale at **Saint Lucian's** on 532 Burritt St., New Britain. Prices range from **\$6.00** and up. The sale will take place on **March 26<sup>th</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup>** from **8 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Call Gail at 860-667-3367 with any questions.

**Easter Flowers:**

There is no designated collection to help with the cost of Easter flowers. Please use the Easter Flower envelope to make a donation and place it in the Donation Box at the church entrance or in the offertory basket when it is passed at Mass on any weekend before Easter. If you are not using offertory envelopes, an offering for Easter flowers can be placed in a plain envelope. If you would like to make an offering of Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please indicate their names on the envelope. A listing in whose **Memory Easter Flowers** have been given will be printed for the Second Sunday of Easter on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**First Reconciliation:**

We rejoice with the following children and youth of the Parish who will make their **First Confession** today following the 10:30 a.m. Mass:

Jack Crook, Garrison Cuison, Abril Gonzalez, Cristiano Harrison, Nikodem Koc, Adrian Kuczewski, Annabella Landino, Owen Melanson, Nisary Olan, Matias Salcedo, Maxwell Steele, and Nariah Velez.

**Food Collection:**

Please keep in mind our collection of non-perishable food items next weekend which is the first weekend of the month. All items donated are distributed to those in need through the Plainville Food Pantry.

**Forsythia & Pussy Willow Branches:**

These branches are needed for the children to carry in the Palm Sunday Processions. If you have some to share, please let us know by contacting Fr. Ray.

**Invitation to****Steubenville East Conference:**

**CALLING ALL TEENS** entering 9th grade in the Fall to graduating from 12th grade in the Summer of 2023! Steubenville East Conference, sponsored by LifeTeen, will take place at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA from **July 21-23, 2023**.

Steubenville East has various Scripture scholars discussing topics relevant to teens, inspirational music, games, Adoration, Mass, Reconciliation and much more. Please contact Debbie Boyle for further information: [debbie\\_jeff@hotmail.com](mailto:debbie_jeff@hotmail.com) or 860-841-8668.

**Lenten Rice Bowls:**

Please return your Lenten Rice Bowls with your Lenten Sacrificial Gift to assist the work of the Catholic Relief Services next weekend. Please place them in the designated basket in the Gathering Space. Thank you!





### Legion Mary Acies:

Active and Auxiliary Members of the Legion of Mary are invited to the Acies **today** at **2:30 p.m.** at St. Mary's Church in New Britain. A reception will follow.

### Palm Cross Making Workshop:



You are invited to learn how to make palm crosses on **Thursday evening, March 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.** at in the Parish Center Gym. A sign-up sheet for those interested is located on the oak table in the Church Gathering Space.

### Palm Sunday Breakfast:

Please plan to join us **next Sunday** for breakfast in the Parish Center Gym for a delicious breakfast prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus. It will be served between **8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** at a very modest cost.



### Palm Sunday Processions:

The blessing of Palms followed by a procession with palms will take place at the beginning of the 4 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses next Sunday. We invite children, families, single adults, etc. who would like to participate in the procession to gather in the Gathering Space before Mass.



### Prayer & Worship Committee:

Our Committee will meet this **Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** at **7 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Please join us.

### St. Joseph's Cemetery Decorations:

Just a reminder, Spring "Clean Up" will be initiated after March 30<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to retain any winter decorations, you must remove them **Prior** to **March 30<sup>th</sup>** from the cemetery.



Winter decorations are permitted **ONLY** during the period between Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>. Decorations found after this date will not be retained by the cemetery. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping us during spring cleanup.

**Also**, a quick reminder that all artificial flowers must be removed before May 1<sup>st</sup> per the cemetery rules.

## Religious Education

### Religious Education:

Instructions for children in grades 1-5 will be held on **Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** at **4:30 p.m.**

### The Edge:

The next Edge session for Middle School Students will be held on **Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **6:15 p.m.** with an open gym followed by a guided discussion. All middle school students are invited to attend.

### Confirmation Preparation Classes:

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**11:45 a.m.** Confirmation Group Year 1

**6:15 p.m.** Confirmation Group Year 2

Both classes will meet at the Gathering Space in the Church.

### Teen Night:

The next Teen Night is scheduled for Saturday evening, **April 1<sup>st</sup>** beginning at **6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** in the gym. All teens are welcome to attend. Mark your calendar for **May 6<sup>th</sup>** Teen Night with the same timeframe and place. Thank you!



## *Thank You to Everyone!*

### Hunger Banquet:

Thank you to everyone who supported the Hunger Banquet sponsored by The Human Needs and Social Justice Committee on March 15<sup>th</sup>. During the banquet, Christine Theborge, Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul Mission in Bristol, spoke on how St. Vincent de Paul serves the needs of the homeless. At the end of the banquet, a check for \$1,000 which represented the funds raised by the Banquet, was presented to Christine Theborge.



### A Special Thank You!

To the wonderful ladies that share their time and talents in preparing the **coffee and refreshments** following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on **March 19<sup>th</sup>**, which is **St. Joseph's Day**. It was certainly enjoyed by many.



## Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember the deceased of our Parish in your prayers:



Lorraine Corsini, Craig Minella,  
Antonio Ettore, and Edward Rapacky, Jr.  
Emilia Bucci, *1st Anniversary*;  
Priscilla Dombroski, *1st Anniversary*;  
John Conti, *Month's Mind*;  
Salvatore Cristofaro, *Month's Mind*

**"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O' Lord"**

### **Pysanky: The Art of Eggs:**

Father Paul Luniw, Ukrainian Catholic priest and egg artist extraordinaire, will present a free demonstration of the Ukrainian tradition of colorfully decorating Easter eggs known as pysanky. The practice evolved from pre-Christian times, and many patterns and symbols have remained for millennia. The presentation is free and open to the public, **Sunday, March 26, at 2 p.m.** Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center, 1 State St., New Haven, CT 06511. Info at: [michaelmcgivneycenter.org](http://michaelmcgivneycenter.org)

### **Soup Sale to**

### **Benefit Steubenville East:**

When: **Sat., April 1 & Sun., April 2, 2023**  
after Masses in the OLM Gathering Space

Cost: **\$6.00** for 16 oz. container

Soups include: Corn Chowder, Clam Chowder, Italian Wedding, Pasta e Fagioli, Vegan Lentil and Loaded Baked Potato.

100% of sales and contributions will benefit students attending **Steubenville East Conference**, sponsored by LifeTeen at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA from **July 21-23, 2023**.

This year's theme is **REFUGE - Matthew 11:28**. The mission of the Steubenville East Conference is to encounter Jesus more deeply. It is for youth entering 9th grade to students graduating 12th grade by the Summer of 2023. It fosters teens to experience the love of Christ and be strengthened in their journey of discipleship with thousands of Catholics from surrounding states. It consists of various Scripture scholars discussing topics relevant to teens, inspirational music, games, Adoration, Mass, Reconciliation and much more.

Please contact **Debbie Boyle** for further information [debbie\\_jeff@hotmail.com](mailto:debbie_jeff@hotmail.com) or 860-841-8668.

## The Bulletin Board

**Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

No Activities Scheduled

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

First Penance after 10:30 a.m. Mass

11:30 a.m. Choir Practice, *in the Church*

11:45 a.m. Confirmation I, *Gathering Space in Church*

6:15 p.m. Confirmation II, *Gathering Space in Church*

**Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary, *Room 102*

4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Religion Classes, *Gr. 1-5*

6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Edge, *Gym & Timothy Room*

6:30 p.m. Scripture Study, *Room 102*

**Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Scripture Study, *Room 102*

**Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Society, *Room 102*

**Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 p.m. Baptism Prep. Meeting, *Room 101*

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Palm Cross Workshop, *Gym*

**Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

No Activities Scheduled

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Teen Night, *Gym*

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. **Knights of Columbus**

**Palm Sunday Breakfast**, *Gym*

11:30 a.m. Choir Practice, *in the Church*

### **Tax Letter:**

If you wish to receive a tax donation letter, please call the office at 860-747-6825 or email at [olmct@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olmct@sbcglobal.net). We ask for your patience as we are unable to print the letters while you wait. It can be picked up at the Parish Center Office or it will be mailed to you upon request.



### **Bulletin Submissions Deadline:**

Deadline for submissions to the next bulletin is Thursday, **March 30<sup>th</sup> by 4 p.m.** Call the office at 860-747-6825 or send an email to [olmct@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olmct@sbcglobal.net).

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