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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

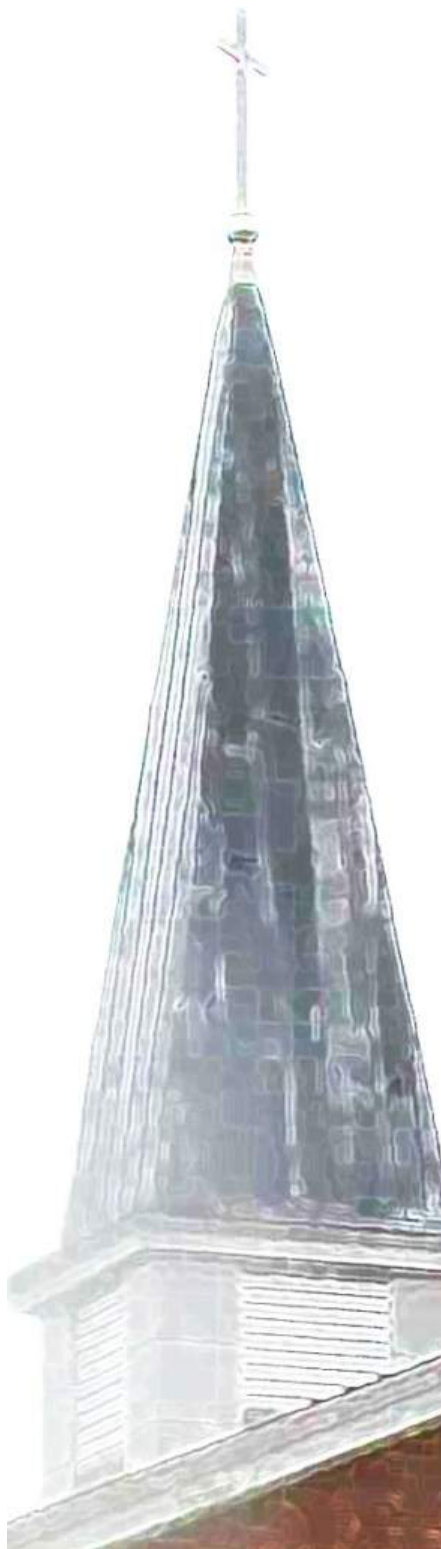
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“Do whatever He tells you.”

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



Mass Schedule for Easter Week

Saturday, April 8th, HOLY SATURDAY

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Blessing of the Easter Food, Church

12 noon Confessions

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9th, EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord

10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord

Monday, April 10th, The Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Karolina Schirner requested by Greta

Tuesday, April 11th, The Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. The Valunas Family
requested by Kathleen Bernavage

Wednesday, April 12th, The Octave of Easter

No Mass

Thursday, April 13th, The Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Pam Styers requested by Family

Friday, April 14th, The Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. In Memory of the Wishart Boys
requested by Brother

Saturday, April 15th, The Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Angelina Calistro, Elizabeth Ball,
Pamela DeBlois Styers, &
Henry Martel, Sr., 1st Anniversaries;
Rosia Plourde & Gary Sirois, Month's Mind

Noon Confession

Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

4:00 p.m. Leonora & Stanley Gryniuk requested by
Judy & Bob Anderson

**Sunday, April 16th, Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

8:30 a.m. For the Intentions of All Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Kaz Laszczewski, 10 years requested
by Jessica Murzyn

3:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Praying of the
Divine Mercy Chaplet

A Thought for Easter Sunday

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, I would like to share with you a legend about a missionary who was lost at sea and by chance was washed up out of the sea on the edge of a remote native village. Half dead from starvation and exposure he was found by the people of the village and was nursed back to health. Subsequently, he lived among those people for 20 years. During that time he uttered no songs. He preached no sermons. But when the people were sick, he attended to them, sitting for hours, long into the night.

When people were hungry, he gave them food. When people were lonely, he was their only company...He took the side of those who were wronged. He identified with every human condition.

After 20 years, missionaries came by sea to the village and began talking to the people about Jesus. After hearing about Jesus, the natives insisted that he had lived among them for the past 20 years. They took the missionaries to meet this man, and they found their long-lost brother whom they thought was dead.

Happy Easter! Jesus truly rose from the dead and lives! **Alleluia!**

God Bless,
Father Ray



Bulletin Submissions Deadline:

The next deadline for submissions to the April 16th bulletin is **Thursday, April 13th by 4 p.m.** Call the office at 860-747-6825 or send an email to olmct@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!



Weekly Offertory

**Due to an earlier than usual deadline
for this week's bulletin,
the Weekly Offertory will be printed in
the April 16, 2023 Bulletin**

Please use the Donation Boxes at the Entrances of the Church. **Thank You** for Your Continuous, Generous Support & May God Bless You!

The Tabernacle Lamp:

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



Frank & Elizabeth Demanski
Requested by Loved Ones

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2023:

Thank you to the Parish Families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the Opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.

Divine Mercy Sunday:

Please join us next **Sunday** for the **Praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet** at **5 p.m.** The prayers will be led before the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction taking place at the end.

Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.:

The **Easter Vigil** will begin with the blessing of the **Easter Fire** and the lighting of the **Paschal Candle** outside the main entrance of the Church. The Faithful are invited to gather there and proceed into the darkened Church to spread the Light of Christ. Tapers will be provided for everyone participating.



Holy Moments:

Please remember to pick up a copy of the book: Holy Moments by Matthew Kelly, a handbook for the Rest of Your Life. It can be found on the Information Table in the Church's Gathering Space.

Looking Ahead:

The Parish Life Committee will hold a Plant Swap on **Saturday, May 20, 2023** from **1 p.m. - 3 p.m.** in the Parish Center. Bring your plants, cuttings, bulbs, perennials, etc. to exchange with other people who love plants.



Our Spiritual Baby Corner

Thank You Our Lady of Mercy parishioners for adopting over 70 spiritual babies. We hope that you keep these babies in your prayers and that over the next nine months that they are healthy and come full-term. Each month "Our Spiritual Baby Corner" will share with you how the baby is developing and ask for your continued prayers.

Day One: Rejoice! The baby has been conceived. At conception the sperm and egg unite, and a new human being comes into existence.

Baby will be working hard on developing from a fertilized egg full of multiplying cells into an embryo. He/she will stay an embryo until the end of month 2 when they officially become a fetus.

The baby is complete with their own unique set of DNA. Although the baby is only one cell, everything about the baby is already present: gender, color of eyes, blood type, the height each baby will grow to be, color of hair – everything! All that is needed is nourishment, a safe, warm environment, and most of all – love. Neither parent know that the baby exists yet, only God knows. Pray for the parents to safely bring our spiritual babies to birth so they can fulfill the mission God has for them.

I pray that my spiritually adopted child may "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ". (2 Peter 3:18)

Happy Easter!

Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in other countries that are committed to share our Easter joy with those in our local community and around the world. If you haven't already, don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowl in the Gathering Space or at the Parish Office. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Reception into the Church:

During the Easter Vigil today:
Diana Rose Ruggles
will be received into the church through a Profession of Faith and the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. As a Parish Community we are happy to welcome her.



CONGRATULATIONS DIANA!



Sacrament of Baptism:

During the Easter Vigil today:
Sheila Jorie Morganeli
will be received into the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. As a Parish Community we are happy to welcome her.

CONGRATULATIONS SHEILA!

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the following children who received their First Holy Communion during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

**Victoria Cordero
Declan Dolan
Maximus Mancini**

The following children and youth will receive their First Holy Communion today during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**Abril Gonzalez
Anabella Landino
Nisary Olan
Matias Salcedo
Nariah Velez**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Lion's Club Pancake Festival:

The Lion's Club of Plainville presents their **Pancake Festival** on **Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 8 a.m. to Noon** at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center. All proceeds are for Scholarships & Community Improvement. **Tickets** are **\$8.00** for Adults; **\$5.00** for Senior Citizens and Children ages 7 to 12 years old; and Children 6 and under are **FREE**. They will be serving sausage, pancakes, French toast, strawberries & cream, and beverages. Please join us! For more information, please call Brenda Tella at 860-747-9402.



St. Anthony's Society:

The St. Anthony's Society will be hold their **Annual Spring Tea** on **Sunday, April 30th at 1 p.m.** in the Parish Center Gymnasium. **Tickets** will go on sale soon. Please help support their Annual Spring Tea Event!



All men are invited:

Video Series "Into the Breach":

The **Knights of Columbus** produced a video series which seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world.

Wednesday, April 12th at 5:00 p.m. in **Room 102** in the OLM Parish Center. Come and see how, joining together in brotherhood, men receive the support they need to grow in virtue and to take action to serve Christ and others. Refreshments will be served. Come and enjoy coffee, sweet snacks, and an inspiring video series.

Thank You to Everyone!

Church Decorations:

Thank you to our Altar Society for preparing the Church so beautifully for the Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday. We are also very grateful to the many Parishioners who together with the Altar Society to share their time and talents for the Glory of God to decorate the Church!



Easter Cards:

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and shared good wishes for Easter. May God bless you!



Easter Flowers:

A Special Thank You to everyone who made donations toward the Easter Flowers. Some donations were made in **Memory of Loved Ones**. A listing in whose loving memory flowers were donated will be printed in the next Bulletin for the Second Sunday of Easter on April 16th.



Religious Education

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There will not be any religious instructions for children in grades 1-5 this coming Monday. Will resume on **April 17th at 4:30 p.m.**

The Edge:

The next Edge session for Middle School Students will be held on **Monday, April 24th** beginning at **6:00 p.m.** with an open gym followed by a guided discussion. All middle school students are invited to attend.

Confirmation Preparation Classes:

No Confirmation Classes this Week.

Class will resume on **Sunday, April 23rd**

11:45 a.m. Confirmation Group Year 1

Year 1 will meet in the St. Timothy Room in the Parish Center.

Teen Night:

The next Teen Night is scheduled for Saturday evening, **May 6th** beginning at **6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** in the gym. All teens are welcome to attend.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember the deceased of our Parish in your prayers:



Elizabeth Ball, 1st Anniversary
 Angelina Calistro, 1st Anniversary
 Henry Martel, Sr., 1st Anniversary
 Pamela DeBlois Styers, 1st Anniversary
 Rosia Plourde, Month's Mind
 Gary Sirois, Month's Mind

"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O' Lord"

Selection Process of Pastoral Council Members:

In May, four new Pastoral Council members will be selected to fill vacancies caused by members whose terms are due to expire at the end of May, 2023. Parishioners are asked to give prayerful consideration to nominating other parishioners or themselves. Self-nominations are encouraged.

Nomination forms will be distributed in the bulletin next weekend and will also be available in the Gathering Space on weekends. Completed Nomination Forms can be deposited in the Nomination Box that will be located in the Gathering Space beginning next weekend. This year you may also call in your nominations to the Parish Office at 860-747-6825, or email your nominations in at olmct@sbcglobal.net. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, May 7, 2023.

Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

You are invited to receive the statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home for a period of one week. Please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet by the piano.



Last Chance! 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. 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.



The Bulletin Board

Saturday, April 8th
 No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, April 9th
Happy Easter!



Monday, April 10th
 9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary, Room 102
No Religious Education Classes
 6:30 p.m. Scripture Study, St. Timothy's Room

Tuesday, April 11th
 9:30 a.m. Scripture Study, St. Timothy's Room

Wednesday, April 12th
 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus, Rm 102
 Into the Breach Video Series

Thursday, April 13th
 6:00 p.m. St. Anthony's Society, Room 102
 6:45 p.m. Parish Life Committee, Room 101

Friday, April 14th
 No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, April 15th
 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Virtus Training, Gym & Rm 102

Sunday, April 16th
 No Activities Scheduled

Welcome - New Parishioners!

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 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, CT 06062.



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