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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

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Sunday Vigil (Saturday): 4:00 p.m. – Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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

The Sacrament of RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: 12 Noon or by appointment

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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

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone#: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

“Do whatever He tells you.”

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



Mass Schedule for This Week

Saturday, May 20th, *Easter Weekday,*
Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:00 a.m. Annette Soucy, 16th Year Anniversary,
requested by Daughter,
Pauline Mary McCommic, 1st Year Anniversary
Dorothy Ouellette, 1st Year Anniversary
Paul Babin, Month's Mind

Noon Confession

Vigil of Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Zenon Hawrylak requested by
Wife and Sister

Sunday, May 21st, *The Ascension of the Lord,*
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

10:30 a.m. Carlo & Josephine Neri requested
by Daughter

Monday, May 22nd, *Easter Weekday,*
Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00 a.m. Robert Davis, 22nd Year Remembrance &
Helen Antaloci, 23rd Year Remembrance requested by
Lorraine and Family

Tuesday, May 23rd, *Easter Weekday*

8:00 a.m. James Van Hoof requested by Family

Wednesday, May 24th, *Easter Weekday*

No Mass

Thursday, May 25th, *Easter Weekday, Saint Bede*
the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint
Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Francis Andros requested by Family

Friday, May 26th, *Easter Weekday,*
Saint Philip Neri, Priest

8:00 a.m. Frances Rodriguez requested
by Joe & Jo-Ann

8:30 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament fol-
lowed by Adoration & Benediction

Saturday, May 27th, *Easter Weekday,*
Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:00 a.m. Ann Reinwald, 1st Year Anniversary;
Pauline Marie Bouchard, Month's Mind;
Richard Drake and Richard Osipowicz

Noon Confession

Vigil of Pentecost Sunday

4:00 p.m. Jonas Ruskys requested
by John & Aldona Pleckaitis

Sunday, May 28th, *Pentecost Sunday*

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

10:30 a.m. Boguslaw Wroblewski, 10th Year
Anniversary requested by Family

April Food Pantry Collection:

A total of **572 lbs.** of non-perishable food
items were collected and sent to the Plainville
Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity!



A Thought for the Seventh Sunday of Easter - Year A

Our Gospel reading today is taken from John 17:1-11a. It is a section of Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. In this prayer, he prays for his disciples and for us. Jesus prays that we will take on the work of compassion and reconciliation that the Father had entrusted to him. In baptism, the Gospel first preached by Jesus and then by the Eleven is passed on to us—we become witnesses of the great Easter event and accept responsibility of telling our children and people of our time the good news of the empty tomb. We do this not only in words but in actions, in our attitude of Joy, our work for reconciliation among all, our commitment to what is right and just, our simplest acts of generosity and compassion.



God Bless,

Father Ray



Weekly Offertory

May 7, 2023:

\$6,462.00

Due to an earlier than usual deadline for this week's bulletin, the Weekly Offertory for May 14th will be printed in the May 28, 2023 Bulletin

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

Archbishop's Annual Appeal:

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Please continue to pray for an increase of vocations especially in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Thank you to the Parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Be assured every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.

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.*

Adopt a Planter:

You are invited to adopt a planter on the Church property. Adopting a planter involves planting flowers in the planter and maintaining the planter by periodically watering, and making sure that weeds do not take over throughout the spring and summer months. Please see Father Ray for more information.

**Intentions of the Holy Father for May:**

For Church movements and groups: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Looking Ahead to the**Feast of Corpus Christi, June 11th:**

The Feast of Corpus Christi reminds us that we truly do receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. The celebration of Mass is the place where we are nourished on Jesus who is the Word of God and comes to us through Word and Sacrament. In the first reading we are reminded that we do not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. In this week, we will look at the importance of being nourished on God's Word so that we may have life.

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:

Andrzej Predota

Requested by Elzbieta Predota

**Baptism on Sunday, May 7th:****Alaina Jean Hinrichs**

the daughter of

Joshua and Jennifer Hinrichs

was baptized on Sunday, May 7, 2023.

We rejoice as a Parish and pray that Alaina will gradually in the love of God.

New Ovens:

Two new ovens were recently purchased for the kitchen in our Parish Center. They will replace the two ovens which were installed in 1966 in what was then our Parish School. As a Parish, much cooking and baking took place over these past 57 years! One of the two present ovens is broken and beyond repair. The cost of the two convection ovens was \$12,260.00. We look forward to doing a lot of cooking with them in the years ahead.



Ministers of Holy Communion Schedule

Sat., May 20th, 4 p.m.: Vic & Jennifer Setaro

Sun., May 21st, 8:30 a.m.: Sarah Cassidy
Sophia Winiarski

10:30 a.m.: Jessica Murzyn
Joe Silverio

Sat., May 27th, 4 p.m.: Bernice Wright
Bill Fasciano

Sun., May 28th, 8:30 a.m.: Judy & Bob
Anderson

10:30 a.m.: Mary Jane Dumais
Robert Gauvin

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember the recently deceased members of our Parish in your prayers:

Cecelia Di Francesco
Richard Drake and Richard Osipowicz
Pauline Marie Bouchard, *Month's Mind*
Ann Reinwald, *1st Year Anniversary*



"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O' Lord"

Summer Experience for Children and Youth:

The Franciscan Life

Lenten in Meriden is offering a Summer Franciscan Land-based Experience for **children ages 6-12** on **June 26-30** and **July 24-28** from **9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** as well as a specific program for **youth ages 13-14** on the same dates and times. The program for children includes gardening, sports, arts and crafts, etc. The program for youth is planned to encourage self-confidence, leadership, team building and communication skills. For more info call 203-237-8084 or www.flcenter.org



Our Spiritual Baby Corner

MONTH 2: (Weeks 4-7)

"I can jump!"



The baby is making progress and developing all its external features and internal organs. The brain is functioning at 40 days. Mom can hear the baby's heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Baby-teeth buds are present at 6 & 1/2 weeks, and a two-month old baby can suck their thumb. Everything we need to survive after birth is already present by the end of the eighth week. Pray for the parents to safely bring our spiritual babies to birth so they can fulfill the mission God has for them.

"Father, I pray that my spiritually adopted child may develop self-discipline and prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and honest."

(See Proverbs 1:3)

Save the Date!

Life in the Spirit Seminar will be offered on **Saturday, May 27th** at **St. Gregory's CCD Center in Bristol** from **9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** A flyer with more details is available on the information table and also has been posted on the bulletin board in the Church. Any questions, call 860-302-5282.



Universal Prayer:

Christ speaks to us with words of eternal authority and deeds of healing power. Through him, let us pray with confidence.

1. For Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for Our Archbishop Leonard Blair, that the church may continue to teach Christ's truth with authority and courage. Lord hear us...
2. For all government leaders, including those who profess our Catholic faith, that they will uphold a just and moral order and the dignity and rights of every human person from conception until natural death. Lord hear us...
3. We pray that during the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, we may encounter Jesus Christ and draw others into a deeper intimacy with the Lord building on the wonderful heritage of our Catholic faith. Lord hear us...

Thank You to Everyone!

Mother's Day Breakfast:

Thank you to everyone who supported our Mother's Day Breakfast last Sunday. A delicious breakfast was prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus to whom we are very grateful. The May Breakfast was the last one for this season. They will resume in the fall as announced.



To the Children:

Thank you also to the children who participated in the May Crowning last Sunday and to everyone who helped with it.

Please Join Us!

Please join us for a reception
to thank and to wish

Sue and Rich Dziura

well in the upcoming move to Colorado
on

Sunday, June 4, 2023

The reception will be held in the

Parish Center Gym

following the 10:30 a.m. Mass

For many years, Sue and Rich have
volunteered and shared their many talents,

faith and time for God's Glory in

Our Parish Community.

Please plan to join us!



Today's Collection:

Today we take up the collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**. Your support helps the CCC engage and build Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Archdiocese of Hartford to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc



The Bulletin Board

Saturday, May 20th

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Parish Life Plant Swap, Gym

Sunday, May 21st

10:30 a.m. AA, Room 103

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, in the Church

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Confirmation 1 Make-up
Class, Gym & St. Tim. Rm

Today's Collection: Catholic Communications
Campaign

Monday, May 22nd

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

6:30 p.m. Scripture Study, St. Timothy's Room

Tuesday, May 23rd

9:00 a.m. Scripture Study, St. Timothy's Room

Wednesday, May 24th

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, May 25th

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council, Rm 102

Friday, May 26th

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Red Cross
Blood Drive, Gym



Saturday, May 27th

After All Masses: Steubenville East Youth
Conference Bake Sale, Gym

Sunday, May 28th

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Conference Bake Sale, Gym

10:30 a.m. AA, Room 103

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, in the Church

Monday, May 29th

OLM Parish Center Closed in
Observance of Memorial Day



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MAY:

Bulletin Submissions Deadlines

The publishing company that prints our weekly Bulletin is moving to a new location during the month of May. Early submissions are requested for this particular month by them. To help them with this transition, please send in or drop off your submissions for the May 28th bulletin no later than **Wednesday, May 17th by 4 p.m.** Call the office at 860-747-6825 or send an email to olmct@sbcglobal.net addressed to Phyllis Roche, Administrative Assistant. Thank you!

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