

# OUR LADY OF *Mercy*

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**August 20, 2023**

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## *The Celebration of the HOLY EUCHARIST*

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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## **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

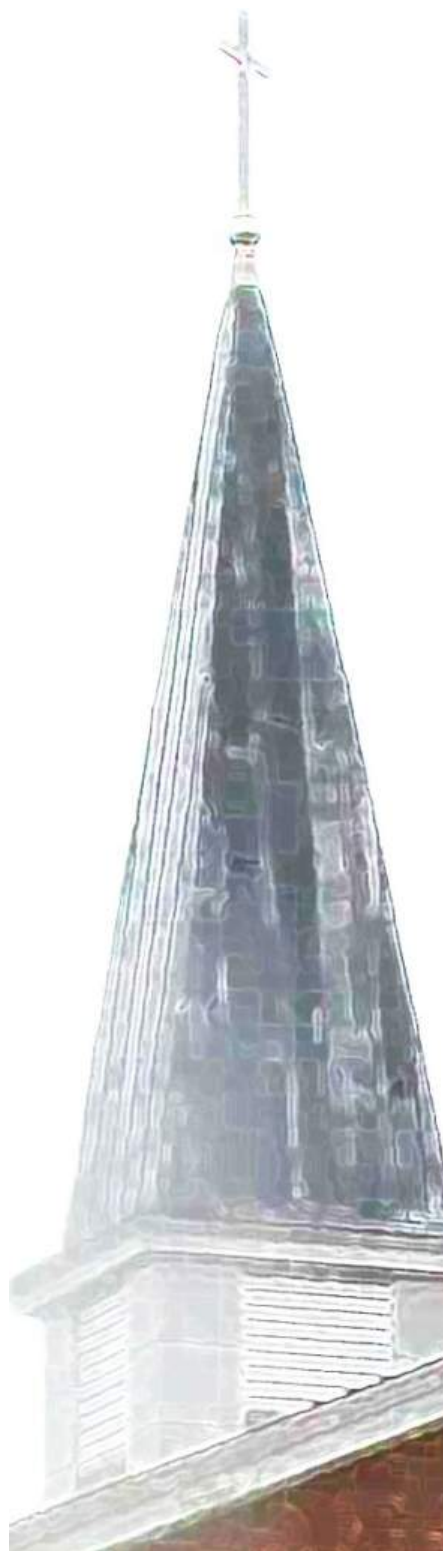
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**“Do whatever He tells you.”**

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



**Mass Schedule for This Week**

**Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**, *Weekday, Saint John Eudes, Priest, Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 a.m. Sergio Sciucco requested by Friend

Noon Confession

*Vigil of Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 p.m. William "Billy" J. Furlong, III requested by Mother and Father

**Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**, *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People of Our Lady of Mercy

10:30 a.m. Walter Duksa requested by Marian Duksa

After 10:30 a.m. Baptism for the Casey Family

**Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**, *Saint Pius X, Pope*

8:00 a.m. Juozas & Alloina Leiberis requested by Regina & Kristina Plekaitis

**Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**, *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 a.m. Bryan Knorr

**Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**, *Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin*  
**No Mass**

**Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**, *Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*

8:00 a.m. Donald Rio & Deceased Members of the Rio Family requested by Marge Rio

**Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**, *Weekday*

8:00 a.m. Edward Apruzzese requested by Carol van Hoof

8:30 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Adoration & Benediction

**Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**, *Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 a.m. Sergio Sciucco

Noon Confession

*Vigil of Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 p.m. Cynthia Troy requested by M/M Doucette

**Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**, *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People of Our Lady of Mercy

10:30 a.m. Cynthia Rose Troy requested by Doyle Family

**Holy Sacraments**

Do you know someone who has not gotten all of their sacraments?

Perhaps they never got

confirmed for some reason? If

your marriage only had a civil ceremony, and you would like it convalidated by the Church, so everything will be regularized in your relationship with the faith again. Maybe there were circumstances where they never made their first holy communion? Or perhaps someone is interested in coming in to the Church and becoming Catholic, or are even just curious about the possibility of doing such.

If any of these circumstances apply to you, **PLEASE** contact the office. We would love to work with you to get things back on track. If you would like to have a conversation with me (*Fr. Dawson*) in private about your particular circumstances, that would be great. These things matter greatly. We want to work with you as best we can.

Contact the office. We can figure out the way forward together.

*Father Dawson*



**August 13, 2023**

**Offertory: Monthly:**  
**\$4,415.00 \$1,832.00**

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**Eucharistic Ministers Needed**

**We need more Eucharistic ministers, ESPECIALLY for Sunday Masses!**

People are needed who are living in accord with the teachings of the Church, to help distribute our Lord. You may be asked to help bring the Eucharist to a few of the home bound.



We would be very happy to teach you. It is a wonderful honor and as with all functions in our church your help is appreciated!

### Coffee & Donuts:

After the 8:30 a.m. Mass, there will be free coffee, donuts, and great conversation available. Please join us and get to know other members of our Family Parish!



### Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive:

This Friday, the **Knights of Columbus Counsel #3544** is sponsoring the American Red Cross Blood Drive which is being held at **Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center** from **10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Please consider making a blood donation.



### Parish Choir Returns!

Choir resumes singing at **Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Mass** on **September 10<sup>th</sup>**. Rehearsals take place at **9:30 a.m.** and **immediately following the Sunday Mass**. There is plenty of room in the loft for more singers (experience unnecessary). **For more information**, see Eric after any weekend Mass or call the office at 860-747-6825.



## Our Spiritual Baby Corner

Month 5 (Weeks 16-19)

### "I Can Kick"



Baby weighs about one pound now, and moms' can feel their movement. Before this time, they were too small for her to feel. Now baby is over 6 inches. Your baby is beginning to sleep and wake up at regular intervals, and she may even be awakened by outside noises. Pray for the parents to safely bring our spiritual babies to birth so they can fulfill the mission God has for them.

May my spiritually adopted child always "be strong and courageous" in their character and in their actions.

**"Be determined and confident. Do not be afraid of them. Your God, the LORD himself, will be with you. He will not fail you or abandon you."** *Deuteronomy 31:6*

### 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*



### Summer Lector Schedule

- ♦ **Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.:**  
**Barbara Wallace**
- ♦ **Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.:**  
**Marianne Cassidy; Jeffrey Boyle**
- ♦ **Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.:**  
**Lorie Consalvo; Carol Haddad**



### Feast Day of Saint Pius X, Pope:

On June 2, 1835, Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto saw the light of earth at Riese, Province of Treviso, in Venice; on August 20, 1914, he saw the light of heaven; and on May 29, 1954, he who had become the two hundred fifty-ninth pope was canonized St. Pius X.



Two of the most outstanding accomplishments of this saintly Pope were the inauguration of the liturgical renewal and the restoration of frequent communion from childhood. He also waged an unwavering war against the heresy and evils of Modernism, gave great impetus to biblical studies, and brought about the codification of Canon Law. His overriding concern was to renew all things in Christ.

Above all, his holiness shone forth conspicuously. From St. Pius X we learn again that "the folly of the Cross", simplicity of life, and humility of heart are still the highest wisdom and the indispensable conditions of a perfect Christian life, for they are the very source of all apostolic fruitfulness.

His last will and testament bears the striking sentence: "I was born poor, I have lived in poverty, and I wish to die poor." **His feast day is on August 21.**

For more information on other saints, visit:  
[www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)



**Pastoral Council Meeting:**

The next **Pastoral Council Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, Sept. 28th at 7 p.m.** Meeting will be held in **Room 102.**

**Prayer & Worship Committee:**

The next **Prayer and Worship Committee Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** at **7 p.m.** in the **Timothy Room.**

**Religious Teachers Needed:**

We are gearing up for the **2023/2024 Religious Education Programs** for children and teens. The requirements are that you would love to teach and you are a faith practicing Catholic of our Parish. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call Michelle Baptista at 860-747-6825, ext. 117.

**Scripture Study:**

There are **two weekly Scripture Study Groups** that meet regularly on **Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** and **Tuesdays at 9 a.m.** in the **Timothy Room** in the **Parish Center**, located in the room off of the Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend.

They discuss the scriptures that are mentioned at the Sunday Mass. If you are looking for a closer relationship with the Lord, come to the study.

*"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you". Luke 11:9*

If you have any questions, you can call the Parish Center at 860-747-6825 for more information. Hope to see you there!

**Social Justice Committee Meeting:**

There will be a meeting held at the Parish Center for the **Social Justice Committee** on **Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>** at **7 p.m.** in **Room 102.**

**FYI - Holy Sacraments:**

If any high schooler or adult has not received their first communion or confirmation; **PLEASE** talk to Fr. Dawson. He'd love to help you make this happen. Call the Parish Office at 860-747-6825.

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



**Month's Mind:**

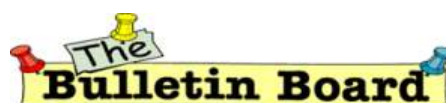
**Jacqueline R. Casida**

**Marcelle M. Jennings**

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

**Volunteers Welcomed!:**

Our volunteers are critical to all we do and who we are. Thank you for enabling us to be a vibrant parish. You make it possible and you are appreciated.

**Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. AA: *"Back to Basics Group"*, Room 103

**Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

After 8:30 a.m. Mass: Coffee and Donuts, *Gathering Space in the Church*

10:30 a.m. AA, Room 103

After 10:30 a.m. Mass: Baptism for the Casey Family

**Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

*Visitors are always welcome to join!*

6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Scripture Study, *Tim. Room*

*Visitors are always welcome to join!*

7:00 p.m. Social Justice Committee Meeting, Room 102

**Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Scripture Study, *Tim. Room*

*Visitors are always welcome to join!*

**Wednesday, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

No Activities Scheduled

**Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Prayer & Worship Committee Meeting, *Timothy Room*

**Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, *Gym*

**Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. AA: *"Back to Basics Group"*, Room 103

**Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 a.m. AA, Room 103

## A NOTE OF

**A Note from Out West:**

Our hearts were so touched by the outpouring of care and love upon our move. We cannot express enough our appreciation for the wonderful parish reception, kind words, lovely cards, and presentation by the Knights of Columbus. As Sue said at the reception it isn't often that she is at a lack of words, but we were, and still are, in genuine awe at the outpouring of love. For all of you who guided us over the years as mentors and role models; for all of you who said "Yes!" when we asked you to join us on our journey (we are glad you didn't change your #s!); for all of you who planned, prepared, and threw a heart-warming (and delicious) reception on our leaving; and for all of you who throughout the years held our hands, hugged us tightly, packed a box, or cheered us on, THANK YOU and may God bless you abundantly for your many, many kindnesses.

We are enjoying the Rocky Mountain view from our new home and being close to our son. We have joined another Marian parish close by, Immaculate Conception Church, and are beginning to reach out as we settle in. We miss you and pray for you and Our Lady of Mercy parish.

Hugs!

**Rich and Sue Dziura****New 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. M. David Dawson, 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! Please return the hard copy by mailing it to: Our Lady of Mercy, 19 S. Canal St., Plainville, CT 06062. You can also bring it to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection box in the church. Any questions, please feel free to call the Parish Office at 860-747-6825.

**Save the Dates!****Annual Parish Picnic:**

The **Parish Picnic** is scheduled for **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m.** in the **Parish Center**



Gymnasium and right outside in the parking lot. BBQ and sides are on the agenda. If you are interested in joining the committee or if you would to bring a special side dish or dessert to share with everyone, please contact Don Melanson at 203-910-9624.

**Annual Tag Sale:**

**It is time for our OLM Annual Tag Sale to be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

Starting the week of **September 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will be collecting items in the garage behind the Our Lady of Mercy Rectory.

*Please understand that this year items such as books, dishes, glasses, large electronics, and clothing will not be accepted.*



Any **furniture items** can be delivered starting on **Sept., 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please contact Bill to make the arrangements.

Tag sale will begin on **Friday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. The first 3 hours will have **\$1 admission cost**.

People who want to rent tables to sell their own items, can reserve them for the cost of **\$20 per table and it is only for the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the Tag Sale**.

On **Sunday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>**, anything that did not sell will be available for a donation from **9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Any questions, call Bill Brayne at 860-729-7397 or the OLM Parish Office at 860-747-6825.



*"People are like tea bags: We don't know our own strength until we are in hot water."*

**Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima:**

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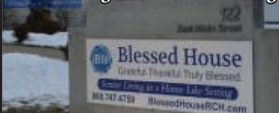
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