

OUR LADY OF *Mercy*

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 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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NEW Hours: Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., *afternoon by appointments only*

Parish email: olmct@sbcglobal.net Parish website: www.olmct.org

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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

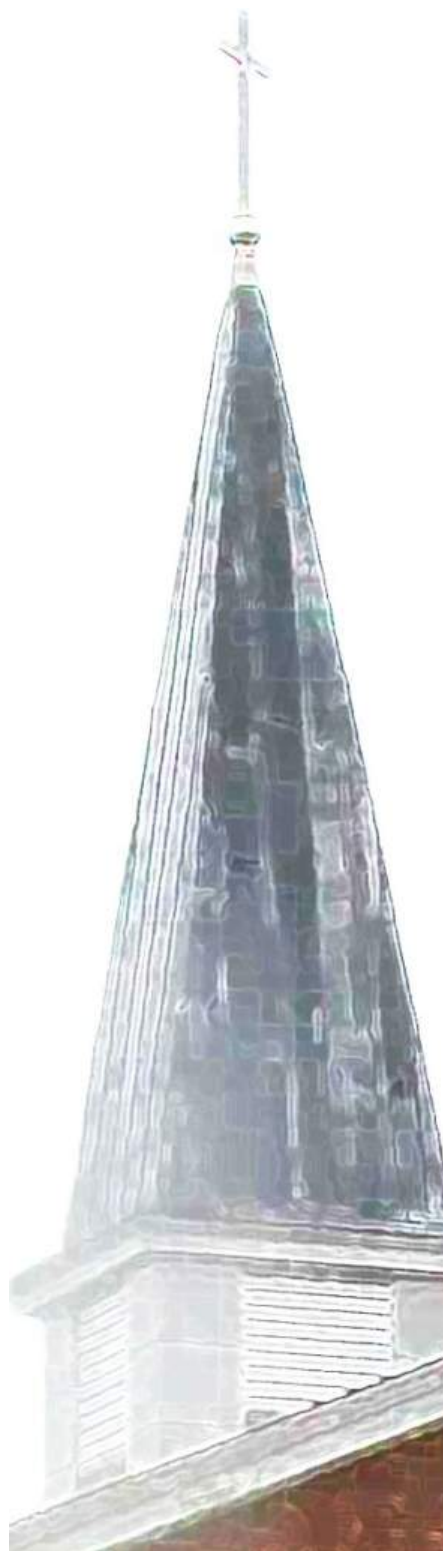
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“Do whatever He tells you.”

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



Mass Schedule for This Week

Saturday, September 16th, *Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

8:00 a.m. **1st Anniversary:** Jeanne, Paul, & William Neill

Noon Confession

Vigil of Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Marguerite "Marge" Babin requested by Sharon & Roland Babin

Sunday, September 17th, *Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

10:30 a.m. Frank Accousti requested by Wife

Monday, September 18th, *Weekday*

8:00 a.m. Hazel, Conlin & Thomas Cassidy requested by The Family

Tuesday, September 19th, *Weekday, Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr*

8:00 a.m. James DeBlois requested by Family

Wednesday, September 20th, *Weekday*
No Mass

Thursday, September 21st, *Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist*

8:00 a.m. For Special Intentions for Lucille Jurgilewicz requested by Friend

Friday, September 22nd, *Weekday*

8:00 a.m. Catherine Cassidy Sadowski

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

Saturday, September 23rd, *Saints Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

8:00 a.m. Bruce Bradshaw requested by Diane & Bob

Noon Confession

Vigil of Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Marta & Marian Hawrylak requested by Daughter

Sunday, September 24th, *Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

10:30 a.m. Theresa & Nelson Masse and Kathy Pelegrino requested by Linda Masse

September 10, 2023



Offertory: **Monthly:**
\$5,164 \$1,556

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

Forgiveness Through Prayer

In the Old Testament and the Gospel, our Lord requires us to forgive others. It is not an option, it is necessary. Yet, it can be VERY, VERY HARD at times. What do you do when someone has really wounded you, and nothing about you wants to forgive a particular person?

Pray... not just "Lord help me to forgive." Something more meaningful. Something like "Lord, help me to love You more than everything, everyone and myself. Help me oh Lord, to love You so much to desire to give You what means so very much to me. Lord be my all so that there is nothing, I am not willing to part with if it means I can give it to You...

"Lord, help me to love You so much that I am willing to give You the anger I have towards (the other person) because it is great, and I have been unwilling to let it go. Help me to give it to You regardless if they deserve it. Help me to give it to You, because You tell me to do so. Because You know it is for my eternal good, and my good in this world. Lord help me to love You more than I hurt so I will release it...

"Thank you Lord for loving me so much that, You ask me to do what is for my best and You accept it as a gift for Yourself."

*Praise be to God,
Father Dawson*

**Next Sat. & Sun. Mass Schedules****Eucharistic Ministers:**

- ♦ **Saturday, September 23rd at 4 p.m.:**
Bob & Judy Anderson
- ♦ **Sunday, September 24th at 8:30 a.m.:**
Leona Bisson; Mary Jane Dumais
- ♦ **Sunday, September 24th at 10:30 a.m.:**
Robert Gauvin; Jessica Murzyn

**Lectors:**

- ♦ **Saturday, September 23rd at 4 p.m.:**
Carol Duksa
- ♦ **Sunday, September 24th at 8:30 a.m.:**
Francine Walko; Bonnie Miller
- ♦ **Sunday, September 24th at 10:30 a.m.:**
Lola Wishart; Rob Michalik

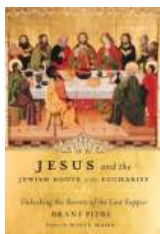


Coffee and Donuts!

After the 8:30 a.m. Mass, there will be **FREE coffee, donuts**, and great conversation available in the Gathering Space. Please join us and get to know other members of your Parish Family.

**CORRECTION: Mark Your Calendars!**

First Book Discussion Session starts on **Tues., Oct. 10th** at **6 p.m.** **"Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist"** written by **Dr. Brant Pitre**. You can order your copy of the book on Amazon. Please call the Parish Office to sign up in advance so that we can be prepared for the seating arrangements. Also, read the first chapter so that you are prepared to take part in the discussion. Plan on bringing a bible, your copy of the book, a notebook, a soft drink, and bring a good attitude as we seek to grow in the understanding of his greatest of love stories, Jesus in the Eucharist!

**OLM Scholarship Available:**

There is an **OLM College Scholarship** available to any college student that is an **active member of Our Lady of Mercy Church** and actively attending a school. To apply for the **\$500 Scholarship**, please submit your name, contact information, what Mass you currently attend, what school you are currently attending, what your major is if any, and a 500 word essay on how you perceive your faith. Mail it in to the Parish Office, 19 S. Canal St., Plainville, CT 06062. **"Scholarship"**



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

**Mildred Brayman; Richard LaRose;
Ellen Rivers Stagis; Eleanor Zorn**

Month's Mind: Conrad Ouellette

1st Anniversary: Paul Mangiafico

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


OLM Annual Tag Sale
September 22nd & 23rd


Friday, Sept. 22nd, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\$1 Admission Cost (for the first 3 hours)

Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Free Admission

Sunday, Sept. 24th, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. everything that was not sold will be made available to purchase by making a special donation to the church. Pricing is negotiable.

Any questions, please call Bill Brayne, Knights of Columbus Chair of the OLM Tag Sale at 860-729-7397 or the OLM Parish Office at 860-747-6825.

**Furniture Items:**

can be delivered starting on **Sept. 21st**. Please contact Bill to make the arrangements to drop off the items. Thank you for your cooperation.

Hope to See You All There!!!

Rehearsal Reminder for the Choir:

The **OLM Choir's** next rehearsal will be held after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the choir loft in the church on **Sunday, Sept. 17th** from **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Any questions, contact Eric Hoffman at the Parish Center Office.

**Religious Education:**

We have had some unexpected happenings regarding our religious education program. In order to regroup and try to give the best experience for the proclamation of the faith to our youth, there will be a delay. I apologize for the inconvenience. Please feel free to follow up with the office, given that there have been significant personnel transitions and some information may have fallen between the cracks.



Faith Formation
Registration

After the liturgy, nothing is more important than conveying the faith to our youth and to those without it. I beseech you to pray for our youth and our religious education program. Your prayer is essential to the successful transmission of the faith. The enemy especially attacks the bastions of faith, but with prayer and obedience to Christ; the side of God will always triumph. Please help in what ways you can, and most especially please pray for our religious education. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 860-747-6825.

Our Spiritual Baby Corner



Month 6 (Weeks 24-27)

"I'm Sitting Up Straight Now!"

Baby's weight is approaching two pounds. Baby sits up straight now to accommodate his/her internal organs which have moved into their final place in their little body. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. Pray for the parents to safely bring our spiritual babies to birth so they can fulfill the mission God has for them.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations".

(See Jeremiah 1:5 NIV)

New to the Our Parish?

If you are new to our parish and wish to become a member of Our Lady of Mercy, please register and we invite you to introduce yourself to our Pastor, Fr. M. David Dawson.

Registration can be completed by calling the Parish Office at 860-747-6825, filling in the short form on the front of the bulletin and dropping it in the donation box in the church or by mailing it in to the office: 19 S. Canal St., Plainville, CT 06062.

You can also drop by the Parish Office during the normal business hours to register, or by completing a short registration form which can be found by clicking the button **New Here?** at www.olmct.org then click **Welcome!**

Please return the hard copy to the office by mail, dropping it off in person, or putting it in the collection box in the Church.

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 the **Parish Office** at 860-747-6825. 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**. Once you begin the process, Teresa Burkard will contact you with the information.



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:

Loretta Martin

Requested by Lorraine Ryder



Pastoral Council Meeting:

The next meeting for the Pastoral Council will be held on **September 28th** at **7 p.m.** in **Room 102**. This is a closed meeting and only Council Members can attend at this time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Any questions, please contact Father Dawson at the Parish Office.

New Britain Council of Catholic Women:

Will hold its first meeting on **September 28th** at **1 p.m.** at Saint Jerome Church. This meeting will be a general business meeting with refreshments served. Please plan to attend and bring a friend, as all are welcome.



Saturday, September 16th & 23rd

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

Sunday, September 17th

10:30 a.m. AA, Room 103

12 p.m. OLM Tag Sale Set Up, Gym

Monday, September 18th

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

Visitors are always welcome to join!

10:00 a.m. OLM Tag Sale Set Up, Gym

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

Visitors are always welcome to join!

7:00 p.m. Social Justice Comm. Meeting, Rm 102

Tuesday, September 19th

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

Visitors are always welcome to join!

6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Social Justice

Speaker Presentation, Room 102



Wednesday, September 20th

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, September 21st

6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Building Association, Room 101

Friday, September 22nd

No Activities Scheduled



Thanks
for Your
Support!

A very special Thank You to everyone who took part in planning this year's Parish Picnic especially those who were on the **Picnic Planning Committee**. We really appreciate all of your hard work, time, and effort that went in to making it a very successful event. Also, a very special thank you to everyone in the parish who volunteered from donating raffle baskets, making food and desserts plus all the helping hands that took the time to set up, cook, and clean up! It was an awesome event!



Calling All Volunteers!

Many hands are needed to help set up for the OLM Annual Tag Sale. **Starting set up is planned for this Sunday, September 17th at 12 p.m.** We will meet in the Parish Center gymnasium. Tables need to be set up as well as all of the items that



have been collected and are stored in the garage behind the Rectory. Every item has to be carried over and set up in the gym.

Can't help on Sunday? We will continue with the set up on **Monday, 10 a.m. as well**. So if you have even an hour to spare, **please contact Bill Brayne**, Knights of Columbus Chair of the OLM Tag Sale at **860-729-7397** and let him know which day that you will be there to help. Thank you so much in advance!

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For more information or to donate, visit the Center for Catholic Education & Formation's website: www.catholicedaohct.org



Speaker Presentation:

The **Social Justice Committee** will be hosting a speaker presentation on **September 19th** from **6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.** in **Room 102**. If interested in attending, please contact Cathy Galvin.



Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Patron saint of bankers, son of Alphaeus, St. Matthew was one of the 12 Apostles, a key figure in the development of Christianity. He was an odd convert to the cause of Jesus and Christianity. A Roman tax collector who was called into service as Apostle while conducting business at Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee. Matthew found his life's calling in spreading the Gospel across Palestine.

Much of Matthew's direct apostolic activity took place in Palestine. Other than that, his life is a mystery. However, the Gospel According to St. Matthew is a key part of the Bible. Originally written in Aramaic, his Gospel concerned the importance of Jesus as the son of God.

It's believed that Matthew's Gospel was composed sometime from 42 to 50 AD, maybe as late as 70 AD before the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple by the Romans. His feast day is on **September 21st**.

For more information, visit: www.catholicsaintmedals.com



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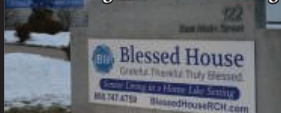


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