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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 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

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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: Administration@olmct.org Parish website: www.olmct.org

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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

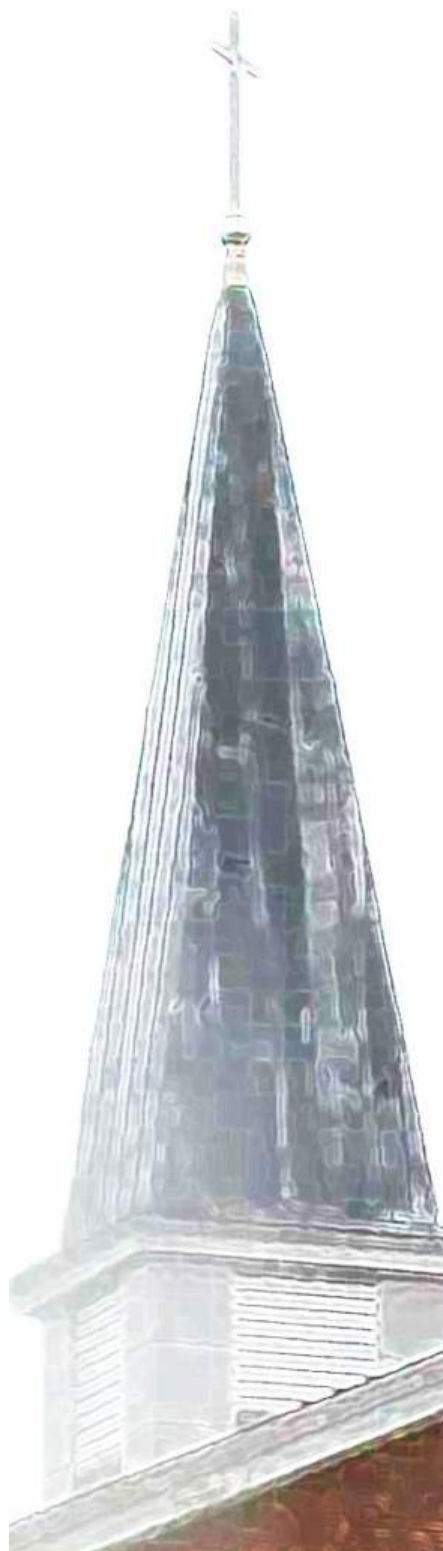
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“Do whatever He tells you.”

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



Mass Schedule for This Week

Saturday, November 18th, *The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul Apostles*

8:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary: Francis Andros, Venera Gibilisco and Virginia Giroux

Noon Confession

4:00 p.m. Albert & Elizabeth Harvey requested by Jackie Harvey

Sunday, November 19th, 33rd Sun. Ordinary Time

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

10:30 a.m. Mieczyslaw Nowicki requested by Wife and Sons

Monday, November 20th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. For the intentions of Cecylia Rozmus, Birthday and Whole Family

Tuesday, November 21st. The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mother

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary requested by Legion of Mary

Wednesday, November 22nd, *Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

NO MASS

Thursday, November 23rd, Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

Friday, November 24th, Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions; Martyrs

Saturday, November 25th, Saint Catherine of Alexandria Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. **1st Anniversary**: Dale Quereux, Jane Mercure and Dennis Vidal

4:00 p.m. James & Lena Parente requested by Maryann & Peter A. Giola

Sunday, November 26th, **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

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

10:30 p.m. Thomas Lyman requested by Huguette Veilleux

Grateful and Blessed

We are blessed in many ways as a nation. One of which is the fact that we celebrate Thanksgiving, where we are to give thanks to God for our many blessings. So, I thought this would be a good occasion to list some of the things that I personally am grateful for in our parish. This is not an exhaustive list, and I am 100% certain that 2 minutes after we send it to be printed, I will come up with many more. Here are a few:

- The staff of OLM, we do not pay much, but we have some very loyal people.
- The volunteers of OLM, a church is only as strong as its volunteer base. By God's grace and your generosity, we have a good one.
- The donors who keep the lights on, the bills paid, the staff paid etc.
- Children who participate in Holy Mass and religious ed. Not only are they the future but they are much of the joy in the present.
- The plethora of groups we have. What a great way to have quality friends.
- The prayer warriors! This is one of the most undervalued groups, and often unknown. Some may be homebound; others can be seen regularly with beads or books. This is the group that strengthens the spiritual reality of our faith life so very much.
- New people, you have given our parish a try. THANK YOU!
- Those who forgive when the parish makes a mistake. God is divine, the Church is full of flawed people like me.
- Lived vocations in our parish: Sacramentally wedded couples; Our consecrated virgin; the young people truly open to the possibility of vocation.

The beauty in our Church. Musically, visually, etc. It adds so much.

This is the short version but it is all true!

Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Fr. Dawson



The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree has been set up in the Gathering Space! By putting up the tree now, it gives you time to purchase your gift. Please take a tag, purchase the gift and return it under the tree. The tag will state not wrapped if the gift is not to be wrapped. Otherwise, please wrap the gift. The gifts are due back no later than Dec. 11 so they can be distributed to the organizations prior to Christmas. This year we are again giving to the Catholic Worker, Apple Rehab, St. Mary's church, Veterans Home, Birthright, St. Vincent de Paul and the Plainville Senior Center. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!!



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On November 12th, 2023



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Tabernacle Lamp

November 12, 2023

In Memory of August Cavanna

30th Anniversary,

Requested by daughter Susan



Faith Formation Class Schedule

It is never too late to sign up for faith formation classes. You can contact Joseph Savidge at the Parish Office at 860-747-6825, ext. 117.

Confirmation Classes:

Classes for the 9th and 10th graders who will be attending the Confirmation Classes, they will begin at **6:00 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 26th**

Elementary Faith Formation Classes:

Classes for this age group meet on **Mondays at 4:30 p.m.** Children are to meet in the gymnasium located by the side door near the Parish Center parking lot.

Middle School Faith Formation Classes:

Classes for 6th, 7th, & 8th graders will meet on **Mondays at 6:00 p.m. on November 27th** Children are to meet in the gymnasium located by the side door near the Parish Center parking lot.

Any questions, please contact Joseph Savidge.

Into the Breach:

The **Knights of Columbus** will be sponsoring a program to view a video of the topic called "Into the Breach" which covers prayer and fellowship. Followed by a discussion of the information and refreshments. It will take place on **Wed., Nov. 29th at 7 p.m.** in the **Parish Center, Room 102**. Any questions, see Brian Roche.

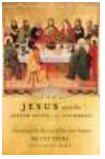
Coffee and Donuts!

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.



Book Discussion, Session 6:

Session 4 will take place on **Tues., Nov. 21st** at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Room 102**. The book we are discussing is **"Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist"** written by **Dr. Brant Pitre** lead by Fr. Dawson. **Please join us if you haven't already!**

**Saturday, November 18th**

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

Sunday, November 19th

8:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts only

10:30 a.m. AA, Room 103

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church

**Monday, November 20th**

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

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

Tuesday, November 21st

9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Scripture Study, Room 102

6:30 p.m. Book Discussion Group, Room 102

"Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist"

Wednesday, November 22nd

Thursday, November 23rd, Thanksgiving Day,

****Parish Office Closed**

Friday, November 24th

****Parish Office Closed**

Saturday, November 25th**Sunday, November 26th**

10:30 a.m. AA, Room 103

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church

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

**Karen Hook; Don Maciog;
and Josephine Forcella**

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



**Next Sat. & Sun. Mass
Schedules**

Eucharistic Ministers:

♦ **Saturday, November 25th at 4 p.m.:**

Deb Hardy; Bernice Wright

♦ **Sunday, November 26th at 8:30 a.m.:**

Sophia Winiarski; Bill Fasciano

♦ **Sunday, November 26th at 10:30 a.m.:**

Jessica Murzyn; Lidia Onisto

**Lector Schedule:**

Saturday, November 25th at 4 p.m.:

Barbara Wallace

Sunday, November 26th at 8:30 a.m.:

Marianne Cassidy; Jeffrey Boyle

Sunday, November 26th at 10:30 a.m.:

Lola Wishart; Rob Michalik

**A Biblical Moment:****"LET'S DIG IT UP"**

"I went and hid your talent in the ground."

Matthew 25:25

Prayer: Father, prune away anything You wish in my life to make me a fruitful branch for you. Jn 15:2"

(See booklet: *One Bread, One Body* for more information that is printed on that page for November 19, 2023)





Month 8 (Weeks 33-36)

"I Like to Listen to My Mommy's Voice!"

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; baby might be making mother uncomfortable with their size. Baby will need a layer of fat to help to stay warm after baby leaves the perfect temperature inside mother's womb. For some weeks now baby has recognized mother's voice. In a short time, her baby will be born. Pray for the parents to safely bring our spiritual babies to birth so they can fulfill the mission God has for them.

(See Children are a heritage from the lord, offspring a reward from him. Psalm 127:3)

St. Anthony's Society Holiday Fair Gift Basket and Raffle



**December 3rd
Gathering Space
After all Masses**



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.

Carlo Saraceni: The Martyrdom of St. Cecilia

The Martyrdom of St. Cecilia, oil on canvas by Carlo Saraceni, c. 1610; in the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. 135.89 × 98.425 cm.



Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

St. Cecilia (flourished 3rd century, Rome [Italy]; feast day November 22), one of the most famous virgin martyrs of the early church and historically one of the most discussed. She is a patron saint of music and of musicians.

According to a late 5th century legend, she was a noble Roman who, as a child, had vowed her virginity to God. When she was married against her will to the future saint Valerian, then a pagan, she told him that an angel of God wished her to remain a virgin. He promised to respect this wish if he were allowed to see the angel. She replied that he would if he were baptized. On his return from baptism he found Cecilia talking to the angel. She then converted his brother Tiburtius, who also saw the angel. Both men were martyred before she was. She distributed her possessions to the poor, which enraged the prefect Almachius, who ordered her to be burned. When the flames did not harm her, she was beheaded.

Cecilia was buried in the catacomb of St. Callistus, near Rome. At the beginning of the 9th century, Pope Paschal I discovered her incorrupt (undecayed) relics in the catacomb of St. Praetextatus and had them moved to Rome, to a basilica in Trastevere that now bears her name. According to tradition, she "sang in her heart to the Lord" as the musicians played at her wedding, and in art she is often represented playing the organ.

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Bulletin Submissions Deadline:

*The next deadline for submissions to the December 3rd bulletin is on **Monday, November 27th by 12:00 p.m.** Call the office at 860-747-6825 or send an email to bulletin@olmct.org Thank you!*

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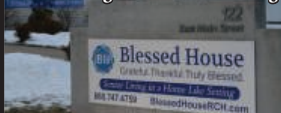


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