

OUR LADY OF *Mercy*

Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 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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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

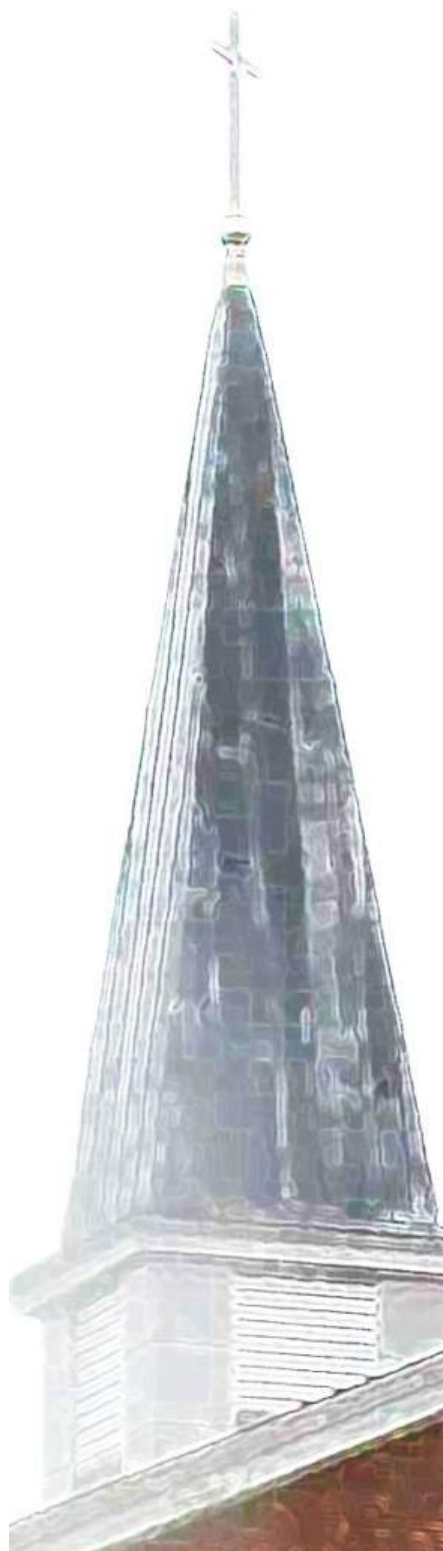
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“Do whatever He tells you.”

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



Mass Schedule for This Week

Saturday, December 9th, Saint Juan Diego
Cuauhtaloatzin

8:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 Noon Confession

4:00 p.m. Rose & Carl Anderson requested
Judy & Bob Anderson

Sunday, December 10th, Second Sunday
of Advent

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

10:30 a.m. Intentions of Bill & Janice Brayne,
40th Wedding Anniversary

Monday, December 11th, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. Pauline Blanchette requested by Joe
& Jordan

Wednesday, December 13th, St. Lucy Virgin &
NO MASS Martyr

Thursday, December 14th, St John of the Cross
Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Joe Ciccio requested by Leona

Friday, December 15th, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, December 16th, Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. 1st Anniversary: Earl Bishop,
Elizabeth Lackey and Robert Tabor

4:00 p.m. Lawrence & Antoinette Beaulieu
requested by Daughter Jackie

Sunday, December 17th, Third Sunday of Advent

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

10:30 a.m. Joseph Wichrowski requested by
Son

The Use of Ancient Languages Throughout the World

Did you know there may be elements of three languages at a standard OLM Sunday Mass? We occasionally will have Latin with the *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God). Latin has been the official language of the Church for centuries. Vatican II reiterates the importance of it.

Latin: *Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.*

English: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Latin: *Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

English: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

One of the earliest places that the Church grew was Greece. From time to time, we used a little bit of Greek at Holy Mass.

Greek: "Kyrie Eleison; Christe Eleison; Kyrie Eleison"

English: "Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy"

Using these are a reminder of various things. We are not simply the Church of the 21st Century, but we are the Church of Jesus Christ. We are always His through eternity. Also, we are not simply the Church of Plainville, CT but throughout the world. The use of ancient languages from time to time are excellent reminders of these things.

Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Fr. Dawson

Next Sat. & Sun. Mass Schedule

Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion



Saturday, December 16th at 4 p.m.

Deb Hardy & Bernice Wright

Sunday, December 17th at 8:30 a.m.

Leona Bison & Robert Gauvin

Sunday, December 17th at 10:30 a.m.

Charlene Smith & Lidia Onisto

Lector Schedule



Saturday, December 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Barbara Wallace

Sunday, December 17th at 8:30 a.m.

Marianne Cassidy & Jim Cassidy

Sunday, December 17th at 10:30 a.m.

Phyllis Roche & Sarah Mangiafico

Reminder: Inclement Weather

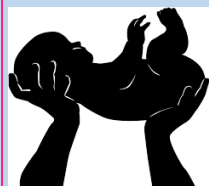
Check our Facebook page, especially to see if weather has affected our event for a particular evening at *Our Lady of Mercy Plainville*. If school is cancelled, religious education will not occur that evening. Make up date will be possible in the future. If outdoor conditions are not suitable for you to safely attend Holy Mass, then on that occasion do not. Yet, if you are up to going to do anything else, then getting to Mass should be at least as viable.

December 3, 2023

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Month 9 (Weeks 37-40)

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

Here I am "HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABY!"

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month—nine months after their mother conceived him/her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. He/she is no different now than before birth except that he/she breathes and eats differently. He/she is truly a miracle. Baby began as a 46-chromosome cell and has grown over the past nine months into this unique human baby we now can see. Never before in history, nor ever again will anyone exist who is exactly like your

spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved his/her life. Thank you on behalf of the little babies and their mothers for your loving prayers that helped to bring them to birth "so that they might have life and have it to the fullest!"

A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born, she forgets the anguish because her joy that a child is born unto the world. (John 16:21)

Happy Birthday Spiritual Babies
December 10, 2023

A Celebration of Birth for our Spiritual Babies will be held after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday,

December 17th!

A Birthday Party with Cake and Coffee sponsored by the K of C will take place in the Gathering Space.



All are welcome!



Knights of Columbus

Breakfast With Santa:



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a special "**Breakfast with Santa**" which will take place on **Sunday, December 10th** at **8:30 a.m.** in the **Parish Center Gymnasium**. Free admission for children 12 and under.

Tabernacle Lamp

December 10, 2023

In Memory of Charles Kraut

Requested by Friend



The Giving Tree

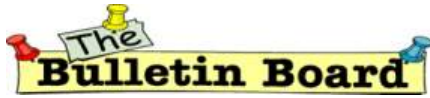
Giving Tree has been set up in the Gathering Space! The gifts are due back no later than Dec. 11th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!!



Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Lucia of Syracuse (283–304), also called **Saint Lucia** (Latin: *Sancta Lucia*) (and better known as **Saint Lucy**,) was a Roman Christian martyr who died during the Diocletianic Persecution. She is venerated as a saint in the Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and Eastern Orthodox churches. She is one of eight women (including the Virgin Mary) explicitly commemorated by Catholics in the Canon of the Mass. Her traditional feast day, known in Europe as Saint Lucy's Day, is observed by Western Christians on 13 December. Lucia of Syracuse was honored in the Middle Ages and remained a well-known saint in early modern England.^[3] She is one of the best known virgin martyrs, along with Agatha of Sicily, Agnes of Rome, Cecilia of Rome and Catherine of Alexandria.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Lucy



Saturday, December 9th

Parish Life Committee's Christmas Card Making Workshop after 4:00 p.m. Mass

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

Sunday, December 10th

Parish Life Committee's Christmas Card Making Workshop after all Masses today:

8:30 a.m. K of C Breakfast with Santa Claus

10:30 a.m. AA, Room 103

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

Monday, December 11th

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

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

Tuesday, December 12th

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

Wednesday, Dec. 13th & Friday Dec. 15th

No Activities

Thursday, December 14th

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Mtg, room 102

Saturday, December 16th

No Activities

Sunday, December 17th

10:30 a.m. AA, Room 103

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

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 **Sundays**.

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.** Children are to meet in the gymnasium located by the side door near the Parish Center parking lot.

*Any questions, please contact Joseph Savidge.
For exact dates of sessions, please see the schedule on the OLM website.*

Christmas Card Making Workshop:

Share in the **Spirit of Christmas** by joining the Parish Life Committee that is hosting a **Christmas Card Making Workshop** after **All** the weekend **Masses** on **Dec. 9th & 10th**. The workshop will be held in the gathering space in the Church, where all OLM Parishioners and their family and friends are invited to make

Christ Centered Nativity Cards for the residents of Apple Rehab and homebound parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Can't stay, blank cards and direction kits will be available to those who wish to take it home and return it to us by the 12/10/23 to Parish office or contact Lisa at 860-982-7412.

Pastoral Council

A meeting will be held on **December 14th** at **7:00 p.m. Room 102**. All are welcome to join!



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.

Bulletin Submissions Deadline

All submissions for the bulletin must be in two weeks prior to when you would like your ad to run. All committee chairs please take note. Call the office at 860-747-6825 or send an email to bulletin@olmct.org
Thank you!

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center

Our retreat theme this year is “*Only Say the Word.*” When Jesus encounters the centurion in the Gospel of Matthew (8:5-13), he meets a person of deep faith and humility who knows that healing comes from God alone. The centurion proclaims: “**Lord, I am not worthy that you should under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed.**” During this retreat we will explore where healing is needed in us and in the world.

For info & additional dates go to www.holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT

Women’s Retreat Jan 5-7, 2024, Men’s Retreat Jan 12-14, 2024

Contact: Bill Fasciano at 860-919-3950 or Laurie Fasciano at 860-919-4889.



OUR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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December 17th: Sung Vespers at 4 p.m.

December 19th: Extra Confessions at 7 p.m.

Fourth Week of Advent:

December 23rd: The Vigil Mass at 4 p.m.

December 24th: Sunday Masses at 8:30 a.m.
 & 10:30 a.m.

The Nativity of the LORD

Christmas Masses:

December 24th: **Christmas Eve** at 4 p.m.

December 25th: **Christmas Day** beginning at
 Midnight Mass (12 a.m.)
 and 9 a.m.

December 26th: Tuesday Weekday
 Morning Mass at 9 a.m.

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