

OUR LADY OF *Mercy*

Third Sunday of Advent
December 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

Rev. M. David Dawson, *Pastor*

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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

Facebook: [OurLadyofMercyPlainville](https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyofMercyPlainville)

*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

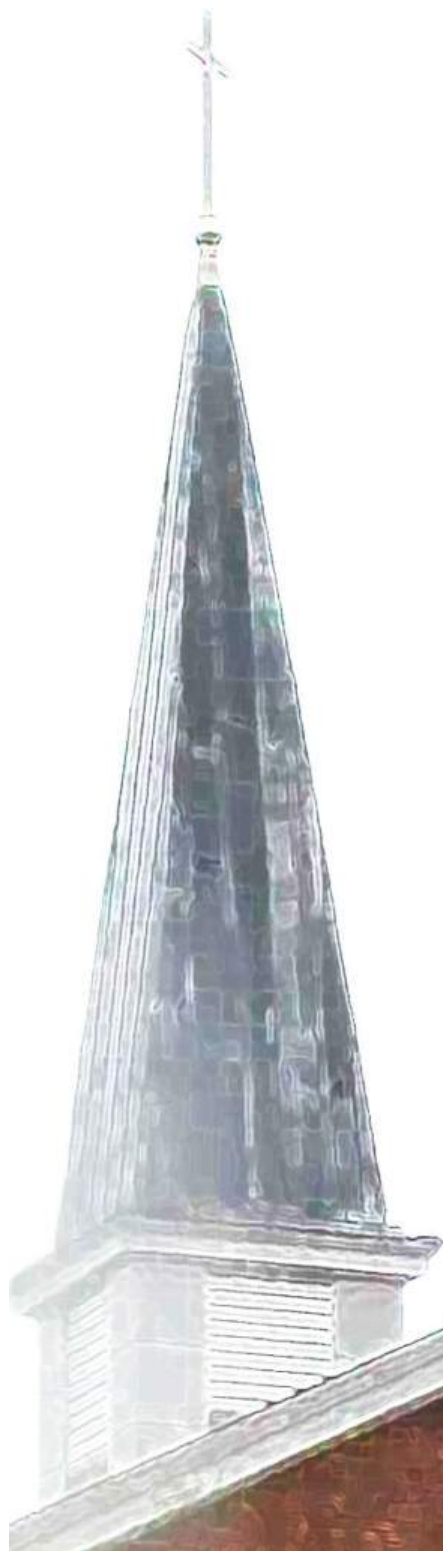
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“Do whatever He tells you.”

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



Mass Schedule for This Week

Saturday, December 16th, Advent Weekday

8:00 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. For the People of Our Lady of Mercy
10:30 a.m. Joseph Wichrowski requested by Son
4:00 p.m. Vespers sung by Cantor & Choir

Monday, December 18th, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Marguerite Babin requested by Dolores Breault

Tuesday, December 19th, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. M. Pomianoski requested by J.A. Pleckaritis

7:00 p.m. Penance Service (Confessions)

Wednesday, December 20th, Advent Weekday
NO MASS

Thursday, December 21st, Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Monique Beaulieu requested by Sr. Rosaleen

Friday, December 22nd, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Genevieve & Santo Aparo requested by Family

Saturday, December 23rd, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. *1st Anniversary*: Lucille Boilard, James John Capazzi, Anna Czekaj & *Months Reminder*: Charles Kraut, Jr.

4:00 p.m. Jane Mary Masse requested by Husband

Sunday, December 24th, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. For Parish Youth to grow deep in faith
10:30 a.m. For the People of Our Lady of Mercy
4:00 p.m. Mass: For the Volunteers of the Parish

Monday, December 25th, Christmas, The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight Mass (12:00 a.m.) For the people of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 a.m. For the Return of those who have left the Church

Parish Office Closed for Christmas!

Penance Service: 7:00 p.m.

December 19, 2023

Tuesday, December 19th, there will be a special night of confessions! We will have two visiting priests in addition to the pastor available to help you. So, what should you remember for confession? What gets overlooked?

- Pray in advance of entering the confessional. Ask the Holy Spirit and your Guardian Angel to help you recall your sins.
- To the best of your ability confess ALL your mortal sins, if you choose to omit any, the whole confession is invalid. This is not the same accidentally missing some.
- When you enter the room, state how long it has been since your last confession (to the best of your recollection.) Your state in life (Widowed, separated, married, engaged, single etc.) this will help the priest to help you and have a context.
- List your mortal sins and how many times, as best you can. If you have been away from the sacrament for a long time, you can say something like, "I've had an ongoing problem with (language, sins against purity, gossip or whatever) for years and its nearly every day/whenever I get stressed..." or whatever.
- The priest rarely needs a story or a background. If there is a line of people waiting, just get in and say what you need to say. It is not therapy but the sacrament of reconciliation/penance. This is not your spouse's confession; you just give your own sins.
- Faithful priests are glad you are there. If you have been away for a while, the priest is usually doubly glad. We know, it takes courage to come back. Yet, I can tell you those who come regularly can often perceive great benefit of it.
- Yes, you need to at least WANT to do better. You cannot come in planning to continue in your mortal sins. You may think it is going to be difficult, but you plan on giving it your best. That and contrition are sufficient.
- Do not be embarrassed for forgetting the act of contrition. Confession can be a little intimidating until you get used to it. It is not a problem.
- Whatever you have done, the priest has heard it before. You are very unlikely to shock or startle him.

Praised be Christ Jesus, now and forever.

Fr. Dawson

Next Sat. & Sun. Mass Schedule**Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion**Saturday, December 23rd at 4 p.m.

Bob & Judy Anderson

Sunday, December 24th at 8:30 a.m.

Sarah Cassidy & Charlene Smith

Sunday, December 24th at 10:30 a.m.

Jessica Murczyn, Mary Jane Dumas

Christmas ScheduleSunday, December 24th at 4 p.m.

Leona Bisson, Bernice Wright

Sunday, December 24th at 12:00 a.m.

Sarah Cassidy, Charlene Smith

Sunday, December 25th at 9:00 a.m.

Bob & Judy Anderson

**Lector Schedule**Saturday, December 23rd at 4 p.m.

Carol Duksa

Sunday, December 24th at 8:30 a.m.

Jeffrey Boyle, Francine Walko

Sunday, December 24th at 10:30 a.m.

Rob Michalik, Lola Wishart

Christmas ScheduleSunday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Marge Rio

Sunday, December 24th at 12:00 a.m.

Francine Walko, Marianne Cassidy

Sunday, December 25th at 9:00 a.m.

Barbara Wallace



**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!**Tabernacle Lamp**

December 17, 2023

**In Memory of
Anthony Dlugoszewski**

Requested by Daughter & Family**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

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 10, 2023

**OFFERTORY:
\$4905.00**

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





The Bulletin Board

Saturday, December 16th

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

Sunday, December 17th

A Celebration of Birth of our Spiritual Babies after Masses today. Cake & Refreshments. Sponsored by the K of C will take place in the Gathering Space.

10:30 a.m. AA, Room 103

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

4:00 p.m. Vespers

Monday, December 18th

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

Tuesday, December 19th

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

Wednesday, Dec.20th-Saturday,December 23rd
No ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 24th

10:30 a.m. AA, Room 103



Peter Canisius SJ (Dutch: *Pieter Kanis*; 8 May 1521 – 21 December 1597) was a Dutch Jesuit priest. He became known for his strong support for the Catholic faith during the Protestant Reformation in Germany, Austria, Bohemia, Moravia, Switzerland and the British Isles. The restoration of the Catholic Church in Germany after the Protestant Reformation is largely attributed to the work there of the Society of Jesus, which he led. He is venerated in the Catholic Church as a saint and as a Doctor of the Church.

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



Christmas Wafer Oplatki

Christmas wafer (Polish: *opłatek*, plural *opłatki*; Lithuanian: *kalėdaitis*, plural *kalėdaičiai*; Slovak: *oblátka*, plural *oblátky*) is a Catholic Christmas tradition celebrated in Poland,^[1] Lithuania,^[1] Moravia,^[2] and Slovakia.^[3] The custom is traditionally observed during *Kūčios* in Lithuania and *Wigilia* in Poland on December 24th.

The unleavened wafers are baked from pure wheat flour and water, are usually rectangular in shape^[4] and very thin; they are identical in composition to the altar bread that becomes the Eucharist at the consecration during Mass in the Roman Catholic Church. The Oplatki wafers are embossed with Christmas-related religious images, varying from the nativity scene, especially Virgin Mary with baby Jesus, to the Star of Bethlehem.

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

These Christmas Wafers Oplatki
Are available for you in our Parish.
The suggested Donation is \$3.00

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.

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

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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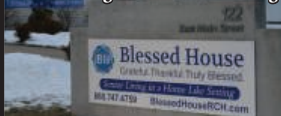


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