

OUR LADY OF *Mercy*

**The Holy Family:
Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 31, 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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Parish and Cemetery Office: 19 South Canal Street, Plainville
Telephone: 860-747-6825; Fax: 860-747-5407

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

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

“Do whatever He tells you.”

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



Mass Schedule for This Week

Saturday, December 30th, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary: Walter Duksa

12:00 Noon Confessions

4:00 p.m. Bertha Lanagan & Kathleen Carroll-Goff requested by Jim & Maryann Davis and Family

Sunday, December 31st, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 a.m. Yvette Bouchard Albert & Joan Albert requested by Wes & Rose

10:30 a.m. For the People of Our Lady of Mercy

Monday, January 1st, Mary, Holy Mother of God

9:00 a.m. Brian McCarthy requested by Leona

Parish Office Closed Today!

Tuesday, January 2nd, Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Bishops & Doctors

8:00 a.m. Donald Soucy requested by Robert Cyr & Family

Wednesday, January 3rd, Christmas Weekday
NO MASS

Thursday, January 4th, St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rel

8:00 a.m. Gerald Anthony Bello requested by Friend

Friday, January 5th, Sr. John Neumann Bishop

8:00 a.m. For All Deceased of our Parish in 2023

Saturday, January 6th, Christmas Weekday

8:00 a.m. For Parish Family growth in 2024

12:00 Noon Confessions

4:00 p.m. Antonio Ettore requested by Angelo & Jackie

Sunday, January 7th, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Michael & Helen Hybner requested by Daughter

10:30 a.m. Angela & Ralph Scheidel requested by Sandy & Bob Michalik

Out With The Old & In With The New 2024

When you consider the things, you need and those you want to accomplish for the new year, does your faith life get a few spots on the radar? What would be some good things to pray about putting on your list of things to do?

Read Scripture at least 3 days a week. Pick a gospel or a book of the bible and stick with it. (Skip Revelation until you've read the rest.)

Daily rosary is a very productive way of growing closer to the Lord.

That favorite sin you have struggled with for years, come up with a game plan to kick it to the curb. Dive into finding out why the Church teaches something you have never quite understood.

When you get multiple days off in a row, use at least one of them to attend a daily Mass.

Get to confession at least once each season (Winter, Spring, Summer, and Autumn)

Volunteer to help or participate in something in the parish regularly

Read the bible to children/grandchildren in your life

Get a blessed item for your house (crucifix, icon, picture, framed bible quote, etc.)

Learn the names of those who sit near you in Church

Spend at least 10 -15 minutes before the tabernacle regularly

Perhaps come to Eucharistic adoration at least monthly

Start taking a look at the Mass readings prior to Mass

Stick around a few minutes after Mass to make a proper Thanksgiving for having received Him in the Eucharist.

Once a month invite someone to/back to Mass with you

Have a Mass offered for deceased loved ones.

Praised be Christ Jesus, now and forever.

Fr. Dawson

December 17, 2023

Weekly Offertory: \$4568.78

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

Tabernacle Lamp

December 31, 2023

In Memory of

Fred & Patricia Abbate

Requested by Daughter & Family



Next Sat. & Sun. Mass Schedule



**Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion**

Saturday, January 6th at 4:00 p.m.

Bernice Wright, Deb Hardy

Sunday, January 7th at 8:30 a.m.

Leona Bisson, Sarah Cassidy

Sunday, January 7th at 10:30 a.m.

Ann Wroblewski, Brian Roche

January 1st, Not an Obligation

Normally January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation.

A number of years ago, the bishops of the United States said that it will only be an obligation if it is not on a Monday or a Saturday. So it is still holy, and there will be a single Mass in honor of our Blessed Mother, but you do not have an obligation this year to go to Mass on this particular day. But you are welcome to come!

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.

Faith Formation Class Schedule

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 email to bulletin@olmct.org Thank you!



Saturday, December 30th

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

Sunday, December 31st

10:30 a.m.—12 Noon AA, Room 103

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

Monday, January 1st

Parish Office Closed New Years Day!

Tuesday, January 2nd

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

6:30 p.m. Scripture Study, Room 102

Wednesday, Jan. 3rd & Friday, Jan. 5th

NO ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 4th

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

Saturday, January 6th

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

Sunday, January 7th

10:30 a.m.—12 Noon, 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

Gerald Bello

Donald Soucy

Frank Colao



**“Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them,
O’Lord”**

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.

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