

OUR LADY OF *Mercy*

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2024

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A Roman Catholic Community of Faith & Good Works

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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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

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

“Do whatever He tells you.”

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



Lent is coming!!!!

Summed up succinctly, **Roman Catholics must fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, February 14, 2024 and Good Friday, March 29, 2024.**

Additionally, they must abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent.

Ash Wednesday is one of two yearly days of obligatory fasting and abstinence for Roman Catholics, along with Good Friday. According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the norms of fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.

The rule of abstinence from meat is binding upon Catholics aged 14 and onwards.

(I would recommend that those people who do not eat meat, try to find something similarly sacrificial in place of abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and Lenten Fridays.)

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by [giving alms](#); and we practice self-control through [fasting](#). We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this [reflection](#). In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the [Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults](#), a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

Praise be Christ Jesus, now and forever.

Fr. Dawson

January 28, 2024

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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!

Next Sat. & Sun. Mass Schedule

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday, February 10th at 4:00 p.m.

Judy & Bob Anderson

Sunday, February 11th at 8:30 a.m.

Sarah Cassidy, Robert Gauvin

Sunday, February 11th at 10:30 a.m.

Charlene Smith, Anne Wroblewski

Lectors:

Saturday, February 10th at 4:00 p.m.

Marge Rio

Sunday, February 11th at 8:30 a.m.

Marianne Cassidy, Jim Cassidy

Sunday, February 11th at 10:30 a.m.

Nicholas Violette, Phyllis Roche



Mass Schedule for This Week

Saturday, February 3rd, Weekday

8:00 a.m. James & Theresa Bagliore requested
By Son and Family

12:00 Noon Confessions

4:00 p.m. Zbigniew Baran requested by
Wife & Family

Sunday, February 4th, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 a.m. Dominic Ragaglia requested by
Lois

Monday, February 5th, St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 a.m. Annette Soucy. 17th Anniversary,
requested by Daughter

Tuesday, February 6th, St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:00 a.m. Frank Colao requested by
George & Simone Bouchard

Wednesday, February 7th

NO MASS

Thursday, February 8th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Donald T. Logan requested by Friend

Friday, February 9th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. Rose Mercier requested by
George & Simone Bouchard

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

Saturday, February 10th, St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Steve Carter 1st Anniversary

12:00 Noon Confessions

4:00 p.m. Richard LaRose requested by
Vincenza & Nancy D'Appollonio

Sunday, February 11th, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 a.m. Frank Sliwonik requested by Family

Tabernacle Lamp



In Memory of:
Robert Bonola
Requested by Grace

*Please remember the recently deceased
members of our Parish Family in your
Prayers.*

Helen Bergenty

Walter Scanlon



*"Eternal rest grant unto them,
O' Lord."*

Rosary Pamphlet for Marriage Sunday

Rosary pamphlets with meditations for the protection and strengthening of Catholic Sacramental marriages will be available on a table in the Gathering Space beginning Saturday, February 3rd. Please take a copy home to pray the rosary as a family or to dedicate your intentions to protect and strengthen marriages. The rosary will be said before the **Mass** on Saturday, Feb. 10th at **3:00 p.m.**, and **between the Masses, on Sunday, Feb. 11th at 9:30 a.m.** in honor of "Marriage Sunday".

Women's Retreat – March 1-3, 2024

The Women's retreat was cancelled due to the snowstorm and it has been rescheduled for March 1-3, 2024. First time retreatants are eligible for gift certificates to defer the donation. If interested call Laurie Fasciano at 860-919-4889 or Bill Fasciano at 860-919-3950.



Plainville Food Pantry
January's Collection

248 lbs.

Bake With Us!

Parish Life is sponsoring a bread making event on **Saturday, February 10th at 10:00 a.m.** in the **Parish Center kitchen**. We will be preparing knotted rolls to be distributed after all Masses that weekend in honor of "Marriage Sunday", a celebration of Catholic Sacramental Marriage. All are welcome. For more information contact Debbie Boyle, 860-841-8668.

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!

The Bulletin Board

Saturday, February 3th

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AA, Back Basics, Rm103

Sunday, February 4th

10:30 a.m.- 12 Noon, AA, Room 103

11:30 a.m. NO Choir Rehearsal, Church

2:00 p.m. [Legion of Mary Curia, Room 102](#)

Monday, February 5th

9:30 a.m. [Legion of Mary, Room 102](#)

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

Tuesday, February 6th

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

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting, Room 102

Wednesday, February 7th

6:30 p.m. K of C: Bldg., Assoc., Room 101

7-8:00 p.m. Rosary & Consecration, Room 102
(See write-up in Bulletin, Joseph Savidge)

Thursday, February 8th

6:00 p.m. Parish Life, Room 101

Friday, February 9th: **No Activities**

Saturday, February 10th

9:30a.m.-4:00 p.m. Bake With Us! Knotted Rolls

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

Sunday, February 11th

10:30 a.m.- 12 Noon, AA, Room 103

11:30 a.m. NO Choir Rehearsal, Church

A Thank You from Birthright.

We are very thankful for the beautiful baby clothes we received through the work of your parish.

Birthright extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the baby clothing collection for Birthright. Your generosity affirms our guiding principle: It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Birthright has served pregnant women in crisis in the Greater Hartford area since 1942 and your support is greatly appreciated. In 2021, 192 women called who were either pregnant or thought they might be. We provided free pregnancy tests for 29 and friendship counseling for 138. 3 in 10 callers were considering abortion. Of those who were pregnant that we worked with, 8 in 10 gave birth to their children. Ninety babies were born. Birthright is staffed by volunteers. New volunteers are always welcome! Call 860-290-8800.



Saint Blaise of Sebaste
Born: 3 February (Eastern)
11 February ? AD

Died: 316 AD (Aged)
Between his 30's and 40's.

Feast Day February 3rd.

Saint Blaise

Blaise, who had studied philosophy in his youth, was a doctor in Sebastes in Armenia, the city of his birth, who exercised his art with miraculous ability, good-will, and piety. When the bishop of the city died, he was chosen to succeed him, with the acclamation of all the people. His holiness was manifest through many miracles: from all around, people came to him to find cures for their spirit and their body; even wild animals came in herds to receive his blessing. In 316, Agricola, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, having arrived in Sebastia at the order of the emperor Licinius to kill the Christians, arrested the bishop. As he was being led to jail, a mother set her only son, choking to death of a fish-bone, at his feet, and the child was cured straight away. Regardless, the governor, unable to make Blaise renounce his faith, beat him with a stick, ripped his flesh with iron combs, and beheaded him.^[6]

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

Want to get closer to Jesus? Ask his Mother!

In the approved 1980 Marion apparitions in Cuapa, Nicaragua, our Blessed Mother's message included a request to use the Bible when saying and contemplating the mysteries of the Rosary. Join us on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Center from 7 to 8pm beginning this Wednesday, February 7 for a biblical walk through the rosary. This will deepen your experience if you already have a devotion to the rosary, and give those just learning the rosary a good foundation to start.

Then, beginning Wednesday, February 21st and each Wednesday through March 20, we start the St. Louis DeMonfort consecration to Jesus through Mary. This is a 33-day pray program culminating on March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation. It includes daily spiritual exercises designed to enlist Mary's help to bring us closer to her Divine son, Jesus. God could have chosen an infinite means to bring Jesus' into the world - and He chose Mary. Here we are choosing Mary to bring us to closer to her son, Jesus, and Jesus never refuses a request from his Mother. Please join us!

There is no cost, all materials will be provided.

**Contact Joseph Savidge for more information
at the Parish Office 860-747-6825 ext. 117.**



OUR LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE

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Lenten Schedule:

Ash Wednesday Mass: Feb. 14th
8 a.m.; 12 p.m.; & 6 p.m.

Confessions: Feb. 19th- Mar. 18th
Every Monday During Lent: 6 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Adoration at 6 p.m.

Every Friday during Lent:
Stations of the Cross
Feb. 16th- Mar. 29th at 7 p.m.

The Passion of the LORD **Easter Mass Schedules:**

Mar. 23rd: Vigil for Palm Sunday at 4 p.m.
Mar. 24th: Palm Sunday: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.
Mar. 28th: Holy Thursday:
The Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.
Mar. 29th: Good Friday at 3 p.m.

The Resurrection of the LORD!
Mar. 30th: Easter Vigil at 8 p.m.
Mar. 31st: Easter Sunday:
at 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.



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