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First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024

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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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*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, February 17th, Lent

8:00 a.m. Salvatore J. Cristofaro, 1st

12:00 Noon Confessions

4:00 p.m. Richard LaRose requested by
Andrew D'Appollonio

Sunday, February 18th, 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People of

Our Lady of Mercy Parish

10:30 a.m. Larry Jablonski requested by Family

Monday, February 19th, Lent

8:00 a.m. Debra Kulas requested by Husband

6 p.m. Confessions During Lent

6 p.m. Knights of Columbus Adoration

Tuesday, February 20th, Lent

8:00 a.m. Carolyn Burton requested by
Simone & George Bouchard

Wednesday, February 21st, Lent

NO MASS

Thursday, February 22nd, The Chair of St. Peter The Apostle

8:00 a.m. Rena Charette requested by
Bruce & Dan

Friday, February 23rd, Lent

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Costa requested by
Liz and Dick

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

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24th, Lent

8:00 a.m. George Jewell requested by Marge

12:00 Noon Confessions

4:00 p.m. John Ozerepuszko requested by
MIA Academy

Sunday, February 25th, 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Mass for the People of

Our Lady of Mercy Parish

10:30 a.m. Kamil Filipowicz requested by
Mother Hanna

Little Reminders-Special Events

Little reminders like special events, Mass times, things like that can be found there. If we get more people going to the page, we can justify the time of amping it up with more effort. So, when you're

bouncing around the internet, stop by
Our Lady of Mercy-Plainville!

Also, things that are coming up for Lent:

Have you ever been to **Our Lady of Mercy's Facebook** page? It's under Our Lady of Mercy-Plainville.

Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 7p.m.

Follow our Lord's way of the Cross and contemplate His sacrifice for you and I.

Additional **Confessions** and **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – Mondays at 7p.m.

We will still have Confessions 12 Noon Saturday.

We are having a Lenten Parish Mission:

March 2,3,4, and 5. Weekend Masses and nightly discussions that Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at 7 p.m. by Fr. Ken Brighenti. Fr. Brighenti is known from his activities on EWTN, his co-authorship of the Catholicism for Dummies series, and teaching at Mount Saint Mary's and Josephinum seminaries. He is also a native of New Britain. Come for the talks and get to know the Lord better than you do now.

CT March for Life – Wednesday March 20th! We plan on getting a bus for our people. Come to defend the vulnerable.

See the bulletin for additional things like rosaries for marriage; vocation events; breakfasts; etc.

Holy Week! This is the heart of our faith!

Praise be Christ Jesus, now and forever.

Fr. Dawson

February 11, 2024

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\$4,231

Monthly: \$1,761



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 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Bernice Wright, Deb Hardy

Sunday, February 25th at 8:30 a.m.

Leona Bisson, Debra Boyle

Sunday, February 25th at 10:30 a.m.

Jessica Murzyn, Robert Gauvin

Lectors:

Saturday, February 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Barbara Wallace

Sunday, February 25th at 8:30 a.m.

Francine Walko, Jim Cassidy

Sunday, February 25th at 10:30 a.m.

Carol Haddad, Robert Michalik



**Saturday, February 17th**

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

Sunday, February 18th

8:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts after 8:30 a.m. Mass

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

11:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church

Monday, February 19th

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

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

Tuesday, February 20th

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

Wednesday, February 21st7-8:00 p.m. Rosary & Consecration, Room 102
(See write-up in Bulletin, Joseph Savidge)**Thursday, February 22nd**

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

Friday, February 23rd**10:00 a.m. Fr. Dawson on ORTV MASS****Saturday, February 24th**

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

Sunday, February 25th

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

11:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church

Knights of Columbus:**St. Patrick's Day Dinner**When: March 16th at 5:00 p.m.

Where: OLM Parish Hall

Dinner: Homemade Corned Beef & Cabbage

Ticket Price: \$16.00 for Adults; Children 12 yrs. and under \$5.00. More details to follow in next week's bulletin. Any questions, please see Don Melanson, Knights of Columbus.



Save the date: Wednesday March 20th for Rally at the State Capitol in Hartford. Sponsored by the "March for Life" & "Connecticut Catholic Council."

Our Lady of Mercy will provide a free bus trip to Hartford in support of the March for Life program. More information to come.

**Tabernacle Lamp***In Memory of:***Robert Bonola****Requested by Grace**

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

Lewellyn "Lou" Boucher

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

**Xavier High School Open House**

Xavier High School will hold an open house for all middle school boys and students interested in transferring to Xavier on February 13th at 6 pm. You can register to attend at www.xavierhighschool.org. We look forward to showcasing all that Xavier offers and explaining how Xavier transforms the lives of boys in Connecticut! If you cannot make it, you are invited to schedule a personal tour with Nick Grasso, Interim Director of Admissions by emailing:

nmgrasso@xavierhighschool.org or call/text 860-346-7735

Xavier High School will host an entrance exam for all 8th graders who have yet to apply to Xavier on February 27th. Please encourage any 8th grade boy to take this test and start his application to Xavier. Sign up at www.xavierhighschool.org.

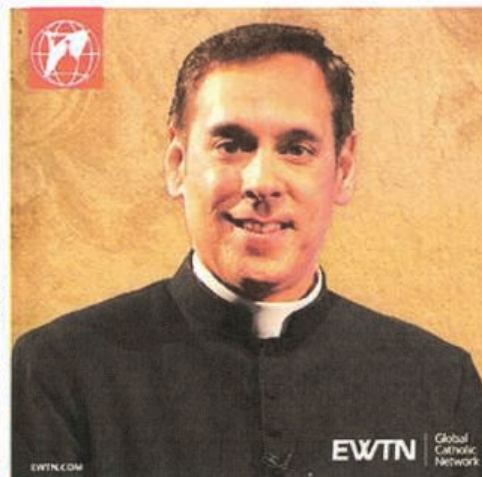
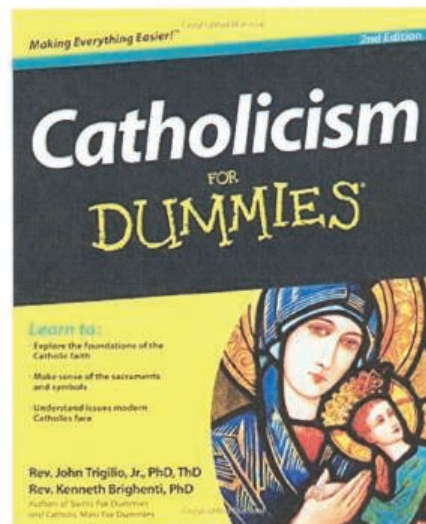
**Coffee & Donuts**

After the 8:30 a.m. Mass
today in the Gathering Space

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!



Parish Mission

Starting during the homilies at weekend Masses
March 2 & 3... Evening sessions Sunday March 3,
Monday March 4, Tuesday March 5.

Topic: The Eucharist!

Fr. Ken Brighenti!

EWTN Co-Host of "Web of Faith"

**Co-Author of the "Catholicism for
Dummies" series**

**Professor at the Josephinum Pontifical
seminary**



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.**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:
First Sunday of Lent**

1 Peter 3:18: "Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the spirit." Let your marriage be filled with life in the Holy Spirit.

Learn the five tools for a more Fulfilling marriage by signing up and attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will be glad you did! You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA

April 26-28, 2024 (non-residential week-end) in Connecticut

June 21-23, 2024 in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on week-ends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://www.mectw.org/>.

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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~ELAINE~

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