

OUR LADY OF *Mercy*

July 27, 2025  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

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*The Sacrament of RECONCILIATION (Confession)*

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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.*

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**“Do whatever He tells you.”**

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



**Mass Schedule for This Week**

**Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 8:00 a.m. Angela Lucente requested by Karen McCall and Pauline Chung  
 12:00 Noon **Confessions**  
 4:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Autunno Families requested by Marge Rio  
**Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:30 a.m. Mass for the People of Our Lady of Mercy Parish  
 10:30 a.m. Carlos Donoso requested by Daughters  
**Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 6:00 p.m. Georgianna Hoffman requested by Leona Bisson  
**Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus**  
 8:00 a.m. James Tella requested by Brenda Tella  
**Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> Weekday**  
 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**  
**Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> St. Ignatius Loyola, Priest**  
 8:00 a.m. Theresa Bagliore requested by Tony Bagliore  
**Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> St. Liquori, Bsh. & Dr. Church**  
 8:00 a.m. For those who never had a Funeral Mass requested by Greta Moore  
 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
**Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekday**  
 8:00 a.m. Robert Dirrigl requested by Leona & Brenda  
 12:00 Noon **Confessions**  
 4:00 p.m. William Bernie Peters requested by Peters Family  
**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:30 a.m. Mass for the People of Our Lady of Mercy Parish  
 10:30 a.m. Vera Giuliano Roche requested by Family

**Next Sat. & Sun. Mass Schedule**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**

**Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.:**  
 Judy & Bob Anderson  
**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m.:**  
 Sophia Winiarski, Leona Bisson  
**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.:**  
 Charlene Smith, Jessica Murzyn  
**Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.:**  
 Bob Anderson



**Lectors:**

**Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.:**  
 Carolyn Martin  
**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m.:**  
 Greta Moore  
**Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.:**  
 Robert Michalik  
**Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.:**  
 Cathi McQueeney



**The Bulletin Board**

**Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AA, Back to Basics, *Rm. 103*  
**Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**  
 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon, AA, *Rm. 103*  
**Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:30 a.m. **Legion of Mary**, *Rm. 102*  
 6:30 p.m. **Scripture Study**, *Rm. 102*  
**Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **Scripture Study**, *Rm. 102*  
**Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> No Activities**  
**Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 6:00 p.m. **Balloon Fest Meeting**, *Rm. 101*  
**Calling All Volunteers!**  
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 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AA, Back to Basics, *Rm. 103*  
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The Daily Mass Record Book for 2025 is Full.

The 2026 Mass Book will open in the Fall.

**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 email us at: [bulletin@olmct.org](mailto:bulletin@olmct.org) or [administration@olmct.org](mailto:administration@olmct.org)  
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**July 20, 2025**

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Please place your Donations in the offertory baskets during the Mass.  
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 May God Bless You!

**The Tabernacle Lamp:**

is lit for the Greater Glory of God in Recognition of the Real Presence of Christ This week the candle is flickering for the memory of: **Carl Elmer Anderson** Requested by: **Family**



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

**Regina Berube**  
**Verna Boucher**  
**Jack DeFelice**  
**Donald T. Grasso**

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, "Lord."*



**THE PROPER ATTIRE FOR INSIDE THE CHURCH**



Just a reminder. With the hot weather of summer, we hope that you will be mindful that there are some forms of dress that are not appropriate for church. <https://i0.wp.com/pcjparish.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Proper-Attire-Web.jpg>

**Balloon Festival**

We would like to thank everyone that volunteered for the Balloon Festival.

**HOMEBOUND PEOPLE YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP!**

One of the main reasons for our parish making a big commitment is to bring people back who have wandered and to get people who have never been Mass goes to start coming. We need to start asking for the help of Almighty God now. What can you specifically pray for:

*Pray that those who have wandered will allow the Lord to open their hearts to His Spirit.*

*Ask God to help everyone to repent of our sins.*

*Pray that God bring encounters for that those that are away from the Church with people who they will listen to and who will help guide them home.*

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**Baptism Requirements**

Parents must attend Mass for three months continuously prior to the Baptism.



## Some reminders about Catholic Calisthenics

### Catholic Calisthenics: Gestures, Postures and Symbolic Movements Used in the Mass

'In the liturgy of the New Covenant every liturgical action, especially the celebration of the Eucharist and the sacraments, is an encounter between Christ and the Church' (CCC 1097) "Kneeling" (photo: Shutterstock)

[Angelo Stagnaro Blogs](#) September 1, 2022 (The Holy Father) stressed the need for formation and instruction about the Holy Eucharist ("mystagogical catechesis"), and religious signs and gestures are an important part of this.

### The Sign of the Cross

The most often used Catholic sign is crossing oneself. It is, in itself, a full and complete prayer. The sign of the cross is made by touching the hand to the forehead using the Trinitarian formula (*In the name of the Father*) the sternum, (*and the Son*) left shoulder (*and the Holy*) and the right shoulder (*Spirit*). According to the rubrics, congregants cross themselves:

1. At the beginning of the Mass
2. At the Rite of Sprinkling (*Asperges*)
3. When the celebrant says, "May Almighty God have mercy ..." immediately prior to the First Reading.
4. Upon receiving Holy Communion
5. At the conclusion of the Mass.

### Gospel Greeting

Upon hearing the name of the Gospel that is about to be read at Mass, the faithful use the ancient form of crossing themselves with three small crosses (Latin: *tres cruces*) using the thumb upon the forehead, the lips and over the heart. You may wish to add the following silent prayer when doing so: "May the Lord be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart."

### Genuflection

We show respect and reverence to the Blessed Sacrament by facing the tabernacle and bending our right knee to the floor.

- We genuflect on coming and leaving the church and when we enter or leave our pew.
- There's no need to genuflect when leaving the pew to receive Communion.

### Bowing

- We may bow in reverence to the crucifix as it passes during the Recession.
- We bow during the Creed at the *Incarnatus* ("and was made man")
- If a thurifer stands before the altar and bids the congregation to stand, we should bow toward him as he incenses us.
- We *may bow* when saying, "Lord, have mercy" during the *Kyrie*.
- We *may fold* our hands and bow as we pray the Our Father.
- At the consecration of each element, bow and silently say, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28).
- One should bow when receiving Holy Communion, if received standing.

### Bowing at the Name of Jesus

Bowing the head at the name of Jesus and when the names of the Trinity are pronounced (the Doxology, or "Glory Be"). This is a custom which has gone by the wayside with the modernist putsch however, I believe it's one that is ready for a comeback. Bowing at Jesus' Name is found in Philippians 2:10: "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth." The action was mandated at the Second Ecumenical Council of Lyons convened by Pope Gregory X in 1274. Subsequently, a partial indulgence has been attached to the sign of reverence, and I say, every little bit helps. It's interesting to note that both priest characters in the 1973 *Exorcist* — Fathers. Damien Karras and Lankester Merrin — bowed at the Holy Name of Jesus during the exorcism.

### Striking the Breast

One strikes at one's breast three times during the Confiteor ("Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.") In reciting the *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God"), we should strike the breast at the words "Have mercy on us."

### Kneeling

- The word "kneeling" (Greek: *proskynein*) occurs 59 times in the New Testament - 24 in the Book of Revelation which represents the heavenly standard by which our earthly Mass is based.
- We kneel after the *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God"). Those who can't kneel should make a profound bow when the celebrant genuflects after the consecration.
- Kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer.
- Kneel in prayer when you return to your pew after Communion, until the priest sits down, or until he says "Let us pray."

### Sitting

- We sit at the First and Second readings and the responsorial Psalm before the Gospel.
- We sit during the homily.
- We sit during the Preparation of the Gifts at the Offertory.

### Standing

- We stand for the:
  - Entrance procession
  - Rite of Sprinkling (*Asperges*)
  - Creed
  - Alleluia chant before the Gospel
  - While the Gospel is proclaimed
  - During the Prayer of the Faithful.
- We stand as the celebrant says, "Pray brethren that our sacrifice..." and remain standing to respond, "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands ..."
- The Lord's Prayer
- The congregation remains standing until the end of the Sanctus ("Holy, holy").
- Stand for the concluding prayers.
- Remain standing until all ministers have processed out....

### Singing

St. Augustine assures us that when we sing, we pray twice — this includes people who couldn't carry a tune even if it had handles. Singing is an important part of celebrating. If you sing badly, then pray that God improves your abilities.

### Responses

The Mass is a conversation with God. It's important to speak to him at the appropriate times during the liturgy. It's good to respond when the priest or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion displays the Host or the chalice and says, "The Body/Blood of Christ." The communicant should reply "Amen" as in agreement.

### A Word About the *Orans* Posture

The *orans* is outstretching the hands to the sides of the body and lifted upward. It's uniquely reserved for the priest. The Mass is a memorial sacrifice and laity mimicking the priest minimizes the priest's personification of Christ. The priest employs the *orans* posture in order to direct the congregation's focus on Christ, thus it is inappropriate for the congregation — no matter how well-meaning — to mimic the priest. ....

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