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August 17, 2025
20th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

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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 Mondays & 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

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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, August 16th Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Jeffrey Plourde requested by Friends
 12:00 Noon **Confessions**
 4:00 p.m. Mass for the People of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Sunday, August 17th 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 a.m. David Walko requested by Francine Walko (Sister)
 10:30 a.m. Alice Brousseau requested by Family

Monday, August 18th Weekday
 6:00 p.m. Ericka Turgeron requested by George & Simone Bouchard

Tuesday, August 19th Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Steve & Delores Yorski requested by Angela Pace

Wednesday, August 20th St. Bernard Abbot, Dr.
 8:00 a.m. **No Mass Today**

Thursday, August 21st St. Pius X, Pope
 8:00 a.m. Emilienne Quirion requested by Daughter in Law

6:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS TODAY INSTEAD OF SATURDAY AUGUST 23, 2025

Friday, August 22nd
 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00 a.m. Peter Schulze requested by Family
 8:30 a.m. **No Adoration Today**

Saturday, August 23rd Weekday
 8:00 a.m. **No Mass Today**
 12:00 Noon **NO CONFESSIONS TODAY**
 4:00 p.m. Eric Chamberlain requested by Jeanne & John Wischenbart

Sunday, August 24th 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 a.m. Mass for the People of Our Lady of Mercy Parish
 10:30 a.m. Donald and deceased members of the Rio Family requested by Marge Rio

Next Sat. & Sun. Mass Schedule

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Saturday, August 23rd at 4:00 p.m.:
 Bernice Wright, Anne Wroblewski

Sunday, August 24th at 8:30 a.m.:
 Sarah Cassidy, Sophia Winiarski

Sunday, August 24th at 10:30 a.m.:
 Brian Roche, Lidia Onisto

Monday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m.:
 Leona Bisson



Lectors:

Saturday, August 23rd at 4:00 p.m.:
 Barbara Wallace

Sunday, August 24th at 8:30 a.m.:
 Cathi McQueeney

Sunday, August 24th at 10:30 a.m.:
 Phyllis Roche

Monday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m.:
 Francine Walko



The Bulletin Board

Saturday, August 16th
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AA, Back to Basics, *Rm. 103*

Sunday, August 17th
 8:30 a.m. **After Mass, Coffee & Donuts in the Gathering Space**
 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon, AA, *Rm. 103*

Monday, August 18th
 9:30 a.m. **Legion of Mary, Rm. 102**
 6:30 p.m. **Scripture Study, Rm. 102**

Tuesday, August 19th
 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **Scripture Study, Rm. 102**

Wednesday, August 20th No Activities

Thursday, August 21st No Activities

Friday, August 22nd
 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. **Balloon Festival**

Saturday, August 23th
 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. **Balloon Festival**
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AA, Back to Basics, *Rm. 103*

Sunday, August 24th
 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon, AA, *Rm. 103 Rm. 103*



August 10, 2025
Offertory \$5,519.00
 Please place your Donations in the offertory baskets during the Mass.
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 May God Bless You!

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 or administration@olmct.org
Thank you and God Bless!

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: **Ludwika & Edward Nowicki**
 Requested by: **Family**





Lectors Needed

Please consider joining the lector ministry at OLM. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn and appreciate Sacred Scripture. You must be at least 18 years old and received all initiation sacraments. Readers are especially needed at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Please call the Parish office for more information at:
860-747-6825



Calling all Lectors to pick up their 2026 Workbooks



The 2026 Workbook for Lectors are in the office. Please stop by and pick one up or call the office, and let us know if you would prefer to pick it up in the Sacristy. A special THANK YOU to all of you Volunteers! You can reach us at 860-747-6825.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

A grace filled opportunity awaits you with the privilege of bringing the Body and Blood of Jesus to the faithful members of Our Lady of Mercy Parish. This is a deeply spiritual and rewarding experience as you assist in the distribution of the Eucharist with reverence. All such ministers must be living in accordance with the Church. (ie. Marriage etc.) If you are willing to go to some of the homebound, please let us know. Please contact the office if you feel a call to this ministry. Rev. M. David Dawson will provide training. EMHCs are especially needed for the 4:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m. Masses. Ofc. 860-747-6825



The Traveling Statue of Mary

"The Traveling Statue of Mary is available for a visit to your home. We are participating in the "100,000 Rosaries for Vocations" meditation. A perfect opportunity to pray the rosary with Mary present as you pray for vocations. You can include personal petitions. Signup with your name and phone number on the sheet by the statue of Mary next to the grand piano and we will call to arrange a visit."

The Legion of Mary

"The Legion of Mary is open to men and women who would like to join us in our ministry. Do you have a couple of hours in the week to do Mary's work? Come and see what we are all about. Call the parish office with your name and phone for more information. If you know of a homebound parishioner who would a friendly visit please contact the parish office with their name and phone number to arrange a visit. Call 860-747-6825.

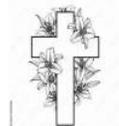
Recently Deceased



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

John Cregan, Annita Rembowski

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, "Lord."



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St. Aloysius, Plantsville, Monday, 10 p.m.-12 p.m.

Prince of Peace, (Hybrid) Woodbury, Monday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

O.L. of Fatima, Wallingford Tuesday 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Online (Virtual), Thursday 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

For more information: Visit: www.NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com



The Office of Missionary Discipleship Presents:

The Housing and Homeless Crisis; Breaking the Cycle.

September 17, 6:30-8:30

St. Bridget of Sweden Parish, 175 Main St. Cheshire 06410

Come to learn the latest information surrounding the housing and homeless crisis and what the church and lay ministry can do to restore dignity and break the cycle in your community. The evening will conclude with a panel of experts discussing your questions. Reserve your seat today.

Go to Ana.plaza@aohct.org

About the presenter: **Jered Bruzas**

For more than a decade, Jered has been a driving force for positive change across both Plainville and the Greater Waterbury region. In 2022, Jered was appointed Chief Impact Officer at United Way of Greater Waterbury.

Recognizing his integrity, leadership, and record of meaningful community work, Jered was entrusted with overseeing one of the region's most influential portfolios. In this role, Jered leads the design and execution of United Way's strategies across Basic Needs, Education, and Financial Stability, aligning investments, partnerships, and performance metrics to improve lives at scale. Prior to joining United Way, Jered spent a decade at Connecticut's largest homeless shelter, St. Vincent DePaul Mission Shelter, Inc. Starting as a case manager and rising to Director of Operations, he worked directly with individuals and families experiencing homelessness—supporting them with housing stabilization, financial coaching, treatment planning, job placement, and access to vital services. He also spearheaded the organization's data and outcome systems, turning insights into action and driving continuous improvement across programs.



Beautiful Balloons

August 22nd and 23rd is the 2025 Plainville Fire Company Hot Air Balloon Festival. Our Lady of Mercy will be there. Yet we need everyone to pray about this. This is not only a chance for us to build better ties with our neighbors, but so much more happens there also.

Obviously, we hope people who have been away will make a permanent return to regular Mass and confession participation. Also, as we pray for anyone who asks us to, hopefully they will come to see that there are people who genuinely care about them. It is a chance for us to do what every follower of Jesus is called to do, invite others to encounter Him. We are there to mutually support one another in this effort; especially since it is not an easy thing the first few times you try.

Also, it is a counterbalance to evil. The festival has had fortune tellers, palm readers and occult things represented. Hopefully encountering the name of Jesus, will help remind people to steer clear of those types of things. Jesus' name should lovingly be proclaimed everywhere and bay all who are His.

I ask you to pray for those who will stop by our booth. Pray for those of our Church who will be interacting with them, that we may do all things with unyielding faithfulness and love. Pray for the hardest of hearts, that God will soften them. Pray that we listen more than speak. Pray for the lost, the formerly faithful, to return home. Please pray for good weather. I hope to see you there!



Praise be Jesus Christ now and forever.

Rev. M. David Dawson



Faith Formation Registration 2025-2026



We apologize for the delay. We are moving to a new online system for registration which should be completed this week. Families will be emailed all information shortly. If you are a new family, please email reled@olmct.org to be added to our mailing list.

Our first gathering will be **Sunday, September 21st at our 10:30 a.m. Mass.** Classes will begin the week after. More details will be in the email.



One Minute Meditations: No parish can do the work of the Church without the support from their parishioners. For example, parishioners may bring Communion to the sick or infirm, clean the church, staff parish ministries, teach faith formation and give money to keep church facilities operating. It is vital participation that brings the heart of Jesus to His people.

The Church requires that Catholics participate in Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation. It's the best way we regularly encounter Christ. We are also to abstain from work on Sunday that could interfere with the attention and worship due to God. God wants us to rest on Sunday to gather strength for the week ahead. "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; and outdo one another in showing honor." (*Romans 12:9-10*)

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