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September 21, 2025
25th 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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Parish email: Administration@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: _____

Would you like to receive weekly envelopes? Yes No

“Do whatever He tells you.”

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



Mass Schedule for This Week

Saturday, September 20th

STS. Andrew Kim, Paul Chong

8:00 a.m. Marie Alix Menoret requested
by Son Antoine

12:00 Noon **CONFESSIONS TODAY**

4:00 p.m. James & Lena Parente requested
by MaryAnn & Peter

Sunday, September 21st

25th Sunday Ordinary Time

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

10:30 a.m. Jeffrey Plourde requested by
OLM Parish Family

Monday, September 22nd Weekday

6:00 p.m. Maryon Hermanowski requested by
Daughter Carol & Granddaughter Patricia

Tuesday, September 23rd St. Paul Pietrelcina, Priest

8:00 a.m. David Wierbicki requested by
Diane & Bob Poplawski

Wednesday, September 24th Weekday

No Mass Today

Thursday, September 25th Weekday

8:00 a.m. Eric Chamberlain requested
by Eric and OLM Choir

Friday, September 26th Weekday

8:00 a.m. Jennifer Petit requested by Dr. Petit

8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, September 27th St. Vincent dePaul, Priest

8:00 a.m. David Palaia and other Special
Intentions

12:00 Noon **CONFESSIONS TODAY**

4:00 p.m. Mass for the People of
Our Lady Mercy Parish

Sunday, September 28th 26th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. John, Charlotte, John Jr., and
David Walko requested by Francine Walko

10:30 a.m. Rev. M. David Dawson & OLM Staff
requested by a grateful parishioner

Next Sat. & Sun. Mass Schedule

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Saturday, September 27th at 4:00 p.m.:

Bob Anderson, Sarah Cassidy

Sunday, September 28th at 8:30 a.m.:

Sophia Winiarski, Francine Walko

Sunday, September 28th at 10:30 a.m.:

Lidia Onisto, Brian Roche

Monday, September 29th at 6:00 p.m.:

Sarah Cassidy



Lectors

Saturday, September 27th at 4:00 p.m.:

Carolyn Martin

Sunday, September 28th at 8:30 a.m.:

Bonnie Miller

Sunday, September 28th at 10:30 a.m.:

Phyllis Roche

Monday, September 29th at 6:00 p.m.:

Janice Gauvin



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 in
memory of: **Gary M. Boukas, Sr.**
requested by: **OLM Parishioners**



A special thanks to the parishioner who
made the prayer quilts for the
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
God Bless .

A special note of thanks

To all the parishioners for the food that
was donated for the month of August to the
Plainville Food Pantry.

**330 Pounds of
Food**

The Donations help the people
in the Plainville community
who are most grateful for your
help. God Bless.



September 14, 2025

Offertory

\$4,615.00

Please place your Donations in the
offertory baskets during the Mass.

Thank you!

For your generous support.
May God Bless You!

Faith Formation Registration 2025-2026

Registration has now begun. Families will be emailed all information shortly. If you are a new family, please email to

ReligiousEducation@olmct.org to be added to our mailing list. Our first gathering will be on **Sunday, September 21st at our 10:30 a.m. Mass.** Classes will begin the week after.

**Faith Formation Registration**

Is now online. Our Families were sent the info to their email. If you did not receive an email you can now Register from the OLM website olmct.org. Just click on the Link for Faith Formation to start the process. If you need more info, you email us at ReligiousEducation@olmct.org or call the Parish Office at 860-747-6825.

The Bulletin Board

Saturday, September 20th

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

Sunday, September 21th

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

10:30 a.m. Faith Formation Mass, Church
Simple reception in Gathering Space

Following 10:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, September 22nd

9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary, *Rm. 102*

6:30 p.m. Scripture Study, *Rm. 102*

Tuesday, September 23rd

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Scripture Study, *Rm. 102*

Wednesday, September 24th No Activities

Thursday, September 25th

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Parish Council Mtg., *Rm.103*

Friday, September 26th No Activities

Saturday, September 27th

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

Sunday, September 28th

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon, Lions' Club Pancake
Festival, Parish Center Gym

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

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me? *Psalms 116: 12-13*

Our Lady of Mercy Picnic 2025

Please join us October 5, 2025 at OLM Parish Center/Grounds for our annual OLM picnic. The fun begins at 12:00 p.m. and will continue until 4:00 p.m.

Tickets will be \$10.00 for adults which will cover everything, children under 12 will be **FREE**. This year, tickets available starting September 13th after Masses.

We will have many activities for children & adults. Activities include: bingo, other games, basket raffle, 50/50, and water balloons. Enjoy our Ice Cream and Baked Potato stations.

Come be a part of the team and meet someone new!

We invite everyone to volunteer for our Parish Family Get-Together.

We also
need basket dona-
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baskets.



The Feast of St. Francis Assisi - Blessing of the Animals

"Deacon Michael will be presiding at the blessing of the animals on Saturday, October 4th at 10:30 a.m. in the overflow parking lot. All creatures great and small are welcome. Please prepare to keep your pets under control at all times and to clean up afterwards if needed".

The Choir returns Sunday October 5th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass!

There is always room for new singers, and no experience is necessary. If any parishioner is interested in joining, please contact Eric Hoffman at music@olmct.org or the Parish office at 860-747-6825. God Bless.



Baby Bottle Boomerang: Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus

Don't forget to save your extra change or dollar bills and stuff the **baby bottle** for **Carolyn's Place: Pregnancy Care Center**. Once it is filled, please return it to OLM collection box which is located in the **Gathering Space of the Church**. The Knights of Columbus will collect the bottles and get them to the Center. Thank you in advance for your generous gift!

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."



Knights of Columbus: "40 Days for Life"

The Knight of Columbus is proud to sponsor once again "40 Days for Life" campaign begins on September 25, 2025. The "40 Days for Life" campaign is bringing an end to the tragedy of abortion and the evil and destruction of innocent life. With Focus on prayers, fasting, and peaceful activism we see God's favor to turn the hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life. The campaign will kick off on September 25, 2025. More info in next week's Bulletin.

Our Lady of Mercy: Annual Tag Sale

It's time for our **OLM Tag Sale** to be held on **October 17th & 18th** in the Parish Center Gym. We will be collecting items for the Tag Sale. Drop off area is behind the OLM Rectory on **October 3rd & 12th**. The Tag Sale will begin at **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** on Friday with an admission charge of \$1 for the first three hours. Saturday is **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** no admission charge. You may contact **Bill Brayne 860-729-7397** to make arrangements.

In Need of Sacrament or Sacraments?

Any person needing to receive their adult sacraments of baptism, first communion, confession, confirmation or any combination of the above, should contact Rev. M. David Dawson or our Religious Education Coordinator, Gina Burby. You can call the Parish office at 860-747-6825 and leave a message for them to call you. Be sure to leave your full name and best call back number.

Some Familiar Questions People Ask

There are certain questions that are asked by multiple people over time. I thought others may have an interest in these repeated questions, so here are some of them:

- ◆ Could we have a morning Mass and an evening Mass on weekdays? (not counting holy days)
On typical weekday a priest is not permitted to do more than one Holy Mass a day unless there is pastoral necessity. (This primarily refers to a funeral or a nursing home Mass etc.)
- ◆ One weekend Mass per week is required to be for the people of the parish every weekend by Canon Law. Usually there is only one intention per Mass, unless it has things that naturally go together like a married couple etc.
- ◆ Yes, a Mass intention may be for something other than a deceased person. Perhaps for the *healing of* (insert name) or to *acquire a good job for* (insert name.) Another great intention is something like *"In gratitude for prayers answered."* If there is an intention that is best not specified in public, we could simply put for *"A special intention"* Yet it will be read as *"For a special intention, to the extent that it conforms to the will of God."*
- ◆ How late can I show up for Mass and the Mass still fulfills my obligation? While we should try to be there early to spiritually prepare ourselves, if something happens and you arrive late; you need to make it by the beginning of the gospel to fulfill your obligation. (There could be others that I just cannot think of at the moment, but these are the most frequent.)
- ◆ When is it not a sin to miss Mass? Illness. Being the only caretaker for someone in need (parent/child/patient etc.). Lack of transportation. Unsafe travel conditions (like ice.) If it's a regular work issue, please talk to your pastor about it sometime to explore options.
- ◆ Vacation is not an excuse to miss Mass. You can talk to your pastor in advance about rare special circumstance.
- ◆ Confession is always necessary before receiving communion when you have missed Mass without an acceptable reason.

Praise be Jesus Christ now and forever.

Rev. M. David Dawson

A Prayer to Saint, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Heavenly King, You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth.

Saint Michael is our protector; I ask him to come to my aid, fight for all my loved ones, and protect us from danger.

Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News; I ask him to help me clearly hear Your voice and to teach me the truth.

Saint Raphael is the healing angel; I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know, lift it up to Your throne of grace and deliver us back to the gift of recovery.

Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of archangels and their desire to serve us. Holy angels, pray for us. *Amen.*

<https://www.dosp.org/our-faith/prayers/a-prayer-to-saint-michael-gabriel-and-raphael-archangels/>

How can I resist temptation? There is only one effective way to resist temptation and that is to say "no". But that is easier said than done. Try these ideas for help: Make a list of what most often leads you to sin. Write your list down and make it complete. Then decide to reject each item on the list. Practice saying "no" when you are alone. Say it out loud if you have to. Don't offer explanations. Just make it a "no". "I don't do that." "That's not me." Remove yourself from temptation. In the Old Testament story of Joseph, his boss's wife "looked at him with longing" and followed him around but Joseph "would not agree to lie with her or even be near her" (Genesis 39:10) Avoid temptation by changing your ways. It is not going to happen immediately. It is a process. There is nothing more important than avoiding sin.

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