

OUR LADY OF *Mercy*

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time  
September 28, 2025**

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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*

Michael Cassella, *Deacon*

Eric Hoffman, *Organist and Music Director*

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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](mailto:Administration@olmct.org)

Parish website: [www.olmct.org](http://www.olmct.org)

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

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**“Do whatever He tells you.”**

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



## Mass Schedule for This Week

**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 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

**Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels**

6:00 p.m. Louis Menoret requested by Son Antoine

**Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> St. Jerome, Priest & Dr.**

8:00 a.m. Patricia J. Mancinelli and other Special Intentions

**Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> St. Theresa of Lisieux, Dr.**  
**No Mass Today**

**Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> The Holy Guardians Angels**

8:00 a.m. Richard LaRose requested by Wife and Family

**Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Santo & Genevieve Aparo requested by Daughter

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

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> St. Francis of Assisi**

8:00 a.m. Barbara Orsie requested by Friends

12:00 Noon **CONFESSIONS TODAY**

4:00 p.m. Marion & David Drezek requested by Karen & Anthony Casale

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

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

10:30 a.m. Helen & Robert Schultz and James J. Davis requested by Davis Family

## Next Sat. & Sun. Mass Schedule

*Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion*

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.:**

Bob Anderson, Anne Wroblewski

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.:**

Sophia Winiarski, Francine Walko

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.:**

Charlene Smith, Jessica Murzyn

**Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.:**

Robert Anderson



### *Lectors*

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.:**

(1) Kathy Roden, (2) Phyllis Roche

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.:**

Greta Moore

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.:**

Nicolas Violette

**Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.:**

Francine Walko



## 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: **Ernest Robertson**

requested by: **Son**



## **The Feast of St. Francis Assisi Blessing of the Animals**

"Deacon Michael will be presiding at the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 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".



**September 21, 2025  
Offertory  
\$4,488.00**

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

**Thank you!**

For your generous support.  
May God Bless You!



## *Recently Deceased*

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

**Gianfranco Marcantonio**

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

### 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 [olmct.org](http://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](mailto:ReligiousEducation@olmct.org)

or call the Parish Office at 860-747-6825.

Classes begin on **September 28, 2025**

9-10:15 a.m. For Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> Grades

5-6:30 p.m. For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

6-6:30 p.m. Parent Meeting for 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grades.



### Franciscan Life Center

**Franciscan Life Center Caregiver's Support Group** for individuals caring for a loved one with dementia will be on Thursday, October 30, and Thursday, November 20, 2025, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at the Franciscan Life Center, 271 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT. For more information, and to register, visit [flcenter.org](http://flcenter.org) or call 203-237-8084.

## The Bulletin Board

**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> No Activities**

**Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**6:30 p.m. Prayer & Worship, *Rm. 101***

**Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> No Activities**

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Parish Picnic Today Parish Center Gym (Tickets available in the Parish Office)**

But, as it is written;

*"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those love him." Corinthians 2:9*

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> after Masses and at the Parish office.

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. Please drop off your donation or baskets to the Parish Center by October 2<sup>nd</sup> which is the last day.

### Our Lady of Mercy: Annual Tag Sale

It's time for our **OLM Tag Sale** to be held on **October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Center Gym. We will be collecting items for the Tag Sale. Drop off area is behind the OLM Rectory on **October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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.



### 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 start on September 25, 2025. See next Bulletin for upcoming dates and times.

### Choir singing is good for the heart, soul and brain!

Are you ready to hear the call for responsibility and service to God and one another through the gift of sung prayer?

For more information, please contact Eric Hoffman at [music@olmct.org](mailto:music@olmct.org) or the Parish Office at 860-747-6825. God bless you!



### Baby Bottle Boomerang Event Starts NEXT WEEKEND!



Next weekend we will be distributing baby bottles after all the Masses to benefit Carolyn's Place, the pregnancy care center in Waterbury. Please take the bottles home and use them to collect your family's spare change. Over the next three weeks, you can return them to the boxes at the rear of the church.

Since 1992, the caring staff and volunteers at Carolyn's Place have assisted in the pregnancies of 1,900 babies. In addition to providing a life-affirming direction to pregnancy decisions, Carolyn's Place provides parenting training programs for expecting mothers and caregivers which allows them to earn necessary items to care for their newborn. Carolyn's Place relies totally on individual donations, so your generosity is greatly appreciated.

St. Therese of Lisieux: St. Therese is also known as the "Little Flower." She lived in France from 1873 to 1897 and is the patron saint of missions. Pope John Paul II, named her a Doctor of the Church and



perhaps her greatest teaching was her spirituality of offering every single "little act" throughout her day as an act of love to God. "Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions or even at their difficulty, but, by our love of which we do them."

- St. Therese

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love." - St. Therese

<https://marian.org>articles>little-flower-st-therese-lisieux> and *The Archives of Carmel of Lisieux*

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol will hold several admission events this fall.

These events give prospective students/families an opportunity to see that there's something greater at St. Paul for the 2026/2027 school year. You can register for all the events at the web addresses below.

**Open Houses - 9/27 or 11/15 tours starting at 10:00 a.m.** [spchs.com/open-house](http://spchs.com/open-house)

**Middle School Fall Festival - 10/17 at 6:30 p.m.** [spchs.com/festival](http://spchs.com/festival)

**Placement Exams - 10/18 or 11/22 starting at 8:00 a.m.** [spchs.com/placementexam](http://spchs.com/placementexam)

We Look forward to seeing you! Thank you for your consideration and God Bless! Please let us know if you have any questions! Michelle Lindquist can be reached at 860-584-0911 Ext. 430.

## Catholic Activity: The Parental Blessing

A beautiful description of the blessing of parents upon their children.

### DIRECTIONS

The parental blessing is as old as humanity. It was practiced among the patriarchs. It is a custom so sacred that it should be called the "sacrament of the domestic hearth." What a devout custom it is for fathers and mothers to bless their children each day, and for children to ask for this blessing.

Priests have the authority to bless the faithful, and parents, too, have the privilege of blessing their children. The prayer which is said for the newly married couple at the Nuptial Mass says:

"May the God of Abraham, the God of Issac, and the God of Jacob bless you. As He sent His angel of peace, the blessed Raphael, so may He shower His blessings upon you. May Almighty God bless you, that you may see your children's children unto the third and fourth generation; and may you afterward have life everlasting."

Every time parents raise their hands in blessing, they draw down God's assistance for their children's welfare in body and soul.

The early Christians blessed their children with the Sign of the Cross. The fathers and mothers of martyrs blessed their loved ones in prison and encouraged them to constancy. It was a practice loved by the mothers of saints. St. Makrina gave her blessing to her grandsons, and with such efficacy that they became great doctors of the Oriental Church: St. Basil of Caesarea and St. Gregory of Nyssa. It is inspiring to read how St. Nonna daily blessed her son, St. Gregory of Nazianzen. Francis de Sales knelt for his parents' benediction. St. Ambrose says: "Whosoever is blessed by his parents is blessed by God."

The parental blessing effects another great good: it is a sacred bond which unites the father and mother in everlasting faithfulness, in perfect love and harmony. The Sign of the Cross, in which they unite to bless their children, reminds them of their solemn promise to remain faithful to each other until death.

### HOW TO GIVE THE PARENTAL BLESSING

Have your children kneel before you. Place your right hand, or both hands on the head of each as you repeat: "God bless you, my child." Then you may take holy water, and with the thumb of the right hand, make the Sign of the Cross upon the forehead, lips and breast, saying: "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The child may answer. "Thank you."

Or one may make the Sign of the Cross in silence upon the forehead or over all the children. Another way is to say, while making the Sign of the Cross on the forehead: "Bless you, my child, in the Name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit."

You may send your blessing to those away from home, or even in purgatory. Send your blessing to your absent children, and at the end of every letter you write them, add: "Your father and mother love you and bless you."

### WHEN TO GIVE THE BLESSING

The parental blessing should be given in the evening after night prayers. It may be given also, when little ones go to school; before they go to confession or receive Holy Communion; when going on a journey, or setting out on a dangerous occupation. Finally, bless your children when lying upon your deathbed. "You may not be rich," says St. Ambrose "you may be unable to bequeath any great possessions to your children, but one thing you can give them: the heritage of your blessing, and it is better to be blessed than to be rich." St. Louis, King of France, realized this and at the end of his life, wrote to his son: "I give you every blessing that a loving father can give a son. May the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity and all the saints protect you from every evil."

So bless your children daily, especially in these times when the dangers surrounding youth threaten their innocence, their futures, their very lives and eternal salvation.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=1250>

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