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**28th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
October 12, 2025**

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Sunday Vigil (Saturday): 4:00 p.m. – Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Daily Mass: Monday 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 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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*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

Friday, October 10th Weekday
 8:00 a.m. **No Mass Today**

Saturday, October 11th Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Jo & Dom Forcella requested by their Children
 12:00 Noon **Confessions Today**
 4:00 p.m. Manuel Custodio requested by Family 12th Anniversary

Sunday, October 12th 28th 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 Micheline, Noel, and Rejean

Monday, October 13th Weekday
 6:00 p.m. Rev. M. David Dawson and OLM Staff by a Grateful Parishioner

Tuesday, October 14th Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Hayley Petit requested by Dr. W. Petit

Wednesday, October 15th St. Teresa, Virgin & Dr. No Mass Today

Thursday, October 16th Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Yvon Quirion requested by his Wife

Friday, October 17th St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bp.
 8:00 a.m. Alice Schulze requested by Family
 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, October 18th Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Fr. Hazzard requested by Mary Dawson
 12:00 Noon **Confessions Today**
 4:00 p.m. Mass for the People of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Sunday, October 19th 29th Sunday Ordinary Time
 8:30 a.m. Gary Boukus Sr. requested by Leona
 10:30 a.m. Philip Plourde requested by Wife Theresa

A note of thanks from Carol the Yarn Lady to all the people who donated yarn. May God Bless You All.



October 5, 2025
Offertory
\$6,058.00

Please place your Donations in the offertory baskets during the Mass.
Thank you!
 For your generous support.
 May God Bless You!

Next Sat. & Sun. Mass Schedule

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Saturday, October 18th at 4:00 p.m.:
 Bob & Judy Anderson

Sunday, October 19th at 8:30 a.m.:
 Leona Bisson, Sophia Winiarski

Sunday, October 19th at 10:30 a.m.:
 Lidia Onisto, Jessica Murzyn

Monday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m.:
 Brian Roche



Lectors

Saturday, October 18th at 4:00 p.m.:
 Carolyn Martin

Sunday, October 19th at 8:30 a.m.:
 Francine Walko

Sunday, October 19th at 10:30 a.m.:
 Rob Michalik

Monday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m.:
 Bonnie Miller



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: **Leonardo Spinelli** requested by: **Niece Lucy & Family**



Dear Choir, because of circumstances beyond my control, Choir will not start up till Sunday, October 19, 2025 as shown on your calendar.

Those who have not been cleared with VIRTUS, it is imperative that gets taken care of before returning to the Choir. Call Eric Hoffman for any questions at 860-747-6825.

SUNDAY REMINDER

The Church requires that Catholics participate in Mass on Sunday 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; outdo one another in showing honor."
 (Romans 12:9-10)

The Bulletin Board

Saturday, October 11th
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AA, Back to Basics, *Rm. 103*
Sunday, October 12th
 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. **K of C Breakfast, Gym**
 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon, AA, *Rm. 103*
Monday, October 13th
 9:30 a.m. **Legion of Mary, Rm. 102**
Tuesday, October 14th
 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **Scripture Study, Rm. 102**
 6:30 p.m. **Scripture Study, Rm. 102**
Wednesday, October 15th No Activities
Thursday, October 16th
 5:00 p.m. **St. Anthony Society Meeting, Rm. 102**
Friday, October 17th
 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **OLM Tag Sale, Gym**
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 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AA, Back to Basics, *Rm. 103*
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Sunday, October 19th
 8:30 a.m. After Mass Coffee & Donuts
 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon, AA, *Rm. 103*

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 Ctr., 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 \$1.00 for the first three hours. Saturday is **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, no admission charge. Contact **Bill Brayne 860-729-7397** to make arrangements.

Come and find your Treasure!



The K of C will be hosting their monthly Breakfast on October 12, 2025
 From 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
 Parish Center Gym
Adults: \$7.00; Seniors \$6.00
Children under 12 Free.



Sweaters for Vets

The Human Needs and Social Justice Committee in conjunction with Operation Sweaters for Veterans is sponsoring a collection of new sweaters, sweatshirts, gloves and hats with the tags attached for veterans in men's and women's sizes. The collection will take place from **Oct. 18th - Nov. 9th**. Items can be placed in Collection bins in the gathering space at church. Thank you in advance for supporting our veterans!



The Traveling Statue of Mary: We encourage our parishioners to sign up for The Traveling Statue of Mary. Invite family and friends to pray together. Remember the Rosary is the most powerful weapon against evil. It is a very rewarding experience. The sign up sheet is to the left of the altar, with the Statue and case next to the baby grand piano. What a beautiful experience!

St. Anthony's Society Cookie Walk Saturday Oct. 25th & Sunday Oct. 26th

Cookie walk will take place after all the Masses on this weekend.



St. Anthony Society Meeting will be on Thurs., Oct. 16, 2025, Room 102 at 5:00 p.m.

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will hold a blood drive on Friday, October 24, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Ctr. Gym.

Wow 220 lbs. of Food Donated to the Plainville Food Pantry.

A special note of thanks to all the parishioners for the food that was donated for the month of September to the Plainville Food Pantry. The Donations help the people in the Plainville community who are most grateful for your help. God Bless to you all.



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.



October is the Month of the Rosary: Pray a Rosary



October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary."

Father Dawson is asking the parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy to establish a Rosary prayer service daily through the Month of October.

The rosary will be opened to all people. It will be conducted by the parishioners in the Church Monday through Friday at 6 p.m. daily through October. On Monday's, October 6, 13, 20, and the 27th: the Rosary will follow a 6 p.m. Mass. **We need volunteers to lead each prayer service during October.** There will be a table in the gathering area for signing up and to ask questions.

Devotion to the Rosary is one of the most distinguishable features of Catholic spirituality. The Rosary inspires us to meditate on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary. Meditation is an important part of our lives as Catholics. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, meditation "engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart and strengthen our will to follow Christ."

For Questions call Dan Ciesielski 860-747-4429

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Baby Bottle Boomerang Event UNDERWAY!



Thanks to all the people who took baby bottles last weekend. All proceeds go to benefit Carolyn's Place, the pregnancy care center located in Waterbury - serving our community. Over the next two weeks you can return the bottles to the boxes at the rear of the church.

For over 32 years the caring staff and volunteers at Carolyn's Place have worked hard at giving every young pregnant woman the needed support, love and information to make the choice of life for her baby. Through their education programs they confront and blunt the message of promiscuity and false love that permeates our society. Online, they present the choice to contact a life-affirming agency that won't lead them to have an abortion. On-site, those facing an unplanned pregnancy have an opportunity to meet their unborn child through our ultrasound program, discuss parenting options with a supportive client advocate, obtain referrals for the numerous agencies that can offer additional support and attend a hand-on parenting preparation program lead by qualified instructors.

Carolyn's Place relies totally on individual donations, so every bottle helps a person in need.

We have a very special time of the year coming up!

We have a very special time of the year coming up. *November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints.*

We celebrate everyone who is in Heaven, the known and the unknown. *November 2nd is*

All Soul's Day., we will pray for all of our beloved dead. Praying for the dead is an act of mercy.

One of the most well-known prayers is the one by Saint Gertrude the Great: *Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.*

If you have a loved one who has died, it is right and just to have holy Masses celebrated for them. Souls in Purgatory can do nothing for their own benefit or merit. They are in absolute need of prayers, and of course the greatest prayer is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Lately, there has been a growing tragedy of people not having holy Masses said for their loved ones when they have died. There is nothing wrong with funeral home services, but they are infinitely inferior to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass when Christ Himself is present in the Eucharist.

Having a parent or grandparent who was a lifelong practitioner of the faith and choosing not to have a Mass for them is a sin against the fourth commandment. If you have a loved one who never got a Mass, it is not too late even if they died decades ago. If you were not the next of kin, you need not make a public showing or statement about. Just request a Mass. If you do not have the means, you can still ask.

Also, such things can be done through various religious organizations:
(Shrine of Divine Mercy, Pious Union of St. Joseph, Aid to the Church in Need, etc.)

Praise be Jesus Christ now and forever.

Rev. M. David Dawson



Why do Catholics honor Saints?

Canonization is the process through which the Church acknowledges that, after an extensive investigation, a person demonstrated extraordinary virtue and is now in Heaven, face-to-face with God. Saints are offered to us as spiritual guides as to lead us to God. The saints are real people who faced problems similar to our own. They allowed God's grace to transform them. When we are facing difficulties, trials and temptations, we can look to the saints and be encouraged by their faithfulness.

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***A wise man's heart inclines him toward the right,
but a fool's heart toward the left.***

Ecclesiastes 10:2

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