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November 9, 2025
The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica

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Born as a Mission of Bristol in 1864 and
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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, November 8th Weekday

8:00 a.m. Paula Soltis requested by
Sophia & Sarah

12:00 Noon **Confessions Today**

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

Sunday, November 9th

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8:30 a.m. Carol Accousti requested by Mary Ann

10:30 a.m. Yvon Quirion requested by Wife

1:00 p.m. Mass for First Responders

Reception to follow in Parish Center Gym

Monday, November 10th St. Leo the Great, Pope

6:00 p.m. Jeffrey Plourde requested by
Micheline ,Noel and Rejean

Tuesday, November 11th St. Martin of Tours, Bp.

8:00 a.m. Roger Bogdan requested by Patti Reilly

Wednesday, November 12th St. Josaphat, Bp.

No Mass Today

Thursday, November 13th St. Frances Xavier, Virgin

8:00 a.m. Lous Menoret requested by Son

Friday, November 14th Weekday

8:00 a.m. Francis Andros requested
by Francine Andros

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

Saturday, November 15th Weekday

8:00 a.m. Nora Cavanaugh requested by a Friend

12:00 Noon **Confessions Today**

4:00 p.m. Tim Conlon requested by
Steven & Sharyn Conlin

Sunday, November 16th

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 a.m. The Kozlowski Family requested
by Lorraine DeMicco

Next Sat. & Sun. Mass Schedule

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Saturday, November 15th at 4:00 p.m.:

Anne Wroblewski, Sarah Cassidy

Sunday, November 16th at 8:30 a.m.:

Leona Bisson, Francine Walko

Sunday, November 16th at 10:30 a.m.:

Lidia Onisto, Brian Roche

Monday, November 17th at 6:00 p.m.:

Brian Roche



Lectors

Saturday, November 15th at 4:00 p.m.:

(1) Kathy Roden (2) Carolyn Martin

Sunday, November 16th at 8:30 a.m.:

Jeffrey Boyle

Sunday, November 16th at 10:30 a.m.:

(1) Brennan Hughes (2) Carol Haddad

Monday, November 17th 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 for the
in memory of: **Charlotte Sienna**

Requested by: **Maryann & Jim Davis**



First Responders of Plainville

On behalf of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, our
Staff, Parishioners and myself; I want to express
our profound gratitude for all you do in service to
our town. Within the Roman Catholic Church,

the highest prayer we can offer is the
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We would like
to invite you, and your families to a special

**Mass for First Responders of Plainville
at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 9th
at Our Lady of Mercy Church.**



Recently Deceased

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

Frances Belli & Winnie Guay

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, "Lord."



November 2, 2025 Offertory \$5,245.25

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



The Bulletin Board

Saturday, November 8th

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

Sunday, November 9th

8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. K of C Breakfast, *Gym*

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

2:00 P.M. Legion of Mary Curia Mtg., *Rm. 102*

Monday, November 10th

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

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

Tuesday, November 11th

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

Wednesday, November 12th No Activities

Thursday, November 13th No Activities

Friday, November 14th No Activities

Saturday, November 15th

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

Sunday, November 16th

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



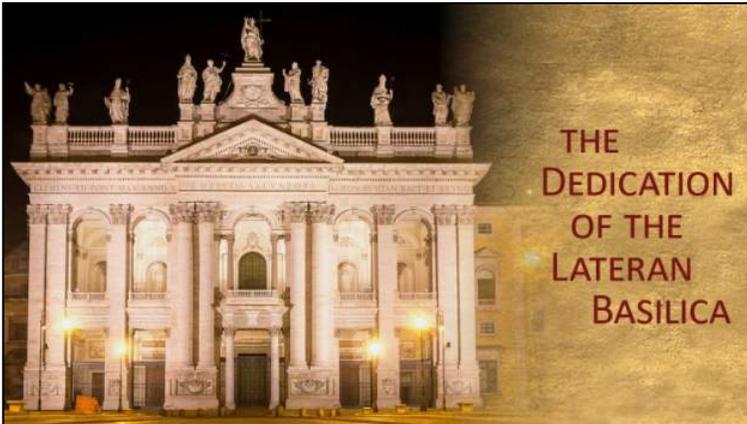
**Get into the Spirit of
Christmas!**

**Come and help make
Christmas cards for
Apple Rehab.**

**Christmas Card Kits available in
the Church Gathering space
on the Oak table for
Saturday, November 8th and
Sunday, November 9th
after all Masses.
Please help yourself.**

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Sunday, November 9, 2025



“To dedicate or consecrate” a place to God is a ritual that is found in every religion. To “reserve” a place to God is an act of recognizing His glory and honor. When the Emperor Constantine granted full liberty to Christians in 313, they did not spare in order to construct places for the Lord – numerous are the churches constructed at that time. Constantine himself also constructed churches, one of which was a magnificent basilica on the Caelian Hill in Rome, over the ancient Lateran Palace, which Pope Sylvester I dedicated to Christ the Savior (318 or 324).

A chapel dedicated to Saint John the Baptist was built inside it which served as the baptistry. This moved Pope Sergius III to dedicate it to Saint John the Baptist as well. Lastly, Pope Lucius II also dedicated it to Saint John the Evangelist in the 12th century. Thus, the name of this Papal Basilica is the Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. Christians consider the Basilica to be the **mother church of all churches in the world**.

The church was destroyed several times in the course of the centuries, and always rebuilt. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/dedication-of-the-lateran-basilica-.html>

Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne Directs \$500,000 in Emergency Funding to Local Food Banks to Address SNAP Shortfalls

At the direction of Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal has released \$500,000 in emergency funding to food banks throughout Hartford, Litchfield, and New Haven counties to address current shortfalls that SNAP recipients may be experiencing as a result of the federal government shutdown. These emergency funds are in addition to the funding that is regularly distributed from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal to these food banks.

As has been widely reported through national and local media, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, ran out of money on Saturday, November 1st due to the federal government shutdown. SNAP is the largest food stamp program of its kind in the United States, providing financial assistance to 42 million Americans.

"The Catholic Church provides relief and hope for God's children. It's what we have done for over 2,000 years and what we continue to do today," says Archbishop Coyne. "In the spirit of Jesus' command to serve our brothers and sisters in need, I am pleased today to release \$500,000 in funding from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal to food banks throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford. These funds will help to ensure that those who rely on SNAP benefits for nourishment can still put food on the table for themselves and their families."

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is a yearly fundraising initiative spearheaded by the Archbishop of Hartford with the intention of raising and distributing funds to organizations and ministries that serve communities throughout Hartford, Litchfield, and New Haven counties.



Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 – 1917) Compassionate Caregiver; Patron Saint of Immigrants. Caring for others was fundamental to Mother Cabrini's sense of mission; which she began with a profound sense of caring for orphans, for the poor and for immigrants. To her, this would have been the highest expression of charity and a true imitation of Jesus who reached out to care for all: sinners, tax-collectors, prostitutes, lepers, the lame, the blind and the sick. Mother Cabrini's charity was practical, down-to-earth and concrete. She insisted that "Today, love cannot be hidden; it must become active, living and true." Mother Cabrini was a vigilant advocate for immigrants with a compassionate heart. For that reason, she was declared universal Patroness of Immigrants by Pope Pius XII. The Church challenges us to continue this tradition of care-giving today "to the poorest and most abandoned, including the sick, the elderly, and the disabled; those who are marginalized, the victims of abuse and human trafficking; and those who have fled their homeland to seek solace and safety. May we continue to respond with compassionate care.

<http://franciscanaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Migrants-Novena.pdf>,

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frances_Xavier_Cabrini

Prayer: Almighty and Eternal Father, Giver of all Gifts, show us Thy mercy, and grant, we beseech Thee, through the merits of Thy faithful Servant, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, that all who invoke her intercession may obtain what they desire according to the good pleasure of Thy Holy Will. (here name your request) St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, beloved spouse of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, intercede for us that the favor we now ask may be granted.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resource/55388/prayer-to-st-frances-xavier-cabrini>

Apostolic Pardon?

Have you ever heard of the Apostolic Pardon? It is a prayer that a priest prays in the presence of a Catholic who is actively dying. If the person is (or would have been) repentant, it mitigates all Purgatory. It can only be effectively used for the ACTIVELY DYING. It is typically done in conjunction with “Anointing of the Sick,” if it is clearly an end of life situation.

Sadly, some priests do not know it or do not place sufficient value on it. I strongly recommend that you cut it out and put it in your wallet. Perhaps take a picture with your phone and save the picture where you can easily find it. If the priest says he does not have it with him, you can hand it to the priest. Here is the prayer:

“By the authority which the Apostolic See has given me, I grant you a full pardon and the remission of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Praise be Jesus Christ now and forever

Rev. M. David Dawson



God is love

We call God “Creator,” “Savior,” “Father,” yet when we really want to understand who He is, one word is enough. God is love. *“Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.”* (1 John 4:8). Love is the very nature and essence of God Himself. He doesn’t just love, He is love. In fact, that’s why He created us, so we can have a share in that love.

We are not simply swept up in the good will God has toward all his creations. He loves each of us as individuals and that love is never-ending and unconditional. *“Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name”* (Isaiah 49:15-16). This is not necessarily because we are good; we can’t possibly earn the vast love He has for us. But the good news is we can’t lose it either.

Because He loves us so much, He denies us nothing that will draw us closer to him and to life in Heaven. *“For God so loved the world,”* Jesus declared, *“that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”* (John 3:16).

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