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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, December 27<sup>th</sup> St. John, Apostle & Evg.**

8:00 a.m. Mass for all those who have never had a Funeral Mass

12:00 Noon **Confessions Today**

4:00 p.m. Louis Avitabile requested by Daughter Karen

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

**The Holy Family Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

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

10:30 a.m. Walter Duksa requested by Wife

**Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave**

6:00 p.m. Regina Berube requested by George & Simone Bouchard

**Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave**

8:00 a.m. Edith Procko, Regina Berube and Verna Boucher requested by The Legion of Mary

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**7<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave**

No Mass today

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Day of Obligation**

**The Octave Day of The Nativity of the Lord**

**9:00 a.m. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> Saint Basil the Great and**

**Saint Gregory Nazianzen, Bps. & Dr. of Church**

8:00 a.m. Joshua Buckley requested by the Peterson Family

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

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Mass for the Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

12:00 Noon **Confessions Today**

4:00 p.m. Tracy Levesque Monniere requested by the Levesque Family

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany of the Lord**

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

10:30 a.m. John James Davis, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, requested by Mom, Dad & Matt Davis

**Next Sat. & Sun. Mass Schedule**

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.:**

Bob A. , Judy A.

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.:**

Leona B., Francine W.

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.:**

Brian R., Charlene S.

**Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.:**

Bob A.

Pectors

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.:**

Carol D.

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.:**

Bonnie M.

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.:**

Rob M.

**Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.:**

Janice G.



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: **Eugene & Julia Humai**

Requested by: **Daughter Catherine**



**Recently Deceased**

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

**Francis Lux, John Musshorn, Sr.**

**Walter J. Salamon**

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



*The week of December 14, 2025  
The Tabernacle candle was flickering  
for Leo & Irene Charette  
for their generosity on behalf of  
The St. Anthony Society.*



**December 14, 2025 Offertory \$4,619.00**

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, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> No Activities**

**1:00 p.m. Parish office closing**

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> Happy New Year!**

**Parish office closed today**

**Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> No Activities**

**Parish office open today**

**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

St. Anthony Society Christmas Luncheon  
will be on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at  
Lola's at 1:00 p.m.

*Let the peace of Christ  
control your hearts;  
let the word of Christ dwell  
in you richly. Colossians 3:15a, 16a*

## The Christmas Wafer - Oplatki

Christmas wafer (Polish: *opłatek*, plural *opłatki*; Lithuanian: *kalėdaitis*, plural *kalėdaičiai*; Slovak: *oblátka*, plural *oblátky*) is a Catholic Christmas tradition celebrated in Poland,<sup>[1]</sup> Lithuania,<sup>[1]</sup> Moravia,<sup>[2]</sup> and Slovakia.<sup>[3]</sup> The custom is traditionally observed during *Kūčios* in Lithuania and *Wigilia* in Poland on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

The unleavened wafers are baked from pure wheat flour and water, are usually rectangular in shape<sup>[4]</sup> and very thin; they are identical in composition to the altar bread that becomes the Eucharist at the consecration during Mass in the Roman Catholic Church. The Oplatki wafers are embossed with Christmas-related religious images, varying from the nativity scene, especially Virgin Mary with baby Jesus, to the Star of Bethlehem.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas\\_wafer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_wafer)

### The Christmas Wafers Oplatki

**Are available for you at the Parish Office  
for \$3.00. First come first served.**



**Many Thanks for Your Generosity:** The Knights of Columbus and Carolyn's Place wish to thank all of the generous people who donated their dollars to the Baby Bottle Drive which took place last month. This year's Drive was the most successful yet. We collected a grand total of \$2763.35! Thank you so much for all you donated.

.... Remembering the word of the Lord Jesus, he said,

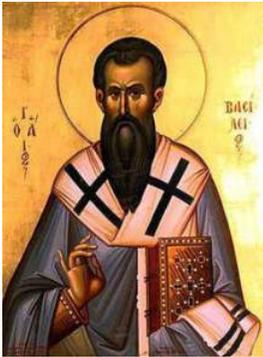
***"It is more blessed to give than to receive."***

*Acts 20:35*



**The Shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph  
and the infant lying in the manger. Luke 2:16**

Birthright of Greater Hartford, Inc. would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to the baby clothing collection. It affirms our guiding principle: It is the right of every pregnant women to give birth and the right of every child to be born. For the love of the born and preborn, and the love of mother and child.



## **Saint Basil the Great's - Feast Day Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Saint Basil the Great was on his way to becoming a famous teacher when he decided to begin a religious life of gospel poverty. After studying various modes of religious life, he founded what was probably the first monastery in Asia Minor. He is to monks of the East what Saint Benedict is to the West, and Basil's principles influence Eastern monasticism today.

He was ordained a priest, assisted the archbishop of Caesarea—now southeastern Turkey—and ultimately became archbishop himself, in spite of opposition from some of the bishops under him, probably because they foresaw coming reforms.

Arianism, one of the most damaging heresies in the history of the Church which denied the divinity of Christ, was at its height. Emperor Valens persecuted orthodox believers, and put great pressure on Basil to remain silent and admit the heretics to communion. Basil remained firm, and Valens backed down. But trouble remained. When the great Saint Athanasius died, the mantle of defender of the faith against Arianism fell upon Basil. He strove mightily to unite and rally his fellow Catholics who were crushed by tyranny and torn by internal dissension. He was misunderstood, misrepresented, accused of heresy and ambition. Even appeals to the pope brought no response. "For my sins I seem to be unsuccessful in everything."

Saint Basil the Great was tireless in pastoral care. He preached twice a day to huge crowds, built a hospital that was called a wonder of the world—as a youth he had organized famine relief and worked in a soup kitchen himself—and fought the prostitution business.

Basil was best known as an orator. Though not recognized greatly in his lifetime, his writings rightly place him among the great teachers of the Church. Seventy-two years after his death, the Council of Chalcedon described him as "the great Basil, minister of grace who has expounded the truth to the whole earth."

**Reflection:** As the French say, "The more things change, the more they remain the same." Basil faced the same problems as modern Christians. Sainthood meant trying to preserve the spirit of Christ in such perplexing and painful problems as reform, organization, fighting for the poor, maintaining balance and peace in misunderstanding.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-basil-the-great/>

[https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=261](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=261)

### **The Legion of Mary**

Meets at the Parish Center at 9:30 a.m. every Monday in Room 102. The Legion of Mary is open to men and women who would like to join us in our ministry. Drop in to see what we are all about.

One of our main ministries is to visit the homebound and people at convalescent homes. If you know of a parishioner who would like a friendly visit, please contact the Parish Center office for more information at

**860-747-6825.**

We look forward to meeting you!

### **New to the Our Parish?**

If you are new to our parish and wish to become a member of Our Lady of Mercy, please register and we invite you to introduce yourself to our

Pastor, Rev. M. David Dawson.

Registration can be completed by calling the Parish Office at 860-747-6825, filling in the short form on the front of the bulletin and dropping it in the Offertory Baskets or by mailing it in to the office:

**Our Lady of Mercy Parish  
19 S. Canal Street  
Plainville, CT 06062**

## “2026” - Will you make this a holy year for you and your family?

2026 is right around the corner. Will you make this a holy year for you and your family? What definite actions can you take, to plan on growing closer to our savior? How will you be different at the end of 2026 than you are now? Here are a few suggestions:

- Schedule time to pray and at least a minimum itinerary of things you will do in that time.
- Keep a bible where you can get to it, and pick up a highlighter so you can more easily get back to what strikes you.
- Learn about a saint who is new to you.
- Get a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church to better understand the what and why of our faith.
- **Start a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This June the entire country will be consecrated to the Sacred Heart, wouldn't it be great if you made it more meaningful to you and your family.**
- Perhaps make a list of all the loved ones you have lost over your life and rotate praying for their souls.
- Find a way to get involved in Church.
- Start reading the mass readings, prior to the Mass to get a better grasp on them.
- A gratitude list is always a helpful spiritual exercise.
- Memorize a prayer or two that you don't currently have down pat.
- A family rosary.

**When 2027 gets here be someone closer to the Lord than you are now.**



***Praise be Jesus Christ now and forever  
Rev. M. David Dawson***



## Prayer to the Holy Family



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

*Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 325*

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/prayers/prayer-to-the-holy-family.html>, clipground.com

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