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January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord

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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 Saturday 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

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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, January 3rd 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 4th 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, 3rd Anniversary, requested by Mom, Dad & Matt Davis

Monday, January 5th St. John Neumann, Bishop
 6:00 p.m. Robert Berube requested by Simone Bouchard

Tuesday, January 6th Christmas Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Mass intentions for the end of Violence

Wednesday, January 7th Christmas Weekday
 No Mass today

Thursday, January 8th Christmas Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Joaquin Sastre requested by Cousins

Friday, January 9th Christmas Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Marie Alex Menoret requested by Son
 8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 10th Christmas Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Kitty & Titter Conlin requested by Friends
 12:00 Noon **Confessions Today**
 4:00 p.m. Eugene & Julia Humai requested by Family

Sunday, January 11th The Baptism of the Lord
 8:30 a.m. Marge Babin requested by Family
 10:30 a.m. Mass for the People of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

We have seen a star at its rising and have come to do him homage. Matthew 2:2



**December 21, 2025
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Please place your Donations in the offertory baskets during the Mass. **Thank you!** For your generous support. May God Bless You!



Knights of Columbus

Breakfast which will take place on **Sunday, January 11th at 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** in the **Parish Ctr, Gym**, kids 12 and under are **FREE!**

Next Sat. & Sun. Mass Schedule

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Saturday, January 10th at 4:00 p.m.:
 Bob A. , Judy A.

Sunday, January 11th at 8:30 a.m.:
 Leona B., Sophia W.

Sunday, January 11th at 10:30 a.m.:
 Jessica M., Lidia O.

Monday, January 12th at 6:00 p.m.:
 Sarah C.



Pectors

Saturday, January 10th at 4:00 p.m.:
 Susan C.

Sunday, January 11th at 8:30 a.m.:
 Greta M.

Sunday, January 11th at 10:30 a.m.:
 Phyllis R.

Monday, January 12th at 6:00 p.m.:
 Bonnie M.



The Bulletin Board

Saturday, January 3rd
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AA, Back to Basics, *Rm. 103*

Sunday, January 4th
 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon, AA, *Rm. 103*

Monday, January 5th
 9:30 a.m. **Legion of Mary**, *Rm. 102*
 6:30 p.m. **Scripture Study**, *Rm. 102*

Tuesday, January 6th
 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **Scripture Study**, *Rm. 102*

Wednesday, January 7th No Activities

Thursday, January 8th No Activities

Friday, January 9th No Activities

Saturday, January 10th
 1:00 p.m. **St. Anthony's Holiday Lunch** at Lola's Restaurant
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AA, Back to Basics, *Rm. 103*

Sunday, January 11th
 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon, AA, *Rm. 103*

Recently Deceased

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

Anna Fangiuillo

Albert Ruwell

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, "Lord."





Christmas Flower Offerings



In Loving Honor/Memory of the Following:

The Pavio & Anderson Families
Francis Andros
Louis Avitable Sr & Olga Pospolita
Joan Murphy & William Purpura
Robert & Pauline Brousseau
Marge Babin
The Bernosky & Jankoski Family
Leon & Ann Wrobel
Philip & Joyce Brasile
Gladys Westergren
Jim Hines
Steve Carter
Frank & Julia Casale & All Souls
Eric Chamberlain
Mary & Don D'Alesandro
Sharon D'Alesandro Bannon
The Healey & Cianchetti Families
Mark Ciesielski
The Ciesielski, O'Sick & Zapor Families
Berry
Joseph, Fern, Elmer Cyr & Silvia Plante
Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Cyr
Norman, Mederise & Arthur Bournival
Mr. & Mrs. Pieta & Czerepuszko Families
Raymond D'Amato
June, Don, Scott & Todd Norton
James John Davis & Helen Schultz
Robert Davis, George & Helen Antalori
Ray & Mary Davis
Our families and friends
Bryan, Pam and Jeff
Grandpa Flynn, Grandma Lucy Collura
Davis & Laurie Deschaines
The Devlin & Sherlock Families
Perino DiBenedetto

Rita Chasse
Laura Dominique
Ollie Michaud & Linda Soucie
Barbara Murphy
Walter Duksa, Walter & Anna Duksa
Dom, Jean and Dom Jr. Woznis
Raymond Lambert & Linda Dupere
Robert & Josephine Roberts
James Gallagher
Matthew W LaBarre Jr & Daniel Gill
James & Lena Parente
Pietro & Phyliss Giola
Sister Rose Angeline Parente
Morris Mirizio
The Mom's, Dad's & The Grandparents
Marianna & Kryauria Sawicki
Marlin Shamonei & Laier Hormoz
The Hoynes & Wilcox Families
The McDonnell & Nicoll Families
The Cook, Horner, Isley & Kilfoyle Families
Eugene & Julia Humai
Miguelina, Rosa & Avelina Santos
Juan Carlos Irizarry & Ramon Santos
The Dellaquila & Heslin Families
Marianne Wermter & Bobbi Hampson
Mark & Alexander Koza
Jerzy Marczak & Gary Bliven
Debra Kulas
Richard LaRose
Mr. & Mrs. Herb LaRose
Mr. & Mrs. Vittorio Mastrobattista
Mr. & Mrs. William Fiondella
Mr. & Mrs. Authr Legere
The Lemire & Burr Families
Robert Wheeler





Christmas Flower Offerings



In Loving Honor/Memory of the Following:

Mr. & Mrs. K. Merciniak
Joseph , Rita & Paul Lepore
G.G & G.G Hushin
Deceased Members of the Renaud Family
Deceased Members of the Lepore Family
The Lizon & Manierre Families
Philip & Mary Apruzzese
Brian McCarthy & Carol Accousti
Phyllis & Sebastian Boscarino
The McConachie & Schmarr Families
Violet & Betty Mather
Ralph & Angela Scheidel
Deceased Members of the Michalik Family
Deceased Members of the Scheidel Family
Aurelio & Taribia Culling
Cesar & Asuncion Culling
Rodrigo & Analceta Nanez
Jesusimo & Gertrudes Tionges
Esteban Battunga and Ernie Radulfo
Mieczyslaw & Luolwika Nowicki
Edward Nowicki
Zenon, Marto & Marion Hawrylak
Richard Osipowicz
Patrick Ouellette Sr
Margaret & Joseph Panus
Laura Kilgour & Mary Buraczynski
The Devlin & Sherlock Families
Jennifer Lynn Petit
Hayley Elizabeth Petit
Michaela Rose Petit
James Nelson Galliher
Gil & Georgette Plourde
Mr. & Mrs. Armond Raimondi
Vera & Matthew Roche
Jennie Wieliczko & Frank Adamik

Helen Taricani & Anthony Saraceno
Evelyn Korowlothy
Robert Schultz
Alice, Kurt & Peter Schulze
Charles, William & Gertrude Jones
Rev. Harold Henirich & Ervin Heinrich
The Bielaska & Sencio Families
The Smialowski Family
Joe & Ellie Silverio
Joe & Pauline Blanchette
Lillian Folger, Bob O'Dea
Lucy, Paul & Robert Esbaner
Lorraine & David Benoit
Peter & Polly Daddario
Mom & Dad, Diane, Andy & Spider
Mary & Michael Samperi
John Vealencis, & Minnie Lopes
Denis & Reagan Vidal
Kelly, Painter & Vincent
The Guerriere Family
Reiner, Carl & Heinz Dippelhofer
The Violette and related Families
Elizabeth & Louis Visone & Robert Roy
Terry Deshaine & Margaret Pelletier
Emily & Albert Inzirari
Milla & Angelo Mallozzi
Charlotte, John, Jack & David Walko
John J. Egri & Andrew William Egri
Anthony & Frances Ronewicz
Evan Michael Zenuh



“Holy Face Aspiration”

An Aspiration to the Eternal Father (to be frequently recited during the day)

Eternal Father, we offer Thee the Holy Face of Jesus, covered with blood, sweat, dust and spittle, in reparation for the crimes of communists, blasphemers, and for the profaners of the Holy Name and of the Holy Day of Sunday. Amen.

Epiphany House Blessing

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

It is a long-held Catholic tradition to bless one's home on (or near) the celebration of the Epiphany by using chalk to write a special inscription above the home's entrance. This weekend, we are blessing chalk at Mass for you to take home and participate in this tradition.

If you are unable to attend Mass at Our Lady this weekend, you can bless chalk at home yourself! You can find the blessing to do so below.

The inscription written over the door changes every year. For this year, you should write: “20 + C + M + B + 26.”

The Letters C, M, and B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They are also the first letters of the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless the house.” The + signs represent the cross, and 2023 is the year.

Blessing the Chalk

The chalk is/was/will be blessed in Church

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Optional Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-16.

Also optional, you can sprinkle holy water in each room of your house while singing hymns or praying the rosary. Then gather at the front door to your home.

Using the blessed chalk, mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step, or a wall within your home) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 26

Saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty-three years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then say the following prayer:

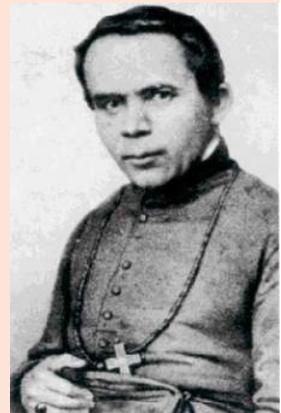
Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.

Saint John Neumann - January 5, 2025

Saint John Neumann was born in what is now the Czech Republic. After studying in Prague, he came to New York at 25 and was ordained a priest. He did missionary work in New York until he was 29, when he joined the Redemptorists and became its first member to profess vows in the United States. He continued missionary work in Maryland, Virginia and Ohio, where he became popular with the Germans. At 41, as bishop of Philadelphia, he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, increasing the number of pupils almost twentyfold within a short time.

Gifted with outstanding organizing ability, he drew into the city many teaching communities of sisters and the Christian Brothers. During his brief assignment as vice provincial for the Redemptorists, he placed them in the forefront of the parochial movement.

Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching, on October 13, 1963, Saint John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified. Canonized in 1977, he is buried in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Philadelphia. He was the patron saint of education and teachers.



<https://faith.nd.edu/saint/st-john-neumann/>, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-neumann>

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:

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19 S. Canal Street
Plainville, CT 06062**

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord. Matthew 2:2

Winter Is Coming!

Whether you love it or loathe it, it is a fact. This always leads to questions like: "If there is bad weather do I still need to go to Mass?" That is a fair question. Here are some things to consider when reaching a decision.:

Can I confidently get to Mass and back home safely?

Would I be willing to go to the Superbowl or anywhere else in this weather?

Christ is more important than even Superbowl tickets!

With my health is it prudent to go to Mass in these conditions?

A related question: Will there still be Mass when there is bad weather? I live across the street from the Church. By God's holy grace; I do not have another church to get to, so its pretty easy for me to be here. If the weather were so very bad, that I cannot get there, you probably should not be considering it.

People's Generosity is Always a Magnificent Gift to our Parish

We continue to celebrate this Christmas season. People's generosity is always a magnificent gift to our parish. I hope I don't forget anyone, but I apologize in advance if I do.

Our Lady of Mercy has been blessed with a wide array of donated talents, resources, gifts and of course prayer.

Thank you to everyone who has been making this Christmas season so special.

In no particular order:

- Those who have assisted with the visual and auditory arts in our parish. (Music, singing, decorating inside and outside of the church and rectory.)
- Everyone who invited anyone to our liturgies and/or confessions
- Those who assist during liturgies:
 - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 - Altar Servers
 - Sacristans
 - Ushers
 - Altar Society
 - Readers
- Every helpful person employed by our parish
- Those who dug a little deeper to help with growing expenses
- Those who pray for our parish. This is a critical and undervalued need of our parish
- The Lazarus Ladies
- Our bulletin board artist
- Donut ladies
- Those who help clean the church/pastoral center
- Faith formation people
- Those who expressed their generosity on a more personal level to any parish/staff/or the parish
- The counters
- St. Anthony's Guild
- Legion of Mary
- Knights of Columbus
- Liturgy Committee/Parish Council/Finance Council
- Those who have helped to enhance our liturgy space (flooring/lighting etc.)
- The little people who brighten our liturgies

Anyone who when they see a problem seek to help instead of complaining/gossiping etc.

Many thanks and have a blessed Christmas season.
Rev. M. David Dawson

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