

# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 27, 2019



**Sunday October 27, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

8:30a For the Intentions of all Parishioners

10:30a Norman Dumond Req. Brenda Tella

**Monday October 28, Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles**

8:00a Hayley Petit Req. Family

**Tuesday October 29, Weekday**

8:00a Maurice Berube Req. Reno Levesque & Family

**Wednesday October 30, Weekday**

8:00a No Mass

**Thursday October 31, Weekday**

8:00a Inez & Leonard Wishart Req. Family

**Friday November 1, All Saints, Holy Day**

*of Obligation*

8:00a For the Family of Loretta Martin Req. Family

8:30a Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00p Evie & Walter Galagan Req. Bryan Knorr

**Saturday November 2, The Commemoration of All**

**Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)**

7:00a For All the Faithful Departed

8:00a Norman Boilard 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

William A. Claffey, Sr. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

**Saturday November 2, Vigil of Thirty-First Sunday in**

**Ordinary Time**

4:00p George Albee Req. Wife & Children

5:00p Anointing of the Sick, *Church*

**Sunday November 3, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

8:30a For the Intentions of all Parishioners

10:30a **Children's Mass**

Charlotte & John Walko Req. Francine Walko

5p Remembrance Mass

EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION



We welcome all who gather here to worship with us. You are most welcome if you are visiting with us today. If you are new to our parish and wish to become a member of OLM, we invite you to introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr. Raymond Smialowski, and to register. Registration can be completed by stopping by the parish office, filling out the short form on the front page of our bulletin, or completing a short registration form which can be found on our home page at [www.olmct.org](http://www.olmct.org) under the heading "New to Our Parish?" Please return the form to the office by dropping it in the collection basket or mailing it to 19 S. Canal St., Plainville.

## This Week This Week This Week This Week

**Sunday October 27**

8a – Noon Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast, *Parish Center*

9:30a – Noon St. Anthony Cookie Walk, *Gathering Space*

10:30a Men's AA Meeting, *Rm 107*

**Monday October 28**

9:30a Legion of Mary, *Library*

**Tuesday October 29**

7p NA Meeting, *Rm 106*

**Wednesday October 30**

6p Bereavement Group, *Conference Room*

7p Men's NA Meeting, *Rm 107*

**Saturday November 2**

8:30 – 10a Talented Basketball, *Gym*

Noon Confession, *Church*

5p Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, *Church*

5p St. Gregory Church Selling Raffle Tickets, *Gathering Space*

7p AA Meeting, *Rm 107*

**Sunday November 3**

9 – 10:15a Religious Ed Grades 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 & Older Children Sacramental Prep

9:30a – Noon Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, *Church*

9:30a – Noon St. Gregory Church Selling Raffle Tickets, *Gathering Space*

10:30a Men's AA Meeting, *Rm 107*

**Church Support**  
**\$4,085.50 Weekly Envelopes for Oct. 19 & 20**  
**-\$302.32 Cathedraticum to the Archdiocese**  
**\$3,783.18 Amount for OLM use**  
*Thank You for Your Generous Support!*

**Thank You for Supporting World Mission Sunday**

Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday.

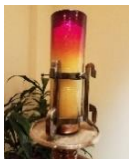
While only some are called to go to the Missions to serve, all of us are called, by our Baptism, to support the Church's missionary work by our prayers and financial help. Please continue to pray for all who serve in mission countries that they may remain strong in faith

and in their vocation as they go about proclaiming the Good News of Christ.

**The Tabernacle Lamp...**

is lighted for the Greater Glory of God and in recognition of the Real Presence of Christ.

This week the candle is flickering *in memory of Leo & Lydia Brousseau*. The Tabernacle Lamp is available as a memorial for a \$5 donation per week. Consider having the lamp burn in memory of or the intentions of a loved one. Please call the office to schedule at 860.747.6825.



# Religious Education News

**Children's Liturgy Next Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
NEXT Sunday the 10:30am Mass will be a Children's Mass with the children in Grade 3 taking an active part. In celebration of All Saints' Day all children are invited to dress as their favorite saint. Children dressed as their favorite saint are asked to gather in the Gathering Space before Mass in order to prepare to walk in the entrance procession.

## Calling All Third Graders

The Third Grade Class will be hosting the Mass on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a special rehearsal **THIS** Sunday, parish center at 9:30am. If you have any questions, please call the office at 860.747.6825.

## Refreshments...

for all ages will be offered in the Gathering Space following the 10:30 am Mass next Sunday.

## Grade 4

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

We find there is a need to open a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday class in Religious Education to accommodate the children who cannot make it to the Wednesday classes. If you have a 4<sup>th</sup> grader who needs to attend a Sunday class, please call the parish office. A new class will begin on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Next GIFT Meeting...

is Friday, Nov. 22 from 6 – 7:45pm in the parish center. Parents of children in Grades 2 & 3 are required to attend as part of the Sacramental preparation.

## Youth Choir!!

**We are planning to form a Youth choir. High school students are invited to share their talents. Those interested are invited to speak with our musical director, Eric, after any Mass or our cantor, Theresa, after the 10:30 Mass.**

## Attention Teens

There is a new Facebook page for **Youth Ministry** here at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Please go to *Our Lady of Mercy Youth Ministry* on facebook and check out videos and articles on how to grow in your faith, and find answers to many questions you may have!

## All Saints' Day - Nov. 1

Please plan to be at Mass this Friday to celebrate All Saints' Day. Masses will be celebrated at 8am & 6pm.



## All Souls' Day – Nov. 2

On all Soul's Day and through the month of November the intentions of All the Faithful Departed will be remembered during the celebration of the Mass.

## All Souls' Day Mass...

for All the Faithful Departed will be celebrated at 7am this Saturday, Nov. 2.

## Annual Mass of Remembrance...

for those who have died in the last year will be celebrated NEXT Sunday at 5pm. A reception will follow in the Gathering Space. All are invited.

## Book of Remembrance

You are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance which will be set up in the church, near the sanctuary. They will be remembered in prayer during the month of November.

## Sweaters for Vets

In observance of Veteran's Day and to thank **ALL** of our veterans who have served so unselfishly, OLM will be collecting new, gently used, & clean sweaters, hats, scarves and gloves for both men & women veterans in Connecticut. The collection will take place **NOW** through Friday, November 15. A bin has been placed in the Gathering Space for your generous donations. Your generosity has been so gracious in the past.



## Thank You...

to everyone who stopped by our parish booth at the Pumpkinfest last Saturday. A special thanks to our parishioners who came forward to share their time and talents to organize and be present at our table. Lots of children and adults dropped by.



## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

THIS SACRAMENT WILL BE OFFERED NEXT SATURDAY FOLLOWING THE 4PM MASS.

## Food Collection

Please participate in our monthly collection of nonperishable food items and toiletries NEXT weekend. All donations are distributed to those in need by the Plainville Food Pantry. Last month we hit a new record – 357 pounds!! Awesome job



everyone! Volunteers are needed at the pantry also. Please call 860.747.1919 for more information.

## Church Painting

*This past week we have begun to paint the base of the steeple. Previous paintings of our steeple base and trim of the church were lead based.*

*The painting process now involves the safe removal of the lead paint. If the weather holds, we will also paint the trim of the church. Your donations to the Annual Collection will offset the costs of lead abatement and painting.*

## St. Gregory Church Raffle

Representatives of St. Gregory Church in Bristol will be here next weekend offering tickets for sale for their annual raffle. They were kind and allowed OLM to sell raffle tickets after their Masses in September.

## Do Your Friendships Draw You Closer to Christ, Or Do They Widen the Gap?

Join us at the 2019 Women's Conference, Nov. 9, for a workshop on Faith in Friendship, presented by Kay Taylor-Brooks and Vernetta Townsend. In the journey of life, from childhood through adulthood, we experience a kaleidoscope of friendships. Do your friendships draw you closer to Christ or widen the gap between you and Christ? We will explore how faith strengthens friendships and how friendships are gifts of faith. This workshop and many more are featured at the 2019 Women's Conference. All women of faith are invited to register today! For more information please visit our website:

<https://catholicedaohct.org/programs/archdiocesan-women-s-conference> or contact

Nicole Perone at 860-242-5573 ext. 2677.

## Thank You...

to everyone who participated in the prayer vigil last Saturday in Hartford and to everyone who spent time last Sunday before the Blessed Sacrament for the intentions of the unborn.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNULMENTS

Many Catholics have asked the following questions about the Church's position on divorce, annulments, and marriage:

- "Can a divorced person receive Holy Communion?"
- "Can a divorced person marry in the Catholic Church?"
- "Why might a non-Catholic consider or need an annulment?"
- "Does a divorced person need an annulment when the marriage was performed only by a Justice of the Peace?"

Often these questions and others have been met with misleading, misguided, and sometimes wrong responses. Perhaps you, a family member, or a friend needs sound, clear information. If so, please contact the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Hartford at 860-541-6491 or e-mail at [Tribunal@aohct.org](mailto:Tribunal@aohct.org). You can also visit our website: <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/metropolitan-marriage-tribunal/>. Workshops and informational sessions about annulments are now being offered. The current schedule is as follows:

12/4 – St Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Manchester 6:30 pm  
12/5 – St Peter Claver Parish, West Hartford 7:00 pm

## Blessed is She – A Catholic Website for Women BY Women

You've come so far, sister. We are here to continue the journey with you. It can be hard to find time to renew your faith and inspire your spirit. As a busy woman, you're probably used to being pulled in 3,000 directions.

**But the good news? You don't have to wonder if you will ever find a community of like-minded women.** You don't need to search for the right scriptures to read every day or wonder when you'll find time to pray. **All you need?** Is the support of our beautiful community, in your email inbox. Right where you're at. Check it out at [www.blessedisshenet.net](http://www.blessedisshenet.net).

## Fall Back

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour NEXT Saturday night. We return to standard time.



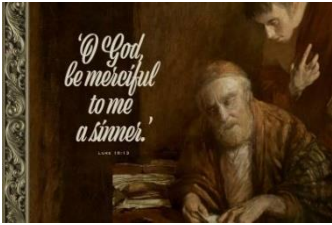


**MARCH FOR LIFE**  
**January 23-24, 2020**

Join the Archdiocese of Hartford on its Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. for the 2020 March for Life.

The cost for bus and breakfast at the hotel is \$115 per person. Also included: Mass with Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford, Breakfast speaker Dr. Monique Ruberu, Ob/Gyn. For more information on how to register and a detailed schedule of the pilgrimage, please visit [www.prolifeministry.org](http://www.prolifeministry.org)

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The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in

prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

Taken from [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com).

**Days of the Dead: What's the difference between All Saints' and All Souls'?**

Everybody knows the secular holiday of Halloween. But not everybody knows it derives from a holy day, All Saints' Day on Nov. 1, which is followed by All Souls' Day on Nov. 2.



The root word of Halloween - "hallow" - means "holy." The suffix "een" is an abbreviation of "evening." It refers to the Eve of All Hallows, the night before the Christian holy day that honors saintly people of the past. "All Saints is a celebration of the communion of saints, those people we believe are in heaven, through good works and God's grace," said the Rev. Richard Donohoe, vicar of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Birmingham.

All Souls' Day is a day to pray for all souls. Among Catholics, prayers are offered for those in purgatory, waiting to get into heaven. On All Souls' Day, Catholic churches have a Book of the Dead, in which parishioners have an opportunity to write the names of loved ones to be remembered. "That's placed near the altar," Donohoe said. "That's done all through November. It's an All Souls' tradition."

More than a thousand years ago in Ireland and Britain, a common custom of Christians was to come together on the eve of the feast of All Hallows Day to ask for God's blessing and protection from evil in the world. Often, they would dress in costumes of saints or evil spirits and act out the battle between good and evil around bonfires. That's the source of the modern observance of Halloween.



The Christian concept of the importance of the individual soul underlies All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, which are observed worldwide primarily in the Catholic and Anglican traditions. The "Dia de los Muertos," or "day of the dead," in Latin countries keeps alive some of the tradition of honoring souls of the dead. "All Hallows was considered a time when evil could manifest itself," Donohoe said. "We do believe in the visible and the invisible. There is good and there is evil. There is invisible evil and invisible good. It's an acknowledgement of that existence."

In the Catholic Church, Nov. 1 is a holy day of obligation, when all Catholics are expected to attend Mass.

"All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are related, but they are two separate celebrations," Donohoe said. "On All Saints' Day there's a call to live as saints, to remind us how we're supposed to live. On All Souls' Day, we're talking about all souls and asking God's mercy for them. We're talking about those people who have died before us, and their process of getting to heaven, through Christ."

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