

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 3, 2019

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord...



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

Monday November 4, St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:00a Leone & Lucia D'Onofrio Req. Son & Family

Tuesday November 5, Weekday

8:00a Sherry Labbe Req. Friends

Wednesday November 6, Weekday

8:00a No Mass

Thursday November 7, Weekday

8:00a Theresa Bagliore Req. Family

Friday November 8, Weekday

8:00a Mary & Al Kazokas and Joe &

Pauline Raynock Req. Marie, Joe & Ashley

8:30a Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday November 9, The Dedication of
the Lateran Basilica**

8:00a Gaetano Napolitano, Jr. Month Anniv.

**Saturday November 9, Vigil of Thirty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

4:00p Rosaire Gagnard Req. Family

**Sunday November 10, Thirty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

8:30a For the Intentions of all Parishioners

10:30a Judy Bourque Req. Family



Albert Racine	Alexander P. Mancini
Amanda Adorno	Ana Simoneau
Andrzej Predota	Anne McCarthy
Brian Hebert	Caroline Wygonoski
Celestina Martin	Christina Mercer
Christopher J. Roberts	Constance Boucher
Daniel Smith	David Oliveira
Domenic Main	William S. Bergenty
Dorothy Brzozowski	Frances J. Paradis
Francis P. Faniola	Francis Vasile
Gaetano Napolitano, Jr.	Gretchen Louise Carney
Helen Maciag	Helen Webb
James Van Hoof, Sr.	Janice Schmidt
Jean Kaczynski	Jeannette Vallee
Jeffery Romano	Joan St. Pierre
John A. Villardi, III	Joseph Plourde
Joseph Rouillard	Josephine DeAngelo
Josephine Salerno	Lester Olmstead
Lorraine Toner	Maria Forcella
Mary Jean D'Addese	Marylene DeVoe
Mazie Jean Raymond	Nancy Guimond
Norman Boilard	Owen Burby
Patricia Chambrello	Paula Fangiullo
Peter P. Norris	Robert Bonola
Robert Brian Martel	Robert Logan
Robert P. Ferrer	Roland Dumont
Rose Coppe	Theresa Collin
Walter Zarzycki	William A. Claffey, Sr.

Church Support

\$4,437.50 Weekly Envelopes for Oct. 26 & 27

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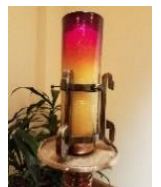


We welcome all who gather here to worship with us. You are most welcome if you are visiting with us today. If you are new to our parish and wish to become a member of

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 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.

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 Maria & Carminda Rocha, Louisa, Paul & Paul, Jr. Hernandez, and*



Anthony & Olga Doucette. 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.



Finding the Truth Retreat

St. Aloysius Church in Plantsville is sponsoring a Retreat Day on Saturday, November 16, with guest speaker Nikki Kingsley. Pamphlets with more details can be found on the table in the Gathering Space or call 860.302.9304.

This Week This Week This Week This Week

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*

Monday November 4

9:30a Legion of Mary, *Library*

3 – 5:45p St. Joseph Basketball, *Gym*

6 – 8:45p Farmington Boys Basketball, *Gym*

Tuesday November 5

3 – 5:45p St. Joseph Basketball, *Gym*

7p NA Meeting, *Rm 106*

Wednesday November 6

6p Bereavement Group, *Conference Room*

7 – 8:15p Confirmation Class I & II, *Parish Center*

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

Thursday November 7

3 – 5:45p St. Joseph Basketball, *Gym*

6 – 8:45p Farmington Boys Basketball, *Gym*

Saturday November 9

8:30 – 10a Talented Basketball, *Gym*

Noon Confession, *Church*

7p AA Meeting, *Rm 107*

Sunday November 10

8 – 10:30a OLM Breakfast, *Parish Center*

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

Religious Education News

4th Grade Class

We have just opened up a 4th grade class on Sundays, due to the needs of parents who have scheduling conflicts on Wednesday. We will also need a Catechist for that class. If you are interested in teaching 4th graders on Sundays, please contact the Faith Formation office at 860.747.6825.



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!

Confirmation Class I

Ninth grade Confirmation went on their retreat this past Sunday at Holy Family in West Hartford as part of their Faith Formation. It was well attended by Our Lady of Mercy and also combined with other parishes in the area. Thank you for your prayers in helping the teens on their faith journey!

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. **Thank you for the beautiful items we have received thus far!**



Pastoral Council Leaders



At the Pastoral Council meeting last Thursday, the following members of the Council were selected to lead the council for 2019 – 2020:

Chairperson – Laurie Fasciano

Vice – Chairperson – Janice Brayne

Secretary – Jo-Ann Blanchette-Silverio

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council is Thursday, December 12 at 7pm. All parishioners are invited.

Advent Wreath Making

Learn how to make an Advent Wreath on Saturday, Nov. 30th at 5pm in the parish center. The meaning of the wreath and the lighting of the Advent candles will be explained. The workshop will also include a pizza supper. It's a great family event. The cost is on \$10 per family. If you plan to bring the Advent Wreath frame from last year's workshop, the cost is \$6. Participation space



is limited. Please sign up by call the parish office by Nov. 25th at 860.747.6825.

Film on Frank Duff

A documentary film on Frank Duff, the founder of the Legion of Mary in 1921 will be shown this Thursday, Nov. 7th at 6pm in Room 106. Everyone is invited. Learn more about the spirit of the Legion of Mary. The film is a half hour long. Refreshments will follow.



Synod

Thank you for praying for the Synod the past few weekends. After months of preparation, delegates from every parish, along with priests, deacons, religious, seminarians and speakers gathered to help the local church (Archdiocese) bring the Gospel to Connecticut in new and positive ways. The delegates prayed and studied church teachings in preparation. The materials from listening sessions held in the past years, were brought to 23 propositions under four main themes. Led by the Holy Spirit, and inspired by dynamic speakers, the delegates discerned the best direction, and suggested the best routes to accomplish these at the individual, parish and Archdiocesan level. The next step is for the gathering of the inputs to present to Archbishop Blair. He will formalize and present a formal document to direct the future of the Archdiocese. The Synod closes with a Mass on Pentecost 2020.

CROSSROADS 4 CHRIST

IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, IS AGED 18 – 40, AND LOOKING TO CONNECT WITH A COMMUNITY OF YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS, VISIT

WWW.CROSSROADSFORCHRIST.ORG. THE MISSION IS TO DEVELOP COMMUNITIES OF YOUNG ADULT MISSIONARY DISCIPLES THROUGH CHRIST – CENTERED FRIENDSHIP AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. THERE ARE 6 COMMUNITIES WITHIN CT SO YOU CAN FIND ONE NEAR WORK OR HOME.

WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/CROSSROADS.4.CHRIST

You are invited to Deepen – Interact – Learn Archdiocesan Evangelization Night! Speaker Tom Quinlan will present Organic Evangelization: Introducing Jesus to Hearts Hungry for Meaning - to deepen our understanding of what evangelization is, and what it is not! There will be time to interact with various resources and organizations who are experts on evangelization, as well as learn from other parishes. Join the conversation! Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30 – 8:30pm at Church of St. Dominic, Southington. Light refreshments will be served. Call OLM parish office at 860.747.6825 and leave your name & number to register.

Interested in Experiencing New Styles of Prayer?

Join us at the 2019 Women's Conference for a round of "spiritual breakouts" - a chance to experience different prayer practices.



Do you enjoy praying

the rosary?

Interested in using technology to enhance your prayer life?

Do you want to pray through art?

Do you like "choosing your own adventure?"

There is a "spiritual breakout" for all of these, and more, at the 2019 Women's Conference. All women of faith are invited to register today! Visit www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org and join us on November 9!



Thank You...
for all who made cookies and
all who bought and ate
cookies at the St. Anthony
Society Cookie Walk last weekend!

Word Among Us

The November issue of The Word Among Us has been placed at the church entrances. It includes the daily readings and meditations. Please pick one up.

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.

Courage and EnCourage Support Groups November 2019

Courage: Thurs. November 7th and 21st at
7 p.m.

EnCourage: Wed. November 13th at
7 p.m.

Courage International is a Catholic network of confidential support groups for men and women who experience same-sex attraction and seek to live chaste lives in Christ. Courage International also sponsors separate confidential support groups (called "EnCourage") for those who seek to gain greater understanding and acceptance of their loved-one's same-sex attraction, while honoring chastity. For meeting locations and additional information, contact Fr. Robert Landback, Chaplain at 203-265-0961 X2 or aohctcourage@gmail.com. The website for Courage International is couragerc.org.

Retrouvaille upcoming weekend: January 17-19, 2020

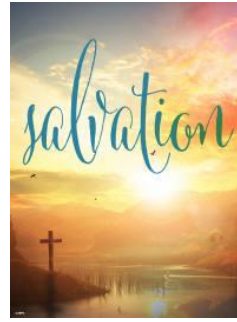
Marriage Help - If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help.

Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love. The next upcoming weekend is January 17-19, 2020. For information, call confidentially [1-800-470-2230](tel:1-800-470-2230), or email cherylandsteve@cox.net, or visit our website www.helpourmarriage.com

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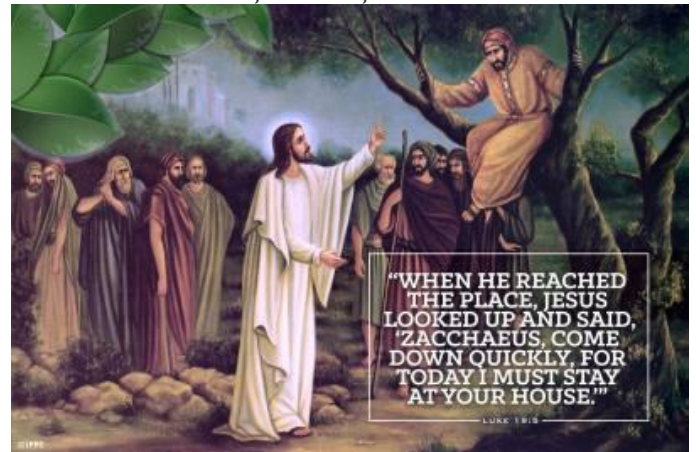
In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen.

Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions



set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honor the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief



tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree.

Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.

