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Daily Mass: 8:00am (No morning Mass on Wednesdays)

The Sacrament of RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: 12 Noon or by appointment

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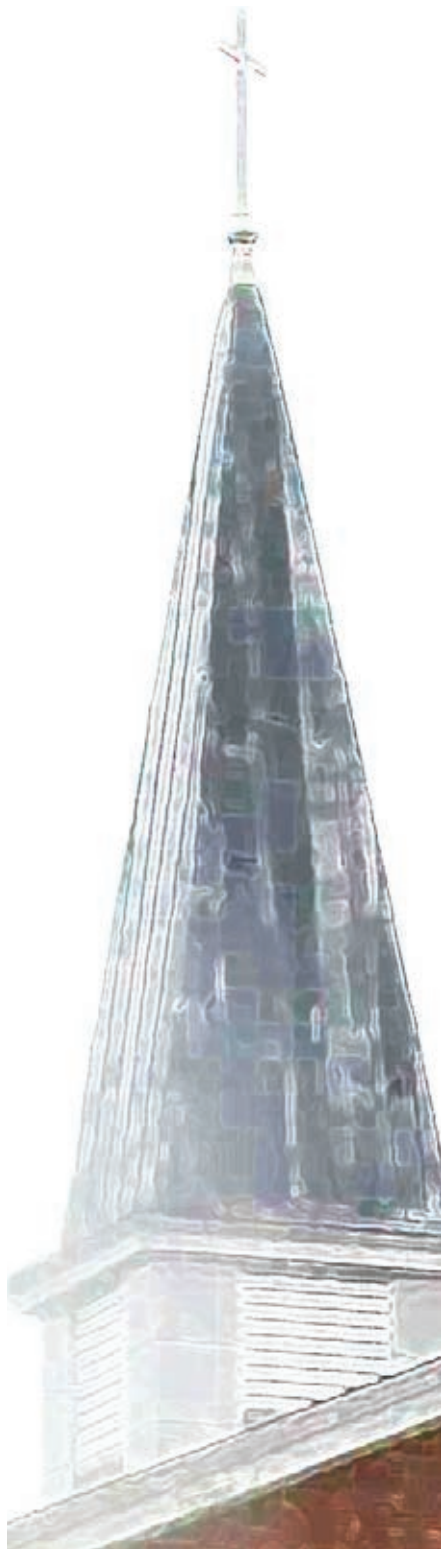
WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH!

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 basket.

New Parishioner Address/Phone Number Change
Name: _____
St. Address: _____ Phone# _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

“Do whatever He tells you.”

– Mary to the disciples of Jesus
(John 2:5)



First Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2020



Sunday March 1, First Sunday of Lent, Children's Mass – Grade 5

8:30a For the Intentions of all Parishioners

10:30a Andrew Predota Req. Family

Monday March 2, Lenten Weekday

8:00a Nicole Schulz Req. Daughter

8:30a Confession

Tuesday March 3, St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

8:00a Steven Winiarski Req. Family

Wednesday March 4, St. Casimir

8:00a No Mass

Thursday March 5, Lenten Weekday

8:00a For Holy & Charismatic Calling to the
Priesthood

Friday March 6, Lenten Weekday, World Day of Prayer

8:00a John

Egri Req. Pauline Casey

8:30a Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00p Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 7, Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

8:00a Frances D'Addese Month's Mind

Richard Piotrowski Month's Mind

Francis G. Manafort, Jr. Month's Mind

Joseph Maksimczyk Month's Mind

Saturday March 7, Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent

4:00p Jeannette Madore Req. Family

5:00p Anointing of the Sick

Sunday March 8, Second Sunday of Lent

8:30a For the Intentions of all Parishioners

10:30a Helen & John Maciag, Sr. Req. Family



Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy!



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.

This Week This Week This Week This Week

Sunday March 1

9 – 10:15a Rel. Education Classes, *Parish Center*

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

Monday March 2

9:30a Legion of Mary, *Parish Center*

Tuesday March 3

8:45 – 10:15a Lenten Bible Study, *Parish Center*

6:30 – 7:45p Lenten Bible Study, *Parish Center*

7p Forward with Faith Committee Meeting, *Parish Center*

7 – 8:15p NA Meeting, *Rm 106*

Wednesday March 4

6:30p GIFT Volunteer Meeting, *Rm 102*

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

7 – 9p NA, *Rm 107*

Thursday March 5

6:30p Book Discussion Rediscover the Saints, *Rm 102*

Saturday March 7

10 – 10:30a First Reconciliation Rehearsal, *Church*

2p Living Stations Rehearsal, *Church*

7 – 8p AA Meeting, *Rm 107*

Sunday March 8

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

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

11:45a Confirmation Parent's Meeting 10th Grade Only, *Rm 106*

Lenten Confession Schedule

Saturday – Noon

Monday March 2, 9, 16 – Following the 8am Mass

Monday March 23, 30, April 6 – 6 to 7pm

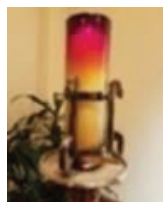
Church Support

\$4,358.50 Weekly Envelopes for Feb. 22 & 23

\$ 322.52 Cathedraticum to the Archdiocese

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Thank You for Your Generous Support!



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 thanksgiving* by *Clem & Alice Brousseau*. The

Tabernacle Lamp is available as a memorial for a \$5 donation per week. There are presently openings in July.

Religious Education News

Students of the Month for January

Congratulations to the following students in our Religious Education Program!



Older Children Sacramental Prep – Sophia Ripley

1st Grade Wednesday – Bryce Melanson

2nd Grade Wednesday – Emma Melanson

2nd Grade Sunday – Gabriel Marcano

3rd Grade Wednesday – Aleena Krpata

3rd Grade Sunday – Isabella Martin

4th Grade Sunday – Cameron Marcano

4th Grade Wednesday – Nicholas Ruffini

5th Grade – Jason Iwanicki

6th/7th Grade – Sophia Leonetti

8th Grade – Brooke Pearson

9th Grade – Jeffrey Boyle

10th Grade – Hailey Calder



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
You are still able to join the Atrium!
It's not too late! Come check it out!
It is an amazing program for littles.

One that you have never seen before and it will knock your socks off when you see what your children are learning about Jesus and HOW they are learning. All hands on and geared exactly to their size. Sessions are 90 minutes long and held on Thursday. *It's not too late to register. NO CHARGE!* Come see our updated room and find out what the program is all about. Please call Michelle Batista, for more details at 203-725-6775 or email her at StMichaelsAtrium@gmail.com.

Family Discussion

Use this Sunday as an opportunity to call your family's attention to the importance of Scripture in our lives.

Gather your family around the family Bible, and read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:1-11. Recall that Jesus rebuked the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture. Discuss what Jesus meant by, "One does not live by bread alone."



Don't forget to use the MY PARISH app! Lent is now upon us and Easter is on its way. Download the MY PARISH app, and stay on top of things happening at OLM.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Rehearsal

There will be a rehearsal for children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 7th, at 10am. There will be a make-up rehearsal on the 14th, if you are unable to be there on the 7th. First Reconciliation will take place on Sunday March 29th, right after the 10:30am Mass, and a reception will follow in the Gathering Space. Please keep the members of our parish receiving Sacraments this year in your prayers.

Living Stations

The High School students will be presenting Living Stations of the Cross on April 3rd, and again on Good Friday. We need high school volunteers to help with the lighting, and props, and also, we need a few more people to help with the on-stage parts. There are no speaking roles, however, we do need narrators, who will read from a script. Each pose of the Stations of the Cross will be performed by high schoolers. We would also love to have a group of singers, from the high school and/or junior high. This is going to be a fun experience, and it will also be a meaningful one for participants and audience members. Please join us for this unique opportunity to experience Holy Week in a special way. Contact Susan Van Cott or Donna Marotto to sign up. The first rehearsal will be held on Saturday March 7th at 2pm.



You are Invited to Visit the New OLM Library
"Man must not live by bread alone but by every word from God."

Our library under the choir loft is open for your convenience and contains wonderful books that will encourage and strengthen your faith. Pope Francis has been encouraging all Catholics to evangelize. Our special moment to evangelize is when we first walk out of our door at home. We would like for you to write your favorite Scripture on a post-it on the board in the library to share with our fellow parishioners so they can look them up and benefit from them. This is one way we can evangelize. Right now, we have to refuse anymore donations to the library as we have limited space. We will announce when we will be able to accept more.



Christian love,
John and Bonnie Miller
Parish Champions

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT? Lenten Opportunities at OLM



Bible Study

It's not too late to join our Scripture Bible Study for the adults of our parish. The sessions will meet right after the morning Mass and at 6:30pm on Tuesday evenings. The sessions will explore the Sunday readings in advance of the Sunday to follow, and will last an hour and a half. Please contact Susan Van Cott in the Parish Office or at susan.faithformation@yahoo.com to register or for more info.

Rediscover the Saints

The discussion of the book, **Rediscover the Saints**, by Matthew Kelly will be held on **THREE consecutive Thursdays, Beginning THIS Thursday**, March 5, 12, & 19, 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Those who are interested in participating are asked to indicate so on the interest sheet located in the Gathering Space or calling the Parish Office 860.747.6825.



Best Lent Ever – Amazing Possibilities

You are encouraged to experience your **Best Lent Ever**, which is all about how the saints are ready to help you create holy moments and become the-best-version-of-yourself. Every day during Lent, you'll receive an email with a short video from Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team. It's free and easy to sign up. All you have to do is go to www.DynamicCatholic.com and enter your name and email address. We encourage you to invite your family and friends to sign up, too. The website has a page to help you send email invites to your friends. Together we have an incredible **40 days of Amazing Possibilities**.

Sign Up to Receive a Free Audio of The Way of the Cross

Usually when we pray the Stations of the Cross, we're doing so from the perspective of someone witnessing the events. We're in the crowd, watching Jesus as he endures his passion. Fr. Toups invites you to draw closer. Go to:

www.ascensionpress.com/the-way-of-the-cross-free-audio

In *The Way of the Cross: Praying the Psalms with Jesus*, we are no longer in the crowd. Instead, we're standing beside Christ, walking with him to Calvary, and praying with him. Curious? Sign up to receive a

free audio recording of Fr. Toups leading you through his new approach to this ancient devotion this Lent.



CRS Bowls

Lent has begun! How will you bring Lent to life to your family throughout these 40 days – not just on Ash Wednesday, Sundays and during Holy Week? Catholic Relief Services offers a free Lenten Guide for your Family. Celebrate the Lenten traditions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving with your family using CRS Rice Bowl. The Guide can be downloaded from: <https://www.crsricebowl.org/families>.

A New Almsgiving Project for Lent
This year the Social Justice committee is sponsoring a weekly food collection



during Lent as a form of almsgiving. Lists of items particularly needed by the Plainville Food Pantry are available in a basket in the gathering space. A new list will be available each week. If possible, please bring something from the list when you come to Mass on the weekend, but all donations are appreciated.

Stations of the Cross During Lent

Stations will be led every Friday at 7pm in the church. Parishioners and friends are invited to read the meditations for each station. If you would like to read the reflection for one of the Stations, please contact Fr. Ray.

The Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Invite the Blessed Mother into your home for one week this Lenten Season. To receive the Statue, please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet in the church near the piano.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2020

This weekend marks the start of the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. If you haven't already, you will soon receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we have a profound impact on our local communities not only in the spiritual realm, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services and many charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church.

* For the fourth year in a row, in 2019, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to over 225 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties.

* Organizations such as **Bread for Life** in Southington received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in serving our neighbors.

* All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined

in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/> No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Please respond generously.

GOT JOY?

Share it with us! As we prepare for the Season of Joy, please submit a photo or two of what brings you joy and drop them in the basket provided in the Gathering Space of the church. Names do not need to be included. We plan on creating a bulletin board of pictures in the Parish Center of pictures of parishioners enjoying hobbies, grandchildren, pets, cooking, praying, etc. You got the idea. Share your joy with OLM.

An Amazing Soup Sale

A big THANK YOU!!! to all the parishioners who supported Amirah's safe house by purchasing soup or making a donation last weekend. Also, a big thank you to Debbie Boyle who volunteered to make the clam chowder and some of the pasta fazool. With everybody's support, Amirah will receive a check for \$1047.



Sacrament of Baptism

We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism of your child. You may begin preparation even before your child is born. To begin the process, call Sue at 860-747-5451. The date of the Baptism is scheduled after attending the Parent Preparation Program. Please note that Godparents must be confirmed and obtain a *Sponsor Certificate* from their own Catholic parish.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner 2020

The Parish Life Committee of the Pastoral Council will be sponsoring our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 14th at 5:00 pm in the Parish Center. Tickets are \$13.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. A hot dog and chips plate will also be available for \$1.50. Tickets will be available for purchase in the Gathering Space before and after Masses **THIS WEEKEND** and March 7 & 8. You may also purchase tickets at the Parish Office until Wednesday, March 10. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.** Volunteers are needed during and after for cleanup. Please call Don at 203-910-9624. Please join us for some local parish talent along with **The Irish School of Dance**. Great food, fellowship and fun.



MEETINGS

The Forward with Faith Committee will meet this Tuesday, March 3 at 7pm in the Parish Center. If you are interested in learning more about the Forward with Faith Campaign you are invited to join us.

The Faith Formation Team will meet on Monday, March 9 at 7pm in the Parish Center. All parishioners and parents interested in advancing the faith formation of children and youth through high school and beyond are invited to attend the meeting.

How to Find Time in the Day for Lent

The fast pace of your life may seem to leave little time and energy for the traditional Lenten practices. But you can weave moments of spiritual awareness and service into even the busiest of schedules. The trick is to see Lenten practice as part of, rather than in addition to, each activity of your ordinary hectic day. The three foundational practices of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here's how to think about them in a new way:

Praying Daily

If you make a habit of saying a little prayer whenever someone irritates you, cuts you off in traffic, or makes life difficult; when someone does you a favor, you experience great and friendly service, or when something joyful happens to you—you will soon find yourself praying your way through the day. Try this simple practice and you will be observing the Catholic Church's call for greater prayer during the Lenten season. You will also find that this habit makes your life flow smoother, your self more centered, and your Spirit more aware of God's presence.

A Different Type of Fasting

There are many ways to fast. Why not fast from criticism, gossip, judging others, or passing on rumors? Why not abstain from unwarranted fear and anxiety? You can also tell that inner voice inside your head that criticizes you to abstain from eroding your ability to be the confident, blessed person God calls you to be. These are beautiful ways to observe the Lenten call to fasting and abstinence. In the book, *Praying Lent*, the authors offer suggestions on different ways to fast during Lent.

Give of Yourself

Daily life also offers countless opportunities to give of yourself to others (alms), and most don't involve dipping into your wallet.

Give encouragement to the doubting, give a word of praise to the insecure, show kindness to someone who could use a friend, and offer a word of thanks to those whose service of others often goes unappreciated. Give the gift of your attention to someone who simply wants to be noticed. Tell your children stories about people whose values you admire when you gather at mealtime. Don't be stingy with your smiles—give them freely to everyone you meet. And most important, give your love to those close to you. Hug them, hold them, and tell them what they mean to you. In this way you open your heart to God and others.

So, no matter how busy you are in life, with some greater awareness and new perspectives, you can consciously pray, fast, and give of yourself this Lent—and you will be ready to celebrate when a joyful dawn breaks upon you Easter morning. Taken from www.lovolapress.com



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