

## Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2020



**Sunday May 10, Fifth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day**

Intentions of all Mothers, Living & Deceased

**Monday May 11, Easter Weekday**

Jeanne McGann Req. Family

**Tuesday May 12, Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs;  
St. Pancras, Martyr**

John Hammer

**Wednesday May 13, Our Lady of Fatima**

No Mass

**Thursday May 14, St. Matthias, Apostle**

For All Deceased Members of Anna Wilczynska Family

**Friday May 15, St. Isidore**

For All Deceased Members of Anna Wilczynska Family

**Saturday May 16, Easter Weekday**

Maria Forcella 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

Janusz Rozmus

**Sunday May 17, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Intentions of All Parishioners

**Fr. Ray will be celebrating the Masses above  
privately at unannounced times**

## A Note from Fr. Ray

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Today we celebrate Mother's Day. I offer the following blessing for the mothers of our parish and community:

Holy God,

You compare your own love for your people to the love of a mother for her children.

Look with kindness on our mother, give them comfort in moments of sorrow and joy in their work for their families.

Listen to their prayers, and bless them in all they do for you.

Let them share with Jesus your Son, and Mary our Mother, in the everlasting happiness of heaven.

Father, We ask this grace through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

May God Bless You,  
Fr. Ray

Welcome to  
Our Lady of  
Mercy!



We welcome you to enjoy this online bulletin at a time when we are not able to worship within the walls of our church. 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 when Mass resumes, 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 off at the Parish Office, the collection basket, or mailing it to 19 S. Canal St., Plainville.

**New Book from Dynamic Catholic**  
A book entitled, **Beautiful Hope, Finding Hope Every Day in a Broken World**, has been placed on the Information Table, the entrance of the church and the Parish Office. Please pick one up!

Helping Our Parish Grow  
WEEKLY OFFERTORY



We ask that you continue to support OLM with your weekly offerings by placing your donation in the mail or dropping it off at the office.  
**Thank You for Your Continued Generous Support & May God Bless You!**



**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 *Joanne Kassey*. The Tabernacle Lamp is available as a memorial for \$5. Openings begin in October.

The loveliest  
masterpiece  
of the heart  
of God is  
the heart of  
a mother.

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX



**Renewal of the Consecration of the United States of America to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

On May 1<sup>st</sup> the Most Rev. Jose H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles and President of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops offered a prayer of consecration on behalf of the entire country to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The consecration included the following:

Mary, Health of the Sick,  
Sign of health, of healing, and of divine hope for the sick, we entrust to you all who are infected with the coronavirus.

Mary, Mother of Consolation,  
Who console with a mother's love all who turn to you,  
We entrust to you all those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic.

Mary, Help of Christians,  
Who come to our rescue in every trial,  
We entrust to your loving protection all caregivers.



Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy,  
Who embrace all those who call upon your help in their distress,  
We entrust to you all who are suffering in any way from the pandemic.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom,  
Who were so wonderfully filled with the light of truth,  
We entrust to you all who are working to find a cure to this pandemic.

Mary, Mother of Good Council,  
Who gave yourself wholeheartedly to God's plan for the renewing of all things in Christ, we entrust to you all leaders and policymakers.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother the act of consecration that we make today with confidence, and help us to be your Son's instruments for the healing and salvation of our country and the world.

Mary, Mother of the Church,  
You are enthroned as queen at your Son's right hand:  
We ask your intercession for the needs of our country,  
that every desire for good may be blessed and strengthened,  
That faith may be revived and nourished, hope

sustained and enlightened, charity awakened and animated;  
Guide us, we pray, along the path of holiness.  
Mary our Mother;  
Bring everyone under your protection and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**New Prayer Cards**

Two new prayer cards have been put out on the Information Table in the Gathering Space. One card pictures Our Lady of Perpetual Help with a prayer at The Time of Pandemic on the reverse. The second card provides a prayer for Spiritual Communion with a picture of Jesus on the front side. Please drop by the Gathering Space and pick them up. These prayers will certainly be helpful to you.

**Prayer for a Pandemic**

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be a loving embrace of God to our neighbors.



Amen.

## Rice Bowls

*Thank you* for making the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl a part of your Lenten journey; \$1,368.50 was contributed. Your Lenten sacrifice is changing lives around the world.

## *Crowning of the Statue of the Blessed Mother*



We will crown the outdoor Statue of the Blessed Mother on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. We will crown the Statue

that is located across the parking lot of the main entrance of the church. Please join us. Please plan to stay in your cars or near your cars in the parking lot during the crowning. The crowning will be followed by the praying of the rosary.

We will keep you updated and informed on our *website*, [www.olmct.org](http://www.olmct.org), our *Facebook* page,



[www.facebook.com/ourladyofmercychurchct](http://www.facebook.com/ourladyofmercychurchct), and *My Parish Ap*, [myparishapp.net](http://myparishapp.net) as to any new news connected with OLM.

**Stay updated! Keep us informed!**

Please email OLM at [olmct@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olmct@sbcglobal.net) with your email and cell phone # so that we can upgrade our data base. That way we can send out emails to keep you updated with the news at OLM. No email? Call us with your cell phone # at 860.747.6825. Many thanks!

**We Have A Children's Bulletin!**

We will be providing one online every week while Masses are suspended. Please check out our website at [www.olmct.org](http://www.olmct.org) and My Parish Ap to find it! Or you may subscribe to the link yourselves at [www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com).

## Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2020

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound



difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference.

Organizations such as **the Plainville Community Food Pantry**, right here in our own town, received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local 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.*

## 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.

## Is A VOCATION RIGHT FOR YOU?

*DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED.* "I AM GOING TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU." THE LORD SHOWS THE WAY, JUST ASK HIM. IS HE SHOWING YOU THE WAY TO LIFE AS A PRIEST OR RELIGIOUS? CONTACT FR. MICHAEL CASEY, DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS, PASTORAL CENTER, PHONE 860-761-7456, E-MAIL

[VOCATIONS@AOHCT.ORG](mailto:VOCATIONS@AOHCT.ORG). OR VISIT THE WEB AT

[WWW.HARTFORDPRIEST.COM](http://WWW.HARTFORDPRIEST.COM).

## Loved Items from the Fair-Trade Sale

CREA, who holds sales of fair-trade items at our parish has heard from their artists and providers that they are in desperate situations, as



their opportunities for sales has dried up, due to the pandemic. The family of a woman in Guatemala, who makes jewelry, has no means to feed her family. To help support her and others that are assisted through CREA, please contact Sr. Ruth at [crea@crea.org](mailto:crea@crea.org). Your

donation can save lives and give hope. As well, CREA has fair trade chocolate, coffee, and olive oil in stock, ready for purchase.

### St. Joseph Cemetery News

We recently posted a notice in our parish cemetery announcing that over grown shrubs will be removed by cemetery personnel beginning June 1, 2020. An overgrown bush is one that has grown higher than the monument that marks the graves of loved ones. If you would like to retain the bushes that may be present on the burial site of loved ones, please trim them so that they are no higher than the accompanying monument. Please understand that there is a great need to maintain our parish cemetery well.

In addition, glass vases, containers, wire fencing around monuments are not allowed in our cemetery. Such glass objects and fencing are a potential danger to our personnel, particularly when the lawn is being mowed. Wire fencing can get caught in lawn mowing machinery and cause mishaps and injuries.



We respectfully ask that you remove all of these items before June 1, 2020. After that date the cemetery staff will be removing these items from the grave plots in the cemetery. We ask that you **ONLY plant flowers 8" from the base of the monument.** Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



### Prayer to Our Lady

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas, we fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world,

and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land

and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

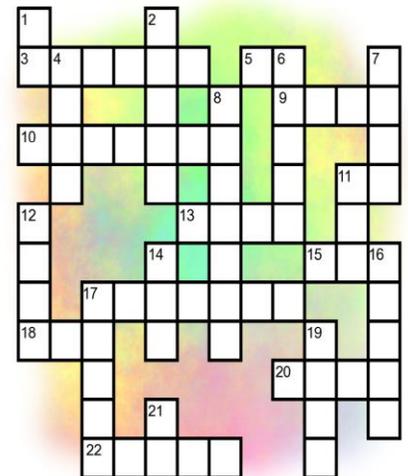
### Your Generosity is Overwhelming!

**We can't thank you enough! Your donations are enabling us to reach out to parishioners via Social Media, this Bulletin and Phone Calls. Did you get your phone call yet? If not, maybe we do not have your correct phone number. Please call the office at 860.747.6825 to update your new phone number and/or your email address. Thank You again for your unselfishness and fortitude in giving.**

### "Show us the Father" Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and complete the puzzle.

IS WHOEVER  
OF BECAUSE  
ON BELIEVE  
ME FATHER  
YOU WORKS  
AND DOING  
WHO SPEAK  
WILL AMEN  
OWN JESUS  
TIME THAN  
SHOW STILL  
KNOW SEEN



\_\_\_\_\_ (2d) said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a \_\_\_\_\_ (9a) and you \_\_\_\_\_ (6d) do not \_\_\_\_\_ (12d) me, Philip? \_\_\_\_\_ (17a) has seen me has \_\_\_\_\_ (7d) the Father. How can you say, ' \_\_\_\_\_ (19d) us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in \_\_\_\_\_ (21d) The words that I \_\_\_\_\_ (22a) to you I do not speak \_\_\_\_\_ (11a) my \_\_\_\_\_ (11d). The Father \_\_\_\_\_ (18a) dwells in me is \_\_\_\_\_ (16d) his works. \_\_\_\_\_ (8d) me that I am in the \_\_\_\_\_ (3a) and the Father \_\_\_\_\_ (5a) in me, or else, believe \_\_\_\_\_ (10a) \_\_\_\_\_ (1d) the works themselves. \_\_\_\_\_ (4d) amen, I say to \_\_\_\_\_ (14d), whoever believes in me \_\_\_\_\_ (13a) do the \_\_\_\_\_ (17d) that I do, \_\_\_\_\_ (15a) will do greater ones \_\_\_\_\_ (20a) these, because I am going to the Father."