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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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*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

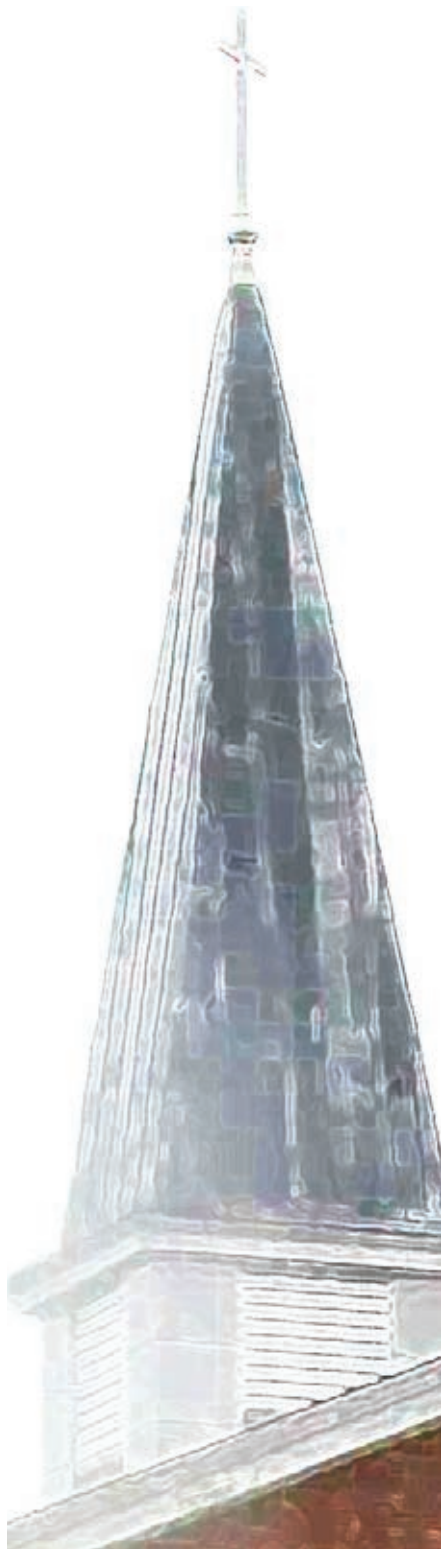
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“Do whatever He tells you.”

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



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 30, 2020



Saturday August 29, Vigil Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p Robert Pedrolini Req. Ida & Family

Sunday August 30, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30am Intentions of All Parishioners

8:30am Helen & John Maciag, Sr. Req. Family

10:30am Andrew Predota Req. Family

Monday August 31, Weekday

8am Herbert & Helen Barber & Linda Lawson Req. Family

Tuesday September 1, Weekday

8am Helen & John Jurgilweicz Req. Family

Wednesday September 2, Weekday

No Mass

Thursday September 3, St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

8am Lucia D'Onofrio Req. Domenick & Family

Friday September 4, Weekday

8am Roy Somes Req. Pauline Casey

8:30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday September 5, St. Teresa of Calcutta

8am Alice Brousseau

Walter Zarzycki 1st Anniv.

Eileen Sullivan Month's Mind

Irene Boiczuk Month's Mind

Noon Confession

Saturday September 5, Vigil Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p Alexander & Sheila Mancini Req. Joe & Rose Ciccio

Sunday September 6, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Intentions of All Parishioners

10:30am Dennis Chapman & Jennifer Petit Req. Family

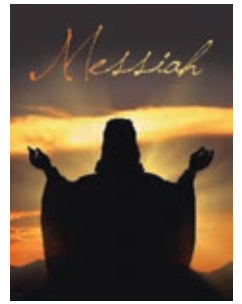
12:30pm Intentions for the Children Receiving First Holy Communion and their Families

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY

\$3,280.00 Weekly Envelopes for August 23

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A Thought for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



In last Sunday's Gospel reading we read that Jesus had granted Peter a special place among the apostles because of his confession that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of the living God.

Today, Jesus unfolds for Peter the ramifications of being the Messiah and the Son of the living God. Jesus proclaims that He is going to Jerusalem and that He will suffer greatly, be killed, and then on the third day be raised. Peter is shocked by this. In response, Jesus rebukes Peter.

Having redefined what it means to be the Messiah, Jesus moves on to describe the conditions for discipleship. There are three requirements necessary for being a disciple of Jesus. *First*, one must deny himself or herself. *Second*, one must take up his/her cross. *Third*, one must follow Jesus.

God Bless,

Fr. Ray

Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy!



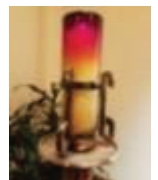
If you are new to our parish and wish to become a member of OLM, we invite you to introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr. Raymond Smialowski, and to register.

Registration can be completed by stopping by the parish office, completing a short registration form which can be found on our home page at www.olmct.org under the heading "New to Our Parish?", or calling the Parish Office at 860.747.6825 and we can fill it out with you over the phone. Please return the hard copy to the office by dropping it off at the Parish Office, the collection box, 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 Alice*

Brousseau. The Tabernacle Lamp is available as a memorial for \$5.

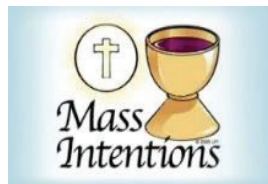


Sunday Mass Schedule

This weekend is the last time that the 6:30am Mass will be celebrated. The regular Sunday morning Mass schedule will resume next weekend on Sept. 6th with Masses being celebrated at 8:30 and 10:30am. The Saturday Vigil Mass continues at 4pm. Please join us.

Mass Intentions for 2021

The Mass book is now open for 2021. Feel free to call the office to book Masses as 860.747.6825.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



You are invited to adore our Lord on Friday, September 4th after the 8 am Mass with Benediction at 9:30 am.

Bulletin Outreach

If you or a loved one would like to receive a bulletin every week in the mail, please call the Parish Office at 860.747.6825. We would be delighted to mail one out to you or a dear one.

Religious Education News

Religious Education Classes Begin Soon!

Religious Education Classes starts on Sunday, Sept. 13th for Confirmation students and Monday, Sept. 14th for Grades 1-8. Registrations are still being accepted. Please contact

Donna for questions or details at 860.747.6825



or ourladyofmercyym@gmail.com.

Also, the **Faith Formation** website will be up and running in September! Stay tuned for more info. You will be able to find the latest information on resources, videos and the most current information that pertains to your child's grade.

It's not too late to enroll your children in our Religious Education Program.

We Need Your Help!

If you have extra time on Monday's and would like to help out with Faith Formation, we

welcome your help. We are in need of aids for grades 1-5. An aid is someone who assists the teacher with the lesson and children. Please

contact *Donna*

at ourladyofmercyym@gmail.com or (860) 952-4005 if you are interested.

Blessing of Backpacks

The start of the school year is right around the corner and Fr. Ray would like for all children and young teens to have a blessing for their upcoming school year. Because of Covid-19,

we are unable to have a huge gathering of children, so OLM will be having the Blessing on 3 consecutive Sundays: Sept. 6th, Sept. 13th, and Sept. 20th. *The Blessing will be at the 10:30am Masses.* Please have your child bring his/her backpack to be blessed! There is no need to sign up for a specific Mass.



First Reconciliation

Mya Paznokas and Callen Hill received their First Reconciliation last Saturday. We rejoice with them and congratulate them!



First Holy Communion

Next Sunday, Sept. 6th, 10 children will receive their First Holy Communion. A special Mass has been scheduled to celebrate First Holy Communion at 12:30pm.



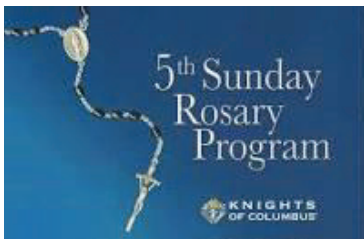
Tanya Carter

&

Aaron Paradis

*To be wed on Saturday,
September 5th.*





*5th Sunday Rosary
The OLM Council
of the K of C, in
conformity with
Pope Francis, have*

*maintained a continuous 5th Sunday Rosary
from the beginning of this appeal; with
gracious thanks to the women of the Parish
for their faithful attendance. Starting at 2
PM in the Church THIS Sunday, Aug. 30th.*

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.



Labor Day Parish/Cemetery Office Hours

The Office will be closed Friday, September 4th through Monday, September 7th in observance of the Labor Day weekend.

Is a Vocation Right for You?

Jesus reveals the Father's will for Him and then he teaches that the lives of his disciples must follow the same pattern. Peter rebuked Jesus and Jesus responded that Peter's response was a temptation from the devil. Are you courageous enough to follow Jesus' pattern as a priest or deacon, brother or sister? If so, call Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aoht.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.



St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation
Last Sunday during the 10:30am Mass, George Fensick, III received the St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation for service to the church here at our Parish of Our Lady of Mercy. The

Medal was originally scheduled to be given this past March at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. Due to the covid pandemic, plans needed to be changed. Congratulations! We are so happy for you.

2020 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, and offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, especially today, as the Coronavirus has affected so many of our neighbors. Your gift to the 2020 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need. 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.*



Food Pantry Collection...

is next weekend! Please feel free to share your blessings from your garden. Don't have a garden? The Pantry can always use frequently requested items such as laundry detergent, paper products, personal hygiene items, peanut butter, tuna, mac n cheese, canned soups, coffee and tea.

2020 Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference - It's a Home Run!

No doubt, it's Divine Providence. We're moving the conference to New Britain Stadium! September 19, 2020. Prayers to Saint Joseph uncovered this opportunity! Outdoor venue with up to 1,500 capacity, in total compliance with Social Distancing precautions. Indoor bathrooms and handicap ramps, Full Seats with cup holders rather than folding chairs, Easy access off the highway, Plentiful parking, Going onto the field to receive Eucharist! Adoration on the roof top! NOW including lunch with the same ticket price. In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Saint Joseph being proclaimed the Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on 8 December 1870, this year's theme is SAINT JOSEPH: OUR PATRON. In addition, the Mass this year will be dedicated to the soon-to-be blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, the

founder of the Knights of Columbus. Fr. Jeffrey Romans, former priest-secretary for the Archbishop of Hartford and a former CCMC member, will be the principal celebrant at the outdoor Mass.

The goal of every conference: to connect Catholic men to Christ and one another, and prompt each man to seek out a personal apostolate where he can serve the Kingdom of God and help other Catholic men to become the best of who they can be. There will be all the familiar elements the men have come to expect from the conference: great speakers, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fellowship, and an uplifting message of encouragement for the men. This event will truly reach new levels for those who will participate. The CCMC Committee requests those who wish to attend to purchase their tickets before **THIS Tuesday, September 1st** by going to www.ctcatholicmen.org.

Parish Raffle

Our Annual Parish Raffle will take place on October 2, 2020. The proceeds from the raffle will help cover ordinary parish expenses. Every registered parishioner will receive one book of 25 tickets to buy or sell at \$1 each. Please support the raffle to the extent that you are able to.

Your support will ensure the success of our only yearly, parish-wide fund raiser. The prizes for this year's raffle are as follows:

1. \$500 Cash
2. \$500 Gift Certificate to Gnazzo's
3. \$300 Gift Certificate for Gasoline
4. \$250 Cash
5. \$200 Gift Certificate to J. Timothy's
6. \$50 Gift Certificate to Mangiafico's Bakery

Extension of Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation

On March 13, 2020, each and every Catholic in the Archdiocese of Hartford was dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair due to the potential danger of the coronavirus pandemic. This dispensation was most recently extended on May 27, 2020, with the release of

the document 'Opening Churches for Public Worship in the Archdiocese of Hartford,' which stated, "As for Sunday Mass, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation previously granted to all Catholics of the archdiocese by the Archbishop has now been extended through Sunday, September 6, 2020."

In light of continued uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the coronavirus in the state of Connecticut and throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, Archbishop Blair has now extended this dispensation from the Sunday obligation through Saturday, November 28, 2020, which is the last day of the current liturgical year.

The Archdiocese of Hartford continues to monitor the severity of the situation surrounding the pandemic and will provide updates regarding decisions reached for the archdiocese as they are made.

Catholic Biblical School

August 31st is the LAST DAY to apply for the Catholic Biblical School this year! We're piloting remote and hybrid options, so don't miss out. To apply go to: <https://catholicedaohct.org/prospective-students/applying-to-cbs>

"Take up Your Cross" Match-up

Jesus began to tell the disciples that He would have to suffer and be killed. How did the disciples react? What did Jesus say then?

Connect the phrases on the left with the ones that follow on the right.

1. Peter said, "God forbid, Lord!" †	A. will find it.
2. Jesus said, "Get behind me, Satan!" †	B. must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."
3. You are not thinking as God does †	C. You are an obstacle to me.
4. Whoever wishes to come after me †	D. No such thing shall ever happen to You!"
5. Whoever wishes to save his life †	E. but as human beings do."
6. and whoever loses his life for my sake †	F. for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?
7. For what profit would there be †	G. will lose it

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