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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 box. *Thank you.*

New Parishioner                       Address/Phone Number Change

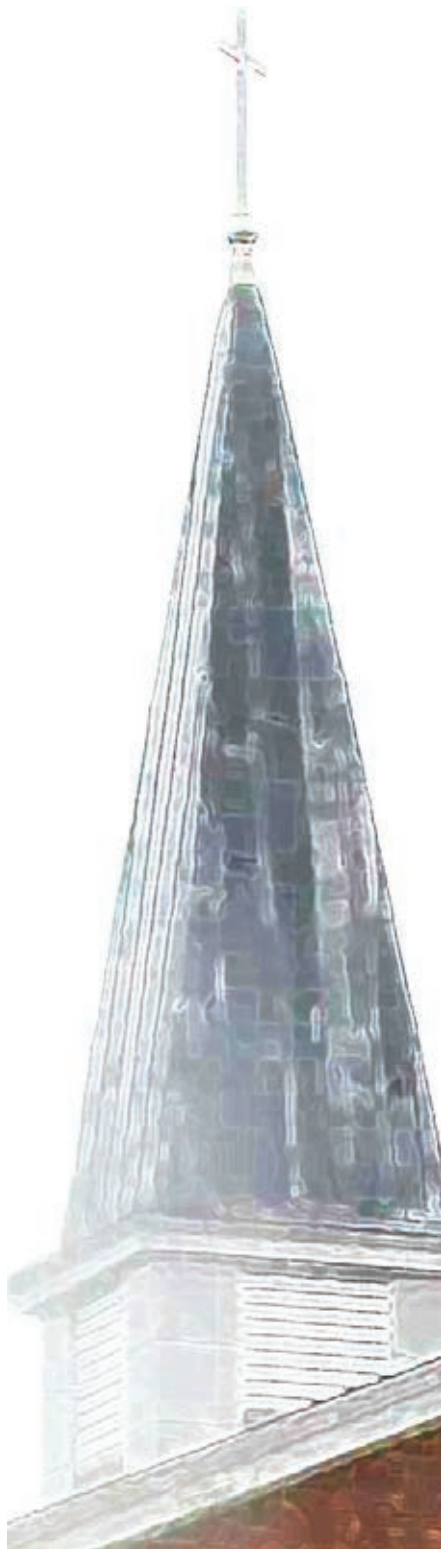
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*“Do whatever He tells you.”*

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



## **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 27, 2020**



**Saturday September 26, Vigil Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00p** Frank Accousti Req. Wife Carol

**Sunday September 27, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30am** Intentions of All Parishioners

**10:30am** Norbert Poulin Req. Family

**Monday September 28, St. Wencelaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs**

**8am** Brian Hebert – 1<sup>st</sup>. Anniv. Req. Mother

**Tuesday September 29, Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels**

**8am** Vincent “Jimmy Boy” Dell’ Aquilla Req. Renee & Jeffrey Cameron

**Wednesday September 30, St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

No Mass

**Thursday October 1, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

**8am** Jeannette Vallee Req. Family

**Friday October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels**

**8am** Genevieve Aparo Req. Family

**8:30am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday October 3, Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8am** David Casey Month’s Mind

Bryan Knorr Month’s Mind

Noon Confession

**Saturday October 3, Vigil Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00p** Carmelo & Florence Cicco Req. Joseph & Rose Ciccio

**Sunday October 4, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30am** Intentions of All Parishioners

**10:30am** Chris Dziura Req. Parents

**12:30** Mass for Confirmation Candidates

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY



**\$4,291.66 Weekly Envelopes for September 20**

***Please use the Donation Boxes at the Entrances of the Church. Thank You for Your Continued Generous Support & May God Bless You!***

### A Thought for the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Our Gospel reading today comes from Matthew, chapter 21, verses 28-32. In this passage we read the *Parable of the Two Sons*. This parable calls us to reflect on how we are responding to God’s will. Are we doing God’s will or not?

We could probably all relate to the parable. It speaks about a man asking his sons to help with the work in the vineyard. The first says, *“No, I will not.”* Later he changes his mind and helps in the vineyard. The second son says, *“Yes, sir,”* but did not go to the vineyard. *“No”* leads to *“Yes”* and a *“Yes”* leads to a *“No.”*

In the parable Jesus is addressing himself to the priests and elders in the community. In speaking to them Jesus says,

**“Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering into the kingdom of God before you.”** Why does Jesus say this?

He says this because the leaders were only paying lip service while the tax collectors and the prostitutes were recognizing their sin and repenting. Their *“No!”* became a *“Yes!”*

It is far better to move from bad intentions to positive action than to remain locked into good intentions and no action. In other words, it is far better to repent.



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](http://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.

### For the Unborn

Fr. Glen Dmytryszyn is hosting 3 Thursday evenings of Holy Hour for the unborn and their mothers in union with the 2020 40 Days for Life Campaign, 7:00 - 8:00p  
**St. Gregory the Great, 235 Maltby Street Bristol,**  
 Thursday, October 1, 7-8p, Thursday, October 8, 7-8p, & Thursday, October 15, 7-8p. You are also invited to join Father Glen to pray the Rosary on Monday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. for the unborn and their mothers.

# Religious Education News

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

**2020/2021 REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a unique approach to catechesis for children ages 3 – 6 and 6 - 9. CGS was developed in Rome in 1954 and uses a rich Montessori



approach to engage young children in *age-appropriate, hands-on materials* based on Sacred Scripture and Liturgy. The CGS curriculum is designed to nurture a child's pre-existing relationship with God.

The children learn in a specially prepared environment called the Atrium, a sacred and special space where children engage in a process of reflection and interaction. This time spent in the Atrium allows for even the youngest child to build a deep, lifelong relationship with Christ and his Church. Materials are intentionally prepared for the children to cultivate that loving relationship and further curiosity about the divine.

Parents with young children are asked to stay in the room next to the Atrium to help their child with the restroom.

**Tuesdays 4:30- 6:00PM**

- Atrium I 3-6 year olds
- Atrium II 6-9 Year olds

**OLM Parish Center**

Please contact **Michelle Batista** at

[OurLadyofMercyAtrium@gmail.com](mailto:OurLadyofMercyAtrium@gmail.com)

**Or the Parish Office at 860.747.6825 for a registration form.**

**Want to find out more and experience the Atrium with your child? Please attend our Open House on October 18<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am Mass for a hands-on experience in the Parish Center.**

### First Reconciliation

We would like to congratulate Halina Vidal and Emma Melanson who received their First Reconciliation on September 19<sup>th</sup>. May Jesus continue to bless them and their families.



**Confirmation Reminder: For the 11th graders who will be confirmed on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, there is a mandatory rehearsal Wednesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the church. Sponsors and teens are required to attend.**

### Are You Seeking More?

~ **SEEK** ~

When we plan a trip to a new locale, or find ourselves in unknown



'territory' (regarding health, relationships, and other), we look for guidance from maps, experts who have experience, and we may pray for God's protection and aide. Our most important journey is that to Heaven, which began at our baptism and continues until we die. **The steps we take on our journey to heaven is forming our faith, or faith formation; it is lifelong.**

We are happy to announce that **our life long faith formation website, SEEK, is up and running!** Created to provide **information for all parishioners**, the very young to our seniors, it will be updated regularly with new content to assist you on your journey.



**Seek, Ask, Knock! God is looking forward to spending time with you!**

<http://www.OLMseek.org>

**Trying to Remember When Classes are Being Held? Go to [www.olmct.org](http://www.olmct.org), tap on the Bulletins & Links button, and tap the Events button to bring up our OLM Google Calendar or to [www.OLMseek.org](http://www.OLMseek.org). All classes are listed there.**

### This Week This Week This Week This Week

#### Sunday September 27

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

6 – 7:30p Confirmation Class Gr. 9 & 10, Parish Center

#### Monday September 28

1:00p Legion of Mary, Parish Center

4 – 5p Religious Ed. Grades 1 – 5, Parish Center

6:15 – 7:30p Middle School Rel. Ed., Parish Center

6:30 – 9p Knights of Columbus, Parish Center

#### Tuesday September 29

4:30 – 6p Atrium, Parish Center

#### Saturday October 3

8:45a Altar Society Meeting, Church

Noon Confession, Church

7 – 8p AA Meeting, Rm 107

#### Sunday October 4

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

### Altar Society

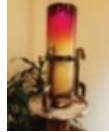
The activities of our Altar Society have resumed. Each Saturday morning at 8:45am the Altar and Sanctuary are prepared for Sunday. Please share your time and talents and join us!

## HOPES Collection

Thank you! On behalf of the students in the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese of Hartford, we send our deepest gratitude to all who contributed to the **2020 HOPES** Collection. Your participation supports a culture of faith and educational excellence in Catholic schools, preparing students for leadership and active roles in parish life.

### 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 *for the Intentions of the Huntley Family.*



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

### 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?

The Gospel is a challenge to examine the integrity of discipleship. It is also a challenge to examine what it means to follow the Father's will. Will an examination of these challenges result in your considering a call to priesthood or religious life? Call Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Tel. 860-761-7456, e-mail [vocations@aoht.org](mailto:vocations@aoht.org) or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).

### 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Appeal goal for this year may be a challenge – but it is nothing compared to the challenge many suffer with each and every day of their lives, especially today, as the Coronavirus has affected so many of our neighbors. It is not too late to join your fellow parishioners with a pledge or gift to this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal!! All pledges can be paid through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, towards this year's Appeal. This is the same Appeal that was introduced during Lent. Due to covid, so many things came to a halt. For those who have not had



yet a chance to donate, they have to the end of the year to do so. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of countless individuals.

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.*

### Parish Raffle

**THANK YOU for your generous response thus far for Our Annual Parish Raffle that will take place NEXT FRIDAY, October 2, 2020. There is only 1 more week to return your raffle**



**tickets! If you want more raffle tickets, stop by the office.** The proceeds from the raffle will help cover ordinary parish expenses. 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

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

You are invited to adore our Lord on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 8 am Mass with Benediction at 9:30 am.



### The Knights Corner "40 Days for Life"



Our Knights of Columbus Council is honored to once again sponsor this year's "40 Days for Life" campaign. The "40 Days for Life" mission is to bring an end to the tragedy of abortion and the evil and destruction of innocent life. With a focus on prayers, fasting, and peaceful activism, we seek God's favor to turn the hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life.

It is estimated that since the campaign started over 17,000 lives have been spared from abortion and 107 abortion centers closed.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish along with the Gerard T. Corrigan Knights of Columbus will be supporting a campaign of prayers, fasting and peaceful activism.

This includes **Eucharistic Adoration** on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, and a prayerful vigil at the Hartford abortion clinic on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. We will again be showing the movie "Unplanned". The movie chronicles the life of Abby Johnson from her transition as a college student volunteering at an abortion clinic through clinic director and eventually pro-life advocate. The movie will be shown on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM and on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the Parish Center. More information will be presented at this weekend's Masses. The campaign runs from September 23<sup>rd</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>.



### Blessing of Animals

**THIS** Saturday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> AT 2:30PM, you are invited to bring your pets for a special blessing in the Spirit of St. Francis of Assisi on the lawn in front of the Parish Center.



### Are You Interested in Learning More about the Catholic Faith?

If you are interested in learning more about our faith with the possibility of preparing to enter into the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation, please contact Fr. Ray. Also, adults who have not been Confirmed and are interested in preparing for this Sacrament are ask to contact Fr. Ray.

## iVoteCatholic

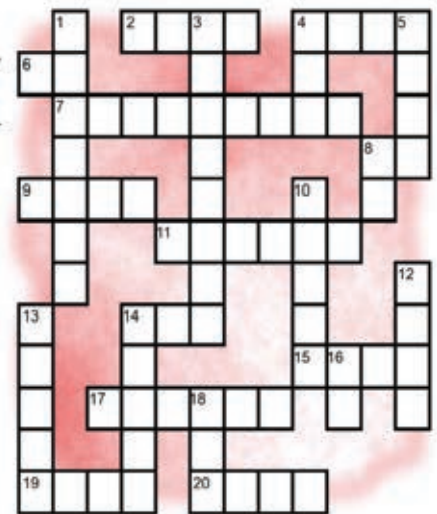
We are called to live our faith in all aspects of our lives. This provoking question requires much prayer and discernment from each of us. We acknowledge the difficulty of this question and the perceived alignment or misalignment of the candidates and issues with our Catholic faith. Our Church teaches a consistent ethic of life so we are called to be

advocates for a variety of issues related to life and human dignity. Some have misinterpreted this teaching to convey that each related issue is morally equivalent. This is not the case. Some have misinterpreted this teaching to convey that one related issue could excuse indifference to the rest: this is not the case either. We have challenging work ahead of us! The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is offering prayers, scripture, quotes, family activities and discerning questions through the lens of the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching to aid the discerning vote. We will not be telling you for whom or what to vote. We will be encouraging careful discernment, intentional prayer, and a universal call to holiness and compassion to inform your voting. **Find out more at [www.iVoteCatholic.org](http://www.iVoteCatholic.org).**

### Ezekiel 18 Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in the reading and the puzzle.  
a=across & d=down.

- COMMITTED
- INIQUITY
- BECAUSE
- UNFAIR
- VIRTUE
- URNS
- SHALL
- SINCE
- MUST
- LORD
- SAYS
- JUST
- DOES
- IT
- IS
- IF
- HE
- DIE
- ALL
- SAY
- FAIR
- SINS
- LIVE



Thus \_\_\_\_\_ (5d) the \_\_\_\_\_ : (20a) You \_\_\_\_\_, (14a) "The Lord's way is not \_\_\_\_\_!" (2a) Hear now, house of Israel: \_\_\_\_\_ (8a) it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways \_\_\_\_\_? (17a) When someone virtuous \_\_\_\_\_ (10d) away from \_\_\_\_\_ (11a) to commit \_\_\_\_\_, (3d) and dies, \_\_\_\_\_ (8d) is \_\_\_\_\_ (1d) of the iniquity he committed that \_\_\_\_\_ (6a) \_\_\_\_\_ (12d) die. But \_\_\_\_\_ (16d) he turns from the wickedness he has \_\_\_\_\_, (7a) and \_\_\_\_\_ (4a) what is right and \_\_\_\_\_, (9a) he shall preserve his life; \_\_\_\_\_ (14d) he has turned away from \_\_\_\_\_ (18d) the \_\_\_\_\_ (15a) that he committed, he \_\_\_\_\_ (13d) surely \_\_\_\_\_, (19a) he shall not \_\_\_\_\_. (4d)

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