

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12th, 2021

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Saturday September 11, Vigil Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Marta & Marian Hawrylak Req. Family

Sunday September 12, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am For the Intentions of All Parishioners of the Parish

10:30am Frank Accousti Req. Wife Carol

Monday September 13, St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00am Raymond & Rejeanne Lemieux Req. Andros Family

Tuesday September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00am Joe Belanger Req. Reno & Patricia Levesque

Wednesday September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows
No Mass

Thursday September 16, Sts. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00am Theresa & James Bagliore Req. Family

Friday September 17, St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00am Frank Coursey Req. The Petersons

8:30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday September 18, Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Claire Camp Month's Mind

Barbara Bordeau Month's Mind

Gino Cianchetti Month's Mind

Saturday September 18, Vigil Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Zbigniew, Paraskiewia, & Tadeusz Kukielka Req. Family

Sunday September 19, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am For the Intentions of All Parishioners of the Parish

10:30am Teen Focus Mass James DeBlois Req. Family

Coffee and Donuts

Please join us after the 8:30am Mass next Sunday, Sept. 19th for Coffee and Donuts. Let us build the community of Christ through fun and fellowship!



A Thought for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

In our Gospel reading today from Mark 8: 27 – 35, Jesus is in the vicinity of Caesarea Philippi when He asks His disciples: “Who do people say that I am?”

The disciples respond by saying: “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah and still others one of the prophets.”

“But what about you?” He asks, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter responds by saying: “You are the Christ.”

Then Jesus began to teach them that He must suffer many things, be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, die, and after three days rise.

In the dialogue that follows between Jesus to His disciples, He says: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel will save it.”

These words make us uncomfortable. Following Christ involves taking up our cross. It involves suffering.

Jesus came to die for us. This is how much He loves us. Nails didn't hold Jesus to the cross. Love did.

What have you given in return or are giving in return?

God Bless, Fr. Ray

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

\$4,474 Weekly Donation for September 5



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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 Joan Shea.*

Parish Raffle

Who will be the lucky winners? The Raffle Tickets are finding their way back to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity! Our



Annual Raffle Drawing will take place on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 12 Noon. Six attractive prizes are being offered. Please support the raffle. It is our only parish wide fundraiser. Additional tickets are available in the Parish Office. They are available at \$1 each.

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Pilgrim Statue

Our Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima has once again begun to travel through the parish. If you would like to receive the statue into your home for a period of one or two weeks, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet near the piano.

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.



This Week This Week This Week

Sunday September 12

10:30a AA, Room 107

Monday September 13

9:30a Legion of Mary, Room 106

6:30p Knights of Columbus, Library

Tuesday September 14

7p NA, Room 107

Wednesday September 15

7 – 8:30p NA, Room 107

Friday September 17

9a – 2p Blood Drive, Parish Center

Saturday September 18

8:45a Altar Society Team #3, Church

5:30 – 8p Teen Night, Gym

7- 8p AA, Room 107

Sunday September 19

10:30a AA, Room 107

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.

Would you like to help your child enjoy a deeper relationship with God?

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based, hands-on approach to the religious formation of children, rooted in Sacred Scripture, Liturgy, and respect for the child’s rich relationship with God beginning at 3 years of age. The program will be instructed on Thursdays from 4:30 – 6:00pm. Classes begin Sept. 23. To learn

more about the spiritual life of the child, and how your child fits into the formation, contact **Michelle Batista** @ OurLadyofMercyAtrium@gmail.com

Registration for Faith Formation Classes

2021 – 2022

Classes start **THIS** week on **September 13th**!

If you have not signed up your children as of yet, please call the Parish Office on Monday to register your child

for Faith Formation classes for children in grades 1 - 10. If you did not receive a registration form, please call the Parish Office or email Donna at ourladyofmercyym@gmail.com.



Faith Formation Registration

Scripture Study

A Scripture Study focusing on the Sunday readings will be held on Tuesday mornings at 9am in the Parish Center beginning Sept. 21. Please indicate your interest to participate on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space this Sunday, Sept. 12, or call the Parish Center at 860.747.6825. All are welcome.

Attention TEENS! (And those of you who THINK you are still teens...)

Per request from your peers, we are starting a **TEEN focused MASS** once a month. SEPTEMBER 19, 10:30am is the first. You will find slightly different music and more of your peers filling the pews. Please come and participate! We request your presence. *Help us build a Mass more relatable to you and your way of worship.*



S'mores and More Teen Night!

Come join us for Teen Night Saturday, September 18 from 6-8p for Food, Fun and Fellowship! Bring your lawn chairs and appetite for S'mores! Meet in the Gym at 6pm, parents pick up at 8p. Parents, feel free to come steal a S'more too!

40 Days for Life

This year's fall campaign is Sept. 22 – Oct. 31. 40 Days for life is an ecumenical, internationally coordinated 40-day peaceful and prayerful campaign to end abortion. Our parish, once again, will hold an extended period of Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament on a day to be announced. Also, a prayerful vigil outside an abortion facility will be held. This year the prayerful vigil will be on the sidewalk outside of Planned Parenthood in West Hartford.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or have not received all of the Sacraments (Communion and Confirmation), please call or email Donna to be enrolled in the RCIA Program this fall at (860) 952-4005

or ourladyofmercyym@gmail.com

Welcome Faith Formation Teachers!

Grade 1 - Cheryl Kanaple
Assistant - Leona Bisson
Grade 2 - Sarah Mangiafico
Assistant - Connie Kapralos
Grade 3 - Greta Moore
Assistant - Carol Haddad
Grade 4 - Jammie Acevedo
Grade 5 - Indiana Williams

*In our classroom...
we are kind.
WE ARE HONEST.
We give compliments.
we laugh a lot.
we make mistakes.
we have big dreams.
We are peaceful.
We work hard.
We are family.*

Would You Like to Be a Franciscan Hospice Care Volunteer?

Becoming a Franciscan Hospice Care Volunteer is a rewarding opportunity to journey with someone in the latter portion of his/her life. Hospice care volunteers receive 16 hours of training that enables them to be present to others in a very special way supporting the individual and family through a difficult time. There is continuing education and support through monthly meetings as well as social events for the hospice volunteers throughout the year. Franciscan Hospice Care Volunteers provide a variety of services such as visiting patients, reading, sharing stories, praying or being a quiet presence for the patient as well as clerical support. If you are interested in making a difference in someone else's life, consider becoming a Franciscan Hospice Care Volunteer. Contact BJ Raby at braby@franciscanhc.org or 202-238-1441

St. Joseph's Character

There is very little other than Scripture. There are some scurrilous stories in apocryphal writings involving the Infancy Narratives, but they are not Scripture and have been rejected by tradition as unworthy of our attention.

Though we know so little of Joseph in Scripture, he seems to have been the strong, silent type. Not a word of his is recorded. But his actions have much to say, especially to men. Let's consider a few examples of his active virtue.

He was a man who obeyed God and clung to his wife. At a certain point, it was discovered that Mary was pregnant, though not by Joseph. Scripture says that Joseph was a “just man.” This does not mean that Joseph was a fair and nice guy (though I presume he was). What it means was that he was a follower of the Law. The Law said that if a man discovered that a woman to whom he was betrothed was not a virgin, he should divorce her and not “sully” his home. Joseph, as a just man – that is, a follower of the Law – was prepared to follow its requirements. To fail to divorce Mary would expose Joseph to cultural ramifications. But Joseph is told in a dream not to fear, that Mary has committed no sin. The Gospel of Matthew records: “When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home” (1:24). So, here is a man who obeys God even if it is not popular, even if he may suffer for it. Here is a man who agrees to cling to his wife, for better or worse, richer or poorer, in sickness or health.



This is what a man is to do.

Joseph was a man whose vocation is more important than his career. In Bethlehem, Joseph is warned by an angel in a dream: “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.

Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him” (Mt 2:13). Joseph may well have had much to lose in this flight. Back in Nazareth he had a business, a career if you will. He had business prospects, business partners and contacts. Fleeing to a distant land might mean others would take his business, etc. But Joseph was a father and husband before he was a businessman. His vocation outweighed his career.

Joseph was a man of work. Scripture speaks of Joseph as a “carpenter” (Mt 13:55). The Greek word however is tektonos, which can mean more than a worker in wood. It can also refer to a builder or any craftsman. It was through his work that Joseph supported his family. It is the call of a man to work diligently and to responsibly, reliably provide for his family. Joseph models this essential aspect of manhood. St. Paul, in his Second Letter to the Thessalonians, felt it necessary to rebuke some of the men of his day for their idleness and concludes, “Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and to eat their own food” (3:12).

Rev. Msgr. Charles E. Pope is a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

14th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men’s Conference...

will be held on Saturday, September 25th at New Britain Stadium. Please view the poster on the bulletin board for more details or visit www.ctcatholicmen.org.

New Day Bereavement Program

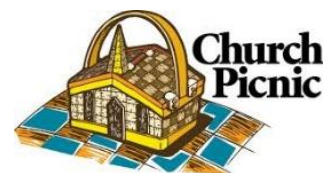
The program will begin on Saturday, Sept. 25 at 10am and run through the end of October in the Parish Center. These sessions will be led by Karin Raczynski, who is trained in bereavement ministry. The program is free of charge. Please call the Parish Office to register at 860.747.6825.

Welcome!

Sophia Winiarski was commissioned this past Tuesday to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in our parish. Congratulations!!

Parish Picnic

Our Parish Picnic last Sunday was wonderful, even with a few



raindrops! Thank you to everyone who participated or helped. A special thank you to our committee members headed by Janice Brayne, The Knights of Columbus for their dedicated and

enthusiastic assistance, and to those who donated raffle prizes. Congratulations to our raffle winners. We look forward to next year’s picnic!

Our Church’s Anniversary



Parish Feast and Anniversary Celebration
We will observe the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, the patroness of our parish, on Sunday, September 26 at the 10:30am Mass. During this same Mass, we will observe the 140th Anniversary of the founding of our parish, which was founded in 1881. A reception, to which everyone is invited, will follow in the Parish Center Gym. We are grateful to the St. Anthony Society for preparing the reception. In order to help with the reception, please indicate your plans to attend by signing up on the sheet in the Gathering Space. Your cooperation in this way will be very helpful.

The Pastoral Council...
will meet on Thursday, Sept. 23, 7pm, in the Parish Center. All parishioners are welcome to voice their concerns or questions.

