

DIVINE MERCY PARISH

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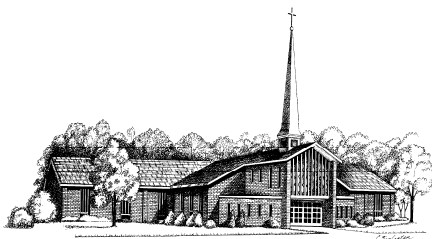
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Saint John the Evangelist Church

22 Maple Avenue
Uncasville, CT



Our Lady of the Lakes Church

752 Norwich-Salem Turnpike
Oakdale, CT



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

63 Old Norwich Road
Quaker Hill, CT

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil----- 4:00 pm **SJE**
5:00 pm **OLL**

Sunday----- 8:00 am **OLPH**
8:00 am **OLL**
9:30 am **OLPH**
10:15 am **OLL**
11:00 am **SJE**

Daily Masses

Monday----- 7:30 am **SJE**
7:00 pm **OLL**

Tuesday----- 7:30 am **OLPH**

Wednesday----- 8:00 am **OLL**
12:05 pm **SJE**

Thursday----- 7:30 am **SJE**

Friday----- 7:30 am **OLPH**
8:00 am **OLL**

Reconciliation

Monday----- 6:00 - 6:30 pm **OLL**

Wednesday----- 12:30 - 1:00 pm **SJE**

Friday----- 8:15 - 8:45 am **OLPH**

Saturday----- 2:30 - 3:00 pm **OLPH**
3:00 - 3:30 pm **SJE**
4:15 - 4:45 pm **OLL**

(or by appointment, please call parish office)

Welcome to the Divine Mercy Parish

We welcome all visitors. If you wish to be a parishioner, please register in the parish office. Every family in the parish should be properly registered. Single adults over 21 years of age should register separately from their parents. This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish family.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the office to arrange for Pre-Baptismal Instruction and time of ceremony.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Preparation for marriage must begin at least eight months before actual ceremony.

Sacrament of the Sick & Ministry to the Sick

Please call the office when weekly visitation of the sick is requested and anytime person is sick or infirmed.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

If interested in becoming a priest or deacon, please contact the Vocation's office in Norwich at 860-887-9294.

The Divine Mercy Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28, 2024



April 28- May 5, 2024

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

(OLL)- **The Members of the First Friday Eucharistic Adoration Team**

(Requested by: Maureen O'Hara)

(SJE)- **Peace in Haiti**

(OLPH)- **Peace in the Middle East**



MASS INTENTIONS

OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Easter

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

4:00 pm (SJE) †Rita Lariviere- In Memoriam

(Requested by: Gene & Kathy Lariviere)

†Fred Smolen- In Memoriam

(Requested by: Wife & Children)

5:00 pm (OLL) †Barbara Lewis – Birthday Remembrance

(Requested by: Bill, Kelly, & Seamus Barry)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

8:00 am (OLL) †Mrs. Kelly Vandale- In Memoriam

(Requested by: Kathleen & Kevin Lyden)

†Jeanette Pieniadz – In Memoriam

(Requested by: Tom & Anne Daniewicz & Bill & Lorrie Hracyk)

8:00 am (OLPH) †Ronald Lavalley – 2nd Anniv. Remembrance

(Requested by: Jeff & Catherine Tortora)

†Phyllis Lyons- Birthday Remembrance

(Requested by: Patricia Avery)

9:30 am (OLPH) †Anne Skrzynski- In Memoriam

(Requested by: Paul & Carol Skalski)

10:15 am (OLL) †Don W. Young – In Memoriam

(Requested by: His Sister, Marie Viens)

11:00 am (SJE) †Edward Planeta – In Memoriam

(Requested by: Nicolina Nygaard & Family)

†Jeanette Pieniadz – In Memoriam

(Requested by: Mark & Joan Malchiodi)

Monday, APRIL 29, 2024 -WEEKDAY

7:30 am (SJE) †Marion Hannon-In Memoriam

(Requested by: Fr. Francis Gilbert)

7:00 pm (OLL) Angelina Manwaring and Family- For Good Health

(Requested by: Grandparents)

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024 - WEEKDAY

7:30 am (OLPH) Jeffery Tortora – Birthday Intention

(Requested by: Catherine Tortora)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024 - WEEKDAY

8:00am (OLL) For Our Divine Mercy Parish

12:05pm (SJE) †Members of the Burns Family

(Requested by: Ann Marie Sosin)

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024 - WEEKDAY

7:00 am (SJE) †Charles Kolodziej – In Memoriam

(Requested by: Robert Kolodziej)

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

7:30 am (OLPH) †Souls in Purgatory

(Requested by: Fr. Francis Gilbert)

8:00 am (OLL) †Joseph & †Tessie Dabroski

(Requested by: Family)

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

4:00 pm (SJE) †Deborah Lyon- Anniv. Remembrance

(Requested by: The Vincente Family)

†Adam Berluti- In Memoriam

(Requested by: Frances Koerlin)

5:00 pm (OLL) †Irene Bordas – In Memoriam

(Requested by: The Horan Family)

†Barbara Lewis – In Memoriam

(Requested by: Doug & Cathy Brush)

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

8:00 am (OLL) †Nick & †Erin Fazzino- Anniv. Remembrance

(Requested by: The O'Connell Family)

†F. Raymond Viens – Birthday Remembrance

(Requested by: His Wife & Children & their Spouses)

8:00 am (OLPH) †Past & Present Members of the Divine Mercy Guild

(Requested by: Divine Mercy Guild)

†Phyllis Lyons- Birthday Remembrance

(Requested by: Patricia Avery)

9:30 am (OLPH) For Our Divine Mercy Parish

10:15 am (OLL) †George Ouellette – Birthday Remembrance

(Requested by: The Frechette Family)

For the Children of the 1st Grade Faith Formation Class & their Families

11:00 am (SJE) For Our Divine Mercy Parish

Divine Mercy Parish Support

Weekly Offertory Needed: \$10,600.00

Monthly Offering Needed: \$5,500.00

Weekly: \$7,581.94

Easter: \$5,885.75

The Divine Mercy Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28, 2024

*Thank you for your continued generosity to;
all of our Parish and Diocesan Collections.*

Offering envelopes and correspondence: May be deposited into a securely locked box in each of the churches.

*****If you mail your offertory envelopes, please address**

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22 Maple Avenue

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help address and/or
Our Lady of the Lakes address. Thank you.**

Our Parish

Holy Hours

(OLL) - Every Friday following 8:00 am Mass.

(SJE) - Every Wednesday at 11:00 am. (The Legion of Mary will be reciting the Scriptural Rosary on the 1st Wednesday and the "Divine Mercy Adoration Companion" will be recited on all other Wednesdays).

(OLPH) - First Fridays after 7:30 am Mass.

(OLL) Eucharistic Adoration - First Friday of every month from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Prayer Time for the Faithful

(OLL) - Monday - Friday open 10:00 am to 1:00pm

(OLPH) - Monday - Friday open 9:00 am to 2:00pm

(SJE) - Monday - Friday open 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Parish Prayer Line

Please contact: Janet Bucko at 860-537-1752, Jean Farr at 860-859-1189 or Louise at 860-848-8560 to request prayer. These parishioners will contact others for prayer.

The Legion of Mary

Meets weekly: **(OLL)** Wednesday at 8:30 am in the church. All are welcome!

The Perpetual Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

At **OLL** on Mondays, after the 7:00 pm Mass

The Rosary

At **OLPH** - every Tuesday at 1:00 pm. Please join us to pray for 1 hour for world peace.

At **OLL**, the Legion of Mary leads the Rosary prior to 8:00 am Sunday Mass. The Knights of Columbus and the Legion of Mary lead the Rosary prior to 5:00 pm Saturday Mass beginning at 4:25 pm.

Parish Office News

Mass Intentions: The forms for your mass intentions are at all the entrances to our churches. Please fill out your mass intentions form and drop it in any offertory basket or lock box along with your offering. You may also mail it to the parish office at: 22 Maple Ave, Uncasville. You will receive a confirmation in the mail when your mass intentions have been scheduled. **Please make every effort to use the mass intention form.** Thank you for your cooperation. The Parish Office hours are: Monday thru Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Parish Office telephone number is: (860) - 848 - 1257.

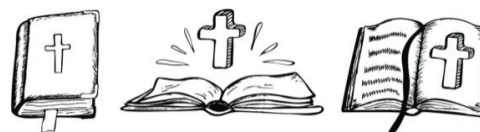
Sanctuary Light & Mass Offerings

Weekend Masses may be requested for your special intention for \$20.00.

Weekday Masses may be requested for your special intention for \$10.00.



Sanctuary Candle may be requested for your special intention for \$20.00.



Faith Formation Registration is NOW OPEN for the 2024-2025 school year!

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 15, 2024. Please register as soon as possible so that we can assure enough materials. Registration forms are at the entrances of all three churches.

CONGRATULATIONS

To our *Divine Mercy Parish RCIA & RCIC candidates*. They received their Sacraments during the Easter Vigil Mass on March 30, 2024. *God Bless*

Roger Michael Manning, Peter Francis Sinay, Terrance Pio Maher, Nicole Mary Martin, Paige Bucyo, Kaylin O'Brien, Katalaya Ryan, & Aidan Schuch. Our Divine Mercy Faith Community welcomes you. May you continue to grow spiritually, and may your faith always be strong. May God always be in your life, may He always answer your prayers and never leave you. *God Bless You All.*

The Divine Mercy Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28, 2024

Stewardship Reflections

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.”

1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with you financial support to your parish and other church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.



How to be an Evangelizer PRAY FOR PEOPLE BY NAME

Chances are, you already know people who haven’t heard the Good News! (That’s what “gospel” means, fun fact.)

In your prayer time, take their names to God. Ask Him for opportunities to share the faith with them and trust His timing, because scripture reminds us all good things happen on God’s time, not ours.

His Word Today By Rev. William J. Reilly Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

“The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers... ‘If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.’”

Am I able to recognize the description of the early church reflected in our life today? We struggle to be a viable presence of the Lord in our world, yet it is the same Holy Spirit calling and motivating us to make the gospel real.

The mission and mandate of Jesus is the task of all who claim discipleship. As we draw our life from the vine, God’s grace, we ask the power to bring the peace, joy and love of Christ to others. As the warmth of spring allows the buds to sprout, so may we waken ourselves and live our calling.

Apostolate Prayer for Priests

- Sunday-----Reverend Gregoire Fluet
Monsignor James Carini
- Monday ----- Reverend Alfred Irving
Monsignor Anthony Rosaforte
- Tuesday ----- Reverend Richard Brenton
Reverend James Sucholet
- Wednesday-----Reverend Augustine Naduvilekoot
Reverend Marek Masnicki
- Thursday -----Reverend James Caldarella
Reverend James Thaikootathil
- Friday -----Reverend Johnathan Ficara
Reverend Gregory Mullaney
- Saturday-----Reverend Thomas Sickler MS
Reverend Aguirre Palacio

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Legion of Mary Corner



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Presidium,

Our Lady of the Lakes Church

The Name and Origin of the Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is an Association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of all Graces, has formed themselves into a Legion for service in the warfare which is perpetually waged by the Church against the world and its evil powers.

The army, now so considerable, had the most humble of beginnings. It sprang up spontaneously. A suggestion was simply thrown out and a little group came together, unaware that they were to be the instrument of most loving Providence.

They did not adopt her. Our Lady adopted them; and since then they have marched and fought with her knowing that they would succeed and preserve just to the extent that they were united with her.

Who are the enemy? They are the wicked who resist the will of God. Therefore, let us throw ourselves determinedly into the warfare of Christ and submit ourselves to his glorious command.

Any practicing Catholic 18 years and older can join. No dues, just a Rosary a day! Please prayerfully think about this and contact either Carolyn Besade at OLL or Laura Anton at St. John's for membership information.

From Legio Mariae

On Sunday May 5th our new First Communicants will assist our 4 Confirmantees with the "**Crowning of Mary**" at Our Lady of the Lakes Church prior to the 10:15 Mass with our Divine Mercy Parish Choir adding the beauty with song.

Please come and join them in this procession with all young people invited to participate bringing flowers to our Lady.

Gardening Angels

The gardening Angels are looking for more angels to help with the planting and maintaining the beds and pots around the church. Many hands make light work.

You do not have to commit a lot of time to help us and you do not need to have a green thumb!

If you would like to become a member of the Gardening Angels or have any questions please contact:
Ann Daniewicz at (860) 889-8668 Thank you

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Fifth Sunday of EASTER:

John 15:1-8 "Jesus said, I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you." Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. It will help your relationship and teach you tools to transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

June 7-June 9, 2024 in Upton,, MA

June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY

August 2-4, 2024 in Portland, CT

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

New London Soup Kitchen Collection at OLPH

Each month OLPH will be collecting a needed every day staple for the Soup Kitchen. The collection runs May 1st - 7th. This month's item is *Artificial Sweetener Packets*. Containers may be placed in the designated tote in the back of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Thank you for participation and continued generosity.

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♪♪ Music Notes ♪♪

Choir News

Here's the latest music news at Divine Mercy Parish. Beginning in the Month of May, the Divine Mercy Parish Choir will be singing the weekly Communion Antiphons at Mass. These are the weekly prescribed texts from the Roman Missal set to chant. These settings are written by Fr. Columba Kelley OSB from St. Meinrad's Abbey. Also, during the month of May in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the "Regina Caeli" chant will be sung after Communion throughout the month.

With the merging of the three churches becoming one parish in 2021, the adult choirs from the three churches have merged into one choir. With that said, all of our choral music will be kept in one central location. Our new music "library" will be located in a storage room in the Emmaus building behind St. John's Church.

All are invited to join the Divine Mercy Parish Choir. During the next few months during the Easter Season and solemnities in Ordinary Time, Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM in the Emmaus building behind St. John the Evangelist Church. No previous experience is necessary. If interested, please email the choirmaster at music@divinemercyparish.net

God Bless,

Peter Fiore



OLL Parish Folk Group Rehearsals are Wednesdays 6:30 pm 2-3 times monthly and the Group sings Saturdays at the 5 pm Vigil. All singers and instrumentalists are most welcome to join! Contact: Susan Hollo, Folk Group Director at 860-537-9750 or email: fahollo@sbcglobal.net

THE GUILD BLOG May Meeting/Gathering

Mother's Day Tea and Luncheon



DATE CHANGE: Due to conflicting schedules, the May Meeting/Luncheon-Tea date is changed to Saturday May 18th. Location and time have NOT changed...OLPH at 10:30 a.m. Please sign up for what you would like to bring: small sandwiches – Turkey, ham, tuna, egg salad, hot side dish (whatever you want), potato salad, coleslaw, salads, veggie platter, fruit salad, fruit platter, desserts, anything else you would like to bring.

Please feel free to bring your favorite tea cup and/or tea pot and share the "history of the cup".

Contacts: Ann-Marie 860-705-1975

ampacer@aol.com

Shelley 860-859-1228

Barbara 860-442-8733

Cynthia c.kozaczensky@gmail.com

Judy- 860-710-6057 jstrutt@yahoo.com

The Guild Scholarship Awards forms are available to active parish graduating seniors who intend to continue their education. Two Scholarships are awarded. Forms are all required information must be completed and returned to the Guild by May 31st 2024.

The Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Refuge, Uncasville Presidium meets every Wednesday immediately following the noon Mass in the sun room in our Emmaus building. All Catholic men and women are welcome to attend our meetings to see if they would like to become active or auxiliary members.

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Mother's Day Remembrance Geranium Weekend

Bring a geranium plant to church on Mother's Day weekend, May 11th and 12th to remember and honor your special mom. We will plant the beautiful flowers around the church as a constant reminder of those we love. The flowers will honor all mothers, living and deceased, all to be mothers, and all grandmothers, and anyone else who is a special mom in your heart. Please bring the plants with the pot wrapped in foil and place them in front of the Altar on Mother's Day weekend before all Masses. We will plant the flowers when the weather permits.

Whenever you drive by or are at Church the flower will be a reminder to all of the love we have for all Mother's everywhere...



St Vincent de Paul Place May Raffle 31 Chances for 31 Prizes

The St. Vincent de Paul Place May Raffle is back and this year the prizes are even BIGGER prizes! The funds we raise with this event allow us to continue to do what we love and provide our patrons and surrounding communities the kindness, hope, and support they need. Tickets are on sale now through the end of April. A winner will be chosen daily during the Month of May.

Each daily prize has a \$100 minimum value
Gift cards to shops, restaurants, activities
Go to svdpp.org/Raffle for more information
or scan the QR code below



*All entrants are eligible for each daily drawing.
Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.*

SPRING AND SUMMER PILGRIMAGES

We invite you to join our Tri-Parish Community of Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Lourdes, & St. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer on our next 3 Pilgrimages.

May 13th – The Shrine of Divine Mercy, June 5th – The Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help followed by a Boston Red Sox Game, AND July 17th-18th – National Centre of Padre Pio and the New Showing of DANIEL at Sight & Sounds Theatre in PA.

Call OLOL Parish Office (860) 464-7251,
email secretary@ololgf.org
for more information and applications.

Father Mark's Honey

Local honey is available at the DMP office, located at St. John Church, during regular business hours. Two pound jars are \$14.00 and one pound jars are \$8.00.



Pilgrimage to Shrine of the Divine Mercy

Stockbridge, MA, sponsored by KofC Council 8903 is scheduled for June 21, 2024.

Leave Our Lady of the Lakes Church, Oakdale parking lot 7:30 A.M.

Return 6:00P.M.

Bring your own lunch, water provided.

Cost is \$50.

Call 860.859.1871 with questions. Mail name, email, check to Divine Mercy Parish,
Attn: Pilgrimage

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