

# Divine Mercy Parish

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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 & 9:30 am OLPH  
8:00 & 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

## *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)

## *Sacraments*

### **Baptism**

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

### **Matrimony**

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

### **Anointing 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.

### **Holy Orders**

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

## *Welcome to 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.

# The Divine Mercy Parish

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 21, 2024



July 21- 28, 2024

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for:

(OLL)- For Peace in Haiti

(SJE)- For Peace in the Middle East

(OLPH)- For Peace in Eastern Europe



## MASS INTENTIONS

OF THE WEEK

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024

4:00 pm (SJE) †Dorothy Watters – Anniv. Remembrance

(Requested by: The Vincente Family)

†Patricia Austin – Birthday Remembrance

(Requested by: Family)

5:00 pm (OLL) †Megan & †Alek & †Tyler & †Zoe

(Requested by: Bud & Lorie Schmidt)

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024

8:00 am (OLL) †Phil & †Mae Delorme -In Memoriam

(Requested by: Denise & Greg Stone)

†F. Raymond Viens – In Memoriam

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

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

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

10:15 am (OLL) For Our Divine Mercy Parish

11:00 am (SJE) †Richard Donovan – In Memoriam

(Requested by: Mary Grace & Family)

Monday, JULY 22, 2024 -WEEKDAY

7:30 am (SJE) For Our Divine Mercy Parish

7:00 pm (OLL) For Our Divine Mercy Parish

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024 - WEEKDAY

7:30 am (OLPH) †Deceased Members of the Lariviere & Snack

Families

(Requested by: Family)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024 - WEEKDAY

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

12:05 pm (SJE) Victor & Shelley Lenda – 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv.

(Requested by: Fr. Francis Gilbert)

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024 – WEEKDAY

7:30 am (SJE) †Holy Souls in Purgatory

(Requested by: Kathy Pouch)



FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2024

7:30 am (OLPH) †Jeannette Pieniadz – In Memoriam

(Requested by: Fr. Francis Gilbert)

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

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024

4:00 pm (SJE) For Our Divine Mercy Parish

5:00 pm (OLL) †Stanley Taylor – 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv. Remembrance

(Requested by: Danielle Kaminski)

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

8:00 am (OLL) †Blanche & †George Gaudette - In Memoriam

(Requested by: Terry Bannon)

†William Tribensky – In Memoriam

(Requested by: Carol Lecce)

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

9:30 am (OLPH) †Eileen Button – In Memoriam

(Requested by: Alton Button)

10:15 am (OLL) †Jamie Keet & †Rocco Erardi &

†Paul Chmielewski – In Memoriam

(Requested by: The Baukus & Keet 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: \$ 8,479.12

Weekly: \$ 7,907.00

June Monthly: \$4,823.62

*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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Divine Mercy Parish

22 Maple Avenue

Uncasville, CT 06382 \*\*\*

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

# The Divine Mercy Parish

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 21, 2024

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**(SJE)** Wednesday at 12:30 pm in Emmaus.

*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 **SJE**, the Legion of Mary leads the Rosary prior to 7:30 am Monday Mass. 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

### 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.**

### 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

### Divine Mercy Parish

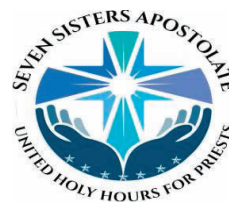
Is hosting a book discussion about

### "Jesus of Nazareth".

The discussion will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church in Montville. Hosted by Fr. Gilbert. We will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month at 1:30p.m.

### Bible 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.



We all need prayer. Our priests need prayer too! We are starting a group at the Divine Mercy Parish to offer Holy Hours for Fr. Bob, Fr. Gilbert and Fr. Rouleau. It is simple structure designed by the Seven Sisters Apostolate. All we need are seven women to get this started. We will have an informational meeting Sunday after the 11:00a.m. Mass in the Community Center at St. John's Church on August 4, 2024. Coffee and treats are provided. Need 45 minutes of your time!

Can't make it, but interested?

Contact: Kathy Kokoszka (860) 859-7637

# The Divine Mercy Parish

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 21, 2024

## Stewardship Reflections

## His Word Today By Rev. William J. Reilly

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 21, 2024

*“He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”*

*Mark 6:31*

**“In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ... When he had disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd and he began to teach them many things.”**

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend “alone” time with God.

How close we are to Jesus, or better, how close is He to us. Why is it we make Him distant when we meet Him today, showing pity, mercy, compassion for the vast crowd. Yet, He is so close and loves me in the same way. His role, using the image of the shepherd, is to guard, guide, protect, lead and feed. He is not far off, but as St. Paul states ‘I live now, not I, but Christ lives in me.’ For this reason He invites us to ‘come to me you who labor and are weary, and I will give you rest.’



## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

In this passage, God denounces false leaders who have scattered his people. He promises that they will be reunited and led by one who is just and wise.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Paul explains that through Jesus Christ, there is no longer hostility between Gentile and Jew. Instead, through the Spirit of Christ, both groups become one body and are equal in the eyes of God.

### Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

The apostles returned after their first mission and told Jesus what they had done and taught. He told them to rest, but the people kept coming to them. So they went to find a private place, but the people learned where they were going and arrived first. Jesus felt sorry for them and decided to teach them instead of resting.



## Apostolate Prayer for Priests

- Sunday**-----Reverend John Gwudz  
Reverend Ben Vinjoe
- Monday**----- Reverend Richard Sliwinski  
Reverend Jacob Ramos
- Tuesday**-----Very Reverend Peter Kucer, MS  
Reverend Bijoy Joseph, CST
- Wednesday**-----Reverend William J. Olesik  
Reverend Paul Ramen
- Thursday**-----Reverend Grzegorz Brozonowicz  
Reverend John Antonelle
- Friday** -----V. Reverend Jan Swiderski  
Reverend Gerald Kirby
- Saturday**-----Reverend Walter Nagle  
†Reverend John O’Neill MS

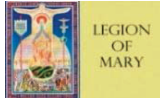


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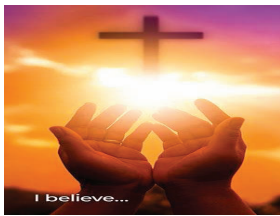
## Legion of Mary Corner

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Presidium,



Our Lady of the Lakes Church,

The Apostles' Creed is the oldest Christian profession of faith and dates back to the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD. According to tradition, the Church received the Apostles' Creed prayer from the Apostles' themselves, probably at the Council of Jerusalem in 49/50 AD or shortly after. Since the Apostles' were by birth a product of the old Covenant Church, they naturally desired a new summary statement of personal belief. They would have wanted a prayer similar to the old Covenant *Shema*, which began: "Hear, O Israel: YHWH is our God; YHWH is One" or the cultic credo associated with the renewal of the covenant with the generation of the conquest in Canaan in Joshua 24:2-13, The traditional word to describe such a summary statement is *symbolum* in Latin, Rufinus of Aquileia's commentary on the Apostles' Creed is the earliest surviving such work. He wrote that the early Christians referred to the Apostles' Creed as a *symbolum* because it is like the password that military commanders gave to their troops to identify themselves from each other and distinguish them from the enemy: Therefore, he wrote the Apostles' Creed was thought of as a symbol of faith whereby Christians safely identified themselves to one another. That is why, even today in the Latin Church, the Apostles' Creed is called *Symbolum Apostolicum*.



The Apostles' Creed is a statement of the Apostles' faith, as taught to them by Jesus and as they shared with others their experience in continuing the mission of the Messiah. It is a declaration of what Christians profess to believe as New Covenant Christians and is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome. St. Ambrose described the Apostles' Creed as "the Creed of the Roman Church, the Sea of Perter, and the first of the Apostles, to which he brought the common faith."

St. Ambrose, Explantio Symboli 7

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

### Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time:

Ephesians 2:13, 17-18: "In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father." Trusting and relying on the Holy Spirit, we can reconcile and have peace in our couple relationship. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. It will enrich your relationship and teach you tools to love and cherish one another. This will transform your marriage.

You can find one by looking up WWME.org.

Some of the dates to sign up are:

August 2-4, 2024 in Portland, CT

September 20-22 in Huntington, NY

October 18-20 in Sunapee, NH

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/>.

### 2024 ACA update:

As of July 2, 2024, **Divine Mercy Parish, Uncasville** has donated **\$109,164.56** or **86.53%** of its goal, and **19.14%** of your parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2024. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go

online to [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org).

**Thank you to everyone for your support!**

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♪♪ *Music Notes* ♪♪

## Choir News

**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](mailto:fahollo@sbcglobal.net)



July 15th there were 73 players with \$948 deposit!

July 22nd

Progressive Jackpot will be \$875

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## THE GUILD BLOG

### Sunday Social

June 9<sup>th</sup> thru Summer time at OLL after the 8:00am mass in the parish hall.

All parishioners are cordially invited.

Coffee, Tea, Juice, Muffins,

Donuts, and other "Goodies" will be served.

A time to relax and enjoy our parish family.

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## PROJECT RACHEL ROSARY AT THE CATHEDRAL

The third Tuesday of each month at the Cathedral of St. Patrick following the noon mass, join the Office of Faith Events as we pray the Project Rachel Rosary. The Project Rachel Rosary focuses on hope, healing, and forgiveness for those affected by an abortion and also for an end to abortion. Please join us for this in-person Project Rachel Rosary on Tuesday, following the noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich.

Bingo Monday evenings at St. John's Community Center  
Doors open at 4:30pm  
Bingo card sales 5:30-6:15pm  
Bingo starts at 6:30pm  
*Kitchen opens from 4:30-6:15pm*  
*Ham or Turkey Grinders this week with pasta salad!*

Come enjoy an evening of bingo.  
Kitchen & Bingo volunteers are always welcome!

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## Marriage Encounter Experience ~

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a non-residential two-day experience **August 2-4** at St. Mary Church, Portland, CT. Any married couple that desires a richer, fuller life together deserves a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together whether they have been married a short time or many years. Over the course of the experience three couples and a priest provide new tools, using examples from their own lives, to help couples work through common themes of which all married couples can relate. To apply, contact Frank and Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447.

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## Office of Faith Events

The monthly Healing Masses that take place every third Sunday of the month at Holy Family Church in Hebron/Amston, are suspended until further notice, due to circumstances beyond our control. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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## Annual Blessing of the Fleet Returns to Stonington Borough



As Stonington has done for over 60 years, the St. Mary community will celebrate the annual Blessing of the Fleet. This is to honor present and past commercial fishermen, lobstermen and their families. The traditional celebration returns this year.

**THURSDAY, July 25 at 6 p.m.:** The 2024 Blessing of the Fleet 5K Race is an in-person timed race through historic Stonington Borough. The certified course starts and ends at the Town Dock, 1 High Street, Stonington. You can also choose to register for a non-competitive 2-mile walk.

Register today: [www.runreg.com/blessingofthefleet5k](http://www.runreg.com/blessingofthefleet5k)

**SATURDAY, JULY 27 from 4-8 p.m.:** The Stonington Holy Ghost Society will host a gathering of family and friends to celebrate the Blessing. There will be live music and an assortment of delicious Portuguese foods, plus hamburgers and hot dogs.

### SUNDAY, JULY 28

The annual Blessing of the Fleet will take place beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 28, at St. Mary Church in Stonington Borough to honor and remember those who have died at sea on our local commercial fishing fleet, as well as to honor and bless the vessels--along with their captains, owners, crews and families--that will go out to sea in the year ahead.

Following the 10:30 Mass, a procession will take place through Stonington Borough that will include the statue of Saint Peter, the patron saint of fishermen. A procession of boats will make its way past the breakwater in Long Island Sound and a wreath in the shape of a broken anchor will be cast into the sea. The floral anchor commemorates the 39 members of the Stonington Fishermen Association who perished at sea while doing their jobs. At the dock there will be hamburgers, hot dogs, chowder, Chirico rolls, and soft drinks available for sale, 12-4 p.m., and live music.



## RUMMAGE SALE

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH - Baltic, CT  
70 West Main Street - Baltic, CT

**2024 Dates & Times**  
*Early Bird Shopping*

**Thursday, July 18th - 5 PM to 8 PM**

*(\$10 Admission - 12 and under are free)*

**Friday, July 19th - 9 AM to 3 PM**

**Saturday, July 20th - 9 AM to 2 PM**

**Friday, July 26th - 9 AM to 3 PM**

**Saturday July 27th - 9 AM to 2 PM**

**FREE ADMISSION**

*on all days except Thursday, July 18th*

**July 27th**

**LAST DAY BARGAINS!**

St Mary's will also be accepting donations for the Rummage Sale starting June 10th up until July 8th. We appreciate your support!

**Sunday, August 18**

**Feast of the Assumption**

St Mary Star of the Sea Church, New London  
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

After Mass we will process to St Joseph Church for the Blessing of the Sick, and back to St Mary Star of the Sea Church. A luncheon from noon/ to 3PM will follow at Ft Trumbull New London

**Thursday, September 5**

**September in Sturbridge Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Saint Anne**

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Gales Ferry  
7:15 AM to 6:00 PM

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St Anne; New England lunch @ Publick House Historic Inn and Old Sturbridge Village - call for registration at 860-464-7251





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