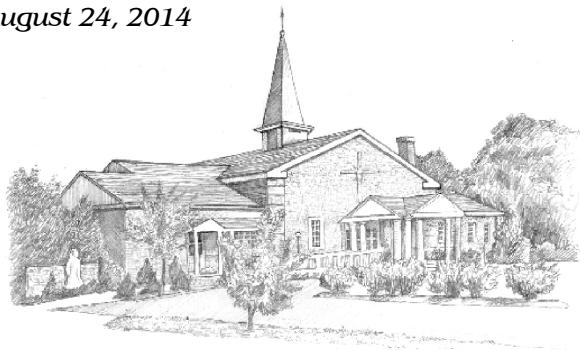


August 24, 2014



Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

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Parish Administrative Assistant

Parish Office/Cemetery Office Hours

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday - Friday

Parish Trustees

Raymond Corsini, and Josephine Forcella

New Parishioners

Welcome! If you are new in the parish, please introduce yourself after Liturgy or at the Rectory.

Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Liturgy - Church

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 8:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

Weekday Liturgy

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 8:00 A.M.

Devotions

Rosary - Monday through Saturday before Morning Mass.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples should make arrangements at least six months in advance. Dates or time can be arranged only after speaking with one of the parish clergy.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should begin to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism for their child in advance (even before the child is born, if possible). This allows time for the required preparation. Dates can be arranged after attending the parent preparation program. For information contact Rich and Sue Dziura 860 -747-5451.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday At Noon

Sacrament of the Sick

Arrangements can be made for any sick person to be anointed. Holy Eucharist is brought to the homebound by our Eucharistic Ministers and the parish clergy.

Is it OK to donate my body to science?

Dear Padre,

I know the Church approves of organ donation under the right circumstances, but what about donating my entire body to science?

Christians believe death is ultimately defeated in God's gift of a new creation. This new and eternal creation is made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ, who "will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead" (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 402).

Resurrection, then, is not a return to earthly life. Our bodies are not resuscitated like Lazarus' (see John 11), but are resurrected like Christ's, transformed and glorified. Christians traditionally revere the body—alive and at death—because we are created in God's image. Some people reason that such respect prevents donating the body to science, but that is not the opinion of the Church.

In his 1956 allocution to physicians, Pope Pius XII said, "A person may will to dispose of one's body and to destine it to ends that are useful, morally irreproachable, and even noble, among them the desire to aid the sick and suffering. One may make a decision of this nature with respect to one's own body with full realization of the reverence which is due it."

Such a self-giving act in death—in consultation with family members or health care providers—is a supreme manifestation of Christ in what it means to be Christian.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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PARISH MISSION

We, the people of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville, Connecticut are committed to journey together as a community of faith, hope, and love within the Catholic tradition. We are called to witness to the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives through sharing and celebration of faith and a life of Christian service.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF
August 24, 2014 – Twenty-First Sunday in**

Ordinary Time

MONDAY August 25
8:00AM NO MASS

TUESDAY August 26
8:00AM NO MASS

WEDNESDAY August 27
8:00AM NO MASS

THURSDAY August 28
8:00AM Inge & Berty Ruane
Req. Family

FRIDAY August 29
8:00AM Corinne Dulac & Kevin Lackey
Req. Family

SATURDAY August 30
8:00AM Patricia Shine – 1st Anniv.
Ana M. Rivera – 1st Anniv.
Anilda Ouelette – Month Anniv.
4:00PM Thomas Sastre
Req. Mom & Family

SUNDAY August 31
8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Heidi Velasquez
Req. Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Will have figures in next week's bulletin.



OLM PARISH PICNIC ... Our Lady of Mercy Church invites you to the annual picnic at Paderewski Park on Cooke St. in Plainville, September 7, at noon. Please come join us for a day of yummy food, games and fellowship!!

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER... will celebrate a Memorial Mass for the 13th Anniversary of September 11th. The Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 7, 7 p.m., West Hartford. Join us in praying for peace in our hearts and in the world. A Free-Will offering will be collected. For info please call 860-760-9705 or go to www.holyfamilyretreat.org.



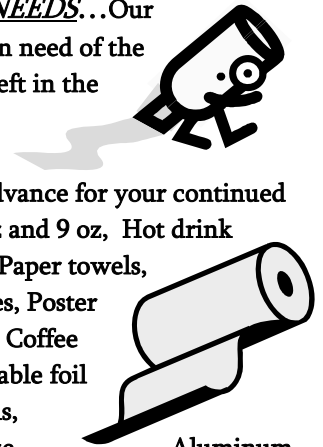
August 25 – Karate – 6 – 8PM
August 27 – 7:00PM – NA – Room 107
August 31 – 10:30AM – Noon – Men's AA –106

RED SOX FAN OR YANKEE FAN?...The Life Long Faith Committee would like to engage the entire parish to see which team's fan can collect the most brand new men's and women's underwear and socks for the St. Vincent DePaul Mission in Bristol. Fr. John, an avid Yankee fan as most of you know, promises AGAIN this year to wear the jersey of whatever team wins, no matter who that might be, to the Parish Picnic. Two boxes labeled Red Sox and Yankees are in the Gathering Room.



Place your items in the box of your choice by August 31st. What jersey would you like to see Fr. John wear? We hear he is counting on his fellow Yankee fans to help him out for another season this year. Date of the picnic is September 7TH ! Location will be at Paderweski Park.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS...Our Faith Formation Programs are in need of the following items. Items can be left in the gathering room marked Faith Formation or brought to the Parish Center. Thank you in advance for your continued support...Cold drink cups; 5 oz and 9 oz, Hot drink cups, Heavy-duty paper plates, Paper towels, Plastic forks, Small dessert plates, Poster board-white or color, Markers, Coffee regular and decaf, Large disposable foil pans, foam or paper cereal bowls, Ziploc bags-gallon and quart size, Aluminum foil, Glue Sticks, and Velcro. A HUGE THANK YOU GOES OUT TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED SO FAR!!!!



ST. ANN CHURCH IN BRISTOL...holds a Vocation Holy Hour every third Friday from 4-5pm. The church also holds Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday from 8:30am-5pm. Please come and spend some time with our Lord. It is His gift to us! Miraculous Medal Novena will be prayed after Benediction.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...Unable to forgive another means we are holding onto a past wrong and hoping for a better past. That is not going to happen. We must move on with our lives by accepting we were unjustly treated and it will not be corrected. We aren't condoning the injustice. We just don't let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is critical to living a healthy and peaceful life in the present!

PARISH GROWTH... Want to help your parish to grow? Then, join others in service to others. Churches that reach out through a lively social ministry tend to have active, growing congregations. **This weekend, August 23/24, after all Masses, information and registration forms will be available for the upcoming From Head to Heart - Bringing the Kingdom of God to this Earth program** that will be offered here at Our Lady of Mercy in September. It is a 9 session program, meeting monthly, and appropriate for all ages, 5 years and up. Each session will include a meal and active learning sessions. It will be a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners while learning how to answer Jesus' call to love our neighbor. Invite a friend; let's build the Church!



OVERCOMING ANXIETY... Join Thomas Finn, Ph.D., on staff at the Franciscan Life Center, for another six session educational and psychological workshop designed to help you identify, understand and manage your anxiety, Tuesday, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4, and 11, 2014, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., the San Damiano Room, Chiara Center, 275 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT 06451. The cost for each session is \$40.00. Dr. Finn is a clinical psychologist on at the Franciscan Life Center. He has over 35 years of experience treating anxiety with Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy. Visit www.flcenter.org or call 203-237-8084 for more information.

“The experience of this workshop changed my life.”

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY CELEBRATION... A special Mass will take place at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, October 19, 2014, at 2pm. All couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th, and any other special wedding anniversaries this year are invited.

Archbishop Blair will be the main celebrant. Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows, followed by a simple reception and an opportunity for a photo with Archbishop Blair. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Please call the Parish Office to respond to this invitation. For more information, please call 860.524.7882.

WHILE YOU WERE ON VACATION... WE STILL NEEDED TO PAY THE BILLS! WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT GREATLY IF YOU COULD PLEASE DONATE YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTION FOR THE TIME THAT YOU WERE AWAY! MANY THANKS!



IT'S TAG SALE TIME AGAIN ... Hard to believe, but our



Fall tag sale is coming up soon – September 26th & 27th, 9am – 6pm. You may begin to drop off your donations inside the small garage behind the rectory starting on Monday, August 18th through Wednesday, September 24th. Please hold ALL furniture donations until the week of the tag sale, beginning Monday, September 22nd. We accept all gently used clothing and accessories but are not able to accept magazines, computers or TV's.

SAINT ANN PARISH... will host a new presentation by Fr. Robert Barron on Jesus: Priest, Prophet and King. During this study we will come to better understand Jesus, which will help us to better understand ourselves. But who was Jesus, this itinerant preacher whom many called the Messiah? In Priest, Prophet, King, you'll discover Jesus as the Anointed One—the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Father Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament. We will meet at St. Ann Parish Center,



180 Laurel St., Bristol, beginning September 18th through October 23rd—Thursday mornings from 9:30 until 11:30am. The workbook for this study is \$24.95.

For more information or to register please call Linda Mickiewicz at 860.261.4489 or e-mail maryheart@gmail.com or Deacon Roger Albert at 860.584.0328.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE #? MOVING? NEW

PARISHIONER? Kindly fill out the new information below and return it to the Parish Office by mail, in person or place in the collection basket. This info will help us keep our records up to date and to welcome new parishioners. Thank you.



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN & ZIP _____

NEW PHONE # _____