

September 7, 2014



# Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

**Rev. John F. Brinsmade**

*Pastor*

**Dcn. Robert Berube**

*Deacon*

**Nicholas Drabik**

*Organist*

**Sandra DeBlois**

*Bookkeeper*

**Robert DeBlois**

*Maintenance*

**Bryan Knorr**

*Director of Liturgy*

**Jeanne Gionfriddo**

*Director of Religious Education & RCIA*

**Jo-Ann Blanchette-Silverio**

*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.

## What does the Church teach about body art?

Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about tattoos, body piercing, and shaping?

I'm a bit squeamish when I see a piercing in a place other than an ear, and when I see a tattoo covering a large part of a person's body I wonder what they'll think about that tattoo in twenty years. But these things are a matter of taste; for example, I don't think there is anything wrong with earrings, but others might.

The Church has no teaching on tattoos, piercings, or shaping (when a body part is purposely reshaped to fit a cultural ideal). Leviticus 19 says, "Do not lacerate your bodies for the dead, and do not tattoo yourselves," clearly outlawing piercings and tattoos (28). But it also says, "Do not...spoil the edges of your beard" (27). I broke that law this morning when I shaved.

In their introduction to the Book of Leviticus in the *New American Bible*, revised edition, the bishops teach that the laws in this book are "not merely legislative." They were designed to instill "a way of life in the book's hearers and readers" ([usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/#Leviticus](http://usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/#Leviticus)).

We may not have the same obligation to adhere to those rules, but it is important for Catholics to remember 1 Corinthians 3:16: "You are the temple of God." We should do nothing to deface the temple of God. So if you do get a piercing or a tattoo, never forget that you're God's temple.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR  
[sundaybulletin@liguori.org](mailto:sundaybulletin@liguori.org)

## Parish Office/Cemetery Office

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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  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2014 – Twenty-Third Sunday in**

**Ordinary Time**

<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>September 8</u></b>
8:00AM	John Hammer Req. Parish of Our Lady of Mercy in Thanksgiving
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>September 9</u></b>
8:00AM	Maria Cianchetti Req. Gino Cianchetti
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>September 10</u></b>
8:00AM	NO MASS
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	<b><u>September 11</u></b>
8:00AM	Rocky Maglio Req. Family
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	<b><u>September 12</u></b>
8:00AM	James & Lena Parente Req. MaryAnn & Peter Giola
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>September 13</u></b>
8:00AM	William J. Senk – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.
4:00PM	Giacomo & Assunta Cianchetti Req. Angelo & Jackie
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>September 14</u></b>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Cecile & Ernie DuBois Req. Jason, Angela & Melissa

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Week of August 25, 2014.

Regular	\$4,933.50
Monthly	10.00
Holy Day	17.00
Catch Up	220.00
Cathedraticum	- 284.92
SSP	- 284.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4610.66</b>

**Next weekend's second collection is the  
Monthly collection.**

**THERE'S STILL TIME!**...Want to meet fellow parishioners, eat a good meal, learn about your Faith, AND have some fun along the way? Then the

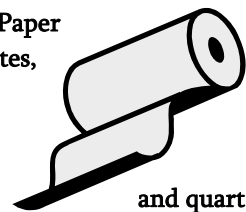
upcoming **From Head to Heart - Bringing the Kingdom of God to this Earth** program is just for you. All ages, 5 years and up are invited on a monthly basis to join for a meal and to take part in activities to expand our knowledge on a variety of topics. This year, the focus of our sessions will be on caring for God's creation - both creatures and creation. Pope Francis, following the footsteps of Jesus, calls us to get active. We don't have to change the world, but we have to do our part. Learn some neat ways to get involved. **Registration is now being held, as sessions begin in September.** For more information please call the Parish Office: 860-747-6825.



SEPTEMBER 8 – 6 – 8pm – Karate  
SEPTEMBER 10 – 4 – 5pm – Reconciliation Class  
SEPTEMBER 10 – 7 – 8:15pm – Confirmation First Session, Year I & II in Gym, then classrooms  
SEPTEMBER 10 – 7pm – NA  
SEPTEMBER 11 – 4 – 5pm – Eucharistic Class  
SEPTEMBER 13 – 9:15 – 10:15am – K – 4 – Reconciliation  
SEPTEMBER 13 – 10:15 – 11:15am – Eucharistic Class  
SEPTEMBER 14 – 8 – 10:30am - OLM Parish Breakfast  
SEPTEMBER 14 – 10:30am – Noon – AA Men's Meeting – Room 106

**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!!!!**



**RAFFLE TICKETS**...time is getting close for the raffle drawing. Please return your tickets ASAP to the Parish Office! The drawing is September 21, 2014. Thank you to all who have returned their tickets to the office!!

**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](http://www.flcenter.org) or call 203-237-8084 for more information.

***"The experience of this workshop changed my life."***

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**...the key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if one listens to you" then that person can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.



**ST. ANTHONY MEETING**...September 18, 2014, at 5:30pm in Room 106. There will be a potluck supper and also installation of officers. Please bring your favorite dish. We will be discussing the final stages for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pasta Dinner to be held on Saturday, October 4 at 5:30pm. Members will be selling tickets at all Masses throughout the month of September. We would appreciate the cooperation of ALL members. Thank you.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF CONNECTICUT**...

is offering a healing weekend from Friday, September 26 through Sunday, September 28, 2014 at Lourdes of Litchfield (Montfort House) in Litchfield, CT. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For information or registration please call Ray at 860-741-3050 or Karen at 860-985-8339 or email us at [rmercik16@att.net](mailto:rmercik16@att.net), [karecare@snet.net](mailto:karecare@snet.net) or [ct\\_connecticut@beginningexperience.org](mailto:ct_connecticut@beginningexperience.org). Alternatively, please contact us through our website: [www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut](http://www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut).



**IT'S TAG SALE TIME AGAIN** ...Hard to believe, but our Fall tag sale is coming up soon – September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 6pm. You may begin to drop off your donations inside the small garage behind the rectory now through Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please hold ALL furniture donations until the week of the tag sale, beginning Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We accept all gently used clothing and accessories but are not able to accept magazines, computers or TV's.



**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**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 18<sup>th</sup> through October 23<sup>rd</sup>--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](mailto:maryheart@gmail.com) or Deacon Roger Albert at 860.584.0328.



*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!*



**RETROUVAILLE OF CONNECTICUT**...If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring: even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and rediscover why you fell in love. The next weekend is September 19 – 21, 2014. For information, call confidentially 1.800.470.2230, email [3001@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3001@retrouvaille.org) or go to our website [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) for information and registration.

**ST. PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**...Open House Schedule for 2014, 1001 Stafford Ave., Bristol. Saturday, September 20, Tour Times: 10 & 11:30am, Wednesday, October 8, Tour Time: 7pm, Saturday, November 8, Tour Times: 10 & 11:30am. The PLACEMENT EXAM will be given **Saturday, November 22, at 8am** at the school. Visit our website, [www.spchs.net](http://www.spchs.net).