

September 14, 2014



# Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street  
Plainville, Connecticut 06062

**Rev. John F. Brinsmade**

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**Dcn. Robert Berube**

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**Sandra DeBlois**

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*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 is the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?

Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. Is that what the Church teaches?

**Jesus understood** his mission to be sacrificing his own life "as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus' death was payment for our sins doesn't mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life.

"It is love 'to the end' [see John 13:1] that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice "that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices," when "the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself," and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father "in reparation for our disobedience" (CCC 614).

Christ "bore our sins in his body upon the cross....By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ's death has meaning in eternal life's triumph over sin.

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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 14, 2014 – The Exaltation of the**

**Holy Cross**

**MONDAY**      **September 15**  
8:00AM      MaryAnn Weber  
                    Req. Friend

**TUESDAY**      **September 16**  
8:00AM      Gary DeAngelo  
                    Req. Mother

**WEDNESDAY**      **September 17**  
8:00AM      NO MASS

**THURSDAY**      **September 18**  
8:00AM      Robert Caron  
                    Req. Dorothy Pelletier

**FRIDAY**      **September 19**  
8:00AM      Donald Lackey  
                    Req. Family

**SATURDAY**      **September 20**  
8:00AM      Lucille Napolitano – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.  
4:00PM      William Sadowsky  
                    Req. Family

**SUNDAY**      **September 21**  
8:30AM      Parishioners  
10:30AM      Carmela Cialfi  
                    Req. Children

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Regular	\$4,888.50
Monthly	10.00
Catch Up	267.00
Cathedraticum	- 284.10
SSP	- 284.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4597.30</b>

**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 15 – 6 – 8pm – Karate**  
**SEPTEMBER 16 – 6:30 – 7:30pm – Middle School**  
**SEPTEMBER 16 – 6:30pm –Christmas Boutique Meeting – Room 106**  
**SEPTEMBER 17 – 7pm – NA**  
**SEPTEMBER 18 – 1 – 2:30pm – Atrium**  
**SEPTEMBER 18 – 5:30 – 9:00pm –St. Anthony Pot Luck**  
**SEPTEMBER 19 – 6:00– 8:30pm – GIFT**  
**SEPTEMBER 20 –9:15 – 10:15am – K-4 Religious Ed**  
**SEPTEMBER 21 – 9:30am – Noon - GIFT**  
**SEPTEMBER 21 – 10:30am – Noon – AA Men’s Meeting – Room 107**  
**SEPTEMBER 21 – 6 – 8pm – JOLT – Gym**



**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.”***

**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.

**CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE... planning meeting**  
**September 16 at 6:30pm in**  
**Room 106. Everyone is**  
**welcome to help with the**  
**boutique which will be held**  
**November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.**



**ST. GREGORY CHURCH...**will be selling raffle tickets after all masses on Saturday, October 11 & Sunday, October 12.

**ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22...** beginning at 9am, we will be moving all tag sale donations from the garage to the Parish Center gym. If you can spare some time on Monday to help with the move or to set up the tag sale items, or if you are available anytime Tuesday – Thursday to help set up, we would greatly appreciate it. Also, please



remember to bring any donations directly to the gym, not the garage, on Mon., Tues., & Wed. Many Thanks!!!

**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).



**ST. VINCENT DePAUL MISSION...** the Mission in Bristol is the real winner in our picnic challenge. Our generous parishioners donated a total of 210 much needed items for daily living. The Red Sox fans won the challenge with a total of 138 items; therefore Fr. John wore a Red Sox shirt to our Parish Picnic this year. Thank you Fr. John for being a great sport for a great cause!!!!



**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.

**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).**

**INNOCENCE IS PRICELESS...** One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, 'Good morning Alex.' 'Good morning Pastor,' he replied, still focused on the plaque. 'Pastor, what is this?' The pastor said, 'Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service.' Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, 'Which service, the 8:30 or the 10:30?'

