

September 21, 2014



Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

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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.

Is there a dress code for weddings?

Dear Padre,

A few months ago you talked about appropriate dress for Mass. What about appropriate dress for brides and bridesmaids at church weddings? Some of the dresses are so revealing you'd never know they were getting married in a church. Are there rules about this?

You make a very good point. Individual dioceses or parishes might have guidelines, but the universal Church doesn't, and standards of modesty vary. One would presume that people getting married in a church, or even just attending Mass, would understand proper decorum.

By the time the bridal party is entering the church, it's too late for the priest to do anything about the gowns, although I have heard of a priest who gave the bride a handkerchief to cover herself.

Parishes should have guidelines that cover dress for all members of the bridal party and for photography, music, and participation in the Eucharist. These guidelines should be given to the couple when they prepare for the sacrament to avoid embarrassing situations in the vestibule right before the wedding.

Ask your pastor if your archdiocese or parish has such guidelines. If it doesn't, offer to help draw them up.

FR. PATRICK KEYES, 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
SEPTEMBER 21, 2014 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in**

Ordinary Time

MONDAY September 22
8:00AM Thomas Palmisano – 12th Anniv.
Req. Mother & Father

TUESDAY September 23
8:00AM James R. DeBlois
Req. Gionfriddo Family

WEDNESDAY September 24
8:00AM NO MASS

THURSDAY September 25
8:00AM Dennis Chapman & Jennifer
Hawke Petit
Req. Family

FRIDAY September 26
8:00AM Mr. & Mrs. Thaddee Nadeau
Req. Daughter-in-Law

SATURDAY September 27
8:00AM Romeo & Laura Magnant
4:00PM Frank Accousti
Req. Family

SUNDAY September 28
8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Carmelo & Florence Ciccio
Req. Joseph & Rose Ciccio

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$5445.50
Monthly	37.00
Catch Up	346.00
Cathedraticum	- 320.56
SSP	- 320.56
Total	\$5187.38

Next week the second collection is for Catholic Elementary Schools.

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. Please call the Parish Office for more information.**



SEPTEMBER 22 – 9AM – 6PM – Tag Sale Set Up
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SEPTEMBER 24 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class
SEPTEMBER 24 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Sacrament Prep
SEPTEMBER 24 – 7PM – NA- Room 107
SEPTEMBER 25 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
SEPTEMBER 25 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharist
SEPTEMBER 25 – 7PM – Pastoral Council Meeting – Room 102
SEPTEMBER 26 – 9AM – 6PM – Tag Sale
SEPTEMBER 27 – 9AM – 6PM – Tag Sale
SEPTEMBER 28 – Tag Sale Clean up after 10:30AM Mass
SEPTEMBER 28 – 10:30 – 12:30PM - Men's AA Meeting – Room 106

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...Open House Schedule for 2014, 1001 Stafford Ave., Bristol. 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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING...will be held on September 25th at 7PM in Room 102. All parishioners are invited to attend to observe.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS...will be attending the 8:30am Mass and then attending the OLM Parish Breakfast together on October 12. For info please call Jim Hines @ 860-517-9840.

POPE FRANCIS TELLS US...that “Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture.” On the weekend of Sept. 27/28, please support the “most valuable resource” of Catholic school education by giving to the 2014 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection. Your gift will make a positive impact on those who are the future of our Church.



ST. PETER CHURCH, NEW BRITAIN...is hosting their 4th Annual Authentic OKTOBERFEST on the church grounds, Saturday, September 27th

from 12 – 8pm. There will be food served all day, Beer, Alpenland Dancers, Games, Bounce House and more. Music and Dancing with a Pork Loin Dinner at 4pm. Please join us under the tents rain or shine. General admission \$5. For more info call 860.224.1446.



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SPIRITUALITY OF A LABRYNTH

WALK...Life is full of twists and turns. Life's journey is rarely one straight path directed toward our goal. Unexpected events can take us in directions that may surprise and even stress us. Our faith steadies us in the midst of many twists and turns. Throughout the walk, we rely on our faith and trust that the winding path truly leads to God, the center of our lives. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has only one path leading from its entrance to its center and back out, albeit by a winding route. When we walk the labyrinth in the presence of God, even though we do not seem to know where we are going, we trust that we will find our way back home. The labyrinth is located on the Holy Family Retreat Grounds and is open every day during daylight and is wheelchair accessible. For more info please go to, holyfamilyretreat.org.

ST. ANTHONY PASTA SUPPER...the 75th Anniversary



Pasta Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 4 at 4:30pm. Members will be selling tickets at all Masses throughout the month of September. Tickets can also be purchased in the Parish Office by check! Thank you.

BELLS AT MASS...Some parishes use them. Some do not. Originally bells started to be used at Mass when the Mass was in Latin. Once Latin was no longer the commonly spoken language, people did not know just where they were in the Mass. So the bells were rung at the Holy Holy, at that time called the Sanctus, to alert people to the fact that the Eucharistic Prayer was about to start. "Heads up, people, an important part is coming." Then the bells were rung again during the Institution Narrative when the consecrated host was raised and then again when the cup with consecrated wine was raised. It was a signal to the people to look up so they did not miss this important part. Once the Mass began being celebrated in the language of the people, the bells were no longer necessary since people could understand what was happening. Some parishes have elected to continue using them for a variety of reasons.



HAVE YOU ESTABLISHED A WILL OR ESATE PLAN?... A Will ensures that your intentions for taking care of loved ones and distributing property are legally fulfilled. You may also consider leaving a modest gift to support Our Lady of Mercy Church. For more information, please call Fr. John.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. Perhaps the name our family gives us is closest to our true identity. Who do they say you are? By Bud Ozar

JUSTICE CHALLENGE: The Sunday Gospel is one people often struggle to understand. The story of the vineyard workers being paid the same wage when some worked an hour and some worked all day challenges those of us who secretly think that it wasn't fair that they all got paid the same. What we need to remember is that God, portrayed as the good employer in Jesus' story, always grants justice and is lavish in His generosity. If God chooses to give us all what we need, but then gives a special boost to those who need it, whom are we to begrudge this? Your challenge this week is to look at your own family. Who needs extra attention, hugs, and a listening ear? Can you give that special person a little bit more: And can you let go of any feelings of jealousy or resentment you might be feeling toward the person who is getting a little extra from someone whose attention, love or help you seek?



Prayer for Vocation

Almighty and eternal God, in your unending love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church of Hartford as priests or religious brothers and sisters, inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free, and renew the face of the earth.

Every 3rd. Sunday of the month, the rosary is prayed in our gathering space for the welfare of our nation, peace and an end to abortion. The rosary starts at 2pm. All are welcome.

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 # _____