

November 2, 2014



Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

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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.

Sunday 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.

Why pray for the dead?

Dear Padre,

Every year I go to Mass on the anniversary of my grandmother's death to pray for her soul. My Protestant friend thinks it's strange that Catholics pray for the dead. Can you help me explain it to him?

Love reaches across time and space, even across the divide of death. One of the articles of the Apostles' Creed affirms our belief in the *communion of saints*, the spiritual bond between the souls in heaven (all of them, not just the canonized) and purgatory and the faithful still alive on Earth. All are united with Christ and with one another in grace, prayer, and good works (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 946-948).

We're praying for them, and they're praying for us.

If your friend is looking for a scriptural basis for praying for the dead, you can direct her to two passages. In the Old Testament, 2 Maccabees 12:38-46, Jewish soldiers pray and offer sacrifices for fallen comrades who had gotten mixed up with pagan practices: "He made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin" (46). This is held to be a good and holy practice done in expectation of the resurrection of the dead.

In the New Testament, 2 Timothy 1:18, Paul speaks of praying for God's mercy on a deceased man named Onesiphorus: "May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day" of judgment.

May the souls of the departed rest in peace.

Fr. John haMroque, 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
NOVEMBER 2, 2014 – ALL SOULS DAY**

MONDAY **November 3**
8:00AM Leon & Lucia D'Onofrio
Req. Son & Family

TUESDAY **November 4**
8:00AM Convocation of Priests
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY **November 5**
8:00AM NO MASS

THURSDAY **November 6**
8:00AM Joan Palmisano – 23rd Anniv.
Req. Wife & Children

FRIDAY **November 7**
8:00AM Charles & Lottie Robinson
Req. Marilyn Robinson

SATURDAY **November 8**
8:00AM Rodney Francis Carpentier – 1st
Anniv.
4:00PM Marsha Hardy Brayne
Req. John & Deb Hardy

SUNDAY **November 9**
8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Emma Wichrowski
Req. Don

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4598.50
Monthly	173.00
Catch Up	45.00
Cathedraticum	- 264.90
SSP	- 264.90
Total	\$4286.70

**Next weekend the second collection is the
Monthly Collection.**

***A CLASS RING WAS FOUND AT THE CHURCH TWO
SUNDAYS AGO. IF YOU HAVE LOST IT, PLEASE CALL THE
PARISH OFFICE TO IDENTIFY IT. THANK YOU.***

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT EVENINGS...The

The Vocation Office will be holding monthly Priesthood Discernment Evenings at St. Thomas Seminary (467 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, CT) for men between the age of 18 and 55 who would like to get information about the Catholic Priesthood and meet with other men who feel God might be calling them to serve as a priest.



We will meet Thursday (11/20; 12/18) 6:00-7:30 p.m. Pizza will be served. Please call the Vocation Office at 860-242-5573 for more information.

NOVEMBER 5 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class
**NOVEMBER 5 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children
Sacramental Prep.**
NOVEMBER 5 – 7PM – NA- Room 107
**NOVEMBER 5 – 7 – 8:15AM - Confirmation Year
I & II**
**NOVEMBER 7 – 11AM – 5PM – Christmas
Boutique**
**NOVEMBER 8 – 9AM – 3PM – Christmas
Boutique**
NOVEMBER 9 – 8 – 10:30AM – OLM Breakfast
NOVEMBER 9 – 8:30AM Mass & Breakfast JOLT
**NOVEMBER 9 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM - Men's AA
Meeting – Room 106**

**CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE AND CRAFT
FAIR...IS THIS WEEK, NOVEMBER 7TH & 8TH.**

WE WILL BE IN NEED OF MANY HOMEMADE CRAFT ITEMS FOR OUR SHOW. WE ESPECIALLY NEED OUR PARISHIONERS, MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO BAKE THEIR FAVORITE GOODIES. ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF THE MORNINGS OF NOVEMBER 7TH & 8TH. THANKS TO ALL.



OPERATION SWEATERS FOR VETS...On November

11, 2014, Americans throughout the world commemorate Veterans Day, a day set aside to thank the nation's veterans for service given and sacrifices made to protect the freedoms of this great land. Our Lady of Mercy has chosen to sponsor Newington Memorial and Burrill Hill Funeral Homes which has teamed up with Veterans and Family Memorial Care for "Operation Sweaters for Veterans," a unique way to honor these heroes. Beginning October 15, 2014 through November 15, 2014, OLM will be collecting



new or gently used sweaters, scarves and gloves in the marked plastic bins in the gathering room. These items will be donated directly to the veterans in VA hospitals and Veteran's Homes in central Connecticut. If you are able, a thank you note or a card tucked inside the items you donate would mean so much to the veterans receiving these items. We hope this small gesture of collecting sweaters and gloves for these veterans will help everyone remember the sacrifices they've made in the name of the United States of America. **Thank you for the many donations that we have all ready received!**



***A SET OF ROSARY BEADS HAVE BEEN FOUND IN THE
CHURCH. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO IDENTIFY
THEM. WE HOPE TO GET THEM BACK TO THEIR
RIGHTFUL OWNER.***

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER...

MARRIED COUPLES: Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy some time away. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is, consider this weekend which is a positive, simple, common sense private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes marriage. A weekend away renews the romance and excitement you experienced during your dating days. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God.

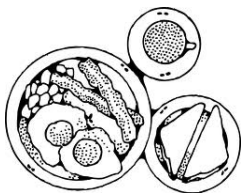
Upcoming Date: November 7-9, 2014. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or to register for an upcoming weekend, please contact Paul and Kim Gilbert at (860) 376-0440 or meweekend@gmail.com or visit www.wwme.org.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK... Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 129,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. Many factors have contributed to the decline: growing secularism, a lengthened period of adolescence, attitudes about celibacy, etc. During Vocation Awareness week, please pray that young people in today's society will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

WWW.ONTHEISSUES.ORG...IF YOU WISH TO KNOW THE **FACTS** ABOUT THOSE RUNNING FOR OFFICE AND WHERE THEY STAND ON ANY ISSUE, PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE ON THE ISSUES. THIS WEBSITE WILL HELP YOU IN FINDING TRUTH FROM FICTION ABOUT EACH CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR OFFICE. YOU CAN LOOK UP A CANDIDATE BY THEIR NAME OR BY THE ISSUE AND

WHAT STAND THEY TAKE CONCERNING THAT ISSUE. THIS WEBSITE WILL HELP YOU MAKE AN INFORMATIVE DECISION ON WHOM YOU ARE VOTING FOR AND ALLOW YOU TO FOLLOW YOUR CONSCIENCE AND CHOOSE THE CANDIDATE THAT BELIEVES THE MOST IN WHAT YOU BELIEVE.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.....will be conducting a Recruitment Drive the weekend of Nov. 15/16 after all of the Masses. If you are a practicing Catholic male, 18 years or older, we are inviting you to talk with us after Mass and see that we do have something to offer.



OLM BREAKFAST...will be held next weekend at the Parish Center from 8 to 10:30AM. Please come on over and enjoy yummy food and fellowship with other parishioners and JOLT. Come and meet our

Active Teens. All other Teens are invited to eat, meet and great with the JOLT members.

JUSTICE CHALLENGE...November 3 is the feast day of St. Martin de Porres. Martin was the son of a knight and freed slave woman. His passion and life work were dominated by his care for the sick, the poor, and slaves in Peru. While we don't officially have slaves in our country today, we do have people who are unjustly bound. There are victims of human trafficking in our cities who are working for unjust wages or are caught up in the commercial exploitation of sex.



Many of them are immigrants, and many are children - both innocent victims of crimes which deny them their basic human rights. Your challenge this week is to educate yourself - as an individual and a family - on one of the ways in which people are treated as slaves in our country. Then pray for the victims, and pray for the perpetrators of the injustice. Do one thing - send an email, make a phone call, talk to others - to advocate for safeguards which will prevent this crime from happening in our country and our world. To find out more info on human trafficking, go to www.usccb.org/stopslavery and/or find out how many slaves help produce the products that you buy every day at www.slaveryfootprint.org. I took the test and discovered that 36 children were forced to work for the items I use in my daily routine. I was SHOCKED and DISTURBED, you will be too!



HOLY HUMOR...A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

IF YOU ARE 18 OR OVER...and you are living with your parents, we ask that you please register yourself separately from your parents. You may use the form below to do so and we will send you a registration form. Thank you.

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 _____

PHONE _____