

November 30, 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 Eucharist Ministers and the parish clergy.

When did Advent start?

Dear Padre,

When did the Church start celebrating Advent?

It's a little complicated, because our Western Church's celebration of Advent grew up over time in different areas of Europe rather than beginning all at once in one particular spot.

Some of the earliest references to special pre-Christmas practices for Christians come from Spain and Gaul (modern France) in the fourth and fifth centuries, but we also have evidence of a pre-Christmas fast in Rome at the end of the fourth century.

The shape and flavor of these local Advent celebrations were different, with some running as long as six weeks and some being much shorter. In Gaul they emphasized penance and the final coming of Christ in judgment at the end of time, while in Rome there was more emphasis on the coming celebration of Jesus' birth.

The Roman four-week Advent eventually carried the day and shaped the rhythm of our Church's calendar. But if you pay attention to the readings and prayers offered in our Advent Masses, you'll see elements of both the Roman and Gallican Advents in our modern-day celebrations.

In general, during the earlier days of Advent we emphasize the final coming of Christ in judgment. Then we focus more closely on the commemoration of his birth at Bethlehem.

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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 30, 2014 – First Sunday of Advent**

MONDAY December 1
8:00AM Tomasso Forcella
Req. Family

TUESDAY December 2
8:00AM Generoso & Edith (Melito),
Anthony & Theresa (Melito) – Urso
& A. Giovannina Bello
Req. Bello Family

WEDNESDAY December 3
8:00AM NO MASS

THURSDAY December 4
9:00AM Leo-Paul Theriault
Req. M/M Reno Levesque

FRIDAY December 5
8:00AM Elinor Silverio
Req. M/M George Bouchard

SATURDAY December 6
8:00AM Gino Picciotto
Req. Sister
4:00PM Sid Symolon
Req. Wife & Daughter

SUNDAY December 7
8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM William Bernie Peters
Req. Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**Financial Figures Will Be Available Next
Week. 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 (12/18) 6:00-7:30p.m. Pizza
will be served. Please call the Vocation
Office at 860-242-5573 for more
information.



OLM ANNUAL COLLECTION...We are very grateful
for the generosity shown by so many of our
parishioners who have made a
donation to our Annual
Collection. If you have not yet
had an opportunity to return
your pledge card, please do so as
soon as possible. Every gift is
welcomed and sincerely
appreciated. Thank you!



DECEMBER 1 – 3:30 – 5:30PM – St. Anthony Boys – Gym
DECEMBER 1 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
DECEMBER 2 – 3 – 5:30PM – St. Joseph – Gym
DECEMBER 2 – 5:45 – 7:45PM – St. Anthony Girls – Gym
DECEMBER 2 – 6:30 – 7:30PM – Middle School
DECEMBER 3 – 3:30 – 5:30PM – St. Anthony Boys – Gym
DECEMBER 3 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Sacrament
Prep. Confirmation Year I & II
DECEMBER 3 – 5:45 – 7:45PM – St. Anthony Girls - Gym
DECEMBER 3 – 7PM – NA- Room 107
DECEMBER 4 – 1 – 2:30PM - Atrium
DECEMBER 4 – 3 – 5:30PM – St. Joseph – Gym
DECEMBER 4 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharistic Class
DECEMBER 5 – 5 – 8:30PM – St. Joseph – Gym
DECEMBER 6 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K-4 – Reconciliation
Class
DECEMBER 6 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharistic Class
DECEMBER 7 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM - Men’s AA Meeting
– Room 106
DECEMBER 7 – 6 – 8PM - JOLT

**OPERATION SWEATERS FOR
VETS**... The final count is in!! Due

to your overwhelming generosity
OLM donated 115 men’s
sweaters/sweatshirts, 58 women’s
sweaters/sweatshirts, 21 pair of
gloves, 3 hats and 16 scarves to the veterans who
have served our country so bravely. The other
clothing that was donated has been given to the
Plainville Food Pantry to help our neighbors in
need. Thank you to everyone who made this
collection such a wonderful success!



OLM HAS A NEW WEBSITE!!!!...We have gone
online! Go to www.olmct.org to find out



information of what events are taking
place at our church and links to other
helpful and informational
websites. Also find out what programs
there are available to get involved with, the latest
Tweet the Pope has posted or read a homily. The
website will constantly be updated with events,
links, Mass info and information of what is
happening around Our Lady of Mercy Church! If
you have any thoughts on what you would like to
see on the new website, please email the webmaster
by clicking on the link at the bottom of every page.
Please visit us online!!

OPEN FORUM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS...to
speak to a Parastoral Council Member to make
suggestions or ask questions. Times are:
Saturday, Dec. 6th, 4PM, Sunday, Dec. 7th,
8:30AM & 10:30AM after Masses and Thursday,
Dec. 11th, 6:30PM in the Gathering Room.

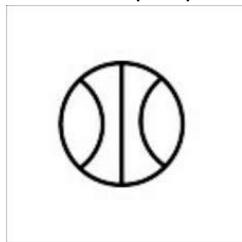
PARISH GIVING TREE...will be set up in our Gathering Space during Advent which begins this weekend of November 30th. We invite you to select a paper ornament from the tree, buy the indicated gift, tape the ornament on the gift and return it to the tree by the given date. The agencies and organizations that we will be serving this year are the following: Plainville Senior Center, St. Agnes Home for young



mothers and their babies, Apple Valley Rehab Center, Rocky Hill Veteran's Home, St. Philip's House who help clients and their families combat HIV or AIDS, Catholic Worker who work with the poor of Hartford and the children of St. Mary's Church in New Britain.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY FUN DURING THE TIME OF THE WINTER DULDRUMS...on

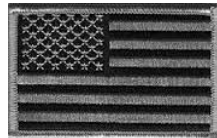
Saturday, February 21st, at 7PM, OLM is organizing a fun night out at the XL Center to see the HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS. Tickets will be discounted to \$20 from \$28 per person. For more info on the team,



please visit their website at www.harlemglobetrotters.com and stay tuned to the bulletin for more information in the near future!!! OLM is not providing transportation to this event. If you know another family that is

attending the game, please consider carpooling. Flyers/order forms will be available soon. What a great Christmas present for the whole family!!!!

ROSARY FOR PEACE FOR OUR NATION...is prayed every third Sunday of the month, at 2PM in the gathering space. All are welcome.





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CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS...

will be sold by the St. Paul National Honor Society on Thursday & Friday, Dec. 4th & 5th from 4 – 9PM and on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6th & 7th from 9AM to 9PM, in the courtyard, which is located in the back of St. Paul Catholic High School, 1001 Stafford Ave., Bristol. Balsam, Fraser and Blue Spruce trees are 6 – 8', wreaths run 12 – 24" (ring size.) Prices are competitive! All money raised during this annual event will go to support NHS scholarships. Thank you.



WINE AND WATER...At the Preparation of the Gifts a small bit of water is poured into the wine just before the wine is offered. The silent prayer that the priest prays as he combines the water with the wine expresses part of the meaning of this action. As the presider pours the drops of water into the wine he says: "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity." The prayer is a way of saying that the wine represents the divinity of Jesus and the water represents the fact that Jesus also became a human being. As the Lord became a human being, so we pray for the grace to one day share in the divine life of Christ. Copyright © 2011 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.

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 _____