

December 7, 2014



Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

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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 isn't Jesus' conception called "immaculate"?

Dear Padre,

I know the term "Immaculate Conception" refers to Mary's conception because she was born without original sin. But since Jesus was also born without original sin, wouldn't that term refer to his conception as well?

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception asserts that Mary was free of the stain of original sin from the time she was conceived.

Jesus was also free of the stain of original sin, but his conception by Mary is referred to as the incarnation of Christ.

In the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, Mary's conception is celebrated December 8, and her birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on September 8. Likewise, Christ's conception is celebrated on March 25, and his birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on December 25.

Mary's immaculate conception was celebrated many centuries before Pope Pius IX defined it as dogma on December 8, 1854, in his apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*: "That the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from all stain of original sin in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God...has been revealed by God and must, therefore, firmly and constantly be believed by all the faithful."

Fr. Byron Millers, 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
DECEMBER 7, 2014 – Second Sunday of Advent
MONDAY December 8 – The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary –
Holy Day of Obligation**

8:00AM Francesco Forgione
For His Special Intentions

6:00PM Sister Marie Griffin
Req. Bryan

TUESDAY December 9
8:00AM Dymarczyk Family
Req. Daughter

WEDNESDAY December 10

8:00AM NO MASS

THURSDAY December 11
9:00AM Pauline Brousseau
Req. M/M Chris Kosswig

FRIDAY December 12

8:00AM Arthur Chambers
Req. Family

SATURDAY December 13

8:00AM John Lumpkin – 1st Anniv.
Edward Dombroski – Month Anniv.
Roger Pegolo – Month Anniv.

4:00PM Pam Nightingale
Req. Family

SUNDAY December 14

8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Maria Cianchetti
Req. Gino Cianchetti

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4774.50
Monthly	40.00
Cathedraticum	- 264.79
SSP	- 264.79
Total	\$4284.92

Second Collection next weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



It's a fiesta!...To celebrate a special feast day in the church, we will play a game and share some special treats. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is one of mystery, faith, persistence

and glory! Come hear the story and celebrate with us! For 20 years, OLM parishioners of all ages have shared their joy of Christmas through neighborhood caroling. Be part of the tradition and join us as we stroll to houses nearby to sing a song or two. We will return to the parish center for hot chocolate and cookies. Dress warm and bring a flashlight!

DECEMBER 8 – 3:30 – 5:30PM – St. Anthony Boys – Gym
DECEMBER 8 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
DECEMBER 9 – 3 – 5:30PM – St. Joseph – Gym
DECEMBER 10 – 5:45 – 7:45PM – St. Anthony Girls – Gym
DECEMBER 10 – 3:30 – 5:30PM – St. Anthony Boys – Gym
DECEMBER 10 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Sacrament Prep. Confirmation Year I & II
DECEMBER 10 – 5:45 – 7:45PM – St. Anthony Girls - Gym
DECEMBER 10 – 7PM – NA- Room 107
DECEMBER 11 – 1 – 2:30PM - Atrium
DECEMBER 11 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharistic Class
DECEMBER 12 – 6 – 8:30PM – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
DECEMBER 13 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K-4 – Reconciliation Class
DECEMBER 13 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharistic Class
DECEMBER 14 – 8 – 10:30AM – Breakfast with Santa
DECEMBER 14 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM - Men's AA Meeting – Room 106

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!



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. 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, the Christmas Mass schedule is posted and information of what is happening around Our Lady of Mercy Church! Right now we have on the front page a new prayer every day for Advent. We also have some great links to other Catholic websites. 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!!

GIVE THANKS FOR THE RELIGIOUS...A parishioner

writes, "We thank God today and every day for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABC's, but also to love God." Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



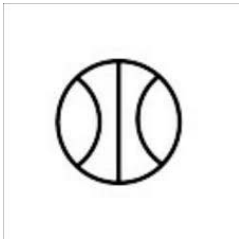
PARISH GIVING TREE... is set up in our Gathering Space during Advent. We invite you to select a paper ornament from the tree, buy the indicated gift, tape the ornament on the gift and return it to the tree by the given date. The agencies and organizations that we will be serving this year are the following: 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

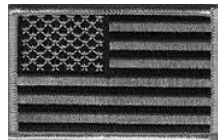
Saturday, February 21st, at 7PM, OLM is organizing a fun night out at the XL Center to see the HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS. Tickets will be discounted to \$20 from \$28 per person. For more info on the team,



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 or parking for 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.



JUSTICE CHALLENGE:... The Responsorial Song for Sunday sings of justice and peace kissing when the Messiah comes. The psalmist proclaims, "Justice shall walk before him..." So many Scripture readings remind us that one of the best paths to peace comes through achieving justice – making sure everyone has what he or she needs to live a life of dignity and hope. The root of conflict can usually be found when people are denied their basic human rights. Your challenge this week is to discuss as a family or household what you think the connection is between justice and peace. Then choose one act of justice which you can do to bring more peace to our world. What is God calling you to do this week – in your immediate family, in your parish or school, in your community, or even in the world itself – to help someone secure the human rights they have been denied? And remember that we Catholics believe they deserve these rights, not by earning them or buying them or even achieving them, but because they are part of the human family, just like you and me, created in God's own image and likeness.



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.**



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