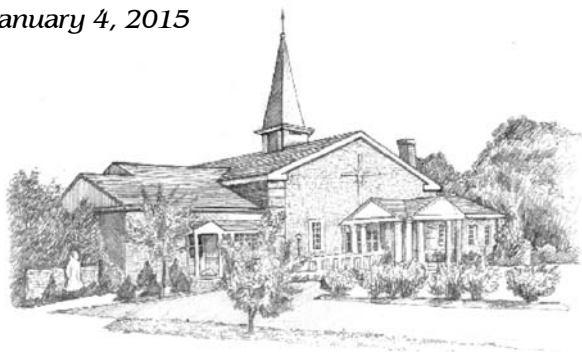


January 4, 2015



Our Lady of Mercy

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Plainville, Connecticut 06062

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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.

Why don't we celebrate the Epiphany on January 6?

Dear Padre,

When did we stop celebrating the Epiphany on January 6 and start moving it to a Sunday? Did that change affect the length of the octave of Christmas?

The Code of Canon Law says that Sundays are to be "observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church" (1246). That canon also allows national conferences of bishops to "abolish certain holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday."

In November 1983, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the transfer of the Solemnity of the Epiphany (January 6) to the first Sunday after January 1. The transfer was reviewed by the Holy See (Vatican) and promulgated in March 1984.

Liturgical celebrations are categorized as solemnities, feasts, and memorials according to their importance. The two greatest solemnities, Easter and Christmas, continue for an octave (eight days).

Since the octave of Christmas runs from December 25 through January 1 (the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God), it's not affected by the transfer of the Epiphany celebration.

Liturgically, the days after January 1 through the Baptism of the Lord are part of the *season* of Christmas even though they're not part of the *octave* of Christmas.

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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
JANUARY 4, 2015 –The Epiphany of the Lord**

MONDAY **January 5**
8:00AM Ann Wallace
 Req. Family

TUESDAY **January 6**
8:00AM Rosa Fernandez
 Req. Brenda Tella

WEDNESDAY **January 7**
8:00AM No Mass

THURSDAY **January 8**
8:00AM William, Alice & Susan Dadolny
 Req. Family

FRIDAY **January 9**
8:00AM Elizabeth Knorr
 Req. Bryan

SATURDAY **January 10**
8:00AM Florence L. Connelly – Month
 Anniv.
 Emelda Martin – Month Anniv.
4:00PM Walter Grabowski
 Req. Daughter

SUNDAY **January 11**
8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Lottie Robinson
 Req. Marilyn Robinson

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4601.00
Monthly	1555.00
Holy Day	10.00
Catch Up	30.00
Cathedraticum	- 340.78
SSP	- 340.78
Total	\$5514.44

Next week's Second Collection is the Monthly Collection.

ST. ANTHONY SOCIETY...will be holding their first meeting of the year on Thursday, January 15 at 1 PM in the library off of the gym. This year's big project will be discussed and all members are encouraged to attend. We would like to have everyone's ideas shared at this gathering. Also, our annual dues of \$5 will be collected at this meeting. Hope to see you there!

**WISHING ALL OF YOU A BLESSED AND
HEALTHY NEW YEAR!
HAPPY EPIPHANY!**

JANUARY 5 – 3:30 – 5:30PM – St. Anthony Boys – Gym
JANUARY 5 – 6 – 8PM – Karate

JANUARY 6 – 3:00 – 5:30PM – St. Joseph – Gym
JANUARY 6 – 5:45 – 7:45PM – St. Anthony Girls – Gym
JANUARY 6 – 6:30 – 7:30PM – Middle School
JANUARY 7 – 3:30 – 5:30PM – St. Anthony Boys – Gym
JANUARY 7 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Sacrament Prep.
JANUARY 7 - 5:45 – 7:45PM – St. Anthony Girls – Gym
JANUARY 7 – 7 – 8:15PM – Confirmation year I & II
JANUARY 7 – 7PM – NA – Rm. 107
JANUARY 8 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
JANUARY 8 - 3:00 – 5:30PM – St. Joseph – Gym
JANUARY 8 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharistic Prep.
JANUARY 9 – 5 – 8:30 PM – St. Joseph BB – Gym
JANUARY 10 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 & Reconciliation Prep.
JANUARY 10 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharistic Prep.
JANUARY 11 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM - Men's AA Meeting – Room 106
JANUARY 11 – 1:30 – 6PM – Knights Free Throw BB Contest – Gym

"WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT"...in order to continue to have our Bulletins printed we need advertisers. 1. To memorialize a family member or friend, or to sponsor a short message, such as, "Thank you God for Watching over my Family," Jane Doe. Please call Mary Ziccardi for details as to cost and etc. at 860.747.5040. 2. For commercial ads, contact Helen Bergenty at 860.747.3905 for information. Thank you for your consideration.

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OTHER ITEM ON THE TREE OF
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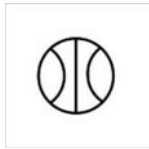


Pope Francis - 22 December 2014: Officials should never forget, he said, "how much good is done by a healthy sense of humor." On that note, Francis also joked that "priests are like airplanes ... they only make news when they fall," adding that "there are actually so many who fly."



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. There are flyers/order forms for tickets at both major entrances to the church and

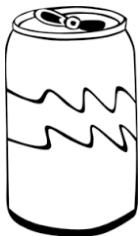
in the Parish Office. You may order tickets by mailing in or dropping the flyer and payment off at the Office. You may also drop your order and payment in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Globetrotters." Or you can print the form from our website under the events tab, double-click on Globetrotters and then click on the red address and the flyer will print. OLM is not providing transportation or parking for this event. All orders must be in the Parish Office by January 23, 2015. If you know another family that is attending the game, please consider carpooling.

BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST...

The Knights of Columbus Annual **Basketball Free Throw Contest** will be held on **Sunday, January 11, at 3:00 pm** in the **Parish Center**. The contest is for all boys and girls aged 9 to 14 (age as of January 1, 2015) and it's fun for the whole family to come out and watch the competition. Boys and girls compete each in respective age and gender divisions (for example, 9 years old girls compete against one another, etc.) and winners progress through local district, regional, and state levels. Thanks to the Knights members and especially sponsor **JR Heating and Cooling**, prizes will be given to each age group winner. Refreshments provided. **Parent permission is required for participation. Bring proof of age.** For questions, call Rich Dziura, 860-747-5451 for more information.



JOLT BOTTLE DRIVE!...Enjoyed the holidays? Lots of lovely beverages consumed? Why not put those empties to good use? You can, by donating them to the parish teen youth group, JOLT.



Although redeemable soda, beer, and water bottles and cans can be dropped off at any time (through the hatch window on the side of the shed behind the parish center), our youth will welcome your donations in person at a collection at the **Parish Center on JANUARY 17th from 9-11AM.**

Proceeds support teen activities in our parish.

EPIPHANY – JUSTICE CHALLENGE:... In Sunday's Gospel we hear the story of the "astrologers from the East" who came to pay homage to the Infant Jesus. They remind us that Jesus was a universal Savior. He came to redeem all of us, including the lepers and tax collectors and prostitutes. He even reached out to the hated Samaritans, although it was forbidden by law to have any type of contact with them. Our challenge this week is to explore how open you are to the "Samaritans" in your life – those people who are different from you in their faith, their ethnicity, their politics, or their lifestyles. Then do two things. First, find something you share in common with this group. Recognize your common humanity. Second, learn one new thing about this group that you didn't know before which is worth celebrating. It might be a prayer practice you could embrace, or a recipe for their food which you could try. It could even be a new way of caring for God's creation. Open your heart to be stretched, get out of your comfort zone, and discover the face of God in the Samaritans around you!



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 or you may download and print a form from the front page of our website. 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 _____

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