

January 11, 2015



Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

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Director of Religious Education & RCIA

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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 baptism by immersion better?

Dear Padre,

Why do some churches baptize by pouring water on the forehead and others by immersion? Is one way better than the other?

In terms of what baptism means and accomplishes—escape from sin and death into the life of the Risen Jesus—immersion is no better than pouring. But in the dramatic power of the symbol of the water, immersion is better.

The power of the sacrament of baptism lies not in the method of bringing the water into play, but from the direction given to the pouring or the immersion by the words of Jesus, who commanded us to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

St. Paul said, "Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4). Down into the death of Jesus, and up again into a new life.

Even on the level of symbol and drama, a trickle of water is still water. It still means and symbolizes life, as in drinking and cooling. It also symbolizes death, as in a hurricane or a drowning.

This union of words and water in the Church makes this action the sacrament of baptism.

Fr. John Hamrogue, 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
JANUARY 11, 2015 –The Baptism of the Lord**

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>January 12</u>
8:00AM	Richard McGann Sr. Req. Family
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>January 13</u>
8:00AM	Mary Kazokas Req. Gionfriddo Family
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>January 14</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>January 15</u>
8:00AM	Helen Ruane Req. Family
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>January 16</u>
8:00AM	Rev. Phillip Cascia Req. Our Lady of Mercy
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>January 17</u>
8:00AM	Bianca Camp – 1 st Anniv. James Joseph Ciss – 1 st Anniv. Reah Ambramczyk – Month Anniv. Thomas J. Boyd – Month Anniv. Martha Pelletier – Month Anniv.
4:00PM	Angela & Ralph Scheidel Req. Sandy & Bob Michalik
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>January 18</u>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Jason Halat Req. Rich & Sue Dziura, & Jeanne Gionfriddo

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4788.50
Monthly	86.00
Holy Day	5.00
Catch Up	25.00
Cathedraticum	- 269.74
SSP	- 269.74
Total	\$4365.02

ST. ANTHONY SOCIETY...will be holding their first meeting of the year on Thursday, January 15 at 1PM 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!

TAX LETTERS....if you would like to receive a donation letter please call the office to have one mailed to you. Thank you!

A HUGE THANK YOU... to all who gave so graciously to the Giving Tree and to Deanna Gelt for organizing this ministry. OLM made many a Merry Christmas who would have gone without.

JANUARY 12 – 3:30 – 5:30PM – St. Anthony Boys – Gym
 JANUARY 12 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
 JANUARY 13 – 3:00 – 5:30PM – St. Joseph – Gym
 JANUARY 13 – 5:45 – 7:45PM – St. Anthony Girls – Gym
 JANUARY 14 – 3:30 – 5:30PM – St. Anthony Boys – Gym
 JANUARY 14 – 5:45 – 7:45PM – St. Anthony Girls – Gym
 JANUARY 14– 7PM – NA – Rm. 107
 JANUARY 15 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
 JANUARY 15 – 1PM – Mailing Room – St. Anthony Meeting
 JANUARY 15 – 5:00 – 8:30PM – St. Joseph – Gym
 JANUARY 15 – 7PM – Pastoral Council Meeting, Rm. 102
 JANUARY 16 – 6 – 8:30PM – GIFT
 JANUARY 17 – 9 – 11AM – JOLT Bottle Drive followed by Bowling
 JANUARY 17 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 & Religious Ed.
 JANUARY 18 – 9:30AM – NOON – GIFT
 JANUARY 18 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men's AA Meeting – Room 107

"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.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Council 3544 of the Knights of Columbus sponsored a poster contest in which the following parish children participated: Michael Kraus, Ella-Jane Lacasse, Victoria Claffey, Nathaniel Cranson, Natalie Patterson, Anthony Rosado, Lucas Grafton, Claudia Mizerek, Jeremiah Gelt, Kyle Gelt, Zoe Weiner, Angel Wren, Laren Matteo, Zack Gelt, Jace Lemrise, Wyatt Gelt, and Bell Hemrise. Each participant was given a certificate and a button. One winner in each age category was selected to participate at the State Level and will be receiving a certificate and prize on January 17th. The winners are Victoria Claffey, Claudia Mizerek and Angel Wren. Congratulations to all the students that participated!

**THE
BAPTISM
OF THE
LORD**



HOPE OUT OF DARKNESS...“I was a stranger and you welcomed Me...” (Matthew 25:35) The Church opens her arms to welcome all people, without distinction or limits, in order to proclaim that “God is love” (1 Jn. 4:8,16). ~Pope Francis, for the 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees (9/3/2014) National Migration Week 2015 took place this past week, with the theme, “We are One Family Under God”. Mary and Joseph intimately knew the importance of family unity as they traveled to Bethlehem and when they later fled to Egypt with their infant son. ACTION: Let us remember to pray for all migrant children in our country.

IT'S GETTING CLOSER!...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

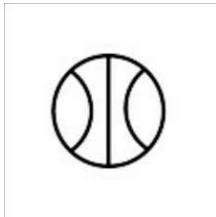
team, please visit their website at

www.harlemglobetrotters.com. There are

flyers/order forms for tickets at both major entrances to the church and in the Parish Office.

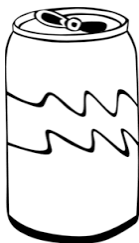
You may order tickets by mailing in or dropping the flyer and payment off at the Office. You may also drop your order and payment in the collection basket in an envelope marked “Globetrotters.” Or you can print the form from our website under the events tab, double-click on Globetrotters and then click 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.



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.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD – JUSTICE

CHALLENGE:...The First Reading on Sunday talks about the mission of the Messiah, and Isaiah clearly proclaims that it includes bringing justice to the earth.



Isaiah writes, “Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations...” Your challenge this week is to reflect on how important justice is in YOUR life. Do you seek it, not just for yourself and your family, but for all those who suffer from injustice – in the local community, in the U.S., and across the world? Do you speak out when you see someone being treated unjustly? Pray that you can be a person of justice in whom God can be well-pleased as He was with His Son.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING...is Thursday, January 15, at 7PM in Room 102. All parishioners are invited to observe.

OUR FOOD PANTRY DONATIONAS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...IN OCTOBER OLM DONATED 128 POUNDS OF ITEMS, NOVEMBER – 272 POUNDS AND DECEMBER – 104 POUNDS. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS GENEROSITY!!!

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.



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ADDRESS _____

TOWN &
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