

January 18, 2015



Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

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Director of Liturgy

Jeanne Gionfriddo

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 there a Year of John?

Dear Padre,

I read that the current liturgical year is the year of Mark, that next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year will be Luke. Then it starts all over with the year of Mark again. Why doesn't John have a year?

It certainly does seem that John has been slighted by the three-year *Lectionary* cycle. There is not, in fact, a "year" that is wholly dedicated to reading his gospel.

Mark's gospel is the shortest of the four. During the year we read Mark, we also read John's sixth chapter. During all three liturgical years, we read from John's Gospel during the Easter season. We also read significant portions of John's Gospel during our weekday liturgy.

All four gospels tell the same story—the story of Jesus—in different ways. Unfortunately, many times we combine the stories in our minds and inadvertently confuse the unique approach of each of the four evangelists. One example of this is when we put Matthew's wise men with Luke's shepherds in our manager scenes.

Maybe one day we'll have a four-year *Lectionary* cycle in which one year is dedicated to the continuous reading of John's Gospel. Until then, I encourage you to read each gospel separately.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, 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 18, 2015 – Second Sunday in**

Ordinary Time

MONDAY January 19
8:00AM No Mass

TUESDAY January 20
8:00AM No Mass

WEDNESDAY January 21
8:00AM No Mass

THURSDAY January 22
8:00AM No Mass

FRIDAY January 23
8:00AM No Mass

SATURDAY January 24
8:00AM No Mass
4:00PM Robyn George & Lucien Bordeau
Req. Family

SUNDAY January 25
8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Jeanne Corriveau - 10th Anniv.
Req. Husband & Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4240.50
Monthly	10.00
Holy Day	1770.00
Catch Up	100.00
Cathedraticum	- 336.62
SSP	- 336.62
Total	\$5447.26

**The Second Collection next weekend is for the
Catholic High Schools.**

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

JANUARY 19 – 3:30 – 5:30PM – St. Anthony Boys – Gym
JANUARY 19 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
JANUARY 19 – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
JANUARY 20 – 3:00 – 5:30PM – St. Joseph – Gym
JANUARY 20 – 5:45 – 7:45PM – St. Anthony Girls – Gym
JANUARY 20 – 6:30 – 7:30PM – Middle School
JANUARY 21 – 3:30 – 5:30PM – St. Anthony Boys – Gym
JANUARY 21 – 5 – 5:45 – Older Children Religious Ed.
JANUARY 21 – 5:45 – 7:45PM – St. Anthony Girls – Gym
JANUARY 21 – 7PM – NA – Rm. 107
JANUARY 22 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
JANUARY 22 – 3:00 – 5:30PM – St. Joseph – Gym
JANUARY 22 – 4:00 – 5:00PM – Eucharistic Prep.
JANUARY 22 – 6:30 – 9PM – Farmington Father's BB - Gym
JANUARY 23 – 5 – 8:30PM – St. Joseph BB - Gym
JANUARY 24 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 Reconciliation Class
JANUARY 24 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – K – 4 Eucharistic Prep.
JANUARY 25 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM - Men's AA Meeting – Room 106

**THIS IS IT! ORDERS FOR TICKETS MUST BE
IN THE OFFICE BY THIS FRIDAY,**

3:00PM...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 in the Parish Office. You may order tickets by mailing in or dropping the flyer and payment off at the Office. Or you can print the form from our website, at olmct.org, 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 on or by January 23, 2015 by 3PM.** If you know another family that is attending the game, please consider carpooling.



2015 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

COLLECTION..We gratefully ask for your support next weekend, which assists our Catholic secondary schools as they foster educational excellence and prepare young people to become productive citizens and church leaders. Your gift is an investment that will continue to pay dividends. Thank you!

HOCKEY MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL'S FAITH AND

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE HARTFORD WOLF PACK GAME...Sunday, February 22nd at 3PM at the XL Center. Tickets are \$15 and must be ordered by **FEBRUARY 14TH**. For questions, contact Rick Mitera at 860.817.6440 or hmneusa@hotmail.com.



**THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES 1/19 – 2/4.
MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED STARTING 2/5/2015.
THERE WILL BE NO NOON CONFESSION OFFERED
ON 1/24 & 1/31.**

DIACONATE INQUIRY SESSIONS... *The Archdiocesan Office of Diaconate Formation is now preparing to admit a new class of candidates for the Diaconate in the Fall of 2015. Any Catholic man between the ages of 35 and 60 who may be interested is encouraged to speak to his pastor. Two inquiry sessions will be held at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield on Sunday, 3.8.15 and Sunday, 3.22.15 from 2 – 4PM. Both sessions must be attended, and spouses must also attend. Please call the office at 860.242. 5573 no later than 3.2.15 in order to pre-register.*

MAGNIFICAT FOR WOMEN... ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO THE MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2015, FROM 9AM TO NOON AT DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, BRISTOL. REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30AM. OUR SPEAKER FOR THIS BREAKFAST WILL BE CHARLENE BERUBE. THE COST IS \$27.00 AND MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 17th. PAYMENT CAN BE MAILED TO: MAGNIFICAT, P.O. BOX 1871, BRISTOL, CT 06010. NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ANN MARIE DEBISSCHOP AT 860-538-5319 OR CONTACT US AT motherofdivinemericyct@gmail.com.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION...If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **February 6-8, 2015 in Litchfield, CT**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at mcaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

OPEN HOUSE...Your family is cordially invited to attend St. Matthew School Open House for prospective new students and families Friday, 1.23.15, 10AM, in the school library. Come and see ~ a nurturing and safe learning environment ~ the place for your child to grow spiritually, academically and socially ~
St. Matthew School ~ where educating minds and hearts matter ~ Visit our website - stmatthewschool.com for more information. R.S.V.P. by 1.21.15, 860-583-5214.

Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy to a friend.
Martin Luther King Jr.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANURAY 19TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. DAY. LET US ALL DREAM AND PRAY FOR EQUALITY BECOMING A REALITY

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE.....Sunday, 1.25.15 from 10AM to 1PM in the school, 335 Center St., Bristol. 860.582.8696, school.stjosephbristol.org

ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER LINE. Please call 860.635.4996.

JUSTICE CHALLENGE:...The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on January 18th. So often in our world, we emphasized our differences with others instead of the things we share in common. Yet our God is everyone's God, and Jesus came as a universal Savior – for everyone, everywhere, all the time. If those of us who believe in Jesus can't get along, how will we ever bring peace to our world? Your challenge this week is to participate in this special time by praying for unity among all Christians. Then let your prayer lead you to action. What is one thing you can do as a family or household to be more connected – with the Lutheran community down the block, or the Methodist family that lives next door? How can you celebrate with them our common belief in Jesus?



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER...The Parish Life Committee of the Pastoral Council will be sponsoring our annual dinner of corned beef and cabbage supper on Saturday, 3.14.15 at 5PM in the Parish Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. A hot dog and chips plate will also be available for \$1.50. You may also purchase tickets at the Parish Office. Tickets will also be available for purchase in the Gathering Room before and after Masses on 2.28 & 29, and 3.7 & 8. Tickets will **NOT** be sold at the door. Volunteers are needed during and after for cleanup. Please call Don at 203.910.9624. Please join us for some local parish talent and an evening of great food, fellowship and fun.

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 at olmct.org. 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 _____