

January 25, 2015



Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

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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.

Do votive candles make a difference?

Dear Padre,

At my church, some people take the votive candles out of the holders and place them next to the statues and icons. Does this make the saint or God pay more attention to the petition? And isn't it a fire hazard?

Vigil lights, commonly known as votive candles, are usually lit when a person seeks some favor from the Lord or a saint's intercession. Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.

In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of our Lord, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). We burn candles to symbolize our prayers' rising to heaven day and night; prayers for the saints' intercession are also common because of their friendship with God in heaven. Saints are powerful intercessors.

God hears all prayers uttered in sincerity. Burning a candle as we pray doesn't make that prayer more important than prayers offered without a candle; neither does moving the candle to the front of the line.

If your church has made sure that the placing of the votive candles complies with local fire regulations, you have no worries about setting a fire with vigil lights.

Fr. Paul Borowski, 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 25, 2015 –Third Sunday in Ordinary**

	<u>Time</u>
MONDAY	January 26
8:00AM	No Mass
TUESDAY	January 27
8:00AM	No Mass
WEDNESDAY	January 28
8:00AM	No Mass
THURSDAY	January 29
8:00AM	No Mass
FRIDAY	January 30
8:00AM	No Mass
SATURDAY	January 31
8:00AM	No Mass
4:00PM	Theresa Bagliore Req. Family
SUNDAY	February 1
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Mary & Alexander Kazokas & Pauline & Joe Raynock Req. Krar Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$5155.50
Monthly	1700.00
Holy Day	41.00
Catch Up	87.00
Cathedraticum	- 384.09
SSP	- 384.09
Total	\$6215.32

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

JANUARY 26 – 3:30 – 5:30PM – St. Anthony Boys – Gym
 JANUARY 26 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
 JANUARY 27 – 3:00 – 5:30PM – St. Joseph – Gym
 JANUARY 27 – 5:45 – 7:45PM – St. Anthony Girls – Gym
 JANUARY 28 – 3:30 – 5:30PM – St. Anthony Boys – Gym
 JANUARY 28 – 5 – 5:45 – Older Children Religious Ed.
 JANUARY 28 – 5:45 – 7:45PM – St. Anthony Girls – Gym
 JANUARY 28– 7PM – NA – Rm. 107
 JANUARY 29– 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
 JANUARY 29 – 3:00 – 5:30PM – St. Joseph – Gym
 JANUARY 29 – 4:00 – 5:00PM – Eucharistic Prep.
 JANUARY 29 – 6:30 – 9PM – Farmington Father’s BB – Gym
 JANUARY 30 – 5 – 8:30PM – St. Joseph BB – Gym
 JANUARY 31 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 Reconciliation Class
 JANUARY 31 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – K – 4 Eucharistic Prep.
 FEBRUARY 1 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men’s AA Meeting – Room 107
 FEBRUARY 1 – 6 – 8PM – JOLT –Baking for Head to Heart

**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 hmineusa@hotmail.com.



THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASSES 1/26 – 2/4. MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED STARTING 2/5/2015. THERE WILL BE NO NOON CONFESSION OFFERED ON 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.*

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 mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION..Sunday has always been a special day for Christians. Each Sunday has always been seen as a "mini-Easter." On the first day of the week we are called to prayer and to rest—to keep the day holy by our worship together and to take time from our regular activity to be re-created. Both our prayer and our rest can remind us to put things in proper perspective: God is our Creator, the source of the world we live in. How easily we become enmeshed in the created and forget the Creator! Remember the phrase, "servile work?" Well, we are not supposed to do any of that on Sunday. Why? So that we can rest. God is saying to us: "You deserve a break today. Relax!" Copyright © 2009 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.

JUSTICE CHALLENGE:...

Sunday's Gospel has Jesus calling together a motley group of people to be his apostles. They drop whatever they are doing – fishing, mending their nets, whatever – and begin a life of discipleship. What trust they demonstrate in Jesus! Your challenge this week is to drop the "nets" in your life which keep you from contributing to the building of God's Kingdom as Jesus described it – a Kingdom in which everyone gets the chance to live with dignity and hope. Reflect on how willing you are to drop the mundane in order to follow Jesus.



ORDINARY (ORDINAL) TIME... The color green in the church tells us that we are back in Ordinary Time. Actually the word "ordinary" does not mean routine but "counted" or "ordinal" time. We enter into these 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays ... all counted one after another. Winter Ordinary Time is just a few short weeks until we enter into the season of Lent. Summer and Fall Ordinary Time comprises the longest portion of the Liturgical Year, covering as much as six months of the Calendar. Ordinary Time challenges us with the demands of building the Kingdom. We listen to the Word of God which keeps reminding us of our call as Christians to internalize the teachings of the Lord and to live out what we proclaim. The miracles and the parables of Jesus are, for the most part, the subject of the Gospel readings. The task that we are given is the same task Jesus had—to proclaim the reign of God in our midst—so this is hardly an ordinary mission. The prayers of the Mass ask for the gifts necessary to accomplish this task and they carry the same message: "Bring forth the Kingdom!" As mentioned above, it is divided into two sections, the time following Advent and before the beginning of Lent, and the time following Pentecost and before the beginning of Advent. It could be called ordinary because it is not one of the high seasons of the church. But what the name really indicates is that the weeks are ordered by number or are ordinal. Copyright © 2012 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.



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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT...

The Life-long Faith Committee would like to inform you of the area parishes that offer Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on a regular schedule. A complete list of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford offering Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament can be found on their website, www.archdioceseofhartford.org. Saint Anne, Bristol, Friday, 8:30am – 6:45pm, Saint Gregory, Bristol – First Friday of the month 9:30am – Noon, and St. Thomas, Southington, Thursday, 8–11am.



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 _____

IF YOU MISSED MASS LAST WEEKEND DUE TO THE ICY WEATHER... thank you if you included your donation in this weekend's offering or please donate your offering in next week's collection. We still need to pay the bills and need your support. Thank you!