

February 22, 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.

Who decided that fish isn't meat?

Dear Padre,

Who decided that fish doesn't constitute meat for Catholics? I really hate fish, and it bugs me when my friends eat lobster for dinner on Fridays in the name of "sacrifice."

Latin is the official language of the Catholic Church. Canon law as written in Latin says we must abstain from *carne* ("meat"), a word that refers to warm-blooded animals that walk on the ground. By that definition, fish is allowed.

You make an excellent point about the lobster dinners and the nature of sacrifice. In its document "Questions and Answers about Lent and Lenten Practices," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says, "While fish, lobster and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer."

As we enter Lent, we must remember that our acts of penance should be more than thinking about just giving something up—like meat. Our fasting needs to lead us to a closer relationship with God instead of merely being a time of sacrifice.

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
FEBRUARY 22, 2015 – First Sunday**



of Lent

MONDAY **February 23**
8:00AM Sophie Centurelli

TUESDAY **February 24**
8:00AM Kathyne Zanlungo

WEDNESDAY **February 25**
8:00AM No Mass

THURSDAY **February 26**
8:00AM Michael Hardy
Req. John & Deb

FRIDAY **February 20**
8:00AM Roger Albert

SATURDAY **February 28**
8:00AM Wayne Soucie – 1st Anniv.
George Reinwald – Month Anniv.
Paul Drozd – Month Anniv.

4:00PM Theresa Bagliore
Req. Family

SUNDAY **February 22**
8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Frank & Viola Sliwonik
Req. Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4591.50
Monthly	1416.00
Catch Up	52.00
Cathedraticum	- 333.27
SSP	- 333.27
Total	\$5,392.96

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!



**IF YOU MISSED MASS DURING A
WEEKEND DUE TO THE SNOWEY
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 GREATLY need and

APPRECIATE your support. Thank you!

LENTEN CONFESSIONS...Do you want to let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and experience a joyful conversion? Let the Light of God's mercy shine on you this Lenten season by going to confession. OLM will be available for Confessions every Monday during Lent from 6-7PM. For more info visit www.Light4you.info.

Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on 3/12 in Room 102 at 7PM. The parish is invited to attend and observe.

**A HUGE WELCOME BACK GOES OUT TO DEACON
ROBERT BERUBE!!! IT IS SO EXCITING TO HAVE
ONE OF OUR CHURCH LEADERS BACK IN ACTION!**

FEBRUARY 23 – 3:30 – 5:30PM – St. Anthony Boys – Gym
FEBRUARY 23 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
FEBRUARY 24 – 3 – 5:30PM – St. Joseph - Gym
FEBRUARY 24 – 5:45 – 7:45PM – St. Anthony Girls – Gym
FEBRUARY 25 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Rel. Ed.
FEBRUARY 25 – 5:45 – 7:45PM – St. Anthony Girls – Gym
FEBRUARY 25– 7PM – NA – Rm. 107
FEBRUARY 26 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
FEBRUARY 26 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharistic Class
FEBRUARY 26 – 4 – 9PM – St. Joseph – Gym
FEBRUARY 26 – 7PM – Pastoral Council Meeting – Rm. 102
FEBRUARY 28 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 Religious Ed.
FEBRUARY 28 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharistic Class
MARCH 1 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM - Men's AA Meeting – Room 107
MARCH 1 – 8AM – NOON – Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast

JUSTICE CHALLENGE: This week we enter into the first full week of our Lenten journey – a journey to the Cross and then to Resurrection. As with Jesus, the sacrifice of the Cross is a necessary part of our journey. Your challenge this week, but really for all of Lent, is to think of someone in the world who is experiencing their own cross. It might be the cross of hunger, of human trafficking, of living in a war-torn village or city, or of being denied freedom of expression. Even though you don't know this person's name, imagine how this person feels. Then choose something to give up this Lent, something which may cause a bit of suffering and sacrifice on your part, to stand in solidarity with the brother or sister whose pain is – and should be – our pain. Offer up your sacrifice on their behalf. Every day, as members of our one human family, say a prayer for this person. Use the time or the money you would have spent on whatever you give up to support an organization in your parish or in our universal Catholic Church which works to end injustice for those who suffer. Some possible choices include your local St. Vincent de Paul chapter, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Charities, or Catholic Relief Services.



SEPERATED/DIVORCED SEMINAR...Spring Session Begins, Date: March 5th, 2015, Time: 6:30 PM, Location: Our Lady of Loreto Church Hall, Waterbury, CT For more information and Registration please contact: Barbara at 203-574-1561 by 2/27/15.

R.I.C.A. ...As we enter the season of Lent we ask for your prayers for our parish Catechumens (persons not baptized) and Candidates (persons who have been baptized in a Christian denomination) as they are undergoing their final process of preparation for full reception into our faith. They will participate in a dismissal on all of the Sundays of Lent in order to reflect on Scripture more fully. Please keep Garritt, Philip, Bob, Donna, Ashley and Jennifer in your prayers.



CONNECTING THE BIBLE TO OUR LIVES... A celebration of Sacred Scripture – 3/8/2015, St. Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, CT, 06002, Noon – 4PM. Free Will Offering. Registration by 3/3/15. For more info,

catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org or 860.242.5573. If interested, you must register through the Parish Office.

THREE SCHOLARSHIPS... will be awarded by The Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, Inc., Amount: \$1,000 for one year – 2015-2016, Eligibility: Any Catholic student who is a Hartford County resident now attending an accredited secondary school, and who wishes to attend a four year college beginning in 2015. Basis For Selection: Need-Scholarship-Character-Leadership-Achievement. Application Deadline: 3/15/15 See your principal or counselor or go to

Catholicgraduatesct.org



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 \$12 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 be sold 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.

STOLEN LIVES: A GOSPEL RESPONSE TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING... sponsored by the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry (OCSJM) and the Office of the Diaconate of the Archdiocese of Hartford, a presentation on Saturday March 7, at St. James Church, 767 Elm St., Rocky Hill, from 9AM to Noon. The presentation will offer information about Human Trafficking in Connecticut, how to identify potential victims, what you can do to prevent this crime, and how to support victim survivors. The workshop is appropriate for adults, especially parents, those involved in outreach ministries, and those working with youth. Advanced registration is requested. Call: (203) 777-7279 or email at info.ocsjm@aohct.org. If you plan on attending, Jo-Ann in the Parish Office will be attending. If anyone else is interested in going, carpooling would be great!

FRANCIS – THE POPE FROM THE NEW

WORLD... We will be showing a movie that sheds light on Pope Francis' "tireless advocacy for the poor and marginalized" (51 minutes), on Tuesday, February 24th at the Parish Center. It will be shown at 9AM and again at 7PM, to accommodate your schedule. As our parish community focuses on the Catholic Social Teaching of the *Option for the Poor and Vulnerable* this month at GIFT, we'd like to invite you to come to know "the man who has captured the hearts of the world through his gestures of humility and care for the common man." If Plainville schools are canceled the movie will be canceled.



KNOW GREATER JOY... is the theme this season for retreat. Explore how we can discover deep and enduring joy in God's presence no matter the situation. Includes home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies & workshops, original music, and free time to rest and enjoy a walk on our 48 wooded acres & labyrinth. Cost is \$295, *more if you can; less if you can't*. Register at www.holyfamilyretreat.org or call 860-760-9705. Holy Family Retreat Center - 303 Tunxis Rd - West Hartford, CT. Men's Retreat Date: March 20-22, Women's Retreat Date: March 6-8 & June 5-7

DISCOVERING OUR FAITH:

LENT... From the Bristol Deanery of Catholic Parishes that OLM is a part of. On 2.24.15, at 7PM, at St. Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave., Forestville, a talk will be given by Rev. Joseph DiSciaccia on **The Meaning of Lent for Catholics**. Refreshments will be served after the talk. A series of four talks will be given every Tuesday.



Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7PM in the church. For more info on what programs are available during Lent, please visit WWW.OLMCT.ORG and search under the Resources & Links tab & then the Events tab.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE 40 DAYS OF LIFE CAMPAIGN TO END ABORTION ON WWW.OLMCT.ORG UNDER THE RESOURCES & LINKS TAB & THEN THE NEWS TAB.



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 Home 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 _____