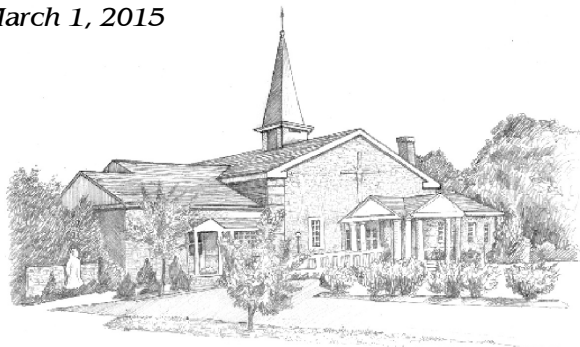


March 1, 2015



Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

Rev. John F. Brinsmade

Pastor

Dcn. Robert Berube

Deacon

Nicholas Drabik

Organist

Sandra DeBlois

Bookkeeper

Robert DeBlois

Maintenance

Bryan Knorr

Director of Liturgy

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 cover the crucifix during Lent?

Dear Padre,

Why do some parishes cover the crucifix during Lent? This seems like an odd time to do this. Shouldn't we be focusing on Christ's death?

Lent is a penitential season, and some parishes choose to have their liturgical environment reflect the austerity and simplicity that exemplify that penitential nature by removing flowers and floral arrangements, covering statues and, in some parishes, even covering the body on the crucifix.

Doing so can enhance our own forty-day experience of journeying in the desert, much as our Lord did at the outset of his ministry when he spent forty days and forty nights in the desert being tempted by Satan.

During the three-day celebration of the Triduum (from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday)— especially during the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, when the lights come on as the Gloria is sung—the previously darkened church is revealed in its fully decorated splendor.

The difference is dramatic and striking when compared to the scarcely adorned church we've seen during Lent.

We can most definitely see and sense the change from a season of repentance to one of celebration as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection—and our own salvation and redemption from sin.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, cSSr
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

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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
MARCH 1, 2015 – Second Sunday**



of Lent

MONDAY March 2
8:00AM Charles & Lottie
Robinson
Req. Marilyn Robinson

6:00PM Confession

TUESDAY March 3
8:00AM Homer Drapeau
Req. Jeanne & Sandra

WEDNESDAY March 4
8:00AM No Mass

THURSDAY March 5
8:00AM Richard McGann Sr.
Req. Family

FRIDAY March 6
8:00AM Thomas Lauer
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY March 7
8:00AM Concetta Vincenti – Month Anniv.
4:00PM Theresa Bagliore
Req. Family

SUNDAY March 8
8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Leo & Yvonne Cassidy
Req. Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$2522.00
Monthly	16.00
Catch Up	80.00
Cathedraticum	- 143.99
SSP	- 143.99
Total	\$2330.02

Next Weekend the Second Collection is the Monthly Collection.



IF YOU MISSED MASS DURING A WEEKEND DUE TO THE SNOWEY WEATHER... We still need to pay the bills and GREATLY need and APPRECIATE your support. Thanks!

ST. ANTHONY SOCIETY

MEETING... Monday, 3/2 at 6PM in the library to discuss the tea party which will be held 3/22 at 2pm.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND AT ALL OF THE MASSES!! PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU!!



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

LEADERS BACK IN ACTION! WE MISSED YOU SO VERY MUCH!

MARCH 2 – 6PM – St. Anthony’s Society Meeting
MARCH 2 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
MARCH 3 – 3 – 5:30PM – St. Joseph - Gym
MARCH 3 – 6:30 – 7:30PM – Middle School Rel. Ed.
MARCH 4 – 5:00 – 5:45PM – Confirmation Year I & II
MARCH 4– 7PM – NA – Rm. 107
MARCH 5 – 2:30PM – Atrium
MARCH 5 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharistic Class
MARCH 5 – 3 – 5:30PM – St. Joseph – Gym
MARCH 5 – 6:30 – 9PM – Farmington Fathers - Gym
MARCH 7 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 Religious Ed.
MARCH 7 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharistic Class
MARCH 8 – 8 – 10:30AM – OLM Breakfast
MARCH 8 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM - Men’s AA Meeting
MARCH 8 – 6 – 8PM – JOLT

JUSTICE CHALLENGE, OPERATION

RICE BOWL: ...Your Lenten sacrifices can do double duty by helping those in need!
ORB, a program of Catholic Relief Services, encourages Catholics to donate the money saved from Lenten fasting. 25% of Rice Bowl donations stay in our local area while 75% are used to alleviate hunger & poverty around the world. Rice Bowls are available at the exits or you may go online to donate at www.crsricebowl.org. Rice Bowls may be returned to the church at the end of Lent.



R.C.I.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.

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

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL 2015....

Kickoff begins this weekend. If you haven’t already, you will receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. Together we can change the lives of thousands. The Good Works of the Church in social services, healthcare and pastoral services are exciting, challenging and fulfilling.

OLM BREAKFAST... will be held 3/8, 8 – 10:30AM. All are welcome for good food and fellowship!



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.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS...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.

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!

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 Bill Fasciano at 860.793.8920. Holy Family Retreat Center - 303 Tunxis Rd - West Hartford, CT. Men's Retreat Date: March 20-22

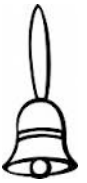
DISCOVERING OUR FAITH:

LENT...From the Bristol Deanery of Catholic Parishes that OLM is a part of. On 3.3.15, at 7PM, at St. Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave., Forestville, a talk will be given on **The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Examine of Conscience.**



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.

HANDBELL CONCERT...will be performed on Thursday, 3/12, at 7PM, St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, 33 Queen St., Bristol.



PARENTING CLASSES...Thomas Finn, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist on staff at the Franciscan Life Center, is offering parenting classes on Monday evenings, March 16 and 23, 2015, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., in the San Damiano Room of the Chiara Center, 275 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT 06451. If you are interested in learning techniques for raising responsible and cooperative children, thirteen years of age and younger, please come. Cost is \$40.00/session. Visit www.flcenter.org or call 203-237-8084 for more information.

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.

PARABLES OF JESUS... THROUGH THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS, PRESENTED BY FR. ROBERT

CARY, CSP... March 14 – 18, 2015 Lenten Mission. Free Will Offering. Please plan to join us and bring a friend! All are at 7PM. Mission Evenings: Sunday, 3/15, St. Gregory, Monday, 3/16, St. Matthew, Tuesday, 3/17, Our Lady of Mercy, Wednesday, 3/18, St. Stanislaus



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 _____