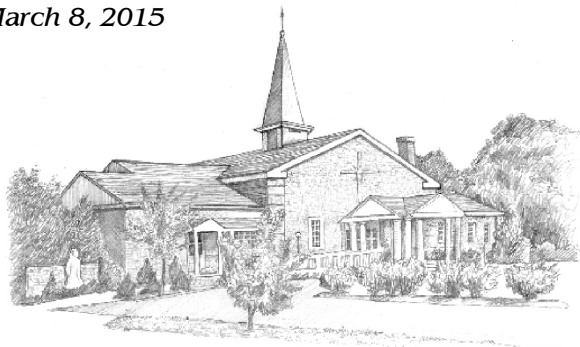


March 8, 2015



Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

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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.

Who wrote the Lord's Prayer?

Dear Padre,

I know the Lord's Prayer comes from Scripture, but who composed it as we say it today?

When the disciples asked the Lord to teach them to pray, he taught them the prayer we know as the Our Father. Various versions of that prayer appear in the gospels of Matthew and Luke.

The version used in the Church's liturgies is from Matthew 6:5-13. In fact, citing St. Thomas Aquinas's *Summa Theologiae*, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls the Lord's Prayer the most perfect prayer, teaching us not only what things to pray for in our prayer but also in what order or priority we should desire them. "It is at the heart of every individual and communal prayer" (2776). We pray the Our Father bearing in mind and heart the intimate relationship we have with our God as sons and daughters by adoption through our baptism.

As for wording, it's important to note that, as in any language, the language we use for prayers is a work in progress. It's normal and understandable that the specific wording of our prayers would reflect what makes the most sense for a prayer form used in a communal setting—that's why we use plural pronouns instead of the singular pronouns used in the gospel account of the Lord's teaching his disciples to pray.

What's most important is that the substance of the prayer reflects the same matter the Lord used in the prayer.

FR. SCOTT KATZENBERGER, 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
MARCH 8, 2015 – Third Sunday of**



Lent

**MONDAY
8:00AM**

March 9
Minnie, John &
Anthony Ventrelli
Req. Frank & Mary

6:00PM

Confession

TUESDAY

March 10

8:00AM

Roy Sidell

WEDNESDAY

March 11

8:00AM

No Mass

THURSDAY

March 12

8:00AM

Kathleen Gagne

FRIDAY

March 13

8:00AM

Mike Chambrello

7:00PM

Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY

March 14

8:00AM

Rita Norton – 1st Anniv.
Thomas J. Gworek – 1st Anniv.
Joan Forcella – 1st Anniv.

4:00PM

Maria Cianchetti
Req. Gino Cianchetti

SUNDAY

March 15

8:30AM

Parishioners

10:30AM

Mary & Alexander Kazokas & Joe
and Pauline Raynock
Req. Raynock Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4347.50
Monthly	31.00
Catch Up	60.00
Cathedraticum	- 244.12
SSP	- 244.12
Total	\$3950.26



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!

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO OBSERVE THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ON 3/12, 7PM IN RM. 102.

TICKETS FOR THE ST. ANTHONY TEA PARTY ...will be sold after all of the Masses next weekend. The Tea Party will be held 3/22 at 2PM in the gym.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES OF THE PARISH COMMUNITY WHOM ARE RECEIVING THEIR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ON SATURDAY, 3/14 AT 1:00PM. MAY OUR CHILDREN RECEIVE FORGIVENESS WITH AN OPEN AND JOY FILLED HEART!



MARCH 9 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
MARCH 11– 7PM – NA – Rm. 107
MARCH 12 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
MARCH 12 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharistic Class
MARCH 12 – 6:30 – 9PM – Farmington Fathers – Gym
MARCH 12 – 7PM – Pastoral Council Meeting – Room 102
MARCH 14 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 Religious Ed.
MARCH 14 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharistic Class
MARCH 14 – 5PM – St. Patrick's Day Dinner
MARCH 15 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM - Men's AA Meeting
MARCH 15 – 5:30 – 8PM – Confirmation Night of Reflection
MARCH 15 – 7PM – Deanery Mission, St. Gregory Church

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 main entrance of the church 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 move through 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...

The Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support ensures the essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward. We hope you can help us reach our goal of \$41,700. If you would like to make a gift, kindly mail in your pledge card. Please keep in mind that an early pledge will allow for a monthly payment plan.

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





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 this weekend. Tickets will **NOT** be sold at the door. Volunteers are **STILL** needed during and after for cleanup. Please call Don at 203.910.9624. **Confirmation students, this is a GREAT way to fulfill some of your volunteer hours!!!**

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 and every Saturday at Noon.

DISCOVERING OUR FAITH:

LENT...From the Bristol Deanery of Catholic Parishes that OLM is a part of. On 3.10.15, at 7PM, at St. Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave., Forestville, a talk will be given on ***How to live the Lenten Season in Jesus' Style: Prayer, Penance and Abstinence.***



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.



RECONCILIATION... The Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrates the great gift of God's mercy. Sometimes it seems that we concentrate too much on our own sins and not enough on God's mercy. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a

wonderful way to strengthen our journey with the Lord. Our sins, more than anything else, weigh us down. The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be a great help as we journey together without the guilt and sin that can be very heavy to carry. Copyright © 2008

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SWEET REWARDS...A sincere **thanks** from our teen youth group, **JOLT**, for supporting our recent bake sale. \$342 was raised to help people in Haiti, through the efforts of the **Haitian Health Foundation**. Thousands of children and adults lack access to food, housing, clean water, and medical care. Please mark your calendars for **our next fundraiser, a Pasta Supper, on April 18th.**

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.

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



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

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 _____