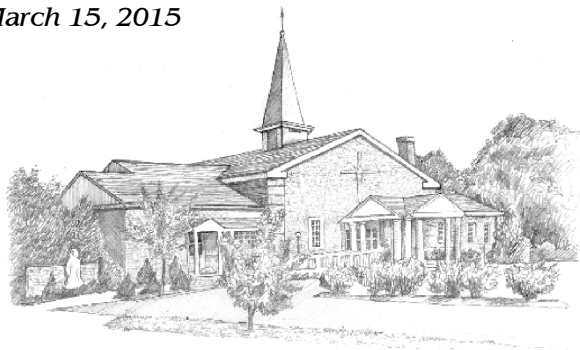


March 15, 2015



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.

Is faith different from religion?

Dear Padre,

A friend and I were having a disagreement about the Catholic Church. He ended the conversation by saying, "Spread the faith, not the religion." Is there a difference between faith and religion?

The glossary of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines *faith* as "both a gift of God and a human act by which the believer gives personal adherence to God and freely assents to the whole truth that God has revealed." *Religion* is defined as "a set of beliefs and practices followed by those committed to the service and worship of God."

Therefore, we express our faith and put it into action through our religion. So our faith has both a personal and a communal dimension.

The danger lies in making our faith something so personal and individual that it loses this communal context. We do what we do and believe what we believe as members of a community of faith. So while my faith requires a personal decision on my part, it's not something so individualized and personal that I can speak of it apart from the Christian community in which I express it.

As baptized Christians, we are members of the living Body of Christ. Since all members of a body are important to the proper function of the body as a whole, it's important that we function as members of a community of believers who hold a common faith.

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 15, 2015 – Fourth Sunday**



of Lent

MONDAY

March 16

8:00AM Jean Martin
Req. Daughter

6:00PM Confession

TUESDAY

March 17

8:00AM Edmund Buzanoski
Req. Wife - Jean

WEDNESDAY

March 18

8:00AM No Mass

THURSDAY

March 19

8:00AM Arthur Knorr
Req. Bryan

FRIDAY

March 20

8:00AM Anna & John Kelly
Req. Family

7:00PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY

March 21

8:00AM Betty Morse – Month Anniv.
Genevieve Maksim – Month Anniv

4:00PM Norbert Poulin

Req. Wife & Children

SUNDAY

March 22

8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Joe & Ellie Silverio
Req. Joe & Jo-Ann

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$6832.00
Monthly	130.00
Catch Up	566.00
Cathedraticum	- 414.04
SSP	- 414.14
Total	\$6699.92



**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. Thank you

to all of you who have given so generously to help us catch up on our bills.

**TICKETS FOR THE ST. ANTHONY
TEA PARTY** ...will be sold on

Saturday, the 21^{st.}, after Mass. The Tea Party will be held 3/22 at 1PM in the gym, Sunday from 1 – 4PM.

Doors will open at 1PM. Cold tea punch and appetizers will be served. 2:00PM is Tea Time. Hope to see you for a great day of fun. St. Anthony cookies for the tea drop off at the Center will be Saturday, 21^{st.} when we set up from 9 to 12PM. Thank you for all of your help. "Great work."



MARCH 16 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
MARCH 16 – 7PM – Deanery Mission – St. Matthews
MARCH 17 – 6:30 – 7:30PM – Middle School
MARCH 17 – 7PM – Deanery Mission – Our Lady of Mercy
MARCH 18 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Prep.
MARCH 18 – 7PM – Deanery Mission – St. Stanislaus
MARCH 18 – 7PM – NA – Rm. 107
MARCH 19 – 1 - 2:30PM – Atrium
MARCH 19 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharistic Class
MARCH 19 – 6:30 – 9PM – Farmington Fathers – Gym
MARCH 21 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 Religious Ed.
MARCH 21 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharistic Class
MARCH 22 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM - Men's AA Meeting
MARCH 22 – 2PM – St. Anthony's Tea Party

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.

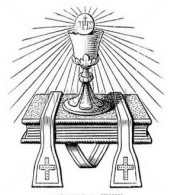
ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2015...

The Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2015 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

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 3.24.15, at 7PM, at St. Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave., Forestville, a talk will be given on **Lent on the Thinking of Contemporary Popes.**



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.

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

PASSION PLAY TICKETS...The 37th annual St. Thomas Passion Play will be presented March 28TH, April 1ST and April 3rd. All performances start at 7:30PM except for Sunday the 29th which starts at 3pm. Tickets are free and are available while they last. For more information check our web site: www.st-thomas-play.org or contact: Diane 860-628-4197, Jean 860- 628-7913, Ginny 860-628-4628 or Lois 860-621-0411.



EASTER PIEROGI & BUTTER LAMB SALE...St. Lucien's Residence, 532 Burritt St., New Britain, CT, 860.223.2123.
Saturday, 3.38.2015, 8AM – 1PM. Easter

Butter Lambs Pierogi, Babka, Golabki, Sauerkraut, Polish Style, Soups, and Polish Pastry.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT...Spring if just around the corner, bringing with it our Spring tag sale scheduled for Friday And Saturday, April 24 & 25, 9AM – 4PM. Donations may

be dropped off at the small garage behind the Rectory beginning Monday, March 23. Please hold any furniture donations until Monday, April 20, when they may be brought directly to the Parish Center. As usual, we request no computers, magazines or televisions. We are always in need of help setting up the tag sale, especially Monday, April 20, as well as breaking everything down after 10:30AM Mass on Sunday, April 26. If you are able to lend a hand it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Confirmation students, this is a great way to get in some of your community service hours!



SCHOLARSHIP

AVAILABLE...There are two \$1000 OLM Memorial Scholarships, formerly known as The Guild of Our Lady

Memorial Scholarships, available to graduating high school seniors furthering their education in the fall. Eligibility requirements: a registered, actively participating member of the parish. Applications may be picked up in the parish office M-F, 9:30am – 3:30pm and must be returned by April 30th.



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 _____