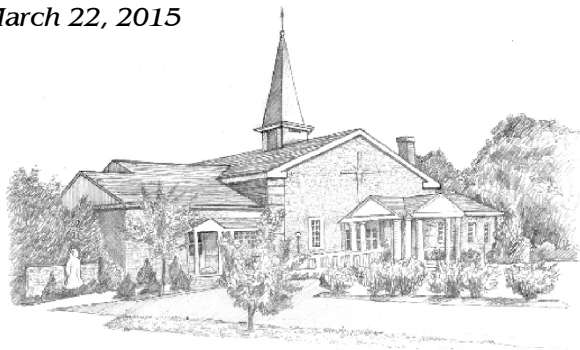


March 22, 2015



# Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

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*Pastor*

**Dcn. Robert Berube**

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*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.

## Does our earthly suffering lessen our time in purgatory?

Dear Padre,

I've had three miscarriages and have chronic pain from a serious auto accident. Does God look at this as a form of penance for my sins? Will I have less time in purgatory because I suffered so on earth?

**God is love.** Jesus revealed this to us in John's Gospel. We enjoy a relationship with God as his children, and good parents don't enjoy seeing their children suffer. Therefore, God doesn't intentionally inflict pain and suffering upon his children or delight in our suffering.

Our illnesses, afflictions, and injuries are simply a sign of our own human weakness, limitations, and imperfections—physical as well as spiritual. They're not a sign of God's desire to teach us a lesson for the mistakes we've made or even for the sins we've committed.

As for the time we'll spend in purgatory, we need to remember that, although our sins are forgiven by our Lord's life, death, and resurrection, sin has an effect on our souls that must be purified before we enter heaven. This last purification, or purging, is the purpose of purgatory.

How much time this final purification takes is up to our Lord, whose love and mercy know no bounds.

FR. SCOTT KATZENBERGER, CSSR  
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

## Parish Office/Cemetery Office

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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 22, 2015 – Fifth Sunday of**



**Lent**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 23</b>
8:00AM	Patricia Silverio
6:00PM	Confession
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 24</b>
8:00AM	Richard Belanger Req. Reno & Pat Levesque
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 25</b>
8:00AM	No Mass
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 26</b>
8:00AM	Donald Wallace Req. Family
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 27</b>
8:00AM	Sophie Centurelli
7:00PM	Stations of the Cross
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 28</b>
8:00AM	Mary Berarducci – Month Anniv. Elinor Silverio – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. Rosemary Andelin – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.
4:00PM	Ray Tyminski Req. Wife
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 29</b>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Anna Fabrizio Req. John Fabrizio & Family

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Regular	\$5038.00
Monthly	1781.00
Holy Day	70.00
Cathedraticum	- 378.90
SSP	- 378.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6131.20</b>

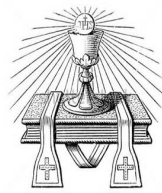
**LET US PRAY FOR...**our high school students and their families who are being confirmed this Thursday evening at St. Stanislaus Church in Bristol. We pray that they may receive the Holy Spirit and the many Spiritual Gifts He has to offer them as they continue to grow on their life-long spiritual journey!



MARCH 23 – 6 – 8PM – Karate  
MARCH 25– 7PM – NA – Rm. 107  
MARCH 26 – 1 - 2:30PM – Atrium  
MARCH 26 – 6:30 – 9PM – Farmington Fathers – Gym  
MARCH 27 – 6 – 8:30PM – GIFT  
MARCH 28 – 9 – 11AM – JOLT Bottle Drive & Activity  
MARCH 28 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4  
MARCH 29 – 9:30AM – Noon -GIFT  
MARCH 29 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM - Men’s AA Meeting

**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.

**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.***

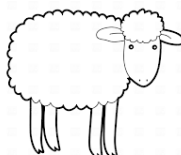
**Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7PM in the church.**

**PASSION PLAY**

**TICKETS...**The 37<sup>th</sup> annual St. Thomas Passion Play will be presented March 28<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>. All performances start at 7:30PM except for Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 Burrirt St., New Britain, CT, 860.223.2123. Saturday, 3.28.2015, 8AM – 1PM. Easter Butter Lambs, Pierogi, Babka, Golabki, Sauerkraut, Polish Style, Soups, and Polish Pastry.



**BELIEVE IT OR NOT...** Spring is 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 30<sup>th</sup>.

**THE VICARIATE OUTREACH PROGRAM...** In the spirit of stewardship the Archbishop's Annual Appeal initiated this program in 1997. It offers support to local organizations that, by their efforts, are a meaningful extension of the mission of the Catholic Church and its teachings. If you wish to suggest a worthy local charity for funding, please contact the Parish Office.

**EnCourage Support Group To Meet Wed. April 15 at 7 P.M.** ...EnCourage (part of the Courage Apostolate) is a support group for parents and others whose loved-ones experience same-sex attraction. Members support each other in honoring our loved ones and in seeking to grow in our Christian faith and in honoring the Church's teachings. For more information, including meeting location, contact Fr. Robert Landback, Chaplain: 203-488-1607 X25.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2015...** The Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference. If you need a pledge card you may find them at the main entrance of the church.

**MAGNIFICAT-** A ministry to Catholic women invites all women of the parish to a breakfast on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 9AM to Noon at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Bristol. Our speaker for this breakfast will be Dr. Lorraine Hartnett. The cost is \$25.00 and must be received no later than Monday, April 13, 2015. Payment can be mailed to: Magnificat, PO Box 1871, Bristol, CT 06011-1871. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information you may contact Ann Marie DeBisschop at 860-538-5319 or contact us at: [motherofdivinemercyct@gmail.com](mailto:motherofdivinemercyct@gmail.com).



**CHURCH OF BAPTISM...** If you have ever prepared for a sacrament in your parish, and it is not the parish in which you were baptized, you have been asked to provide a baptismal certificate from your church of baptism. And it must be a recent one. The reason for this is that all major sacramental events are recorded at that church. It provides a centralized source to obtain an individual's sacramental history. That is where one's first Holy Communion, Confirmation, marriage, or annulment will be recorded. When you request a recent baptismal certificate, all this information is included. That way, the parish in which you wish to receive a sacrament can verify that you have whatever is necessary to proceed.

**JOLT BOTTLE DRIVE...** will be held this Saturday from 9 - 11AM at the Parish Center. Thank you for supporting our teens and their community building activities.



**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](http://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** \_\_\_\_\_