

May 3, 2015



Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

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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 it a sin to be mad at God?

Dear Padre,

My husband and I are divorcing. We have four children. Yesterday my eight-year-old said she's "mad at God for letting this happen." I told her it's a sin to be mad at God, but she says she doesn't care. What should I do?

First of all, your eight-year-old's world is being shaken to its core by your divorce. She's frightened, confused, and worried about what will happen. She's expressing her feelings and frustrations.

Don't tell her it's a sin to have angry thoughts and feelings about God. We're emotional human beings with strong passions and moods, and the Lord understands when we're distressed and troubled. Even Jesus had moments of anger—for example, when he drove the moneychangers out of the temple (Matthew 21:12).

Tell her God loves us and gives us freedom to choose. God isn't responsible for your divorce. Reassure your daughter that you love her no matter what, even when she's mad at God. Life after the divorce will be different, but not necessarily unhappy.

This is also an opportunity for her to learn that life isn't always the way we wish it would be.

God doesn't make bad things happen. Human beings aren't perfect, and God helps us survive and grow through difficult moments.

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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
MAY 3, 2015 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

MONDAY May 4
8:00AM Billy Furlong

TUESDAY May 5
8:00AM Helen Grabowski
Req. Daughter

WEDNESDAY May 6
8:00AM No Mass

THURSDAY May 7
8:00AM Jeanne McGann
Req. Family

FRIDAY May 8
8:00AM Lottie & Charlie Robinson
Req. Marilyn Robinson

SATURDAY May 9
8:00AM Carmen Zalewski – Month Anniv.
Robert Raymond – Month Anniv.
Marjorie Listro – 1st Anniv.
Joan Lichtenfels – 1st Anniv.
4:00PM Bernie Parent
Req. Judy & Cathy

SUNDAY May 10
8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Joseph & Lucy Mancini
Req. Joseph & Rose Ciccio

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4564.50
Monthly	145.00
Catch Up	125.00
Cathedraticum	- 265.90
SSP	- 265.90
Total	\$4,302.70

Next week the second collection is the Monthly Collection.



PASCHAL CANDLE...During the Easter Season our Paschal Candle is placed near the ambo where the Word of God is proclaimed. It is lit each time the people of God gather. The Easter Candle has always had a connection with the

Easter Vigil. It is during the Vigil that the candle was solemnly lit from the Easter fire. The Paschal Candle has a special significance at baptisms and at funerals because the focus of both these events is on the new life that we share in the Risen Christ. The Paschal Candle should be a reminder of the promise of Jesus: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Copyright © 2009 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.

MAY 4 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
MAY 6 – 7PM – NA – Rm. 107
MAY 10 – 8 – 10:30AM – OLM Breakfast
MAY 10 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM - Men's AA Meeting – Rm. 107

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS FOR HEALING
AFTER ABORTION** ... If you are suffering from an

abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **May 29-31, 2015 in Hamden, CT.** The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org.



RECEIVING THE SACRED BODY AND THE SACRED BLOOD...Although we believe that Christ is truly and totally present in both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine, the fullness of the sign is receiving both. Christ said, "Take and eat," and "Take and drink." The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states: "The sign of communion is more complete when given under both kinds, since in that form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly. The intention of Christ that the new and eternal covenant be ratified in his blood is better expressed, as is the relation of the Eucharistic banquet to the heavenly banquet." Copyright © 2008 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.

IF YOU GET A CHANCE..... check out www.olmct.org, our very own website. On our website you will be able to watch videos with Fr. Robert Baron and learn different aspects of Catholicism and our faith that relates to everyday life. If you missed Mass or want to read a homily for the second time, the most recent ones are posted on our website. If you would like to know more about Fr. John and/or Deacon Robert; there are featured articles about their journeys to their ministries under the titles, **OUR MAN IN BLACK** and **OUR MAN IN WHITE**. Check us out!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED FIRST EUCHARIST TODAY! MAY JESUS ALWAYS REMAIN IN YOUR HEART!

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2015... This month, after years of study, three men are being ordained to the priesthood. During their years of preparation for this vocation, they were supported by family and friends – and by everyone who made a gift to the Appeal. When you make a gift to the Appeal, you help meet the cost of priestly formation and education. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Appeal today.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST...all mothers are invited to have breakfast for FREE at the OLM breakfast which is next Sunday from 8 to 10:30AM. Bring Mom over to the Parish Center and treat her so that she doesn't have to cook breakfast for anyone else in the family!

YOUR VOICE COUNTS:

Help to plan the future of our Archdiocese!

In several weeks, you will be asked to take an online pastoral planning survey. The results of this survey will help inform how we can best work together to reposition our Archdiocese in ways that will ensure the success of our mission, for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

The link to the pastoral survey will be published in the parish bulletin in early May, and access to the survey will be available at:

archdioceseofhartford.org. Paper copies will be offered at parishes for those who do not have online access.

We ask that you take the time to fill out this 20-minute survey. If you recall, in a February letter to parishioners, Archbishop Leonard Blair indicated that: "... pastoral planning is meant to be consultative and collaborative at every level, especially the local level." Together, we will thoughtfully and carefully seek to discern the will of God, and strengthen our Archdiocese for future generations.

WHY BREAD AND

WINE?... Bread is a basic food item. It nourishes and strengthens us. Wine is a sign of joy. It is part of the banquet which we celebrate. Christ comes to us as bread and wine to nourish us and bring us his joy. The consecrated bread and wine become part of us as we become part of Christ's Body. This shows the intimate connection we have with Christ in communion.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...Are you planning summer activities for your children? Do your children like upbeat music, games, crafts and Bible stories? Our Lady of Mercy will hold its Vacation Bible School Program August 3 to 7 from 9 to 11:30AM, for children ages 3 to 10. At Son Spark Labs Vacation Bible School your children will excitedly explore God's life-changing plan as they find out the answers to life's most



important questions. They will discover that God loves them and that through Jesus they can live as members of God's family and personally

experience God's plan for each of us. The week is filled with games, music, crafts and snacks. The fee of \$25 will help defray the cost of the program. Registration is limited so register as soon as possible. Please call Jeanne at the Parish Office for additional information at 860.747.6825.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY... THERE ARE STILL MANY GRAVE PLOTS FOR SALE IN OUR CEMETERY. IF YOU WISH TO PREPLAN YOUR BURIAL, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AND ASK FOR JO-ANN. SHE WILL INFORM YOU ON WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE DEPENDING ON YOUR NEEDS.

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 _____