

**Our Lady of Mercy ~ Plainville, Connecticut**

*Living the Joy  
of the  
Gospel*



**Commitment Weekend**

2015 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF  
MAY 17, 2015 – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>May 18</u></b>
8:00AM	Assunta Aiezza Req. Dominick D'Onofrio
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>May 19</u></b>
8:00AM	Mary & John McHale Req. Family
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>May 20</u></b>
8:00AM	No Mass
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	<b><u>May 21</u></b>
8:00AM	Leone D'Onofrio Req. Children
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	<b><u>May 22</u></b>
8:00AM	Richard Osipowicz Req. Family
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>May 23</u></b>
8:00AM	John Lazarik
4:00PM	Stefania & Chester Dzierlatka Req. Jeff Dzierlatka
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>May 24</u></b>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Paul & Cecile Gagnon Req. Gloria & Jerry Gagnon

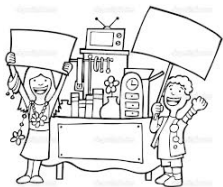
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Regular	\$5841.90
Monthly	136.00
Holy Day	136.00
Cathedraticum	- 329.06
SSP	- 329.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5163.34</b>

Next week the second collection is for Nepal Relief through Catholic Relief Services.

MAY 18 – 6 – 8PM – Karate  
MAY 20 – 7PM – NA – Rm. 107  
MAY 24 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM - Men's AA Meeting – Rm. 107

**A HUGE TAG SALE THANK YOU...** to all who



Parish.

helped set up, move items from the garage to the Parish Center, made a purchase and helped clean up!!! A total of \$2492.25 was raised for the Scholarship Fund and the

**MASS OF HEALING AND HOPE...** Tuesday, May 19 at 7:30PM at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, with the rosary at 6:55PM. Trained prayer teams will be available after Mass. 860.242.5573 x2696

**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 the Parish Center. The theme is 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.



**THIS IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND...** at our parish and across the Archdiocese for the 2015 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or a one-time gift. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you in advance for your support.

**NEPAL EARTHQUAKE**

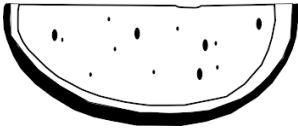
**RELIEF COLLECTION...** will be taken next weekend as the second collection to provide our devastated brothers and sisters with emergency shelter tents, blankets, water treatment, hygiene kits and medical supplies. Over 8,000 people lost their lives and more than 18,000 have been injured. Your prayers and gifts are greatly needed. Thank you for your generosity.



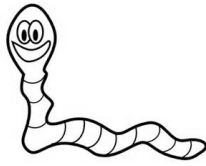
**Women's ACTS Retreat!...June 18 – 21, 2015, Host Parish: St. Dominic Church, Southington, CT, Retreat Location: Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic, CT, Cost is \$210. Individual rooms & all meals are included. For additional information, please contact: Bev Montana, Retreat Co-Director, 860.621.0575 or bevmonty2@cox.net or visit <http://actsct.org/events.html>**

**CELEBRATE SUMMER EVENT...Friday, June 19,**

all members of our parish are invited to gather together at our parish center at 6:30PM to celebrate the coming of summer and the joy of being together. Two great



movies will be shown and watermelon and popcorn will be served. Please note that children age 12 and under need to be accompanied by an adult.



"Worms" rated PG (82 minutes) will be featured in the gym. It is the adventurous tale of friendship, working together and helping one another out of difficult situations and can be enjoyed by the entire family. It shows how bullying and pressure from others can turn into a dangerous situation while helping others can create great friendships. This movie has been awarded with the Dove "Family Approved Seal" for all ages. Bring your pillows, sleeping bags and lawn chairs for this movie. (folding chairs will be available)

The Francis Effect (75 minutes) will be shown in Room 106. The Francis Effect takes a critical and in-depth look at how the church is rapidly changing under the leadership and vision of Pope Francis. Room 106 will be set up with tables and chairs for your enjoyment. Please call Jeanne at the Parish Office by June 11 with the number of attendees so that we can be prepared for the event.



**POPE FRANCIS TAKING A  
STAND AGAINST HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING** ...Upon being

elected two years ago, Pope Francis sent an unusual message to the

Pontifical Academy of Sciences and Social Sciences: "I think it would be good to examine human trafficking and modern slavery. Organ trafficking could be examined in connection with human trafficking. Many thanks, Francis." This year, during the plenary session of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, Pope Francis reiterated his concern with human trafficking, stating: "I have stated several times that these new forms of slavery – human trafficking, forced

labor, prostitution, organ trade – are very serious crimes, a wound on the body of contemporary humanity. The whole of society is called to grow in this awareness, especially with regard to national and international legislation, in order to prosecute the traffickers and redirect their unjust gains to the rehabilitation of victims." As a result of the Pope's steadfast desire for the Church to marshal her resources against this crime, the Pontifical Science Academies have launched a new website aiming to educate the public and raise awareness of human trafficking worldwide. Under Pope Francis, impact is now on the agenda. The address of the Vatican's new anti-human trafficking website is: [www.endslavery.va](http://www.endslavery.va).

**YOUR VOICE COUNTS**...Help to plan, reposition and revitalize our Archdiocese for future generations. The pastoral planning survey that you have been hearing and reading about is currently open and will remain so through May 25<sup>th</sup>: [www.research.net/s/pastoralplanning](http://www.research.net/s/pastoralplanning). Please take the time to express your distinct voice by answering questions that will take about 20 minutes to complete. Your input is essential to the inclusive pastoral planning process on which we are embarking together. Your participation will help chart the future direction of the Archdiocese and help to express our mission in ways that meet the needs, challenges, and opportunities of our times. Your feedback will also help to enrich our Archdiocese and its Catholic identity so that future generations may enjoy a spiritually vibrant future.

In his poem "Beginnings," Herman Hesse wrote,

***"Be ready bravely and without remorse  
to find new light that old ties cannot give. In all  
beginnings dwells a magic force  
for guarding us and helping us to live."***

In the spirit of new beginnings and open community collaboration, please make the time to complete the survey either on-line or in writing. It is available in English, Spanish and Polish. Paper copies are offered at parishes for those who do not have on-line access. Thank you in advance for your time, participation, and for expressing your unique voice and perspective!