

September 27, 2015



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9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday - Friday

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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.

Sunday 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.

Why do Scripture readings jump around?

Dear Padre,

Why are the Scripture readings for Mass so piecemeal? We read part of a verse then jump to another part. Doesn't reading the Bible like this distort the meaning of the passage?

The readings for Mass are in a book called the *Lectionary*. Our current *Lectionary* was set up after the Second Vatican Council. It uses a three-year cycle for the Sunday readings, so over three years we hear the majority of the Bible at Mass. Its introduction states, "The present **Order of Readings for Mass**, then, is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the whole of God's word, in a pattern suited to the purpose" (*General Introduction to the Lectionary*, Second Edition #60). So the readings are not piecemeal but rather arranged so we are exposed to the whole of God's word within three years. At times a given reading may not be complete—for example, the first reading for the third Sunday of Advent, Year B, is Zephaniah 3:14–18a. This is done not so much for brevity but for clarity. Those who organized the *Lectionary* thought that this excerpt made the message clearer or gave better emphasis to a point in the reading. It certainly is good to get out your Bible and to read the whole section so you can see what is missing, but when the word is proclaimed at Mass, the current arrangement is most effective.

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
SEPTEMBER 27, 2015 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in**

Ordinary Time

MONDAY September 28

8:00AM **Viola Sliwonik**
Req. Family

TUESDAY September 29

8:00AM **Lin Anderson**
Req. Family

WEDNESDAY September 30

8:00AM **No Mass**

THURSDAY October 1

8:00AM **Arthur Knorr**
Req. Bryan

FRIDAY October 2

8:00AM **Genevieve Aparo**
Req. Family

SATURDAY October 3

8:00AM **Theresa Lebel**
4:00PM **Rev. Harold David Heinrich**
Req. Evelyn Stelma

SUNDAY October 4

8:30AM **Parishioners**
10:30AM **Chris Dziura**
Req. Rich & Sue

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$5,577.50
Monthly	92.00
Holy Day	5.00
Catch Up	245.00
Cathedraticum	- 325.57
SSP	- 325.57
Total	\$5,268.36

TRUNK O'TREATS...This year OLM would like to do something different for Halloween. To keep it safe for the children and build community among the parish we came up with the idea that parishioners could park in the Parish Center Parking Lot and give out goodies



from their trunks! You can even decorate your trunk with pumpkins, etc. This event will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 6 – 7PM. You don't have to have little ones to participate. The more parishioners we can get involved the more community we can build and have fun while doing it! The Parish Center will be open so that the restrooms may be used. More info is on www.olmct.org. Click on the Resources and Links tab on our website and then the Events link for all of the information. You can print a registration form from the website.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 28 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
SEPTEMBER 30 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class
SEPTEMBER 30 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Sacramento Prep.
SEPTEMBER 30 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
OCTOBER 1 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
OCTOBER 1 – 4:15 – 5:15PM – Eucharist Class
OCTOBER 3 – 9 – 11AM – JOLT Bottle Drive
OCTOBER 3 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4
OCTOBER 3 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – Reconciliation
OCTOBER 3 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharist
OCTOBER 4 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – AA Men's Meeting – Room 107

BLUEPRINTS...*Building our Lives*

on Him, is a monthly program to be offered here at OLM. Who is God, what is His Vision, and Where am I in His Blueprint? **Registration continues; call Jeanne at the office 860-747-6825.** It's amazing to think that, despite all that is going on in this busy world, God has a plan for each of us! He has given us a role in order to see His plan come to pass. In God's blueprint, what is your purpose and meaning in life? Come, gather with other members of the parish to enjoy a meal, and explore your part. God created it just for you! No one else can do it! Workers needed! Apply within!



ALL LIFE IS PRECIOUS! To

celebrate the children in the womb within our community, as well as their parents and family, we will be celebrating the new **Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb** here at Our Lady of Mercy. The celebration will take place **during the 10:30 AM**



Mass Next Sunday, October 4th, and includes a special blessing of the children in the womb and all those present following the Homily. Please contact the Parish office for more info, 860-747-6825.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS...

Michael Baczek, Leona Bisson, Laurie Fasciano and Joseph Ruffini. They will be serving a three year term. May the Holy Spirit inspire them for the good of OLM. Congratulations!

JOLT BOTTLE DRIVE...This Saturday, October 3, 9 – 11AM.

If you'd like, you may drop off redeemable items in the JOLT shed behind the Parish Center anytime! THANK YOU!

FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOHN... I would like to clarify some important issues about Pope Francis' 01 September statement granting all priests the ability to forgive the sin of abortion in the coming Holy Year of Mercy beginning in December. This statement changes little or nothing for priests and the faithful in the United States. Almost all priests in the USA already have this permission which has been granted to them by their bishops. Pope Francis is extending worldwide what is already a common practice in the USA. People in the USA who have confessed this sin and have received absolution have absolutely nothing to worry about. The absolution they have received from their priest confessor is absolutely valid.

8th ANNUAL CT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE – "FAMILY

MAN"...Saturday, 10/24, Goodwin College, East Hartford, CT, 8:30AM – 5PM, \$40 includes lunch.

For more information and speakers, please call 860.484.7950 or visit www.ctcatholicmen.org.

Tickets may be purchased online.

RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE...

10/17, Holy Angels Parish Center, 585 Main St., South Meriden, 9AM-3PM.

Registration \$25 per person, includes hospitality and lunch. For more info call 203.235.3822, X 402 or visit www.holyangelschurch.org.

K OF C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE... will be held

next weekend after all of the Masses. The donations collected are turned over to the headquarters of the K of C. 80% comes back to the Plainville K of C to help people that are mentally challenged. The other 20% stays at the headquarters of the K of C for other charities. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SHARING IS CARING!...

This is your opportunity to participate in our Parish Center Roof Replacement fund drive entitled "**Together Under One Roof.**" Please share with Our Lady of Mercy a pledge commitment that reflects a sacrifice according to your current means. We would like every parish family to consider participation in this important fund drive. Please return your pledge card today.



BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF CT... is offering a healing weekend from Friday, 10/16 – Sunday, 10/18 at Lourdes of Litchfield in the Montfort House in Litchfield, CT. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and begin anew. Reservations are required. For more info or registration, please call Ray at 860.741.3050 or email him at rmercik16@att.net or Beth at 845.373.8202 or email her at bethwillis@optonline.net. Website is www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut.

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 **October 30 - November 1, 2015 in Litchfield, 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, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

ROSARY RALLY... will be held at the

Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury on 10/4 from 2 – 3:30PM. Procession, rosary, talk and Benediction. Fr. James Miara, Pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Bronx, NY and Spiritual Director of the Blue Army, NY Division is the guest speaker. "All About the Holy Angels" is the topic of his talk. Parish Mass is at 4:15PM. For info call Elaine at 860.352.2281.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS... are again

soliciting ALL practicing Catholic men of the parish to join our Council and become a member of this great Order of the Knights of Columbus. After the Masses of 10/17 & 10/18, we will be in the gathering space to answer any questions and sign up all who may be interested in becoming a Knight. We want you as a member!



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