

November 15, 2015



Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

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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.

What should I expect from a pastoral visit?

Dear Padre,

When my father was in hospice, our pastor stopped in to see him. The pastor didn't seem connected to what we were experiencing, and what should have been a precious moment was anything but. I'm afraid his visit did more harm than good. Should I have expected more?

When I was in the seminary, a retired priest spoke about the importance of pastoral visitation and the sacrament of anointing of the sick. What impressed me most was his pastoral advice. Before entering the room of someone who was sick or dying, he would take a moment in prayer: "Please God, use me as your instrument. Keep me from saying anything harmful, unnecessary, or distracting." I've never forgotten his advice.

I'm sorry your pastor's visit wasn't what you hoped. Not knowing what he did or did not do, I can provide you with only my own insight into what may be useful and appropriate at such a moment. In a person's final moments, invite everyone to reflect on the presence of mystery and of the sacred. These moments are profoundly intimate and personal, beyond all understanding and description. And this should not invoke anxiety or fear; rather, we should see it as an opportunity to accept our human and personal limitations, as well as those of this world. The Church teaches that each moment of life is sacred, and sometimes all that is required are wonder, awe, and silent assent.

FR. TOM SANTA, 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
November 15, 2015 – Thirty-Third Sunday in**

Ordinary Time

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>November 16</u>
8:00AM	Mary Kazokas Req. The Dahlstrom Family
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>November 17</u>
8:00AM	Michaela Rose Petit Req. The Petit Family
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>November 18</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>November 19</u>
8:00AM	Fadoir & Hurley Families Req. Dan
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>November 20</u>
8:00AM	Capirchio & DeLibero Families Req. Dan
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>November 21</u>
8:00AM	Julias Bordenero
4:00PM	Jean G. Lagace Req. Wife
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>November 22</u>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Mary Kazokas Req. Vilma Stifel & Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4337.50
Monthly	26.00
Cathedraticum	- 239.99
SSP	- 239.99
Total	\$3883.52

**Next Weekend the Second Collection is for the
Campaign for Human Development.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 16 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
- NOVEMBER 17 – 6:30 – 7:30PM – Middle School
- NOVEMBER 18 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
- NOVEMBER 19 – 1:00 – 2:30PM - Atrium
- NOVEMBER 19– 6:30 – 9PM – Amera Group
- NOVEMBER 20 – 6 – 8PM – GIFT
- NOVEMBER 21 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 Class
- NOVEMBER 22 – 9:30 – 11:30AM - GIFT
- NOVEMBER 22– 10:30AM – 12:30PM – AA Men’s Meeting – Room 107
- NOVEMBER 22 – Noon – 2PM – JOLT – GYM

**Fr. John will not be collecting
pumpkins this year! Thank you
for your generosity in the past!**



**Ever thought of becoming a Knight of
Columbus? For more information contact Rich
Dziura, 860-747-5451 or dzfam@att.net.**

SHARING IS CARING!...The active phase of our fund drive for our roof project is coming to a close. As you have seen, the roofers have been working at the parish center since the beginning of November. The project will take three weeks to complete all of the outside work. For our mutual benefit, this job will provide the building with a new roof that is guaranteed for thirty years. No longer will we need to have "drip buckets" in the gym, hallway or offices to collect the water that currently penetrates the existing roofing. There are pledge cards at the main entrance of the church. If you haven't yet made your pledge, please do so this weekend. We would like to thank every family that has made a sacrificial gift! Our Lady of Mercy parishioners continue to be known far and wide for their generosity to their parish.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS

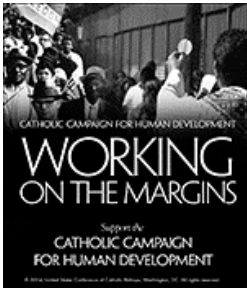
Members of 3rd degree Reverend Gerald T. Corrigan Council 3544 and 4th degree Rev. Francis Finn Assembly of the Knights of Columbus will gather at Mass on Thanksgiving day, Thursday, November 26, for our national day of thanks. This attendance will also be with great thanks for the memories of members who are no longer with us in this life as the council has requested. The Mass will be said for all the deceased members of the council. All members and their families are encouraged to gather as a group for Mass on this wonderful day of thanks.

SWEATERS FOR VETERANS

We will be collecting new & gently used Men's and Women's sweaters, scarves and gloves now **through Sunday, November 29th!** **Please note the date**



change. If you can put a note of thanks in a sweater or two, that will cheer up the veterans greatly. OLM did that last year and the veterans are still talking about how much that meant to them!! There are labeled bins located in the gathering space that you can place your items in anytime the church is open. All items donated will go directly to veterans in this area. We hope this small gesture will help everyone remember the sacrifices they have made in the name of the United States of America and for our **Freedom** and a great way to say **THANK YOU!**



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT...

Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help

themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD collection. During the Pope's memorable visit to our country, by his words and actions, Pope Francis called attention to the poor and our responsibility toward them. For many years the CCHD has responded directly to this call by addressing the root causes of poverty in the U.S. UACT, in which OLM is involved with, is just one example of CCHD's anti-poverty grants and education programs. United Action is an interfaith, multi-racial, multi-lingual organization crossing political, economic and urban/suburban boundaries. We hope that you will join us in our pursuits to advance civil rights for immigrants, improve health care access, build awareness for mental illness, and to lobby for key legislation in these areas. 25% of the collection's proceeds stay here in our archdiocese.



HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER... Retreat theme: **Into the Heart of Mercy.** Join Holy Family and the Catholic Community around the world as we celebrate the Year of Mercy as courageously proclaimed by Pope Francis. This retreat will examine the Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy and explore ways of cultivating mercy amid life's inevitable challenges, identifying practical ways of integrating mercy into our daily lives. The retreat includes: home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time, and workshops. The retreat begins with dinner at 6PM on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at Noon. Men's Retreat Date: January 15 -17, 2016. Women's Retreat Dates: January 8 - 10,

29 -31, March 4 - 6, April 22 - 24, and June 3 - 5, 2016. Call 860.760.9705 or go to www.holyfamilyretreat.org for more info.

THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE...

Combined Churches & Choirs, Wednesday, 11.25.15, 7:30PM, St. Joseph Church, 33 Queen St., Bristol. Please join in giving Thanks. Monetary & non-perishable food items will be accepted for local organizations. Reception will follow downstairs in Guild Hall.

UNWRAP THE GIFT OF God's Mercy
THIS ADVENT

Join Matthew Kelly and six other influential Catholic voices of our time on a life-changing journey through

Best Advent Ever™
Rediscover Mercy. Each day you will receive an inspirational email with a



short video, words of encouragement, or spiritual coaching in your email that will help you rediscover God's great mercy and show that mercy to others.

This program is simple and free! Let mercy transform your relationships, work, and ability to embrace and experience all of life. All you have to do is go to the OLM website at www.olmct.org and you are able to sign up for the Advent program by clicking on the link that is on the first page of the site and follow the instructions.



SAVE THE DATE ST. ANTHONY SOCIETY MEMBERS...

for the Christmas Party at Confetti's on Dec. 3 at 5PM. Information will be mailed soon. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Elaine at 860.747.2528.



Fr. John, 11.25.2015

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