

November 22, 2015



# Our Lady of Mercy

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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.

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.

## **Does Jesus transcend the limits of time, space?**

Dear Padre,

Revelation says God is "the one who is and who was and who is to come" (1:8). Does this apply to Jesus as well? The Creed says he was "born of the Father before all ages."?

**John 1:1-3 says**, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be." Similarly, the author of Wisdom refers to the Word and Spirit of God this way: "Now with you is Wisdom, who knows your works and was present when you made the world" (9:9).

Origen, one of the early Church fathers, pointed out, "whatever is said of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is to be understood as transcending all time, all ages, and all eternity" (*The Fundamental Doctrines*, 4:4:1). This means that even though Jesus was physically born into the world as we were, we cannot equate Jesus' birth with our birth. Jesus transcends the limits of time and space. This is a mystery involving his dual natures—of his being fully human and fully divine.

The Word of God is eternal; it has always existed, and it always will. In this context, it is not simply a published text or historical figure. Jesus is the Incarnation of the Word. Therefore, his presence and redemptive grace span history and geography.

FR. TOM SANTA, CSsR  
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## **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  
November 22, 2015 – Our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**King of the Universe**

<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>November 23</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Wendy Mareane</b> <b>Req. Dan</b>
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>November 24</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Theresa Bagliore</b> <b>Req. Family</b>
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>November 25</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	<b><u>November 26 - Thanksgiving</u></b>
<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Deceased Member of the Knights Of Columbus</b>
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	<b><u>November 27</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Donald Wallace</b> <b>Req. Family</b>
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>November 28</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Mabeline Nadeau – Month Anniv.</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Anthony &amp; Ann Marie D'Amico</b> <b>Req. Joseph &amp; Rose Ciccio</b>
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>November 29</u></b>
<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>James &amp; Lena Parente</b> <b>Req. MaryAnn &amp; Peter Giola</b>

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

<b>Regular</b>	<b>\$4707.50</b>
<b>Monthly</b>	<b>91.00</b>
<b>Holy Day</b>	<b>1067.00</b>
<b>Catch Up</b>	<b>270.00</b>
<b>Cathedraticum</b>	<b>- 337.45</b>
<b>SSP</b>	<b>- 337.45</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,460.60</b>

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

NOVEMBER 23 – 6 – 8PM – Karate  
NOVEMBER 25 – 7PM – NA – Room 107  
NOVEMBER 29– 10:30AM – 12:30PM – AA Men's Meeting – Room 107

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS**

Members of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Reverend Gerald T. Corrigan Council 3544 and 4<sup>th</sup> degree Rev. Francis Finn Assembly of the Knights of Columbus will gather at Mass on Thanksgiving day, Thursday, November 26, **at 9AM** 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.

**Ever thought of becoming a Knight of Columbus?**

For more information contact Rich Dziura, 860-747-5451 or [dzfam@att.net](mailto: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.



**SWEATERS FOR VETERANS**



We will be collecting new & gently used Men's and Women's sweaters, scarves and gloves now **through Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>!** 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!**

**CHRIST THE KING**...Today is the last Sunday of the church's liturgical year.

Today is a feast that celebrates the reign of the King whose kingdom we have been proclaiming all these ordinary Sundays: "Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the end ..." Next Sunday we will enter into the first Sunday of the new church year. In combination with the Feasts of All Souls and All Saints, this feast makes the statement that we make each Sunday at the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer. It is through Him and in Him and with Him in union with the Holy Spirit that all glory and honor belongs to our God forever and ever. Amen. As we conclude the year we once more affirm in faith that Jesus, the King of glory and the Lord of all, will come again and will rule to the ends of the earth. As we begin the new year of waiting for his return we make a commitment to once again work for the establishment of the kingdom that has been proclaimed in our midst.



**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](http://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.



**WILL IT REALLY BE YOUR BEST ADVENT**

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**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.



**FOUR WEEK ADVENT**

**SCRIPTURE STUDY...**Tuesdays of Advent, December 1, 8, 15 & 22. 7PM. St. Gregory Church, Bristol, Rosary Hall. Advent is a time for new understandings, for putting

different pieces of God's revelation together. We listen to the words of the Ancient Prophets, to the wisdom of Jesus, to the stories of His birth and we make connections. We connect those truths to our own lives and our world. Join us as we travel through Advent and prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. No preregistration is necessary, just come and join us.

**CHRISTMAS TREE AUCTION –SUPPORT OUR YOUTH GROUP!**...This is your chance to own a

beautifully decorated table top tree while helping your community! The OLM Teen Youth Group, JOLT, decorated a Christmas tree with the theme of "Glory to God in the Highest!" for entrance in the silent auction at the upcoming Plainville Historical Society's Festival of Trees.

The teens lit and fully decorated the three foot tree with handmade ornaments, primarily in white and silver. It is beautiful! The opening of the festival will take place Nov. 21, 6 to 9 p.m. at the Plainville Historic Center on Pierce Street. The event will feature music, entertainment, refreshments and door prizes. Bidding continues until the closing day of the festival, Dec.12, at 4PM. Admission is \$15 for the opening gala and \$5 for the remaining days of the festival (less for children). As well as being a great way to witness to their faith, this is a fundraiser for the Youth Group, as JOLT will receive 50% of the winning bid returns. Come see what a wonderful job the teens did, possibly win the 'Glory' tree, and support the Historical Society and JOLT while having fun! For more information, contact the Plv. Hist. Center at (860) 747-6577.



**FIFTH ROSARY SUNDAY...** Council

3544 of the Knights of Columbus will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church on November 29, 2015 at 2:00 PM. This is sponsored by the Order of the K of C to promote devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. All Knights, families, parishioners and non-parishioners are urged to attend and show their support for Our Lady, Patroness of our parish.



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