

November 29, 2015



Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

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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.

At college, where do I go to church?

Dear Padre,

I am a college student and live with my parents, but I prefer my friend's parish. My father says Church law requires me to go to my home parish. Is this true?

According to the Code of Canon Law, parishes and dioceses are normally established according to geographical boundaries. In the United States, Catholics generally attend and support the parish in which they live, just as each pastor is required by *canon law* to care for the spiritual needs of all who reside within his boundaries. Exceptions to this practice include parishes established for specific ethnic groups or for the military.

That said, Catholics may go to another parish to fulfill specific spiritual needs. For instance, they can attend Mass "away from home" to accommodate their work or school schedule. Around the world there may be countless liturgical variations to the Mass, but ultimately it is the same celebration.

As a pastor, I understand that I cannot be everything to everyone. People have different preferences when it comes to worship style, preaching content, and available ministries. I would rather help someone enjoy Mass and be spiritually fed and challenged than remind him or her of our religious obligations.

Your journey toward an adult spirituality is important. The parish you choose should be more than just a place to socialize or be entertained. Be sure it also reflects God's presence and leads you to do the same.

FR. RICK POTTS, 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 29, 2015 – First Sunday of Advent

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>November 30</u>
8:00AM	Martha Rose Jandreau Req. Therese Albert
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>December 1</u>
8:00AM	Domenica & Gino DiBenigno Req. Family
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>December 2</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>December 3</u>
9:00AM	Martha Rose Jandreau Req. Therese Albert
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>December 4</u>
8:00AM	Ronaldo Harvey Req. M/M George Pelletier
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>December 5</u>
8:00AM	Richard Slade Sr. – Month Anniv. George Nocera – Month Anniv. Emelda Martin – 1st. Anniv. Florence L. Connelly – 1st. Anniv. Dolores A. Berarducci – 1st. Anniv.
4:00PM	Anthony Camp Req. Family
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>December 6</u>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	William Bernie Peters Req. Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$557.50
Monthly	1655.00
Holy Day	51.00
Catch Up	130.00
Cathedraticum	- 351.64
SSP	- 351.64
Total	\$5,690.22

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 30 – 6 – 8PM – Karat
- DECEMBER 1 – 6 – 8PM – St. Anthony BB
- DECEMBER 1 – 6:30 – 7:30PM – Middle School
- DECEMBER 2 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class
- DECEMBER 2 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children
Sacrament Prep
- DECEMBER 2 – 7 – 8:15PM – Confirmation Year I &
II
- DECEMBER 2 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
- DECEMBER 3 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
- DECEMBER 3 – 6:30 – 9PM – Amera Group – Gym
- DECEMBER 5 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 Class
- DECEMBER 5 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – Reconciliation
Class
- DECEMBER 5 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharistic Class
- DECEMBER 6 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – AA Men's
Meeting – Room 107
- DECEMBER 6 – 6 – 8PM – JOLT - Gym

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. You may still pledge and donate any time that is good for you. As you have seen, the roofers have been working at the parish center since the beginning of November. The roofers are making great progress and we have been blessed with perfect weather for this time of year. 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. If there are any problems with the roof in the next 30 years, there will be no cost for OLM to have it repaired. This is a good, solid investment in the Parish Center. 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! Your generosity and dedication to OLM is remarkable!



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.holyfamilyretr eat.org for more

info. What a wonder-filled gift to give for a Christmas present! We all need time away to slow down and renew ourselves with our Lord.



HOPE !!!

WILL IT

REALLY BE YOUR BEST ADVENT EVER?...

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 sign up for the Advent program by clicking on the link that is on the first page of the site and follow the easy instructions.

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 BOUTIQUE...

We would like to THANK all that participated in the Boutique & Craft Fair! We thank all those people that decorated, set up signs around town, and worked

all week to make this fund raiser a success.

Needless to say, special thanks to those who baked goodies and made homemade craft items. We especially thank all that, after a tiring day, stayed to clean up and store decorations for next year, which will be our

25th Anniversary! Thanks to All!



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. The opening of the festival took place Nov. 21, at the PHC on Pierce Street. Bidding continues until the closing day of the festival, Dec.12, at 4PM. Admission is \$5 (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.



UACT...Do you feel there are injustices in our world? Our state? Our communities? Please take the opportunity to express your concerns and join others, like yourself, to discuss ways to make your voice heard and take steps to correct the injustices in our



communities. **United Action CT (UACT)** will be holding its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, December 1, at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, 328 Paddock Ave., Meriden, CT. UACT is an interfaith, community organizing group that is dedicated to social justice causes and building strength in its member congregations and civic organizations. The Annual Meeting is designed to instill a sense of passion for our social justice work and create a game plan on our issues work for 2016. Several clergy of our member congregations plan to address the meeting followed by small discussion groups. The meeting begins at 7:00 PM and light refreshments will be served. Call UACT at 860-595-2284 or email uact4change@gmail.com or call Michael Verrett at 860-919-0953 for more information.

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