

December 6, 2015



Our Lady of Mercy

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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.

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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

December 6, 2015 – Second Sunday of Advent

MONDAY	December 7
8:00AM	Kevin Lackey Req. Family
TUESDAY	December 8 – Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin
8:00AM	Richard Brinsmade
6:00PM	James Joseph, Della Gnazzo Mastrianni & Deborah Ann Colella Req. Barbara Ann Colella
WEDNESDAY	December 9
8:00AM	No Mass
THURSDAY	December 10
9:00AM	Cornelia LeVasseur Req. Family
FRIDAY	December 11
8:00AM	Terese & Cornelia LeVasseur Req. Bryan
SATURDAY	December 12
8:00AM	Judy Bourque – Month Anniv. Reah Ambramczyk – 1 st . Anniv. Thomas J. Boyd – 1 st . Anniv. Sherry Labbe – 1 st . Anniv.
4:00PM	Brian Wilson – 7 th Anniv. Req. Parents
SUNDAY	December 13
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Pamela Nightingale Req. Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,857.50
Monthly	115.00
Holy Day	10.00
Catch Up	10.00
Cathedraticum	- 274.58
SSP	- 274.58
Total	\$4,443.34

Second Collection Next Weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious

SHARING IS CARING!...There is still time to donate to the Roof Fund. The roofers are making great progress and should be finishing up within the next two weeks!!! The "drip buckets" in the gym, hallway and offices have been put away and the stained, moldy ceiling tiles are being replaced! 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 greatly appreciated!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- DECEMBER 7 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
- DECEMBER 8 – 6 – 8PM – St. Anthony BB - Gym
- DECEMBER 8 – 6 – 9PM – K of C Christmas Party – Room 106
- DECEMBER 9 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class
- DECEMBER 9 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Sacrament Prep
- DECEMBER 9 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
- DECEMBER 10 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
- DECEMBER 10 – 6:30 – 9PM – Amera Group – Gym
- DECEMBER 12 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 Class
- DECEMBER 12 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – Reconciliation Class
- DECEMBER 12 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharistic Class
- DECEMBER 13 – 8 – 10:30AM – OLM Breakfast with Santa
- DECEMBER 13 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – AA Men's Meeting – Room 107

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

BREAKFAST WITH

SANTA...will be held next Sunday, 8 – 10:30AM, in the Parish Center! This is a great photo opportunity to enjoy with your children and grandchildren and share a yummy meal together at the same time! Come and bring the family.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION...The church in the United

States places great emphasis on this feast because it is the patronal feast of the country. Mary, under the title of The Immaculate Conception, is the patron of the United States. For this reason it remains a holy day of obligation. It is such an important feast that we sing the Gloria on that day even though it is in the middle of Advent. We can remember to pray for our country in a special way on this feast day to ask Mary for blessings of peace. Copyright © 2012 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.



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.

THREE WEEK ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY

... Tuesdays of Advent, December 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.

THE COLOR VIOLET... We have learned to associate the color violet, or purple, with the penitential seasons of the church year. That is what that color is intended to symbolize. Lent especially is a penitential season. At one time Advent was also. The emphasis in Advent has shifted to one of hope or joyful expectation. However, the color violet has remained as the color of the season. Many parishes use a different, brighter color of violet for Advent, so that it shows a distinction between the basic feelings for Advent and Lent.

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UPDATED POLICY FOR DAILY MASS DURING SNOWSTORMS

... When the Governor of the State of CT requests that we do not go out on the roads if there is no need to, we should follow his advice. Also if schools in Plainville are closed because of weather conditions we too should follow that example. Our church sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots are usually not accessible immediately after a storm. The insurance carrier for the Archdiocese of Hartford urges us not to permit traffic, either vehicular or walking, if they are not cleared. **Therefore, please be aware that daily Mass will not be held if Plainville public schools are closed or have a delayed opening.** Any Mass intentions will be rescheduled.



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. 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. For more information, contact the Plainville Historical Center at (860) 747-6577.

PARISH GIVING TREE

... is set up in our Gathering Space during Advent. We invite you to select a paper ornament from the tree, buy the indicated gift, tape the ornament on the gift and return it to the tree by the given date. Please observe the date that the items need to be brought to the church and please do your best to do so. The agencies and organizations that we will be serving this year are the following: Plainville Senior Center, St. Agnes Home for young mothers and their babies, Apple Valley Rehab Center, Rocky Hill Veteran's Home, St. Philip's House who help clients and their families combat HIV or AIDS, Catholic Worker who work with the poor of Hartford and the children of St. Mary's Church in New Britain.



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