

December 13, 2015



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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 we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe?

Dear Padre,

I never used to hear about Our Lady of Guadalupe, but now every year my parish celebrates the feast. Why?

In 1531 the Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego in the form of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She sent him to the bishop to ask that a church be built where she appeared so all may see and know her compassion. As a sign, she left her image on his cloak. This cloak is still venerated in Mexico and is as bright as ever, defying scientific explanation.

Devotion to Mary under this title began almost immediately. Pope Leo XIII made her celebration a memorial for the universal Church. During the twentieth century, she was proclaimed the Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas. In 2002, John Paul II canonized Juan Diego. Since then the growing Hispanic population in the United States has made her feast increasingly visible and popular.

In his 2014 homily on the feast of Guadalupe, Pope Francis reminds us why this feast is so relevant to the Advent season: "In the wonders that the Lord has fulfilled in Mary, she recognizes her Son's manner and mode of conduct in salvation history. Overturning worldly judgments, destroying at all costs the idols of power, wealth and success, denouncing self-sufficiency, arrogance and secular messianism which distance people from God." Guadalupe lifts the lowly and draws all to her Son and his Church.

FR. PATRICK KEYES, 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

December 13, 2015 – Third Sunday of Advent

MONDAY	December 14
8:00AM	Ronaldo Harvey Req. M/M George Pelletier
TUESDAY	December 15
8:00AM	Theresa Bagliore Req. Family
WEDNESDAY	December 16
8:00AM	No Mass
THURSDAY	December 17
8:00AM	Rilla Gessner Req. Family
FRIDAY	December 18
8:00AM	Jennifer, Haley & Michaela Petit Req. Family
SATURDAY	December 19
8:00	Martha Pelletier – 1 st . Anniv. Paul Brousseau – 1 st . Anniv. Mark Skrzypek – Month Anniv.
4:00PM	Maria Cianchetti Req. Gino Cianchetti
SUNDAY	December 20
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Gerald Bard Req. Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,957.10
Monthly	10.00
Holy Day	5.00
Catch Up	5.00
Cathedraticum	- 272.64
SSP	- 272.64
Total	\$4,411.82

Second Collection Next Weekend is for the Monthly Collection

SHARING IS CARING!...There is still time to donate to the Roof Fund. So far 263 families have made a sacrificial gift out of 1,663 families that are registered with the parish. The total amount pledged as of 12/2 is \$385,779.47. Total amount paid so far is \$143,464.47. We thank everyone who has given great thought and much prayer to the amount they have pledged. If you have not pledged as of yet, any amount that you are able to pledge or donate is *greatly* appreciated. Every donation is welcomed! Your generosity is always so heartwarming.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- DECEMBER 14 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
- DECEMBER 15 – 6 – 8PM – St. Anthony BB - Gym
- DECEMBER 15 – 6:30 – 7:30PM – Middle School
- DECEMBER 16 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
- DECEMBER 17 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
- DECEMBER 17 – 6:30 – 9PM – Amera Group – Gym
- DECEMBER 18 – 6 – 8PM - GIFT
- DECEMBER 19 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 Class
- DECEMBER 20- 9:30 – 11:30AM – GIFT
- DECEMBER 20 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – AA Men’s Meeting – Room 107
- DECEMBER 20 – 6PM – JOLT – Caroling

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.

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.



PARISH GIVING TREE...is set up in our Gathering Space during Advent. Please make every effort to return your gift by next weekend! Thank you for your generosity again this year!



You have helped so many of our brothers and sisters in Christ have a wonder-filled Christmas! OLM once again has shown that they have not been forgotten!!!!

BLUE CHRISTMAS ON THE LONGEST

NIGHT...A Service of Longing and Hope on the Winter Solstice, whether we grieve, struggle with illness and declining health, face depression, loneliness, unemployment or loss, here is a space and place for solace. 4PM, Sunday, Dec. 20th, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 1125 Stafford Ave., Bristol, 860.583.5809, A collaborative community effort of faith and healing where you are warmly welcomed for quiet song, prayer, and refreshment.

SWEATERS FOR VETERANS!...Thank you to everyone who gave with their hearts for this worthy cause!



We donated 233 sweaters, 31 scarves, 18 hats and 30 pair of gloves with a total of 312 items!! Out of the 1770 items that were donated, OLM gave the largest donation! **OLM donated 99 more items than last year.** A HUGE THANK YOU GOES OUT TO ALL WHO WERE ABLE TO DONATE AND REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE FOUGHT AND SACRIFICED FOR OUR FREEDOM.

THE 4PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS...

will include Liturgy of the Word for children and invites children 3 - 10 years of age to participate in the opening procession of the Mass. The children who wish to participate in the opening procession will carry pieces of straw to the manger in preparation for the Blessing of the Christ Child. Interested children will meet in the gathering room by 3:45PM where they will be given their pieces of straw and final instructions.



MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS...with the New England Chamber Choir. Sunday, 12/27, 4PM in our church. Richard Wm. Donohue, Conductor. Come fill your Soul and Spirit with beautiful music of the season.

Next week, Fr. Peter Cung Van Vu will be visiting us. Fr. Vu is pastor of the Van Lung Parish in the Diocese of Thanh Hoa, Vietnam (Dcn. Hung and Frs. Sau and Dinh's Diocese). Fr. Vu's parish has a mission church in Du Nghi, which is comprised of 433 Catholics who are of the Muong people, a minority ethnic group from the mountains who live in extreme poverty. They would love to have a church and an education building of their own.

They currently have Mass under a tent and educate their children under trees. Please take a moment to look at the display in the gathering space. If you wish to make a donation to assist Fr. Vu with this endeavor, there are envelopes available on the display table for that purpose. Checks can be made out to Our Lady of Mercy Church and placed in the envelopes.



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ADVENT WREATH... The Advent wreath, like many of our customs at Christmas traces its origin to pre-Christian times when candles were lit during the winter to the "sun-god" asking for light. It was the Lutherans who started the Advent wreath as a Christian custom. The word "advent" comes from the Latin term for arrival or "coming." It is the season when we await the coming of the Lord in time and at the end of time. The Advent wreath usually has four candles, three purple and one pink to match the color of the vestments of the week. The candles are lit on the Sundays of Advent. The first candle, called the Prophets' Candle, is lit on the first Sunday of Advent, then the second candle, called the Bethlehem Candle, is lit on the second Sunday along with the first. On the third Sunday of Advent a pink candle, called the Shepherds' Candle, is lit representing "Rejoice" Sunday, and then the fourth candle, called the Angels' Candle, is lit on the last Sunday of Advent. Sometimes a white candle is placed in the center of the wreath and is called the Christ candle. A different explanation of the meaning of the candles can sound like the greetings we use in our Christmas cards. This explanation says that the candles represent "hope," "love," "joy," and "peace." For this reason the wreath



can also be used during the Christmas celebrations but with candles that are all white.

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