

December 20, 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 Eucharist Ministers and the parish clergy.

Wearing liturgical colors can be a reminder of the season

Dear Padre,

My pastor encourages us to wear liturgical colors to Mass: violet during Advent and Lent, red on Pentecost, and so forth. I notice some parishioners take this to heart, but I've never heard of such a thing. Is this something we're all supposed to do?

The color of the priests' vestments are dictated by the feasts and seasons of the Church's liturgical year: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. The colors are listed in the calendar published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the colored squares in the calendar section of this bulletin indicate each day's color(s). Today, for example, is the fourth Sunday of Advent, so the liturgical color is violet.

Paragraphs 345-347 of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* explain when and why each color is worn. This document is available from the USCCB's website, usccb.org, but easier still is asking a member of your parish staff about the meanings and symbolism of each liturgical season and color.

Dressing to match the color of the feast or season is certainly not required by the Church, but it's a common tradition in our culture—consider red Santa hats and green on St. Patrick's Day. Sometimes the seasons of the Church are lost in the daily hustle and bustle. Wearing something violet as you shop for or wrap Christmas gifts would be a lovely personal reminder of the true meaning of the season.

FR. JOHN M. HAMROGUE, 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 20, 2015 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

MONDAY **December 21**
8:00AM Donald St. Pierre
Req. Family

TUESDAY **December 22**
8:00AM George Baylock
Req. Wife

WEDNESDAY **December 23**
8:00AM No Mass

THURSDAY **December 24 Christmas Vigil**
4:00PM w/Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00PM Christmas Vigil Mass

FRIDAY **December 25 Christmas Day**
8:30AM Christmas Mass
10:30AM..... Christmas Mass

SATURDAY **December 26**
8:00 Susan Schwab – 1st. Anniv.
Theresa Conti –Month Anniv.
4:00PM Sid Symolon
Req. Wife and Daughter

SUNDAY **December 27**
8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Emma & Joseph Wichrowski
Req. Family

MASSES FOR NEW YEARS DAY
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God

Friday, January 1
8:30AM and 10:30AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday, December 19 Noon
Monday, December 21 10AM
Tuesday, December 22 7PM
Wednesday, December 23 4PM

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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| Regular | \$5477.10 |
| Monthly | 70.00 |
| Holy Day | 26.00 |
| Catch Up | 116.00 |
| Cathedraticum | - 312.90 |
| SSP | - 312.90 |
| Total | \$5063.30 |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 20 – 9:30-11:30AM – GIFT – Gym
– 10:30AM-12:30PM AA (Men's) – Rm. 107
– 3-6:30 PM Caroling (see info below)
DECEMBER 21 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
DECEMBER 22 – 6 – 8PM – St. Anthony BB - Gym
DECEMBER 23 – 6 – 8PM – Basketball - Gym
– 7PM – NA – Room 107
DECEMBER 27 – 10:30AM-12:30PM AA (Men's) – Rm. 107
– 4PM N.E. Chamber Choir - Church

THE 4PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS on December 24th 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 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 space of the Church by **3:45PM** where they will be given their pieces of straw and final instructions.



COMMUNITY CAROL

You are invited to join the Plainville community for a carol sing on **Sunday, December 20th**, at the Congregational Church of Plainville on West Main Street at **3PM**. Following the **indoor carol sing**, our JOLT teen group members invite you to join them in **outdoor caroling** as we stroll door-to-door back to the OLM Parish Center where we will end with hot chocolate and cookies. Please dress for the cold(?) weather and bring a flashlight if joining us for outdoor caroling.



Noel

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

This weekend, you are invited to assist an impoverished parish in Vietnam. Fr. Peter Cung, Pastor of the Van Lung Parish in the Diocese of Thanh Hoa is visiting us and will share the need. Envelopes are available on the display table in the Gathering Space. Checks can be made out to Our Lady of Mercy Church.



EAT, DRINK and BE MERRY!

(And, donate your cans and bottles!)

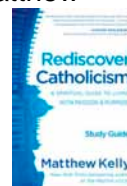
Our Teen Youth Group, JOLT, is hosting a **redeemable can and bottle drive (including bottled water containers)** to support their activities. All CT redeemable items are welcomed! You may drop them off at the Parish Center on **Sat., 1/9, from 9-11** or **ANYTIME** in the JOLT shed behind the Parish Center building. Thank you!

PARISH GIVING TREE... Thank you for your generosity again this year! You are answering Jesus' call to discipleship by showing love to others. Through your contributions of gifts, many of our brothers and sisters in Christ will have a wonder-filled Christmas!



Thanks to the generosity of a two parishioners, all adults attending Christmas Mass will be receiving a copy of **Rediscovering Catholicism** by Matthew Kelly; we hope that you enjoy it.

A book study will be offered. Sessions will be on Tuesdays, beginning January 19th, and offered both in the morning (at 8:30AM) and in the evening (at 6:30PM). More info to follow.



BLUE CHRISTMAS ON THE LONGEST NIGHT
A Service of Longing and Hope is offered for those who find the holiday season difficult due to grief, a struggle with illness and declining health, depression, loneliness, unemployment or loss.
4PM, Sunday, Dec. 20th
St. Andrew Lutheran Church,
1125 Stafford Ave., Bristol

Still Christmas shopping?

*Why not consider giving the gift of a retreat to a family member or friend? In the busyness of life, this may be the **perfect gift** and one that will certainly be remembered for years to come! Mens' and Womens' Retreats are offered locally at Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford as well as at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House in Farmington. Though there is a set fee for retreats, gift certificates can be provided in any amount.*

Into the Heart of Mercy Retreat

Join Holy Family Retreat Center, in West Hartford, 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 weekend 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.

For more info call 860.760.9705 or go to www.holyfamilyretreat.org.

We all need time away to slow down and renew ourselves with our Lord.

SAVE THE DATE!

J.R. Heating and Knights of Columbus Council 3544 are sponsoring a local competition as part of the International Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest on January 17th in the OLM Gym. All boys and girls aged 9-14 are invited. Proof of age is required as well as adult permission for participation. Call Rich Dziura for more information, 860-747-5451.

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.



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