

December 27, 2015



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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.

Did Mary experience labor pains or not?

Dear Padre,

I was taught that Mary didn't have labor pains when she gave birth to Jesus because she didn't have original sin. My son's theology teacher says that's not true. Which is it?

The Church hasn't made a dogmatic statement on this question, so there's lots of debate around it. Although the Church teaches that Christ's birth was a virgin birth, the details of the delivery are open to speculation.

Early Church teachings suggest that Mary did not experience labor pains. In the mid-thirteenth century, St. Thomas Aquinas said Mary had no pain when she gave birth (*Summa Theologica*, part III, 35.6). In the sixteenth century, the Council of Trent said the same thing (*Catechism of the Council of Trent*, Article III).

Much of this discussion is rooted in Genesis, when God says to Eve, "in pain you shall bring forth children" (3:16). If labor pains are punishment for original sin and Mary was born without it, she should have been spared. In fact, regardless of her state, God could have granted her this special privilege.

However, some theologians dispute this logic. First, if baptism "erases original sin" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 405), shouldn't all baptized women be free from labor pains? Secondly, equating labor pains with sinfulness implies that women with difficult labors are more sinful than those with easier ones. This clearly does not agree with Catholic teaching.

Painful or not, Mary accepted her role in bringing Christ to us. This we know.

FR. PAUL BOROWSKI, 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 27, 2015 – The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>December 28</u>
8:00AM	Marie McInnes Req. Rich & Sue Dziura
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>December 29</u>
8:00AM	Santo & Genevieve Aparo Req. Family
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>December 30</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>December 31</u>
8:00AM	Lucien Bordeau Req. Family
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>January 1, 2016 - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</u>
8:30AM	JoAnn Hensley
10:30AM	John Mellekus
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>January 2</u>
8:00	Rose DeAngelo – 1 st Anniv. Hazel Ricciardi – Month Anniv. Alcide F. Bolduc – 1 st Anniv. Luz Stella Pirruccio – 1 st Anniv.
4:00PM	Angela & Ralph Scheidel Req. Sandy & Bob Michalik
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>January 3 – The Epiphany of the Lord</u>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Anna Consalvo Req. Husband

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

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$5,064.50
Monthly	75.00
Holy Day	1,255.50
Catch Up	245.00
Cathedraticum	- 365.20
SSP	- 365.20
Total	\$5,909.60

***NEXT WEEKEND IS THE
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 27 – 10:30AM-12:30PM AA (Men's) – Rm. 107
– 4PM N.E. Chamber Choir - Church
DECEMBER 28 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
DECEMBER 29 – 6 – 8PM – St. Anthony BB – Gym
DECEMBER 30 – 6 – 8PM – 7th Grade BB - Gym
DECEMBER 30 - 7PM – NA – Room 107
JANUARY 3 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM AA (Men's) – Rm. 107

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS... with the New
England Chamber Choir.

TODAY, Sunday, 12/27 at
4PM in our church.
Richard Wm. Donohue,
Conductor. Come fill your
Soul and Spirit with
beautiful music of the season.



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.

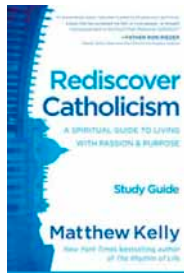
EAT, DRINK and BE MERRY!...

**(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!

REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM...Thanks to the generosity of two parishioners, all adults attending Christmas Mass will be receiving a copy of the book: **Rediscovering Catholicism** by Matthew Kelly; we hope that you will 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. Stay tuned!



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.

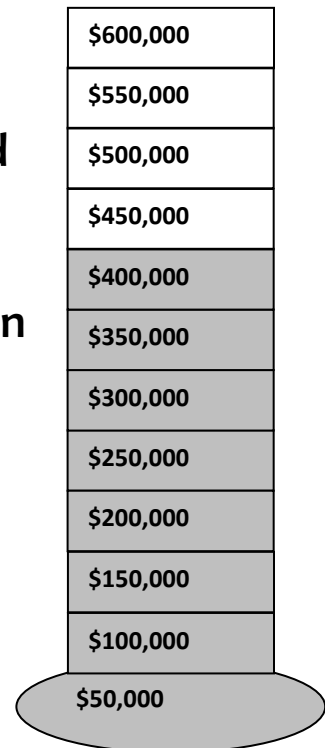
MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM...

Hartford Catholic Engaged Encounter and the Office of Family Life will hold its **9th annual marriage enrichment evening on Sat., Feb. 6, 2016, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Mary Our Queen Church and Parish Center, 248 Savage St., Plantsville, CT.** This year's program will begin with Mass, include dinner, prayer, reflection, and fun centered on the theme: **"A Sign for Our Times: The Witnessing Power of Sacramental Marriage."** Our keynote address will be given by Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Peter A. Rosazza. The cost is **\$25.00 per couple and includes dinner.** To register or obtain more information, contact **Tom and Donna Finn at 860-302-1110, or email to dfinnmspt@sbcglobal.net.** Please R.S.V.P. by **2/2/16.**



40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION...Fr. Sebastian Kochupurackal, C.M.I., will celebrate his 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, 1/3/2016 at 11:15AM with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Gregory Church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. A parish reception will be held at the CCD Center, Stafford Ave. immediately following the Mass until 3PM.

As of December 16th, \$420,819.47 has been pledged to our Together Under One Roof Capital Campaign from 272 of our 1,665 parish families (16.3%).
THANK YOU!!!



ALTAR SERVERS...Girls and boys who have made their First Holy Communion have the opportunity to assist at celebration of the Mass by serving on the Altar. We ask the parents to encourage their children to be part of this important ministry. We have found from past experience that children will only volunteer if they have the support and encouragement of their parents. We will take care of all instruction and explanations. Please call the Parish Office for more information.



CHRISTMAS TIME SEASON...Christmas Time does not begin until the Christmas Eve evening Masses. It extends through the Baptism of the Lord in January. All that time that the stores celebrate as Christmas is really Advent. After Christmas Day we usually have less hassle and more time to enjoy the holidays with our families and friends. Keep the holiday spirit alive during those weeks after the actual feast. It is entirely appropriate to keep up the lights, the tree, the music, and above all the good cheer. Christmas is too important a feast to be done with in twenty-four hours.



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