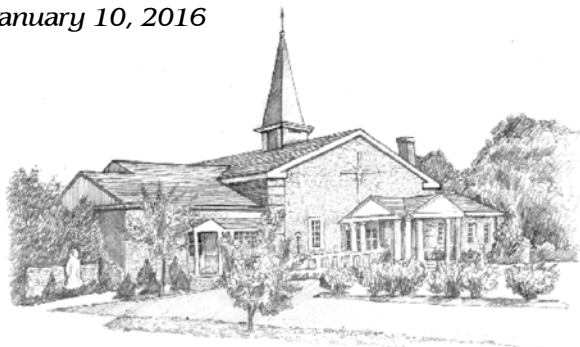


January 10, 2016



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## **Parish Office/Cemetery Office Hours**

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday - Friday

## **Parish Trustees**

Raymond Corsini, and Josephine Forcella

## **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.

## **Long-distance godparenting**

Dear Padre,

My two-year-old goddaughter's mom has taken a job in another city. I'm heartbroken. How can I be a good godparent when I'm 2,000 miles away?

**There's never been a better time** to be a long-distance godparent. Inexpensive mobile and data plans, email, social networking, and camera phones make keeping in touch easy.

Your goddaughter is very young, so when you can't visit in person, regular video chats are your best bet for making sure she knows who you are. Keep them short; forcing her to sit still too long will make your time together an ordeal. And don't be hurt if she'd rather be doing something else. Just say hello, tell her you love her, and let her go.

You can also send a picture of yourself to display and a box of preaddressed, stamped envelopes so her parents can send you her artwork. If they do, hold it up to the camera and admire it. And don't forget to celebrate her baptismal birthday or patron saint's feast with a card or gift of Christian books, stickers, and other activities.

As your goddaughter gets older, you'll communicate in more sophisticated ways—phone conversations, handwritten letters, emails, texts, and whatever else has been invented by that time. But the important thing isn't how you keep in touch. It's that you keep in touch regularly and build a faith-filled relationship that will last a lifetime.

FR. RICK POTTS, CSsR  
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

## **Parish Office/Cemetery Office**

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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  
January 10, 2016 – The Baptism of the Lord**

<b>MONDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>January 11</b> Walter Grabowski Req. Daughter
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>January 12</b> Piotr Rokosa Req. M/M Pleckitis
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>January 13</b> No Mass
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>January 14</b> Jacqueline Castonguay Req. Stickney Family
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>January 15</b> JoAnn Pahl Req. Deacon & Mrs. Berube
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:00AM 4:00PM	<b>January 16</b> NO MASS Fr. Philip Cascia
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:30AM 10:30AM	<b>January 17 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Parishioners Deceased Members of the Hardy Family Req. Rose & Wes Hyjek

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Regular	\$4,845.00
Monthly	141.00
Holy Day	10.00
Catch Up	65.00
Cathedraticum	- 278.35
SSP	- 278.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,504.30</b>

**Attention Catholic Girl Scouts...**

Would you like to earn your (grade-level) Religious Medal & Certificate? If the answer is "YES!" you are cordially invited to the annual Program Kick-Off at St. Thomas Seminary on Saturday, February 27 2016 from 8am to 4pm. You will spend time working on workbook requirements and interacting with your peers from all over the Archdiocese of Hartford. Join Archdiocesan Catholic Girl Scout Committee members and fellow Girl Scouts for a day of fun and faith. For more information, please contact Jennifer McClintock, Coordinator of Catholic Scouting at Jennifer.McClintock@aohct.org or (860)242-5573. Deadline for registration is February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

JANUARY 11 – 6 – 8 PM - Karate  
 JANUARY 12 – 6 – 8PM – St. Anthony BB – Gym  
 JANUARY 13 - 7PM – NA – Room 107  
 JANUARY 14 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium  
 JANUARY 14 – 6:30 – 9PM - Amera Group – Gym  
 JANUARY 15 – 6 – 8PM – GIFT  
 JANUARY 16 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4  
 JANUARY 17 – 9:30 – 11:30AM – GIFT  
 JANUARY 17 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM AA (Men's) – Rm. 107  
 JANUARY 17 – Noon – 2PM – JOLT – Gym

**Into the Heart of Mercy Retreat...** There is still time to join the 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 **THIS FRIDAY** 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](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org). We all need time away to slow down and renew ourselves with our Lord.



**Basketball Free Throw Contest...** The Knights of Columbus Annual Basketball Free Throw Contest will be held on Sunday, January 17, at 3:00 pm in the Parish Center. The contest is for all boys and girls aged 9 to 14 (age as of January 1, 2016) and it's fun for the whole family to come out and watch the competition. Boys and girls compete each in respective age and gender divisions (for example, 9 years old girls compete against one another, etc.) and winners progress through local district, regional, and state levels. Thanks to the Knights members and especially sponsor JR Heating and Cooling, prizes will be given to each age group winner. Refreshments provided. Parent permission is required for participation. Bring proof of age. For questions, call Rich Dziura, 860-747-5451 for more information.



## 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 [dfinnspt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dfinnspt@sbcglobal.net).** Please R.S.V.P. by 2/2/16.

## ALTAR SERVERS...

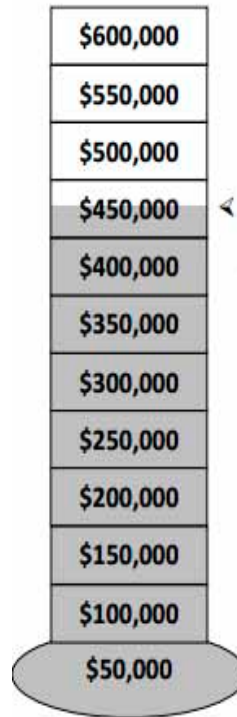
Girls and boys who have made their First Holy Communion have the opportunity to assist at celebration of the Mass by serving on the Altar. We ask the parents to encourage their children to be part of this important ministry. We have found from past experience that children will only volunteer if they 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.



## Baptism of the

Lord... In the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation

as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

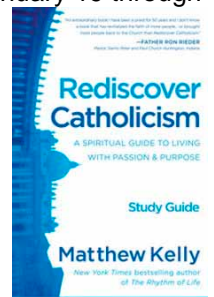


As of December 29<sup>th</sup>, \$427,854.04 has been pledged to our **Together Under One Roof** Capital Campaign from 277 of our 1,665 parish families (16.6%).

Thank You for your continued generosity and support!

## Rediscover Catholicism Book Study...

Groups are beginning on Tuesdays, January 19 through February 23, Room 102. Choose either 8:30-9:30AM or 6:30-7:30PM. All adults who received a copy of Rediscover Catholicism by Matthew Kelly are invited to join a discussion group. This is a great read and we hope that you enjoy it.



Those attending the upcoming book study are asked to read a portion of the book ahead, in preparation, as the study is a facilitator-led, discussion-based program. Thank you.

PRIOR to Session 1, Jan. 19th: Read the Prologue and Introduction (through p.17).

PRIOR to Session 2, Jan. 26th: Chapters One through Five.

PRIOR to Session 3, Feb. 2nd: Chapters Six through Eleven.

PRIOR to Session 4, Feb. 9th: Chapters Twelve through Fourteen.

PRIOR to Session 5, Feb. 16th: Chapters Fifteen through Eighteen.

PRIOR to Session 6, Feb. 23rd: Chapters Nineteen through Twenty-one.



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