

January 24, 2016



# Our Lady of Mercy

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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.

## **Broadcasting our beliefs**

Dear Padre,

We're supposed to spread the Good News every chance we get, but what about on bumper stickers, clothing, social media, and other places? I see religious street art and think it's disgraceful, but my son says you have to get people's attention any way you can. What do you think?

**Decorum and respect** have their lines and limits, but sometimes it's hard to say exactly where they are. Years ago there was an outrage over a clothing manufacturer that stitched Jesus' words on the seat of their line of blue jeans: "Come, follow me!"

We should enjoy our freedoms of speech and religious expression in morally and legally acceptable ways. I think the wearers of T-shirts and the drivers of cars with Christian words on them are sincere. In fact, it takes some nerve to publicly display "I love Jesus." Surely many of the eyes that see this quietly say, "I do, too." And what do we do: leave the field of messaging to people who corrupt our eyes with lies and indecency?

Just remember: Before shirts and stickers, it is God who converts people, very often through those who live and breathe the words—those who really, quietly, and clearly know and love Jesus. He has always relied on flesh-and-blood witnesses to lovingly share his name. This is what it really means to bear witness to Jesus Christ.

FR. JOHN M. HAMROGUE, CSsR

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## **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 24, 2016 – Third Sunday in Ordinary**

	<u>Time</u>
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>January 25</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>January 26</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>January 27</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	<b><u>January 28</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	<b><u>January 29</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>January 30</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Walter &amp; Helen Grabowski Req. Daughter</b>
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>January 31 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>
<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>Danny Levesque Req. Jim &amp; Joyce Masse</b>

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

<b>Regular</b>	<b>\$4,445.50</b>
<b>Monthly</b>	<b>1980.00</b>
<b>Holy Day</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Catch Up</b>	<b>60.00</b>
<b>Cathedraticum</b>	<b>- 357.80</b>
<b>SSP</b>	<b>- 357.80</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,789.90</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.



**GIRL SCOUTS**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

JANUARY 25 – 6 – 8 PM – Karate  
 JANUARY 26 – 8:30 – 9:30AM & 6:30 – 7:30PM – Rediscover Catholicism Book Discussion – Room 102  
 JANUARY 26 – 6 – 8PM – St. Anthony BB – Gym  
 JANUARY 27 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class  
 JANUARY 27 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Class  
 JANUARY 27 - 7PM – NA – Room 107  
 JANUARY 28 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium  
 JANUARY 28 – 6:30 – 9PM - Amera Group BB  
 JANUARY 30 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 & Reconciliation Classes  
 JANUARY 30 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharistic Class  
 JANUARY 31 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM AA (Men's)

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A DONATION LETTER SENT TO YOU FOR YOUR TAXES!**

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM...**

Hartford Catholic Engaged Encounter and the Office of Family Life will hold its **9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dfinnmspt@sbcglobal.net).** Please R.S.V.P. by 2/2/16.

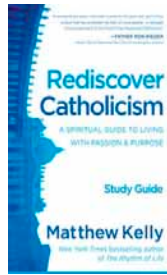
**2015 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL...**

Congratulations to the parishioners of OLM for surpassing your goal of \$41,700. Your commitment and hard work throughout the campaign are deeply appreciated. The generous response of our parish is indispensable for the continued success of the Appeal which helps so many in their time of need.

**Before you end each day, take a few moments to plan the next day. Time is a gift far more precious than most of us realize. Become a good steward of your time. – Matthew Kelly**



**Rediscover Catholicism Book Study...** An OLM Parishioner wrote, "I've been reading it (Rediscover Catholicism) and find it very interesting, much food for thought. Like a lot of people, I tend to take my religion for granted. This is a nice little poke in the ribs." Groups are being held 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 book study are asked to read a portion of the book ahead, in preparation, as the study is a facilitator-led, discussion-based program. You do not need to attend every book study if your schedule does not permit it. Please attend when you can! Thank you.



**PRIOR to Session 2, Jan. 26th: Chapters 1 - 5.**  
**PRIOR to Session 3, Feb. 2nd: Chapters 6 - 11.**  
**PRIOR to Session 4, Feb. 9th: Chapters 12 - 14.**  
**PRIOR to Session 5, Feb. 16th: Chapters 15 - 18.**  
**PRIOR to Session 6, Feb. 23rd: Chapters 19 - 21.**

**FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY...**The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the Rosary in the church at 2PM on 1/31. All are invited to pray to Our Lady for intentions. What a better way to start the New Year of Mercy than to come to Jesus' Mother to intercede for mercy. We all need mercy for ourselves, our families and for the whole world which is in dire need of mercy. Please come and join us.



**ALTAR...**The altar belongs to all of us. We show this by keeping the altar accessible from all sides, not barricaded by flowers and other décor. We are all gathered around the altar as Christ gathered the disciples around the table at the last supper. This image is clearer in churches which have moved the altar out to a more central location among those assembled. When the altar's location is indeed among the people, there is a clearer perception and realization of being gathered around the altar as around a community table. There should be nothing that can be perceived as an impediment to approaching the table by members of the community.

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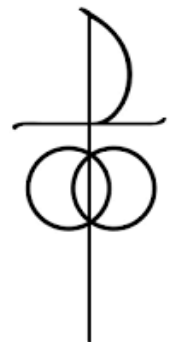
**NORTHWEST CATHOLIC...** will administer its entrance exam on Monday, January 25th at 8:30am. Interested students can apply and register for the exam by going to [www.NorthwestCatholic.org/Apply](http://www.NorthwestCatholic.org/Apply). Come learn about Northwest Catholic High School at our Information Session on February 4th at 7pm. You can sign up by going to [NorthwestCatholic.org/InfoSession](http://NorthwestCatholic.org/InfoSession).



**ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE...**for prospective new students and families will be held Sunday, 1/31, Noon - 3PM, a nurturing and safe learning environment, the place for your child to grow spiritually, academically and socially. Please go to [www.stmatthewschool.com](http://www.stmatthewschool.com) for more info.

**DIVORCE & BEYOND SUPPORT GROUP...**Our Lady of Loreto Church Hall, 12 Ardsley Road, Waterbury, CT, 06708, Beginning on Wednesday, March 16th, 2016, 6:30PM. Register by contacting Barbara at: (203) 910-1561. Registration Deadline: 3/8/2016. ALL INQUIRIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL & WELCOME.

**What does the Church say about Marriage, Love, Sex and Family?** The Franciscan Life Center is offering a two-day seminar on marriage, love, sexuality and family based on the Teachings of the Catholic Church. Individuals, groups, engaged and married couples are invited to attend this seminar on Saturday, 2/27/16, 8:30a.m. to 5:00p.m., and Sunday, 2/28/16, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at 275 Finch Avenue, Meriden. Presenters include: Sister Suzanne Gross, FSE, Administrator, Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care; Sister Barbara Johnson, FSE, Executive Director, Franciscan Life Center; Sister John Mary Sullivan, FSE, Program Specialist for the Life, Marriage and Family Office, Archdiocese of Vancouver, BC; married couples and individuals dedicated to this issue. Lunch is included both days in the \$65.00 per person charge. For more information contact Gretchen Rossi at (203) 237-8084 or visit our web site at [www.flcenter.org](http://www.flcenter.org) or [www.franciscanhc.org](http://www.franciscanhc.org).



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