

February 7, 2016



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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.

What is Church teaching on fasting and abstaining?

Dear Padre,

With Lent so early [Ash Wednesday is on February 10], I want to be prepared. Could you clarify the Church's teaching on fasting and abstinence?

Lent, the most prominent period of penitential practice, is not the only time when penance and/or self-denial are encouraged. For example, every Friday is a day to perform a penance, sacrifice, or mortification in memory of Christ's death.

The *Code of Canon Law* (1249-53) cites the meaning of fasting and abstinence. It explains that penance is a human response to divine law. Christians have a responsibility to practice penance. And observing "the days of fasting and abstinence" is a Church precept (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2043).

Abstinence from meat is required on all Fridays of Lent for those who have completed their fourteenth birthday. **Abstinence and fasting are required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** Fasting is binding on adults from age eighteen until fifty-nine. The exact meaning of fasting is not explained by the code, and this has led to varying degrees of emphasis and attention to detail as well as some unusual and extreme practices. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states: "When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal."

I praise you for approaching these traditions as a means of growth and improvement rather than a burden.

FR. TOM SANTA, 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
February 7, 2016 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary**

	<u>Time</u>
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>February 8</u>
8:00AM	Michael J. Foran
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>February 9</u>
8:00AM	George Berube Req. George & Simone Bouchard
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>February 10 – Ash Wednesday</u>
8:00AM	Hugh & Ellen Ruane Req. Family
6:00PM	Anthony Tarascio – 21 st . Anniv. Req. Son
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>February 11</u>
8:00AM	Santo & Genevieve Aparo Req. Family
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>February 12</u>
8:00AM	Helen Ruane Req. Family
7:00PM	Stations of the Cross
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>February 13</u>
8:00AM	Holly Spielman – Month Anniv.
4:00PM	Jacqueline Levesque Castonguay Req. Reno, Patricia & Family
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>February 14 – First Sunday in Lent</u>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Lottie Robinson Req. Marilyn Robinson

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

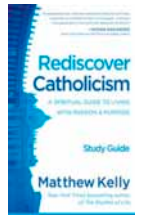
Regular	\$2,387.00
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Total	\$4,623.56

**Next Weekend the Second Collection is the
Monthly Collection.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 8 – 6 – 8 PM – Karate
 FEBRUARY 8 – 8:30 – 9:30AM & 6:30 – 7:30PM –
 Rediscover Catholicism Book Discussion – Room 102
 FEBRUARY 8 – 6 – 8PM – St. Anthony BB - Gym
 FEBRUARY 10 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class
 FEBRUARY 10 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Class
 FEBRUARY 10 - 7PM – NA – Room 107
 FEBRUARY 11 – 6:30 – 9PM - Amera Group BB
 FEBRUARY 14– 10:30AM - 12:30PM AA (Men’s)
 FEBRUARY 14– 8 – 10:30AM – OLM Breakfast
**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A
 DONATION LETTER SENT TO YOU FOR YOUR TAXES!
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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.



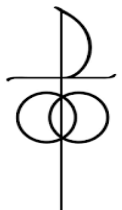
PRIOR to Session 4, Feb. 9th: Chapters 12 – 14.

PRIOR to Session 5, Feb. 16th: Chapters 15 – 18.

PRIOR to Session 6, Feb. 23rd: Chapters 19 – 21.

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 or www.franciscanhc.org.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES...

will be celebrated this

Wednesday at 8AM & 6PM.

Ashes will be distributed during Mass only.

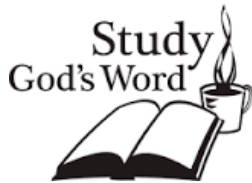


LENTEN MATERIALS...will be available in the Gathering Space on the large table.

OLM LENTEN OFFERING...will be held for the Friendship Service Center of New Britain. The Center offers 37 beds for men, woman & children in their Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing for 15 single, homeless adults, and apartments scattered throughout New Britain. OLM will be collecting toiletries for all of these facilities. Bins will be available in the Gathering Space for your donations. Some examples of items needed are: perfume, tissues, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, toothpaste & brushes, body wash/soap, shampoo & conditioner, feminine products, new or gently used backpacks & pocket books and any other toiletry item that you can think of. Any size of products is accepted. The bins will be available during Lent. Thank you in advance for your wonderful generosity.



LENTEN SCRIPTURE SERIES...Follow Jesus during this season, which will focus on the Call of Discipleship in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount & explore the fulfillment of our Call with the Works of Mercy. During this Holy Year of Mercy, you are invited on the following Tuesdays of Lent: 2.16, 2.23, 3.8, 3.15, & 3.22 at 7PM, at St. Gregory Church in Rosary Hall, 235 Maltby St., Bristol. No pre-registration is required and all are welcomed!



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BRING YOUR SWEETHEART TO BREAKFAST NEXT WEEKEND...to the OLM Family Breakfast held from 8 to 10:30AM in the gym.



SIGN UP FOR "BEST LENT EVER" PROGRAM THROUGH WWW.OLMCT.ORG AND RECEIVE INSPIRATIONAL READINGS EVERY DAY!

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON THE HOLY SHROUD OF TURIN WILL BE HELD ON:...Friday, February 19, 6PM, Doors open at 5PM, St. Ann Parish, 215 West St., Bristol. A relic of the Holy Shroud will be available for veneration! Venerate the Miraculous Holy Face Image which shed blood! New Shroud documentary DVD and other items can be purchased!



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GIFT EVENT...February 19/21, Living out our call to 'Build His Kingdom', GIFT participants in February are preparing food for a soup kitchen and shelter in Bristol. REMINDER to GIFT folks, please bring 'assigned' ingredient to GIFT. If you are unable to attend, please drop off in the Parish Office days prior. Thank you.

ST. ANN CHURCH...has a Vocation Holy Hour every 3rd. Friday of the month from 4 – 5PM. Also Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 8:30AM to 5PM.

SOUL, MIND & HEART...is a new, easy to read e-book by Cardinal Timothy Dolan looks at how, in their different ways, the past three popes have helped shape the Church. For a free download of this short book, visit www.osv.com/ShopEbooks/dolanebook.aspx and fill out a short form before you print the 40 page book.

ASH WEDNESDAY ENVIRONMENT...When we come to church on Ash Wednesday or for the rest of Lent, we find that the environment has changed. The color is violet; there are no flowers; the church building is more barren and more somber. Many parishes use bare branches as part of the decor or cacti to remind us of the desert. This environment is to invite us into the penitential season of Lent. It is to focus us on the essentials of our spiritual life so that we may learn to imitate Jesus more completely and thus prepare for the celebration of the resurrection at Easter.



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