

February 14, 2016



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 Eucharistic Ministers and the parish clergy.

Medicating for pain

Dear Padre,

When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?

When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers these guidelines: "The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable" (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you cannot use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone's death—only to alleviate pain and to minimize a person's suffering. Drugs cannot be used to directly cause a person's death.

It is important to discuss the kinds of treatment a person would want when he or she is dying. An important question is, "Would you want to be medicated even if that would mean you would not be conscious?" It is also important to have a discussion with your priest. Many times one is forced to make terrible decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice.

FR. PATRICK KEYES, 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 14, 2016 – First Sunday of Lent**

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>February 15</u>
8:00AM	Joe Roullard Req. John & Deb Hardy
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>February 16</u>
8:00AM	Sister Thelma Bouchard Req. George, Simone & Family
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>February 17</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>February 18</u>
8:00AM	Anita Faucher
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>February 19</u>
8:00AM	Judy Bourque Req. Leona & Dale
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>February 20</u>
8:00AM	Betty Morse – 1 st . Anniv. Philip Roy Raymond – 1 st . Anniv.
4:00PM	Herman & Yvonne Masse Req. Mel & Anne
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>February 21 – Second Sunday of Lent</u>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Larry Jablonski Req. Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$5,737.50
Monthly	10.00
Catch Up	12.00
Cathedraticum	- 316.77
SSP	- 316.77
Total	\$5,125.96

THE PLAINVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS... are asking all available men of the parish, (*admission requirement: 18 years old and in Communion with the Catholic Church*), to come join us on the weekend of February 20 & 21 in the gathering room of the church after all Masses. We are looking to expand our sphere of charitable work and your help is needed. Thank you.
Ted Doiron, Grand Knight.

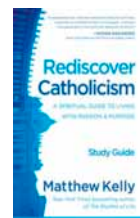


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

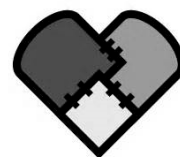
FEBRUARY 15 – Parish Office Closed – President’s Day
 FEBRUARY 15 – 6 – 7PM - Confession
 FEBRUARY 15 – 6 – 8 PM – Karate
 FEBRUARY 16 – 8:30 – 9:30AM & 6:30 – 7:30PM – Rediscover Catholicism Book Discussion – Room 102
 FEBRUARY 16 – 6 – 8PM – St. Anthony BB – Gym
 FEBRUARY 17 – 6 – 8PM – PARC BB - Gym
 FEBRUARY 17 - 7PM – NA – Room 107
 FEBRUARY 18 – 1 – 2:30PM - Atrium
 FEBRUARY 18 – 6:30 – 9PM - Amera Group BB
 FEBRUARY 19 – 6 – 8:30PM – GIFT – Gym
 FEBRUARY 19 – 7PM – Stations of the Cross
 FEBRUARY 20 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 Class
 FEBRUARY 20 – 1PM – First Reconciliation
 FEBRUARY 21 – 9:30 – 11:30AM – GIFT - Gym
 FEBRUARY 21– 10:30AM - 12:30PM AA (Men’s)
 FEBRUARY 21 – 11 – 3:30PM – JOLT @ Soup Kitchen
 FEBRUARY 21– 7 – 9PM – BB – Gym

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A DONATION LETTER SENT TO YOU FOR YOUR TAXES! IT IS VERY HELPFUL IF YOU HAVE YOUR ENVELOPE # READY WHEN YOU CALL! THANK YOU!

Rediscover Catholicism Book Study... Groups are being held through February 23, Rm. 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. 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
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.



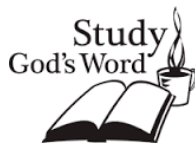
OLM LENTEN OFFERING...will be held for the Friendship Service Center of New Britain. The Center offers 37 beds for men, woman & children in their Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing for 15 single, homeless adults, and apartments scattered throughout New Britain.



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.

SAVE THE DATE...OLM tag sale will be held on April 15 & 16 from 9AM – 3PM. Start saving up your treasures to donate to the tag sale. We will be collecting items in the garage behind the Rectory starting Monday, 3/14.

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!



THE CATHOLIC GRADUATES CLUB OF GREATER HARTFORD, INC....WILL AWARD THREE SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$1000 EACH TO CATHOLIC STUDENTS WHO ARE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND WHO PLAN TO ATTEND A FOUR YEAR COLLEGE IN THE FALL OF 2016. FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO WWW.CATHOLICGRADUATESCT.ORG. DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS IS 3.15.2016.

CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY UPDATED WEBSITE AT WWW.OLMCT.ORG. THERE ARE SEVERAL CHOICES OF INSPIRATIONAL DEVOTIONS FOR LENT & A NEW FEATURE OF CATHOLIC ARTICLES THAT RELATE TO OUR EVERYDAY LIFE!

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! Free Will offering accepted.



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.

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 40-page book, visit www.osv.com/ShopEbooks/dolanebook.aspx and fill out a short form before you print it.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

...If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **March 4-6, 2016, in Litchfield, CT**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion.



Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER ON SATURDAY, MARCH 12, AT 5PM!



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 Location: Lincoln Park, NJ - just 30 minutes west of NYC 2-3 person Relays: \$105 thru 6/22
 Race Distance: Individual \$100 Relay Team: \$120
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 • Bike.....10 Miles (2 loops) Cash or Check only
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