

February 21, 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.

Can anyone practice contemplative prayer?

Dear Padre,

Is contemplative prayer just for monks and other religious people, or can anyone practice it?

Saint Teresa of Ávila, a great mystical saint and doctor of the Church, said, "Mental prayer is nothing else, in my opinion, but being on terms of friendship with God, frequently conversing in secret with Him who, we know, loves us" (*The Life of St. Teresa of Ávila*, chapter VIII). By no means is contemplative prayer reserved only for professional religious men and women. Rather, it's open to all people from all walks of life. While we each may have our own individual and/or family prayer habits and preferences, I can think of no better practice for this Lenten season.

Contemplative prayer differs from other forms of meditative prayer because of its intensity, but like all forms of prayer and meditation, in it we seek the person and presence of Jesus. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, "Contemplative prayer is the simple expression of the mystery of prayer. It is a gaze of faith fixed on Jesus, an attentiveness to the Word of God, a silent love. It achieves real union with the prayer of Christ to the extent that it makes us share in his mystery" (CCC 2724).

If you need help getting started, approach your pastor, spiritual director, or another Catholic minister who is familiar with meditative prayer. He or she can guide you and/or direct you to the best resources available.

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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 21, 2016 – Second Sunday of Lent**

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>February 22</u>
8:00AM	Michael J. Foran
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>February 23</u>
8:00AM	Mary Tierney & Alice Rastelli Req. Dom Jr., Joanne & Jo
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>February 24</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>February 25</u>
8:00AM	Renaldo Harvey
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>February 26</u>
8:00AM	Michael Hardy Req. John & Deb Hardy
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>February 27</u>
8:00AM	Mary Berarducci – 1 st . Anniv. Genevieve Maksim – 1 st . Anniv. James Wishart – Month Anniv. Rita Blanchette Req. Family
4:00PM	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>February 28 – Third Sunday of Lent</u>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Theresa Bagliore Req. Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,626.50
Monthly	20.00
Catch Up	348.00
Cathedraticum	- 274.69
SSP	- 274.69
Total	\$4,445.12

**THE PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL BE MEETING
2/25, 7PM, IN ROOM 102. ALL PARISHIONERS**



ARE INVITED TO OBSERVE THE MEETING.

I-PODS OR MP3 PLAYERS...Do you have an I-POD or a MP3 player you are no longer using? If so, would you consider donating it to Apple Rehab? Their plan is to use them for music therapy for their long term residents. You may drop them off at the Parish Office between the hours of 9AM & 4PM, Monday – Friday.

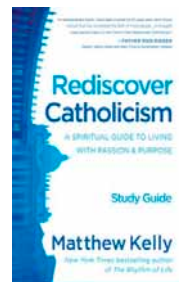
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 22 – 6 – 7PM - Confession
 FEBRUARY 22 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
 FEBRUARY 23 – 8:30 – 9:30AM & 6:30 – 7:30PM – Rediscover Catholicism Book Discussion – Room 102
 FEBRUARY 23 – 6 – 8PM – St. Anthony BB - Gym
 FEBRUARY 24 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class
 FEBRUARY 24 - 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Sacrament Preparation
 FEBRUARY 24 – 6 – 8PM – BB – Gym
 FEBRUARY 24 – 7PM – Baptism II Class - Church
 FEBRUARY 24 - 7PM – NA – Room 107
 FEBRUARY 25 – 1 – 2:30PM - Atrium
 FEBRUARY 25 – 6:30 – 9PM - Amera Group BB
 FEBRUARY 25 – 7PM – Pastoral Council Meeting – Room 102
 FEBRUARY 26 – 7PM – Stations of the Cross
 FEBRUARY 27 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 Class
 FEBRUARY 27 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharistic Class
 FEBRUARY 28 – 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 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.



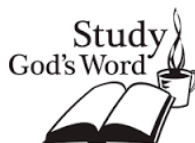
OLM LENTEN OFFERING...will be held for the Friendship Service Center of New Britain. The Center offers 37 beds for men, woman & children in their Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing for 15 single, homeless adults, and apartments scattered throughout New Britain.



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 for a very generous start to our Parish Family in helping others in need!**

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. Please do not donate TVs, Magazines or Computers.

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: 2.23, 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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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!

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! TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES ON 2/27 & 28, 3/5 & 6, AND IN THE PARISH OFFICE. CUT OFF DATE FOR BUYING TICKETS IS 3/9.



On the Recommendation of the Pastoral Council we are going to compile a new pictorial directory for Our Lady of Mercy. The last directory was done in 1999. The parish has changed a lot since then, as have the parishioners. Each family or individual who has a portrait picture taken will get a free 8 x10 print and a copy of the directory when it is published. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Photo sessions are scheduled for March 8 – 12 and March 15-17, 2:00 – 9:00PM and 10:00AM – 4:00PM on Saturday, 3.12. Please sign up for your appointment after Mass the next two weeks. Thank you!

St. Thomas Parish Passion Play Information...The 38th Annual Passion Play will be performed at Southington Catholic School auditorium located at 99 Bristol Street in Southington, CT. The dates are March 19th – March 23rd and March 25th. All performances start at 7:30pm except for Sunday the 20th which starts at 3pm. Tickets are free and are available while they last. A free will donation is appreciated. For more information check our web site: www.st-thomas-play.org or contact: Diane 860 628-4197, Janet 860 621-6347, Ginny 860 628-4628 or Lois 860 621-0411.



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