

February 28, 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 we donate our bodies or have them cremated?

Dear Padre,

Can I donate my body to science after death? What about cremation?

Some find Catholic funerals odd. We sprinkle the deceased with holy water and bless the body with incense. We pray over burial sites and put a white cloth over the caskets. If a person is dead, why do we care about the "empty shell?"

Many Christians think God is only concerned with our souls, but Scripture has a surprising amount of teaching on the sacredness of the body. Saint Paul writes, "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?...Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit?" (1 Corinthians 6:15, 19). What we do with and to our bodies is important. God loves us as bodily creatures—he made us that way!

Christ's body was raised with him, and so will ours (1 Corinthians 15). We honor God when we revere our bodies as destined for glory. So as long as we treat them with "respect and charity," the Church permits us to use our bodies to help others after death:

"The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy....Autopsies can be morally permitted for legal inquests or scientific research. The free gift of organs after death is legitimate and can be meritorious. The Church permits cremation, provided that it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body" (CCC 2300-01)

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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 28, 2016 – Third Sunday of Lent**

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>February 29</u>
8:00AM	Thanksgiving for a Special Sister
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>March 1</u>
8:00AM	Judith Bourque Req. Marcia Jackie & Richard Benenti
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>March 2</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>March 3</u>
8:00AM	Mary Gutt Gullen Req. Cathleen Macca
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>March 4</u>
8:00AM	Yvonne Berard Req. Family
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>March 5</u>
8:00AM	Marie Terry Bushway – 1st. Anniv. Joyce Zaharevich – Month Anniv. Shirley R. Caya – Month Anniv.
4:00PM	Frank Niedermeyer Req. Friends
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>March 6 – Fourth Sunday of Lent</u>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Joanne Gladych Bellantoni Req. Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,015.50
Monthly	1678.00
Holy Day	20.00
Cathedraticum	- 314.24
SSP	- 314.24
Total	\$5,085.02

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 in the offertory basket or at the Parish Office between the hours of 9AM & 4PM, Monday – Friday.

ST. JOSEPH NITE

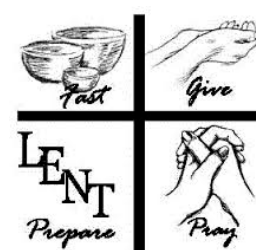
DINNER...Saturday, 3/19, 5:30PM, St. Gregory CCD Center. Tickets \$12 per person, age 6 – 12, \$6 each, age 5 & under, free. BYOB. Entertainment by Chubby Clark & Joe Capisi. Menu: Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Salad, Bread & Butter, Dessert & Coffee. Tickets available at St. Gregory Rectory. For more info please call 860-589-2295.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 29 – 6 – 7PM - Confession
 FEBRUARY 29 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
 FEBRUARY 29 – 7PM – Deanery Mission at OLM
 MARCH 1 – 6:30 – 7:30PM – Middle School
 MARCH 1 – 7PM – Deanery Mission at St. Ann
 MARCH 2 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class
 MARCH 2 - 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Sacrament Preparation
 MARCH 2 – 7 – 8:15PM – Confirmation Year I & II
 MARCH 2 - 7PM – NA – Room 107
 MARCH 2 – 7PM – Deanery Mission at St. Anthony
 MARCH 3 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
 MARCH 3 – 1PM – St. Anthony Meeting - Library
 MARCH 3 – 6:30 – 9PM - Amera Group BB
 MARCH 4 – 7PM – Stations of the Cross
 MARCH 5 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 Class & Reconciliation Class
 MARCH 5 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharistic Class
 MARCH 5 – 9 – 11AM – JOLT Bottle Drive – Parish Center
 MARCH 5 – 11:30AM – 3:30PM – Regional Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest – Gym
 MARCH 6 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men’s AA Meeting, Room 107

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!



OLM LENTEN

OFFERING...will be held for the Friendship Service Center of New Britain. The Center offers 37 beds for men, women & 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 are 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 to our Parish Family for a very generous start in helping others in need!**

SIGN UP FOR YOUR FREE PHOTO SESSION AND PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AT THE SAME TIME AFTER ALL THE MASSES THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT!



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. Please bring your large items such as furniture the early part of the week of the tag sale.

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: 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!

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.

MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR THE PLAINVILLE

FOOD PANTRY... As always you are so generous with giving to those in need. Any nonperishable food item, toiletry or cleaning product is always in need at the pantry. Our donation is distributed only to Plainville residents, so you are helping out your close neighbor! **Help carry one another's burdens; in that way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)**



SAVE THE DATE ... The Parish Life Committee of the Pastoral Council will be sponsoring our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 12th at 5:00PM in the Parish Center. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. A hot dog and chips plate will also be available for \$1.50. Tickets will be available for purchase in the gathering room before and after Masses on Feb 27th - 28th and March 5th - 6th. You may also purchase tickets at the Parish Office, M - F, 9 - 4. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Volunteers are needed during and after for cleanup. Please call Don at 203-910-9624. Please join us for some local parish talent and an evening of great food, fellowship and fun. **CUT OFF DATE FOR BUYING TICKETS IS 3/9.**

PARISH PHOTO ALBUM... 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, at no charge, 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 15-16, 2:00 – 9:00PM and 10:00AM – 4:00PM on Saturday, 3.12. **Please sign up for your free appointment after Mass this and next weekend or online on our website.**



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 or Janet 860-621-6347.



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 Race Distance: Individual \$100 Race Day Registration: Relay Team: \$120
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