

March 13, 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.

Serving the whole flock in a diverse parish

Dear Padre,

How do we serve everyone in a culturally diverse parish?

In the past it was common to have parishes dedicated to different ethnic groups where such populations were concentrated. In 2010, the U.S. bishops found that 33 percent of all U.S. parishes were culturally diverse, and that's perhaps using a narrow understanding of diversity. Then in 2014, they published *Best Practices for Shared Parishes: So That They May All Be One*, in which they outline a nine-movement process for creating an inclusive parish. The fact that there are nine movements is notable. It means that we slowly move toward inclusiveness; we don't simply start a Spanish Mass and think the job is done.

I recently worked in a small parish in the Mississippi Delta. In this parish there is a Mass at 9 am that reflects the worship style of a group of African Americans. Another Mass at 11 celebrates a more traditional Catholic service. The Mass at 6 pm is in Spanish. No one is limited to any one service, but each service reflects a style that different ethnic groups are more comfortable with.

Then there is Rosemary, an Italian-American whose family has lived in the area since the beginning of the nineteenth century. Rosemary is the volunteer director of education. She attends every Mass, welcoming people and making them feel at home. **Welcoming** is the first movement toward serving everyone in a diverse parish.

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
March 13, 2016 – Fifth Sunday of Lent**

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>March 14</u>
8:00AM	Terese LeVasseur Req. Family
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>March 15</u>
8:00AM	Souls in Purgatory
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>March 16</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>March 17</u>
8:00AM	Jean Martin Req. Family
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>March 18</u>
8:00AM	Dominic Marotta Req. Friends
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>March 19</u>
8:00AM	Rose Dalpe – 1st. Anniv. Jean C. Nelson – 1st. Anniv. Anthony Badolato – Month Anniv.
4:00PM	Maria Cianchetti Req. Gino Cianchetti
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>March 20 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</u>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Arthur Knorr Req. Bryan

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Figures will be in next week's bulletin.

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.

THE TRINITY AND THE

CONSECRATION....The Holy Spirit is invoked as the agent through whose power the transformation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ can occur. The presider prays, "And so, Father, we bring you these gifts.

We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this Eucharist." This quote from Eucharistic Prayer III is probably one of the clearest statements of the involvement of the three persons of the Trinity in our worship.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MARCH 14 – 6 – 7PM - Confession
- MARCH 14 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
- MARCH 15 – 2 - 9PM – Photo Sessions - Room 106
- MARCH 15 – 6:30 – 7:30PM – Middle School Class
- MARCH 16 – 2 - 9PM – Photo Sessions - Room 106
- MARCH 16 - 7PM – NA – Library off of Gym
- MARCH 17 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
- MARCH 17 – 6:30 – 9PM - Amera Group BB
- MARCH 18 – 6 – 8PM - GIFT
- MARCH 18 – 7PM – Stations of the Cross
- MARCH 19 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4 Class
- MARCH 20 – 9:30 – 11:30AM – GIFT
- MARCH 20 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men's AA Meeting - Room 107
- MARCH 20 – 6 – 8:30PM – JOLT – 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!

OLM LENTEN OFFERING...will

continue to be held for the Friendship Service Center of New Britain during Lent. 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. **A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to our Parish Family for having been so very generous in helping others in need!**



LIFE STAGES: TAKING CARE AT EVERY AGE

WOMEN'S EVENING RETREAT....March 16, 6 – 9 PM., Sr. Mary Ann Strain, C.P., Most of the advice readily available to us about preparing for the future is financial, but what else can we do to get ready for the next stage of our lives? This evening will focus on three concrete things that women of every age can do to create a rich and fulfilling future for themselves. Offering: \$40, includes dinner. Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT, Phone: 860.521.0440.

OLM TAG SALE... will be held on April 15 & 16 from 9AM – 3PM. Keep saving up your treasures to donate to the tag sale. We will be collecting items in the garage behind the Rectory this coming Monday, 3/14. Please do not donate TVs, Magazines or Computers. Please absolutely **NO** furniture of any kind until Monday, April 11! These items can be dropped off at the Parish Center.



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 – 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.



EXPECTING A BABY?
The Church welcomes with joy and compassion the mothers who, recognizing that all life is a gift from God, come to the Church seeking a blessing for their unborn child. We will be celebrating the Rite of the Blessing of a Child in the Womb, April 3, 2016, during the 10:30AM Mass. If you are expecting and would like to be included in the Blessing Rite, please call the Parish Office at 860.747.6825. All are welcome!



TIMES OF SILENCE... Silence is an important part of the liturgy. The period of silence during the Penitential Act gives us the opportunity to consider our gratitude for God's mercy. Silence after the "Let us pray" gives us an opportunity to personalize the prayers by adding our own intentions for the liturgy. Silence helps us to listen to God's Word. Not only does our attentive silence during the reading help us to hear and the lector to proclaim, but silence following the reading gives us time to listen and let our hearts respond to the Scripture we have heard. The Word of God can have a greater power to move our hearts if we take the time after a Scripture passage is read to really listen to our hearts and allow the message to sink in and translate its meaning to our life. The same is true of silence after the homily. Silence after all have received communion allows us time for personal thanksgiving.

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**14th Annual Shamrock Run & Walk
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March 19th – Chippens Hill Middle School
To benefit St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Bristol
Usher in Spring with a 5 & 2 mile road race or a 2 mile fitness walk.

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Information and Register at

www.ctshamrockrun.com

SHARING MEMORIES PROGRAM...Perhaps you have lived through the loss of a loved one or have encountered an occasion such as a special event and have been at a loss of selecting an appropriate gift. Sharing Memories is a wonderful way to honor someone by donating to their church in their name. This allows the church to purchase items needed for worship while paying tribute to a loved one. Your gift is also tax deductible. We have special envelopes in the Parish Office for this purpose. Please call the Office or visit www.olmct.org for more information on how the program works.



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