

March 20, 2016



# Our Lady of Mercy

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## **Parish Office/Cemetery Office Hours**

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday - Friday

## **Parish Trustees**

Raymond Corsini, and Josephine Forcella

## **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.

## **Did Jesus have to die in such a terrible manner?**

Dear Padre,

Why did Jesus have to die such a horrible death? Wasn't there an easier way to redeem us?

**Every Good Friday** we are brought face to face with the crucifixion. Many of us have seen violent and bloody depictions of Christ's death and found them difficult to watch. Since we serve an all-good, all-loving God, how could he allow this to happen to his Son? Couldn't God have forgiven us without the sacrifice?

God is indeed a God of mercy, but we often forget that he is also a God of justice. He can certainly forgive all our sins, but in the process he cannot (will not) deny the righteousness of justice. We all yearn for justice. We want to see good rewarded and evil punished. So God is very good, and the fact is, our sins are also very bad. We deserve punishment, even death, for denying God and for hurting others. If God were to condemn me, it would not be unfair. I would be getting exactly what my sins deserve. I am happy to say that is not where the story ends! Jesus came to take our just punishment so that we could receive mercy and justice in their fullness. Jesus reveals to us a God who is just, merciful, and ready to suffer because he loved sinners. Praise his name forever!

FR. MATTHEW BONK, CSsR  
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## **Parish Office/Cemetery Office**

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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 20, 2016  
- Palm Sunday of  
the Passion of  
the Lord**

**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. **This will be the last week that we are collecting toiletries!** Thank you so much for your generosity!! Our Church Family has gone above and beyond in your thoughtfulness and caring for others!



**OLM TAG SALE...** will be held on April 15 & 16 from 9AM – 3PM. Please bring your unwanted treasures to the garage behind the Rectory. 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](http://www.st-thomas-play.org) or contact: Diane 860-628-4197 or Janet 860-621-6347.



**It is finished**  
**John 19: 30b**

<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>March 21</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Theresa Bagliore Req. Family</b>
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>March 22</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Agnes Perrault</b>
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>March 23</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	<b><u>March 24 – Holy Thursday</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	<b><u>March 25 – The Passion of the Lord</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>3:00PM</b>	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>March 26</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>8:00PM</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>March 27 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</u></b>
<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Easter Mass</b>
<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>Easter Mass</b>

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Second Collection Next Weekend is  
"My Easter Gift" to the church.  
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.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- MARCH 21 – 6 – 7PM - Confession
- MARCH 21 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
- MARCH 22 – 7PM – Confession
- MARCH 23 – 4PM – Confession
- MARCH 23 – 4 - 5PM – Reconciliation Class
- MARCH 23 – 6 – 8PM – PARC BB - Gym
- MARCH 23 - 7PM – NA – Room 107
- MARCH 24 – Parish Office Closed
- MARCH 25 – Parish Office Closed
- MARCH 26 – 10AM – Blessing of the Easter Food – Gathering Space
- MARCH 27 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men's AA Meeting - Room 107

### **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!*



**2016 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**...helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much needed assistance to the unemployed and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.



**“The ABCs of Annulment”**...Fr. Robert Schlageter OFM, Pastor of St. Paul Parish, 485 Alling St, Kensington will host “The ABCs of Annulment” on Friday, April 1st, from 7- 9 PM. The main speaker will be Rev. Juan Diego Brunetta, OP, Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Hartford. He will review the changes in the annulment process initiated by Pope Francis and the Archdiocese of Hartford. A secondary speaker will be Brother Larry Lussier CSC, Pastoral Associate at St. Gabriel, Milford will discuss how he and his Annulment Team can assist those seeking annulment. To assist participants in writing their annulment application, a Writing Workshop led by the Annulment Team (Br. Larry, Deacon Robert Macaluso and Jim Tottenham) will be held on six (6) successive Fridays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, and May 6 and 13 from 7-9 PM at St. Paul, Kensington. The “ABCs of Annulment” information night is a requirement to participate in the follow up workshop. “The ABCs of Annulment” event is open to all. A donation is requested to defray the cost of printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call 203-937-7040.

**EASTER VIGIL**...The readings on this night give a strong sense of vigiling. Instead of one Old Testament reading, there are seven. Each has its own sung psalm and prayer. During these readings we hear important parts of salvation history, the events that have brought us as a people to where we are today. Listening to them reminds us of how God has worked in the lives of our ancestors to form them into a people that are God’s own. Following the Gloria, there are the usual reading from the New Testament and the Easter gospel. For pastoral reasons, the number of Old Testament readings can be reduced, but they must always include the reading of the Exodus. If possible, the full readings of the Old Testament story should be experienced. The Easter Vigil readings are a fundamental part of this liturgy which brings us to the initiation of the elect.

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**New Day Program - Spring**...**Location: St. Thomas Church, 99 Bristol Street, Southington, CT 06489, (Parish Center), Dates: March 30th, 2016-June 1st, 2016, Description of the Group: Bereavement Session for those with loss (Adults), Contact Name: Vincent Raby (860) 928-9425, Dorothy Charette (860) 628-4010, More information at the following link: [www.stthomassouthington.org/calendar.htm](http://www.stthomassouthington.org/calendar.htm)**

### **Recommended Movie: Full of Grace**

**(2015)**... Over the years, there have been many films about Mary. Most of them focus on Mary during the life of Jesus, or maybe one of her apparitions. **Full of Grace** covers a time period that is not frequently seen in films, taking place ten years after the resurrection of Jesus. It shows the life of Mary and the apostles as they deal with the problems of the early Church. **Full of Grace** does an amazing job of showing Mary and Peter as real people, not the figures we are used to seeing in stained glass windows. Peter frequently has flashbacks to his days as a fisherman. I think we’ve all had times where we’ve longed for the days when we had fewer responsibilities, but we’ve never taken on a job where our only predecessor is the Son of God! Peter struggles with his own inadequacies as a leader. There is debate over whether the Gentiles should have to follow the Jewish Laws. The local churches are looking for his guidance, and he doesn’t know what to tell them. This movie is suitable for older children and adults and has won many awards. You can rent the movie from Google Play for \$3.99. The film is 82 minutes long. What a great way to experience some thought provoking and prayerful time with your family and friends during Holy Week. More info under Catholic Links on our website.

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