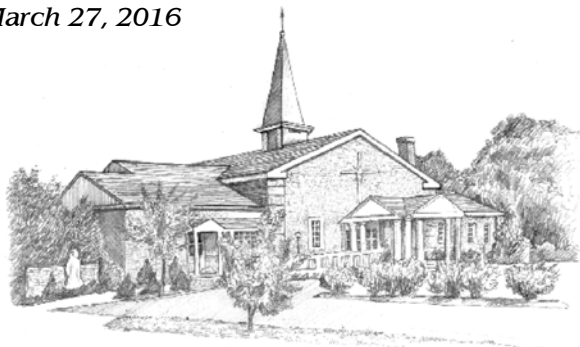


March 27, 2016



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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.

Why aren't heaven's gates open to all of humanity?

Dear Padre,

If God loves everyone, why aren't all of us saved?

When we picture heaven, we imagine a place where everyone is happy, loving, and at peace. If this is perfect bliss, then why wouldn't the Lord send everyone there? It is certainly a loving attitude to desire that all of our friends, family, and community enjoy the victory of union with the Trinity. When Jesus died and rose, he opened the door for all of humanity to enter eternal life. If we want everyone to be saved, and God wants everyone to be saved, what could possibly keep a person outside the Pearly Gates?

The answer lies in the very nature of God's love for us. Not everyone is saved because God wants us to choose salvation freely. While a person who loves God and willingly obeys his commands will find the kingdom blissful, a person choosing pride or selfishness would not. Would heaven really be paradise if people could choose to be bullies, murderers, or abusers? If I reject God's love because I don't want anyone telling me what to do, I would not freely submit myself to the Lord's authority. God has given us free will, and that means we are free to reject him and his kingdom. For heaven to be heaven, everyone there must be submissive to God's will and each other. Jesus loves us too much to force us to be saved.

FR. MATTHEW BONK, 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 27, 2016 – Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord**

MONDAY	March 28
8:00AM	Donald Wallace Req. Family
TUESDAY	March 29
8:00AM	Anthony Badolato Req. Leona Bisson
WEDNESDAY	March 30
8:00AM	No Mass
THURSDAY	March 31
8:00AM	Jane Tanski Req. James Tanski
FRIDAY	April 1
8:00AM	Donna Pliska Req. Huguette Veilleux
SATURDAY	April 2
8:00AM	Edward Cassinari – 1 st . Anniv Jill Marie Robinson – 1 st . Anniv Paul John Hernandez – Month Anniv.
4:00PM	Agnes Ganon Req. Mariola Dzierlatka
SUNDAY	April 3
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Anna Fabrizio – 5 th Anniv. Req. John Fabrizio & Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$5017.00
Monthly	1691.00
Catch Up	80.00
Cathedraticum	- 373.34
SSP	- 373.34
Total	\$6,041.32

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.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 28 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
MARCH 30 - 7PM – NA – Room 107
MARCH 31 – 1 – 2:30PM - Atrium
MARCH 31 – 6:30 – 9PM – Amera Group BB
MARCH 31 – 7PM – Pastoral Council Meeting – Room 102
APRIL 2 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K – 4, Reconciliation Class
APRIL 2 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharistic Class
APRIL 2/3 – Fair Trade items in the Gathering Space
APRIL 3 – 8AM – Noon – Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
APRIL 3 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men’s AA Meeting - Room 107
APRIL 3 – 6 – 8PM – JOLT – Kitchen

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... Thank you for donating so many items to the Friendship Service Center of New Britain during Lent. Our Church Family soared above and beyond in our thoughtfulness and caring for others!

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, next Sunday, 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...As of 3/8, OLM has pledged \$24, 140 toward the Appeal. If you have not yet made your gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your Catholic community, as we share our blessings and join in God's Mercy at Work.

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY IN THE YEAR OF MERCY

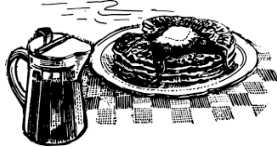
St. Ann Church, 215 West St., Bristol, Sunday, April 3 at 2:30PM. Mass, Blessing of the image, Novena Prayer and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Reception to follow in the parish hall. Many pamphlets and Divine Mercy information will be available at the reception.

FREE MAMOGRAPH DAY!...April 2, 8AM to 3PM. The Comprehensive Breast Health Center, 201 North Mountain Rd., Plainville. Registration is required and space is limited. To find out if you are eligible and to register, please call 860.696.4983.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO OBSERVE THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING, 3/31, 7PM IN ROOM 102.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEKEND! AS ALWAYS THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

LION'S CLUB PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST...April 3, 8AM to Noon. All you can eat in the Parish Center. Adults \$6, children 6 and under are free.



EASTER ALLELUIA...St. Augustine says: "We are Easter people; Alleluia is our song." Alleluia is one of those words that needs to be sung. We'll sing it over and over again this Easter season. What exactly does it mean? Literally, the word is a short form for the sentence: "God's people praise God!" But it's one of those words that defies translation, like "Hooray!" Even the instructions in our liturgical books say that if the Alleluia cannot be sung, it should be omitted. So whether the liturgy is celebrated in a cathedral or a catacomb, "Alleluia" is our song.

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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 the Easter Season!

NEW PHOTO SESSIONS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED...for Friday, April 8th from 2 to 9PM and Saturday, April 9th, 10AM to 4PM. These will be the last photo sessions that will be available. Sign up is available on line on our website.



FAIR TRADE FAIR!...

Sponsored by OLM, Gathering Space after all Masses April 2 & 3. Fair Trade helps to create and maintain sustainable communities. It allows people from Third World countries to create and sell their products for a just wage. For more info, please contact Cathy at cathyfromolm@gmx.com.



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