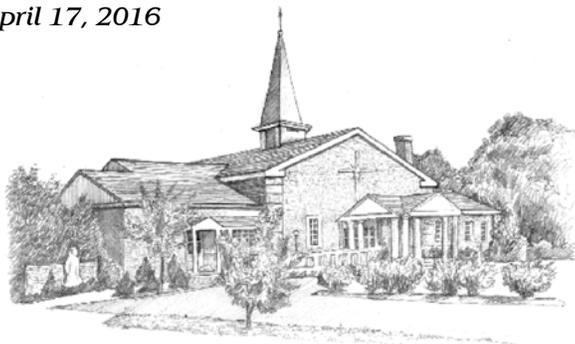


April 17, 2016



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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.

What do we do with sacramentals?

Dear Padre,

Is it sacrilegious to throw a sacramental away?

“**Sacramentals do not confer** the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church’s prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it” (CCC 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church’s power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.)

If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal.

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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
April 17, 2016 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>April 18</u>
8:00AM	Theresa Bagliore Req. Family
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>April 19</u>
8:00AM	Mary & Al Kazokas Req. Marie, Joe & Ashley Raynock
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>April 20</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>April 21</u>
8:00AM	George Berube Req. George & Simone Bouchard
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>April 22</u>
8:00AM	Deborah Ann Colella, James Joseph Mastrianni, & Della Gnazzo Mastrianni Req. Rudy James Colella
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>April 23</u>
8:00AM	Domenica DiLernia – Month Anniv
4:00PM	Stanley Krupinski Req. Wife
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>April 24</u>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Merdick & Jeanne Pelletier Req. Gloria & Jerry Gagnon

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,287.50
Monthly	40.00
Cathedraticum	- 250.82
SSP	- 250.82
Total	\$4,058.86

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS THE MONTHLY COLLECTION.



BRINGING UP THE GIFTS AT MASS...If you are having a Mass prayed for someone and would like to bring up the Gifts, please let a minister of hospitality know before Mass and arrangements can be made.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- APRIL 18 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
- APRIL 20 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
- APRIL 21 – 1 – 3PM – St. Anthony Society - Library
- APRIL 22 – 6 – 8PM – GIFT
- APRIL 24 – 9:30 – 11:30AM - GIFT
- APRIL 24 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men’s AA Meeting - Room 107

2016 ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL... changes lives through service to the Lord. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those cultivating a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. If you did not receive the Appeal mailing or have misplaced the pledge card and envelope mailed to your home, please feel free to pick one up located at the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

NOMINATION PROCESS OF PASTORAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES...In today’s bulletin is a nomination form. Please prayerfully ask for the Lord’s guidance as to whom you feel should be nominated, or if you feel the calling to nominate yourself because you wish to get more involved with the Parish and the decision making process. Then place the form in the box located in the Gathering Room.

RELICS OF THE PASSION...Sunday, 4/24, 6PM, St. Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave., Forestville, Meditation and Veneration, Provided in association with the Apostolate of Holy Relics.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY...11 DAYS: October 3 – 13, 2016, Hosted by Rev. Msgr. David Walker, \$3779 PP Incl. R/T Transfers, R/T Air from NYC, 1st Class Hotels, Most Meals, Fully Guided Comprehensive Sightseeing & More! Visit Venice, Padua, Bologna, Florence, Siena, Gimignano, Assisi, and Rome w/Vatican City. Papal Audience and the Holy Doors. For more info call 203-488-2998 or email www.office@sttheresebrandord.org

SURRENDER...Liturgy is not simply a human creation. Although it certainly relies on human words and actions and meaning, the liturgy has been given to us by the Lord. Liturgy is the “work of the people” but liturgy is also the way God molds us in and through Jesus. If the liturgy is to be a means for us to encounter the divine presence, then we must do so on God’s terms, not ours. Thus, entering into the liturgy requires a certain openness from us. It requires letting go of our preferences and desires. Often we must surrender our own expectations in order to fulfill God’s expectations of us. Surrender is never easy. It may be especially difficult in our society, which tends to see surrender as an act of weakness. In fact, it requires great strength of spirit and it may be the hardest thing each of us must do. Surrender to God is the basic requirement of the spiritual life. Perhaps as we see the presider raise his hands in prayer, it can be a signal to all of us that prayer is always and basically a surrender to the will of God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR

CHILDREN...Allows children the opportunity to hear the readings of the Mass at their level. During the 8:30 and 10:30AM Masses, your children will be invited to come before the altar for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. After a short prayer, the Priest or Deacon will invite the children to go with one of our Children's lectors into our gathering room while the rest of the parish community listens to the readings and the homily. They participate in age appropriate reflections on the week's readings and then discuss the readings in relation to their lives. The children then return to their families after the homily with a flyer related to that week's readings. They return during the Presentation of the Gifts in the main church, so that they can join their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This program is meant for children aged 3 years and up. However, younger children are welcome to attend, when accompanied by a parent, so long as they can sit quietly and



participate appropriately for 15 to 20 minutes. Children are invited to attend anytime they wish and there is no registration, fee or sign up for your children to enjoy this age appropriate teaching about Jesus. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them..." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them. Mark 10:14-16

iMercy: The Divine Hotspot...A Mission for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Hosted by St. Anthony Church, 111 School St., Bristol, May 1 – 3, 7PM.
1st Evening's Message: *iMercy: The Father Blesses*,
2nd Evening's Message:
iMercy: The Son Heals, 3rd
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BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND... For all who are divorced, widowed, or separated - there is a special heartache in finding oneself alone again. DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN of all ages are encouraged to attend a Beginning Experience® weekend designed for those who wish to resolve the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future. The Beginning Experience Weekend will be held May 13-15 at the Archdiocesan Conference Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. The weekend begins Friday evening, May 13 and continues through Sunday afternoon, May 15, concluding with Mass. The weekend fee is \$235/person, which includes the program and materials, all meals on Saturday and Sunday and two nights' stay, as well as a follow-up event. For more information and an application for yourself or for a friend, please call Victoria at 860-993-7866 or Beth at 845-373-8202. For more information, go to: www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut

A Big JOLT Thank You!... THANK YOU to all of you who purchased a baked good or made a donation at our JOLT Youth Group bake sale last weekend. We are so thankful for your support! A group of 5 teens and 3 adult leaders will be attending the Steubenville East High School Youth Conference in July, to be held at UMASS Lowell. The money raised will defer the cost of a great opportunity for them this summer. The conference is a chance for our parish teens to 'get away' from the world and to focus on their relationship with God. They will be joining about 2500 teens from throughout the Northeast that weekend as they are challenged to answer God's call. Thank you for your support of our teens and please keep them in your prayer.



JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT...On the evenings of May 1, 2 and 3, 2016, **Saint Dominic Parish** will host a three part mission led by John Michael Talbot, a Catholic Christian musician, author and founder of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity. The mission is open to all, including those of other faith traditions. There is no charge for attendance, but John Michael will accept a love offering each evening, for the support of his monastic community. He will also make his recorded music and books available for sale. This is the fifth year of John Michael's mission work, augmenting thirty-plus years of sharing the gospels through word and song. More information about John Michael and his work may be found at his website: www.johnmichaeltalbot.com. For more info call: **860.628.0349 x117**



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