

April 24, 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.

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.

Use wine wisely

Dear Padre,

My evangelical friends don't drink and even use grape juice for communion. Catholics use wine and drink all the time. Isn't the Church condoning alcoholism?

The abuse of alcohol is a serious vice, and it has caused untold damage. When we celebrate the Eucharist we are commemorating the Last Supper, at which Jesus offered wine and unleavened bread according to the Jewish Passover tradition, changed it into his Body and Blood, and gave us this command: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:25-26).

While the properties of wine remain, including alcohol content, the substance becomes the Precious Blood of Christ. Therefore, the ingestion of a sip or two seems trivial compared to the divine presence received therein. Those with medical or psychological reasons for abstaining should discuss those matters with their pastor and specialist(s).

Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana (John 2:1-11), but he obviously doesn't condone alcoholism. God has given us many things to enjoy: food, love, and leisure to mention a few. As Catholics we are called to rightly use these gifts for the greater and common good. To abuse them is sinful; to use them as they are intended is a way to give thanks.

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
April 24, 2016 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

MONDAY	April 25
8:00AM	John Sartori Req. Wife
TUESDAY	April 26
8:00AM	Justina Tella – 3 rd Anniv. Req. Brenda
WEDNESDAY	April 27
8:00AM	No Mass
THURSDAY	April 28
8:00AM	Robert Pedrolini Req. Ida Pedrolini & Family
FRIDAY	April 29
8:00AM	Howard Gessner Req. Family
SATURDAY	April 30
8:00AM	James Bailey Sr. – Month Anniv. Beatrice Piergrossi – 1 st Anniv. Arthur Massey – 1 st Anniv. Theresa Lebel – 1 st Anniv.
4:00PM	Edmund J. Kijanka – 30 th Anniv. Req. Family
SUNDAY	April 24
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Chester Raducha Req. Wife & Children

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,870.50
Monthly	90.00
Cathedraticum	- 276.51
SSP	- 276.51
Total	\$4,474.48

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 27 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
 APRIL 28 – 7PM – Pastoral Council Meeting – R 102
 MAY 1 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men’s AA Meeting

2016 ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL... Our parish has raised \$33,447 toward our goal of \$41,700. In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal is crucial. Your gift will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO OBSERVE THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING BEING HELD IN ROOM 102 ON APRIL 28 AT 7PM.

TAG SALE THANK YOU!...Thank you to all who helped in every way in running the tag sale. A profit of \$2,041 was raised for the church!

NOMINATION PROCESS OF PASTORAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES... Please continue to prayerfully ask for the Lord’s guidance as to whom you feel you should nominate. If you feel the calling to nominate yourself because you wish to get more involved with the Parish and the decision making process, please feel free to do so. Then place the form in the box located in the Gathering Space.

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 Evening’s Message: iMercy: The Spirit Moves, with Fr. William Garrott O.P. For more info
 860.583.1349 or
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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

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL ... Studying and Praying God’s Word for more than 20 years! The Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Biblical School offers a comprehensive Bible study from a Catholic perspective. Interested adults should contact the office at St. Thomas Seminary by August 15. Classes begin in Bloomfield, Hamden, Southington and the Waterbury area in early September. For more information, check the website www.orehartford.org or call Jill or BJ at 860- 242-5573.



SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE... There are two \$1000 OLM Memorial Scholarships available to graduating high school seniors furthering their education in the fall. Eligibility requirements: a registered, actively participating member of the parish. Applications may be picked up in the parish office M-F, 9:30AM – 3:30PM and must be returned by Friday, May 20th.

SAINT ANTHONY SOCIETY TEA... Sunday, May 15,

1PM in the Parish Center. Punch, Appetizers, Hot Tea, Sandwiches & Cookies. Live entertainment by Canal Street Vintage Dancers, Hat Contest, Raffle & Door Prizes. **Please**



bring your own cup and saucer. For advance tickets and more info, Janice at 860.747.8126. Tickets will also be available at the door, \$15 per ticket.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION... Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's charitable works through the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to become a witness of charity. May God bless you.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE ...The



Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will host its 7th Annual Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference, "Rooted in Faith: Caring for Our Common Home," on Saturday, June 11 from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. Keynote speaker, Sr. Damien Marie Savino, F.S.E., Ph.D., will explore Pope Francis' message in Laudato Si' on how we are to heed the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Join us for prayer, music, exhibits and workshops. For information, call (860) 242-5573 or visit: CatholicSocialJustice.org/social-justice-conference



LET US PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AS THEY RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THIS FRIDAY. MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT CONTINUE TO GUIDE OUR YOUTH AND MAY THEY

CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO HIS GUIDANCE!

ST. JOSEPH MEDAL OF APRECIATION... Each year Archbishop Blair recognizes one individual or couple from each parish in the Archdiocese of Harford for their exemplary volunteer work. Without the help of many volunteers, the work of making the Reign of God more visible in our midst would be impossible. This year, from Our Lady of Mercy, the Archbishop bestowed the St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation to John and Deborah Hardy during a prayer service at the Cathedral of St. Joseph last Sunday. We congratulate John and Deborah and thank them for all that they do for OLM.



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY – ACTS... The spread of the kingdom, is a story of hope. It is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. Read and Study the Book of Acts. It will enrich your faith and rekindle your love for Christ as you relive the lives of His first disciples. Join us in this exciting Summer Study. Sessions will be from 5.12.16 to 9.22.16, Thursday mornings from 9:30AM to Noon at St. Ann Church Parish Center, 180 Laurel St., Bristol. The cost of the materials is \$30.45. Checks must be received no later than 4.29.16. Please write out your check to St. Ann Church and mail to Deacon Roger R. Albert, 211 Mine Rd, Bristol, CT, 06010. For more info please call 860.584.0328.

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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