

May 8, 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.

Pay heed at Mass

Dear Padre

Should I read the bulletin at Mass? And should the priest make announcements during his homily?

The Mass is the high point of Christ's work to sanctify us and of the worship that we offer to the Father through his Son (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 1). Therefore, it is of greatest importance that the celebration "be so arranged that the ministers and the faithful who take their own proper part in it may more fully receive its good effects"; this is best accomplished when the Mass "brings about in the faithful a participation in body and spirit that is conscious, active, full, and motivated by faith, hope, and charity" (*GIRM* 2, 3).

Reading the bulletin—or even praying the rosary or breviary—during Mass would prevent this highest participation that the Church desires, the nature of the celebration demands, and the duty for the Christian people dictates. Brief commentaries on the Scripture readings that assist the faithful are better read *before* Mass. The homily also assists the faithful in their full participation. In explaining the Word of God, the homily "must always lead the community of the faithful to celebrate the Eucharist actively, 'so that they may hold fast in their lives to what they have grasped by their faith'" (*Lectionary* 2.24). Thus, "any necessary announcements are to be kept completely separate from the homily; they must take place following the prayer after Communion" (*Lectionary* 2.27).

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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
May 8, 2016 – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

MONDAY	May 9
8:00AM	Bernie Parent Req. Family
TUESDAY	May 10
8:00AM	Jeanne McGann Req. Family
WEDNESDAY	May 11
8:00AM	No Mass
THURSDAY	May 12
8:00AM	John Hammer
FRIDAY	May 13
8:00AM	Jean Guy Lagace Req. Wife
SATURDAY	May 14
8:00AM	Gisele Ayotte – Month Anniv.
4:00PM	Irene Plourde Req. Family
SUNDAY	May 15 – Pentecost Sunday
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Joseph Roger Blanchette Req. Joe & Jo-Ann

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,117.00
Monthly	1519.00
Cathedraticum	- 309.98
SSP	- 309.98
Total	\$5,016.04

Next weekend the second collection is the Catholic Communications Campaign Collection.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAY 9 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
- MAY 11 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
- MAY 15 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men’s AA Meeting
- MAY 15 – 1PM – St. Anthony Tea – Gym
- MAY 15 – 6 – 8PM – JOLT

2016 ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL... Next weekend is Commitment Weekend! All parishioners will have the opportunity to make a pledge to the 2016 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal during Mass.

If you would like to learn more about the process of filing for an annulment, please go to www.olmct.org, Resources and Links Tab you will find a link for this descriptive video.

BLESSING OF THE WOMB HAS A NEW DATE...June 5th at the 10:30AM Mass. If you are interested in being blessed, please call Sue in advance at 860.747.5451.

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.

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



OLM PHOTO DIRECTORY... Thank you to the 170 families that had their photo taken for the Parish Directory. There are still some pictures that need to be picked up in the Parish Office. All of those parishioners have been called. You can pick them up M – F, 9 – 4. The next phase for the committee is to begin organizing other photos that will be placed on the extra six pages of the directory. Keep checking the bulletin for further details.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN COLLECTION... Next week our parish will take up this collection. It helps to fund the communication of the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our archdiocese and supports local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

MERCY ME: THE CHALLENGE OF

SELF-FORGIVENESS...The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Presents: MAY 16, 6:30PM, McGivney Hall at the Basilica, 74 West Main St., Waterbury, CT, 06702. We often focus on being merciful to others but how can we also show mercy to ourselves? How do we accept God's mercy and forgive ourselves? This workshop will present an overview of the ways we can begin to embrace God's love and forgiveness through a realistic appreciation of our human dignity and goodness. This interactive program will include strategies to develop self-acceptance and opportunities for discussion. Presenter Thomas Finn, PH.D. has over 35 years experience as a Catholic psychologist and is an author of three books on God's plan for family and sexuality. Email Jason at: iccpastoraldirector@gmail.com with questions.

Courage and EnCourage Support Groups – May 2016

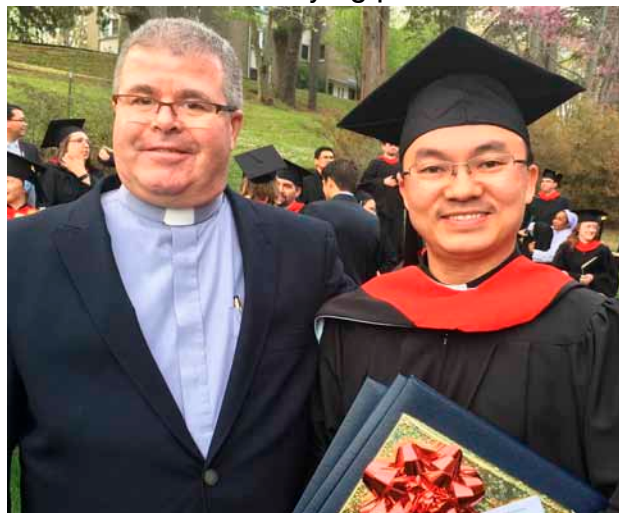
Dates...**Courage**: Thursday, May 12th and May 26th at 7 p.m., **EnCourage**: Wednesday, May 18th at 7 p.m., Courage is a Catholic support group for men and women who experience same-sex attraction and are seeking to live chaste lives in Christ. EnCourage helps the loved-ones of those who experiences same-sex attraction to grow in understanding and love, while honoring the virtue of chastity. For meeting location and additional information you can contact Fr. Robert Landback, Chaplain at 203-488-1607 X13 or aohctcourage@gmail.com.

"GOD'S MERCY AT WORK", THE VICARIATE OUTREACH PROGRAM...

This program offers an extension of the mission of the Catholic Church and its teachings. If you wish to suggest a worthy local charity for funding by this outreach program, please contact the Parish Office. In order to be efficient in this process, please be sure to include as much information on the program as possible. Not all nominations may be eligible for final selection. The final decisions are reviewed and confirmed by the Archdiocesan Vicariate Outreach Committee.

YEAR OF MERCY.....Are you searching for a way to serve others during this Year of Mercy? Once a month different groups from our Parish have been serving the clients of St. Vincent DePaul Shelter in Bristol which was founded by our late Pastor, Rev. Philip Cascia with the simple act of making sandwiches. Our Middle School Religious Education Class prepared sandwiches along with carrot sticks and cookies for the Mission last month. The Knights of Columbus will be preparing the sandwiches for June. We need parishioners who are willing to donate their time and/or sandwich supplies for July. We will make the sandwiches on Monday, July 11th. Please call Jeanne at the Parish Center for additional information.

Deacon Hung Duc Truong and Fr. John after graduation at Holy Apostles College and Seminary April 30. Dcn. Hung Received Masters of Divinity, Masters of Theology, and in addition received one of four academic excellence awards. Deacon Hung was granted the award for excellence in dogmatic theology. Great job, Deacon Hung. All that studying paid off!



PENTECOST... The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the original Pentecost. Jews from all over were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast. On that Sunday, ten days after the Ascension of the Lord, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection: And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak with diverse tongues, according as the Holy Spirit gave them to speak. [Acts 2:2-4] Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day. Pentecost will be celebrated next weekend.



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!
Acts 2.4



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Location: Lincoln Park, NJ - just 30 minutes west of NYC 2-3 person Relays: \$105 thru 6/22
Race Day Registration: Individual \$100 Relay Team: \$120
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