

May 15, 2016



# Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

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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.

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.

## **The Bible on life on other planets**

Dear Padre,

What does the Bible say about life outside our solar system?

**The simple answer** to this question is that the Bible doesn't specifically mention life on other planets. However, there are some important biblical principles that would speak to the possibility of such a discovery.

Begin with the account of creation in Genesis: "In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth..." (1:1). We believe that everything that exists was created by God. All stars, planets, minerals, plants, and animals flow from the creative activity of the Holy Trinity. If there is any type of life anywhere in the universe, it owes its existence to the God we worship. So if we discover plants, animals, or even ameba on some distant planet, we should praise our Creator for that life as we do our own.

Implicit in this question is the possibility of intelligent life, and not simply lower organisms. Are there possibly societies, technologies, or even churches on other planets? Again, the Bible does not really say. If we find intelligent life, it will not be any threat to our faith. Remember: we understand that we are created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27). If there are intelligent species out there, they in no way would challenge that unique relationship. After all, the Son of God came to the earth as one of us.

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  
May 15, 2016 – Pentecost Sunday**

<b>MONDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>May 16</b> Donald Higgins Sr. Req. Brenda Tella
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>May 17</b> Beverly King Req. M.T. & M. B.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>May 18</b> No Mass
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>May 19</b> Jack & Mary McHale Req. Family
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>May 20</b> Theresa Bagliore Req. Family
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:00AM	<b>May 21</b> Frank J. Cavaliere – Month Anniv. John L. Martin – Month Anniv.
4:00PM	Billy Furlong Req. Angelo & Jackie
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:30AM	<b>May 22 – The Most Holy Trinity</b> Parishioners
10:30AM	Carlo & Josephine Neri Req. Daughter - Carol

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Regular	\$6,211.00
Monthly	185.00
Holy Day	15.00
Catch Up	341.00
Cathedraticum	- 371.36
SSP	- 371.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,009.28</b>

**Next weekend the St. Gerard Baby Bottle Drive will take place after all of the Masses.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- MAY 16 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
- MAY 18 – 6 – 8PM – PARC - Gym
- MAY 18 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
- MAY 20 – 6 – 8PM – GIFT
- MAY 22 – 9:30 – 11:30AM - GIFT
- MAY 22 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men’s AA Meeting
- MAY 22 – 12:30 – 3PM – JOLT

**2016 ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL**...This month 3 men are being ordained to the priesthood. When you make a gift to the Appeal, you help meet the cost of priestly formation and education

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

**BLESSING OF THE CHILD IN 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.

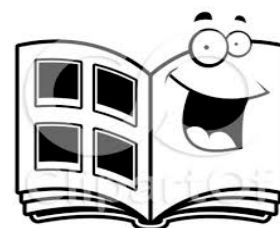
**CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL** ... Studying and Praying God’s Word for more than 20 years! The Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Biblical School offers a comprehensive Bible study from a Catholic perspective. Interested adults should contact the office at St. Thomas Seminary by August 15. Classes begin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



**"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 11<sup>th</sup>. Please call Jeanne at the Parish Center for additional information.

Currently towns are obligated to provide transportation to our **Catholic schools**. The current budget threatens this mandatory obligation of boards of education to provide safe transportation services. The budget under discussion threatens this obligation, which will result in a significant burden to our schools. It is imperative that Catholics unite and call the Governor and the Leaders of the Senate and the House in order to protect, preserve, and restore safe transportation for our Catholic schools: Daniel Malloy, Governor, 800-406-1527, Sen. Martin Looney, President Pro Tempore, 860-240-8614, Rep. Brendan Sharkey, Speaker of the House, 860-240-8541. Tell them: **"Please restore and protect mandatory, safe, and reliable transportation services for our Catholic school children. Our schools save the state \$420 million."** Thank you in advance for your significant contribution.

**St. Gerard's Center for Life** is very grateful to be welcomed into Our Lady of Mercy Church for the weekend of May 21-22, 2016. The annual baby Bottle Drive will be launched in an effort to support the mission of helping women and families in crisis pregnancies. Please take a bottle or a pledge card that will be available after all weekend Masses and will be collected the next two weekends ending the weekend of June 4-5, 2016. Thank you for your generosity!

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION ...**

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **June 10-12, 2016, in Litchfield, CT**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for those in need of financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org), or visit our website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).



**PARENTING UPSTREAM: HOW TO LIVE A FAITH-FILLED FAMILY LIFE IN THE FACE OF A "THROWAWAY CULTURE" PARENTS'**

**EVENING RETREAT... May 25, 2016, 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.** In *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis deemed our culture a "throwaway culture." It is a culture that proclaims many values that are antithetical to the Gospel values of justice and charity that we long to pass onto our children. Sometimes as parents, it is difficult to remain faithful to our core Catholic beliefs when we are being bombarded with so many other expectations and values. We find that our children are listening to our words and emulating our actions. How do we model compassion and empathy, as well as courage and integrity for our children? Join us as we explore how to live out the Christian vocation of parenthood in the midst of the messiness of raising a family. Singles welcome, evening includes dinner. *Offering: \$40 per person, \$60 per couple.* Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd., W. Hartford, 860.521.0440 or [info@holyfamilyretreat.org](mailto:info@holyfamilyretreat.org).

**Baccalaureate Mass for Catholic Home School Students...**

The 2016 Baccalaureate Mass to celebrate the graduation of 8th and 12th grade Catholic children who are schooled at home, will be held on Monday, June 6th at 7pm at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. All are invited to attend the Mass. If you have a graduate who would like to participate, please contact [CatholicHomeschoolersCT@gmail.com](mailto:CatholicHomeschoolersCT@gmail.com) by May 20.







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