

May 22, 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.

Why an annulment is needed

Dear Padre

I'm not Catholic and already divorced. Why do I need an annulment to remarry?

You need an annulment because the Church presumes that your marriage is valid. If two baptized Methodists marry before a Methodist minister, the Church presumes that the marriage is valid and sacramental. The Catholic Church recognizes Protestant baptisms in the same way. For this reason we do not rebaptize Protestant converts or remarry a couple when one or both enter the Catholic Church. The annulment process is not a "Catholic divorce"; it is an investigation of a relationship to see if at the point of the wedding, a true (valid) marriage was effected. If a marriage is valid according to Christ, it cannot be annulled. If, however, something was lacking from the very beginning, the marriage was not valid and can be annulled, freeing the parties to remarry.

For a marriage to be valid, the spouses must:

1. be free to marry and freely exchange their consent;
2. in consenting to marry, intend to be together for life, to be faithful to each other, and to be open to children;
3. intend the good of each other; and give their consent in the presence of two witnesses and before a properly authorized minister.

Through the annulment process the Church tribunal determines whether a marriage was valid. This is the same for all marriages, whether between Catholics, Christians, or nonbaptized adults.

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
May 22, 2016 – The Most Holy Trinity**

MONDAY **May 23**
8:00AM Hans & Karolina Schirmer
Req. Daughter

TUESDAY **May 24**
8:00AM Joseph Civetta
Req. Patti Reilly

WEDNESDAY **May 25**
8:00AM No Mass

THURSDAY **May 26**
8:00AM Fredrick Dulac
Req. Rita Pavano Dinneen &
Patrick Dinneen

FRIDAY **May 27**
8:00AM Eugene Millerick
Req. Family

SATURDAY **May 28**
8:00AM Pauline Laurese Rustic
4:00PM Beatrice Piergrossi
Req. Angelo & Jackie

SUNDAY **May 29 – The Most Holy Body
And Blood of Christ**
8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Joseph & Lucy Mancini
Req. Joseph & Rose Ciccio

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,589.50
Monthly	1,602.00
Holy Day	1,243.00
Catch Up	63.00
Cathedraticum	- 371.36
SSP	- 371.36
Total	\$6,672.78

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 23 – 6 – 8PM – Karate
MAY 25 – 6 – 8PM – PARC - Gym
MAY 25 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
MAY 26 – 7PM – Pastoral Council Meeting – Rm 102
MAY 29 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men’s AA Meeting

**FOOD PANTRY
COLLECTION NEXT**

WEEKEND!...Let us help our brothers and sisters in need. Any kitchen, cleaning or personal item that you use at home that is nonperishable can be donated to the food pantry. If everyone brought in one item, we would have a large offering to bring to the pantry. Thank you for your generosity in advance!!



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



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.



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.

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.



St. Gerard's Center for Life is very grateful to be welcomed to Our Lady of Mercy Church this weekend. The annual baby Bottle Drive is being 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, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.



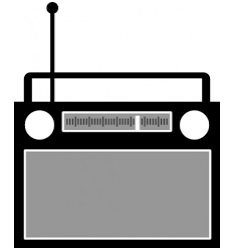
WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT...June 9 - 12, Sponsored by St. Dominic Church, Southington. Come see how Jesus Encourages, Empowers, and Equips Women on their Personal Journey of Faith. Discover God's Purpose and Peace for your life! RELAX, REFRESH, RENEW, & REVIVE. Cost \$230. Individual rooms, all meals and an awesome weekend are included! Retreat Location: Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic. For more info: Gina Raymond, Retreat Director, ginamraymond@comcast.net, 860.614.8277, Marci Puckowski, Co-Director, mpsmama@yahoo.com, 860.202.2264. Transportation to the retreat house from St. Dominic Church is provided.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Friday, 8:30AM - 5PM, St. Ann Church, Bristol. Vocation Holy Hour, Third Friday of each month, 4 - 5PM using the Archdiocese booklets.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT WJMJ...your Catholic radio station in the Archdiocese of Hartford needs volunteers to assist during our fundraising Radiothon, June 9th-13th. If you're good on the phone and familiar with basic computer data entry, we would love to have you work the phone bank for a few hours. Call (203) 758-7367 or visit WJMJ.org and click on the Volunteer button to sign up. You'll help keep this great station on the air. WJMJ - Catholic Radio, Where Faith Meets Life. We're at 88.9 FM in greater Hartford, 107.1 FM in New Haven, 93.1 in Hamden.



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Franciscan Land-based Experiences and Youth Leadership...Location: Franciscan Life Center, 271 Finch Ave., Meriden, CT 06451, Time: 9:30AM - 3:00PM. **Ages 13 & 14**, Are you looking for leadership opportunities for your teenager this summer? If so, the Center is offering a week of team building experiences, June 27 to July 1, 2016. This outdoor experience includes problem solving using a challenge ropes course, group discussion, and team building activities. Cost is \$250.00 for the week program. **Ages 8 - 12**, The Center is offering a week of land-based experiences, June 20 to 24, and July 25 to 29, 2016. These outdoor experiences include confidence and team building games, campfire bread baking, creek and stream exploration, low ropes course experiences, service projects, sports, and crafts. Cost for this program is \$175.00 for the week. Scholarships Available. Visit www.flcenter.org to register or call (203) 237-8084.



THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING IS MAY 26 IN ROOM 102 AT 7PM. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO OBSERVE..

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