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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.

Is there a way to measure our relationship with God?

Dear Padre,

If I love according to the Lord's command (Leviticus 19:18), what feelings should I experience? Is there an "emotional yardstick" for evaluating my relationship with God?

No, there is no yardstick to measure the kind of love Jesus commanded. Although honest, devout, and charitable actions can make us feel good, true love often takes real effort and forces us to forget ourselves. Experience demonstrates that loving others is sometimes easy, but it may also involve real sacrifice. The Gospel calls this unconditional love *agape*.

Agape is distinct from romantic love (*eros*) and from familial affection and friendship (*philia*), both of which expect the other to respond. Christian love is more a decision to be generous and selfless and less a good intention or positive feeling.

Jesus is the perfect illustration of *agape*. In his suffering and death, Jesus willingly endured betrayal, ridicule, rejection, and physical pain out of love for the Father and for us. At the Last Supper, knowing what would happen, he told his disciples to feel good:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you....Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid....If you loved me, you would rejoice..." (John 14:27-28). This was a difficult, perhaps impossible, challenge—even Mary experienced sorrow in her Son's life (see Luke 2:35). And so we cannot equate our emotions with God's peace, for it "surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

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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.

July 17, 2016 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

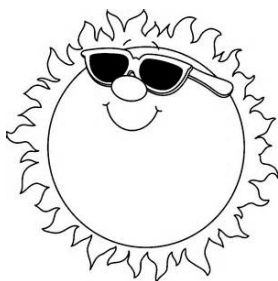
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>July 18</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>July 19</u>
8:00AM	Daniel Herman & Yvonne Masse Req. Family
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>July 20</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>July 21</u>
8:00AM	Dominic Pedrolini Req. Terry
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>July 22</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>July 23</u>
8:00AM	Samuel Perniciaro – 1 st Anniv. Joseph Przybysz – 1 st Anniv.
4:00PM	John Senaldi Req. Eleanor Edgerton
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>July 24 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Cecile & Paul Gagnon Req. Gloria & Jerry Gagnon

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Figures will be posted next week.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 18 – 6 – 8PM – Karate – Gym
JULY 20– 7PM – NA – Room 107
JULY 24 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men’s AA
Meeting – Room 107



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HAPPY SUMMER!!!**

“As always, God has a plan. But He needs your help to fulfill His plan.” Taken from Dynamic Catholic’s DECISION POINTS.

MISSION SPEAKER NEXT WEEKEND ...Rev. Cosmas Archibong will be speaking at all of the Masses next weekend and will be sharing his experience as a missionary from the Diocese of Ikot Ekpene, Nigeria. Let us welcome him.

LIVING EVERY DAY WITH PASSION & PURPOSE...

Are you thriving or just surviving? Are you ready for more energy? A deeper sense of purpose? More joy? A clearer understanding of God’s plan for your life? Join with others for Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose. It’s not your typical church event! Dynamic Catholic speaker Matthew Kelly invites you to live each day fully, enjoying all that God has to offer. God created you for more! Several parishioners attended the Passion and Purpose event last fall and came away excited about their Faith and about life. How about you? Are you looking for More? Tickets are available for the next event in CT on September 17th, through the Dynamic Catholic website: <http://dynamiccatholic.com/events/passion-and-purpose/>. You must purchase your tickets on line before the event. No tickets will be sold at the door. If you are interested in carpooling, please call the parish office and leave your name and number. Bernadette Violette is organizing names of 'drivers' and 'riders' to coordinate carpools to ease the ride. Take the step of Faith and go! It is a fun evening: good stories, good music, great speaker, and free items to bring home!

STEUBENVILLE EAST YOUTH CONFERENCE

Please pray for our parish teens and youth ministers (and 3200 others) as they participate in the **Steubenville East Youth Conference**, held this weekend at UMASS/Lowell. The conference provides a boost to the teen’s amazing faith journey with the focus on strengthening and inspiring them in their relationship with God. The weekend consists of engaging liturgies, inspiring music, challenging talks, and overwhelming joy. This year’s theme, **Thirst**, is based on Romans 5:8 and calls the participants to recognize Christ’s thirst for them as well as to reflect on their own thirst for Christ. The 'Steuby East' conference is one of 23 hosted around the US and Canada by Franciscan University of Steubenville (Ohio). Evangelistic in nature, these weekend conferences allow the participants to 'come fully into' the Gospel message while experiencing deep and moving experiences of prayer and fellowship. **Thank you** for your monetary support of our group as well as for your prayers. The attendees from OLM will be praying for you during the weekend.



CHANGE FOR CHANGE...OLM will be starting a new ministry very soon to help older teens, male and female, and women who have been abused, homeless and sold for sexual favors. We will be sponsoring two non-profit organizations that help these people receive a loving and caring atmosphere in the place they live, along with providing schooling, therapy, and job training. A large bottle will be placed in the gathering space for those who wish to deposit their pocket change into. When a substantial amount is collected, the money will be divided equally to these two non-profits. The names of these non-profits are Covenant House and LifeWay Network. Both places abide by Catholic teachings. Stay tuned for more info to come about these life-changing ministries.



Please support the Dallas Police Department at their time of mourning in the loss of several police officers, and the wounding of others, after the horrific shooting. The Chief of Police has asked for prayers and support and stated that they need our support

at this difficult time. So, let's show them tangible support in the form of cards and notes of sympathy, thanks, prayers and support. May their police department be flooded with the good wishes and prayers of their fellow American citizens!

Here is the mailing information:

David Brown, Chief of Police
Dallas Police Headquarters
1400 S. Lamar St.
Dallas, Texas 75215

SANDWICHES FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ...

Thank you to all of those parishioners who donated sandwich fixings and goodies and made 50 sandwiches, carrot sticks

and cookies to donate to the shelter. Next month the Vacation Bible School children will make and donate the sandwiches.



FEAST OF OUR PATRONESS, OUR LADY OF MERCY...Will be celebrated Saturday, September 24 with a Mass dedicated to Our Blessed Mother with a potluck to follow. **FEAST FUN FACT**... As a Church, we show our love for Mary as we honor her with feasts, memorials and solemnities throughout the liturgical year. We know Mary by many names besides Our Lady of Mercy. We call her Mother of God, Queen of Heaven, Star of the Sea, Immaculate Mary and other names. Catholics in other countries also have special names and days to honor Mary as Mother, Protector and Evangelizer. What do you know about the following Mary observances: Our Lady of La Vang (Vietnam), Our Lady of Africa, Our Lady of Manaoag (Philippines), or Our Lady Mother of Diving Providence (Puerto Rico)? Check in upcoming weekly bulletins for more information about our Patroness.

ST. GERARD'S CENTER FOR LIFE...Thank you for helping women at the most vulnerable points in their lives. Your gift of \$607 helps promote a culture of life in the greater Hartford area.

THE MASS IS THE SAME SACRIFICE AS CALVARY... The biggest mistake that many Catholics make is treating the Holy Mass as "just another church service", similar to those held by other religions. In the Mass, Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross is made present, its memory is celebrated and its saving power is applied. The Council of Trent teaches that Christ left a visible sacrifice to His Church "in which that bloody sacrifice which was once offered on the Cross should be made present, its memory preserved to the end of the world, and its salvation-bringing power applied to the forgiveness of the sins which are daily committed by us." When we attend Mass, we are mystically transported to Calvary, where we can unite ourselves with the Lord's Sacrifice to the Father!



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