

July 24, 2016



# Our Lady of Mercy

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*Parish Administrative Assistant*

## **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.

## **What to do when distractions interrupt your prayers**

Dear Padre,

For the past year or so I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

**Distractions in prayer** are an inescapable part of the human condition and the result of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer. Some of their suggestions may help. When **St. Thérèse of Lisieux** struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or Hail Mary or read from the Gospels. Praying an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of them, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. **Saint Teresa of Ávila** wrote in *The Interior Castle*, "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them....[Thoughts are] inevitable. Do not let them disturb or grieve you." No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful; rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

**Saint Alphonsus**, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. Hang in there, he says, because the devil would like nothing better than for you to stop praying.

FR. DANIEL L. LOWERY, 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.*

July 24, 2016 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>July 25</u>
8:00AM	Elizabeth Knorr
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>July 26</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>July 27</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>July 28</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>July 29</u>
8:00AM	James Tella – 17 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Req. Brenda
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>July 30</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
4:00PM	Anthony Madigan Req. Wife
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>July 31 – Eighteenth Sunday</u> <u>in Ordinary Time</u>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	William “Bernie” Peters Req. Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,398.00
Monthly	2,010.00
Cathedraticum	- 352.44
SSP	- 352.44
Total	\$5,703.12

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JULY 25 – 6 – 8PM – Karate – Gym
- JULY 27 – 6 – 8PM – PARC – BB - Gym
- JULY 27– 7PM – NA – Room 107
- JULY 31 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men’s AA Meeting – Room 107
- JULY 31 – 2PM – Rosary in the church

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) INFORMATION

SESSION...NFP is an umbrella term for modern, healthy, scientifically accurate, natural, and reliable methods of family planning. An introductory NFP session will be held on **Saturday August 20, 2016**, 10:00-12:00 Noon at St. Joseph Church, 149 Goodwin St., Bristol, CT 06010. Open to anyone interested in understanding more about NFP. Free. Registration required. Call Office of Family Life (860) 242-5573 Ext. 2683 or email [Martha.Pezo-Marin@AOHCT.org](mailto:Martha.Pezo-Marin@AOHCT.org)



**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!



**IKOT EKPENE DIOCESE**...is a small diocese in the South East of Nigeria, Akwa Ibom State. This Mission Appeal is meant to help the Bishop in the training of Seminarians and Aspirants for the priesthood and Religious life. It will also help in building a Retreat Center for priests and Religious, which will also serve as a retirement place for the retired priests of the diocese. Other needs include making provisions for the abandoned children whose parents cannot afford to care for them, and the teenage girls who may be contemplating abortion due to lack of support. Many of these children have lost parents to HIV or other deadly diseases and may be sick themselves; and having been ashamed to identify with God and Church, have taken to prostitution, drugs and alcohol abuse, thereby being drawn into other criminal activities for survival. We believe that it is a positive ministry to reach out to these children and offer them an alternative way of life than what they are living now. It is our hope that with your help, the Bishop will be able to offer them medical care and educational opportunities as well as accomplishing other missions in the diocese.

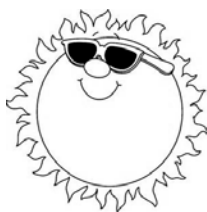
**LOURDES IN A DAY  
PILGRIMAGE** ...On

Saturday, September 10, 2016 the Order of Malta will hold the third annual "Lourdes in a Day Pilgrimage" at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT. ([www.stseminary.org/directions.html](http://www.stseminary.org/directions.html)).



Known for their charism of defense of the Catholic faith and service to the sick and the poor, the Order of Malta conducts this one-day pilgrimage to allow those unable to make the trip to Lourdes, France to experience the joy, grace and healing promised by Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858, Our Lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, a poor peasant girl, and revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception. Her instructions were to drink and bathe in the waters of the stream, which now holds the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes and the baths that are infamous there. She also asked for prayers to build a chapel - all done at the site of the apparition. Mass and candlelight processions are a daily celebration in this small town tucked in the Pyrenees Mountains. You will experience many of these healing ministries as well as hear inspirational reflections during this spiritual journey. The day begins at 9:30AM with reconciliation; Mass with Archbishop Leonard P. Blair at 10AM, lunch at noon and workshops for the sick and their caretakers afterwards. The day will conclude at 4:30PM. There is NO cost. Please register with Mark Sullivan at: 860-523-1405 or [sllvnchrth@yahoo.com](mailto:sllvnchrth@yahoo.com) by Monday, August 15.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO GIVE YOUR DONATIONS TO OLM BEFORE OR AFTER VACATION! WE STILL NEED TO PAY OUR BILLS WHILE YOU ARE GONE. THANK YOU!!! HAPPY SUMMER!!!



**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** ... are again hosting the Fifth Sunday Rosary at Our Lady of Mercy on July 31 in the Church at 2:00 PM. This is for all people to attend and we will ask some of you to lead a decade of the Rosary. If you're concerned about our world today, then turn to Our Lady for help and answers. History is replete with Miracles attributed to Her Intercession. Please join us in communal prayer.

**Stewards for Tomorrow - Pastoral Planning**

**Update**...The **first** round of pastoral planning meetings among priests in the seventeen deaneries of the Archdiocese is complete. The outcomes from these meetings are **draft** recommendations for restructuring each deanery through a comprehensive design of our parishes and schools. Priests also took time to assess the strengths and weaknesses of their recommendations in preparation for sharing their results with select members of their respective congregations. Pastors have been asked to choose 4-6 people from their parish to provide input and consultation in this phase as we move forward.

Those chosen met in a large-group session with other parish representatives from the deanery to review the draft recommendations and then determine what they feel are the strengths & benefits of the initial plan, as well as the weaknesses & concerns that they see. All of this information from the priests and parishioners will then be synthesized and developed into a **FIRST DRAFT MODEL** for Parishes and Schools of the Archdiocese, for review by the Office for Pastoral Planning. Subsequently, priests and parishioners will continue to consult, meet, review and refine restructuring recommendations throughout the remainder of 2016. Please be assured that whatever rumors you might have heard, **NO DECISIONS REGARDING PARISH AND SCHOOL COMPREHENSIVE DESIGN (OPENINGS, CLOSINGS, MERGINGS OR NEW CONSTRUCTION) HAVE BEEN MADE, NOR WILL BE MADE, UNTIL AFTER MANY ROUNDS AND LEVELS OF CONSULTATION AND INDEED NOT BEFORE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER OF 2017 AT THE VERY EARLIEST.** Please consult the Office of Pastoral Planning page on our Archdiocesan website: <http://archdioceseofhartford.org/office-of-pastoral-planning/>, for on-going "Stewards for Tomorrow" pastoral planning progress.



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