

July 31, 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.

## **Making restitution**

Dear Padre,

My wife and I belonged to an evangelical fellowship and sent our children to their Christian day school. Our tuition discount required that we tithe, but we never did. When we returned to the Catholic Church and I confessed this sin, I was told to make restitution. I don't remember the tuition rates or our income at the time. I want to do this penance but not be legalistic about it.

**The Seventh Commandment** — You shall not steal — “requires respect for the universal destination of goods and respect for the right to private property” (Exodus 20:15; CCC 2401). The virtue of justice empowers us “to preserve our neighbor’s rights and render him what is his due,” including “the restitution of stolen goods to their owner...in proportion to their responsibility and to their share of what was stolen” (CCC 2407, 2412).

I'm glad you are restoring any injustice you were responsible for. Catholic moral teaching requires that we be as exact as possible in making restitution but also recognizes that determining an exact amount is sometimes impossible. In these cases, we should simply make the best estimate we can, return that amount, and be at peace. Your willingness and desire to be generous are praiseworthy. Like Zacchaeus, the tax collector who made restitution upon encountering Jesus, I'm sure the Lord will be pleased with your effort (Luke 19:1–10).

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 31, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary

### Time

<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>August 1</u></b>
8:00AM	Jennie Hardy Req. John & Deb Hardy
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>August 2</u></b>
8:00AM	Ruth Healey Req. Gino Cianchetti
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>August 3</u></b>
8:00AM	No Mass
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	<b><u>August 4</u></b>
8:00AM	Theresa Bagliore Req. Family
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	<b><u>August 5</u></b>
8:00AM	Rosalie Rouillard Req. John & Deb Hardy
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>August 6</u></b>
8:00AM	Renaldo Harvey – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. Paul Martel – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.
4:00PM	Pam Nightingale Req. Staff of OLM
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>August 7 – Nineteenth Sunday</u></b> <b><u>in Ordinary Time</u></b>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Chris Dziura Req. Family

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,270.50
Monthly	60.00
Catch Up	155.00
Cathedraticum	- 246.70
SSP	- 246.70
Total	\$3,992.10

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 3– 7PM – NA – Room 107

AUGUST 7 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men's AA Meeting – Room 107

### **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!

**FEAST FUN FACTS**...A brief look at how Mary is celebrated in Vietnam and Africa. **OUR LADY OF LA VANG**... Fearing the spread of Catholicism, the Emperor in Vietnam restricted the practice of Catholicism in the country in 1798. Soon thereafter, Catholic persecution ensued. Many people sought refuge in the rain forest of La Vang resulting in illness. While hiding in the jungle, the community gathered every night at the foot of a tree to pray the rosary. One night, an apparition surprised them. In the branches of the tree a lady appeared, wearing the traditional Vietnamese dress and holding a child in her arms, with two angels beside her. The people present interpreted the vision as the Virgin Mary and the infant Jesus. They said that Our Lady promised to watch over them as a mother would and told them to boil leaves from the trees for medicine to cure their illness. Legend states that the term "La Vang" was a derivative of the Vietnamese word meaning "crying out." In 1802 the Christians returned to their villages, passing on the story of the apparition in La Vang and its message. As the story of the apparitions spread, many came to pray at this site and to offer incense and a chapel was built. From 1830-1885 another wave of persecutions decimated the Christian population, during the height of which the chapel in honor of Our Lady of La Vang was destroyed. In 1886, construction of a new chapel began. Following its completion, Bishop Gaspar consecrated the chapel in honor of Our Lady of Help of Christians in 1901. The church of La Vang was named a national shrine in 1959 and a Basilica in 1961. The Vietnamese people continue to honor Mary as they pray for peace and healing.

**OUR LADY OF AFRICA**  
...In Africa, Mary is looked upon as an evangelizer, a refuge, a protector, but most of all, as a mother. The Basilica of Our Lady of Africa, built in 1872, stands on a cliff overlooking the bay

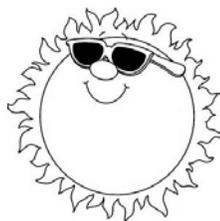


of Algiers. At the Basilica of Our Lady of Africa, Catholics and Muslims alike pray before the bronze statue of Our Lady of Africa. Behind the altar at the Basilica is the prayer, "Our Lady of Africa, pray for us and the Muslims." The features on the images of our Lady of Africa are as varied as the people of the continent. The church custodians say many Muslim visitors ask about Mary, the Bible, and why the four Gospels. They spend time looking at decorations, the Stations of the Cross, and frescoes of the life of Saint Augustine who is Christianity's first and most famous Algerian. Below the frescoes runs a phrase from St. Augustine in Arabic, French and Cabila: "Brotherly love comes from God and is God."

**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.

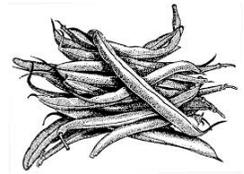


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**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

**NEXT WEEKEND!!** Please be as generous as possible. You may also donate any produce from your gardens. The kids are still home and eating like crazy to fuel their energetic bodies! We thank you for your joyful spirit of giving!



**AN INVITATION**

...Jesus calls us friends. How do you define friend? A Facebook like? A neighbor? A longtime associate? Anyone who isn't an enemy? We have various 'definitions' of friend. A 'true' friend is one with whom we can share our hurts, our desires, our successes and failures. We only do that when we know the friend well. Come, get to know Jesus well. The theme of the upcoming GIFT season is ***I AM changes who I am***. GIFT hosts monthly intergenerational faith formation events, open to all (5 years and up) that consist of presentations, videos, discussion, music, and more. We will be exploring the ***7 'I AM' Statements of Jesus*** to help us to know Jesus better. For over nine years, adults, as well as families, have been enjoying GIFT events. Is this the year you will join others in the parish? More info to follow. Registration will be held the weekend of August 20/21.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY OPPORTUNITIES...**

We are looking for volunteers to help make the celebration of our Parish Feast Day on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> successful. Many hands make light work. The following is a list of opportunities for your consideration:



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 6:30PM (GYM)**

You will be joining our first year confirmation students in setting up the gym for our parish pot luck supper. This is a wonderful opportunity for all parishioners to work with some of our parish teens for the good of our parish celebration.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 3 - 3:45PM (GYM)**

Accepting food items for our parish potluck supper and locking up the gym at 3:45PM.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 7:30PM (GYM)**

Immediately following our parish pot luck supper you will be joining with our second year confirmation students to clean up our gym. This is another wonderful opportunity for all parishioners to work together for the common good of the parish. PLEASE CALL JEANNE AT OUR PARISH CENTER TO VOLUNTEER AT 860.747.6825. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR MAKING THE CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY POSSIBLE.



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