

August 14, 2016



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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.

The Gospel rises above crass political posturing

Dear Padre,

Who says the Church isn't political? Don't they endorse bills and candidates all the time?

I'm not sure that anyone has ever claimed that the Church is not political. As long as there are moral implications to political decisions, the Church will always give guidance to voters and politicians. I believe that the quality the Church is looking for is to be non-partisan. We cannot wed ourselves to party platforms or individual candidates. The Gospel rises above crass political posturing. Whenever the Gospel supports or corrects the politics of the day, we must be faithful to the teachings of Jesus and call all in power to account.

In fact it is supremely sad that some moral issues are even politically controversial. When the Church speaks up for the unborn or the poor, when we try to protect the environment or the freedom of religion, it is tragic that there is any political opposition at all.

The Church is a prophetic voice to our society and has been historically in many societies. The goal of influencing elections and supporting candidates is far too small for the disciples of Christ. Our hopes are to evangelize voters, leaders, and all people in Gospel values. As a priest I am not allowed to endorse candidates from the pulpit, but I am required by the Church to faithfully preach our values, even if they are political or unpopular.

FR. MATTHEW BONK, 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.

August 14, 2016, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>August 15</u>
8:00AM	Jo Calistro Req. Ann Ruane
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>August 16</u>
8:00AM	Yvette LaChance Req. Monique Beaulieu
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>August 17</u>
8:00AM	No Mass
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>August 18</u>
8:00AM	Jo Calistro Req. Dom Jr., Joanne, Jo
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>August 19</u>
8:00AM	Joseph Truskowski Req. Kathleen Lozaw
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>August 20</u>
8:00AM	Joseph Przybysz – 1 st Anniv.
4:00PM	John Mayock Req. The Taylor Family
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>August 21 – Twenty-First</u>
	<u>Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Patricia B. Shine Req. Matthew F. Shine

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$3,574.00
Catch Up	5.00
Cathedraticum	- 196.84
SSP	- 196.84
Total	\$3,185.32

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- AUGUST 15 – 6 – 8PM - Karate
- AUGUST 17 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
- AUGUST 21 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men’s AA Meeting – Room 107



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!!!

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED AS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR. MASS WILL BE HELD AT 8AM.

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 **still** 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!

IT IS OLM TAG SALE TIME AGAIN!... it will be held on September 16 & 17 from 9AM – 3PM. Please bring your unwanted treasures to the garage behind the Rectory starting this Monday, August 15. Please do not donate TVs, Magazines or Computers. Please absolutely NO furniture of any kind until Monday, September 12! Those items can be brought directly to the Parish Center.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS...Our Faith Formation Programs are in need of the following items. Items can be left in the Gathering Room marked Faith Formation or brought to the Parish Center. Thank you in advance for your **continued** support... Cold drink cups; 5 oz and 9 oz, Hot drink cups, Heavy-duty paper plates, Paper towels, Plastic forks, Small dessert plates, Poster board-white or color, Markers, Coffee regular and decaf, Large disposable foil pans, Foam or paper cereal bowls, Ziploc bags-gallon and quart size, Aluminum foil, Glue Sticks, and Velcro.



RED SOX OR YANKEE FAN?...The Life Long Faith Committee would like to engage the entire parish to see which team's fans can collect the most brand new men's and women's underwear and socks for the St. Vincent DePaul Mission in Bristol. Fr. John, an avid Yankee fan as most of you know, promises **ONE MORE TIME** this year to wear the jersey of whatever team wins, no matter who that might be, to the Parish Picnic on September 11. Two boxes labeled Red Sox and Yankees are in the Gathering Room. Place your items in the box of your choice by **Sunday, September 4.** What jersey would you like to see Fr. John wear? We hear he is counting on his fellow Yankee fans to help him out this year. Last year he was seen wearing a Red Sox shirt much to his chagrin. Location for the picnic will be at Norton Park under the blue pavilion beginning at Noon.



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 24th 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.

OLM BLOOD DRIVE...will be

held at the Parish Center on Friday, September 2 from 10AM to 3PM. To make an appointment to donate blood, please call 1.800.733.2767 or log onto www.redcrossblood.org. It takes approximately one hour to go through the process of donating blood. If you wish to speed the process up, you may go on the website and click on Rapid Pass. This procedure must be done the same day that you are attending the blood drive. If you are able, please consider taking the time to donate and help save a life.



A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words...

How many times have you heard that phrase? And, can't the opposite be true, as well? Think back to a good storyteller's tale; our mind allows us to be right in the scene as he paints the story.

We get to 'know' the characters. Jesus didn't use a paintbrush; through words, He created beautiful pictures that explain who He is and how much He loves us. How many titles of Jesus can you name? The Good Shepherd, the Vine, the Way, the Resurrection, and many more are words that Jesus used to 'paint a picture' of himself for us. We can carry those pictures in our mind and heart. When we need to be led, we can look to Jesus; when we need strength, we can look to Jesus; when we have gone astray, we can look to Jesus. 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 consists of presentations, videos, discussion, music, and more. We will be exploring the **7 'I AM' Statements that Jesus used to 'paint' his picture** to help us to know Him 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? **GIFT is open to singles, adults, teens, families, couples, everyone!** Registration will be held the weekend of **August 20/21** after all the Masses.

DIVORCE AND

BEYOND...Support Group Fall

Session, Our Lady of Loreto Church Hall, 12 Ardsley Rd., Waterbury, 9.28 to 11.30.2016, Wednesday, 6:30 – 8PM. Register by contacting Barbara Carrington-Lawlor at 203.910.1561. For more info: www.ourladyofloretowwtby.org. Registration deadline is 9.21.2016. All inquiries are confidential.



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 n. at St. Joseph Church, 149 Goodwin St. Bristol, CT. 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.



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