

August 28, 2016



# Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

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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.

## **May parishioners applaud at any point during Mass?**

Dear Padre,

Is it appropriate for parishioners to applaud at Mass or after the closing hymn?

**Applause may not seem to fit** the solemnness of the liturgy, but there are times when it is fitting to applaud in church. I believe it is acceptable if our intention is to express approval, joy, and praise to God.

Music is a good place to begin. Liturgical music evokes prayer and adoration, helping us feel God's presence and love. Its power or grandeur may lead us to applaud. Some choirs may take this response as directed toward their individual performance. However, God does speak through other people, and a parish's music ministry can convey a message people need to hear.

Think of a wedding ceremony. I bet you celebrated the spouses' introduction or first kiss with a resounding clap or cheer. Your response lifts up the new couple and shows your gratitude to God for making their love holy.

Similarly, in an ordination the people present a candidate to the bishop. When the bishop agrees, they are required to give a sign of approval, such as applause. Like before, the applause shows our thanks to God for this new priest and our commitment to support and pray for him.

Christians express praise and thanks to God in many ways: song, praying in tongues, even applause. As part of our liturgy, it can be an acceptable way to express a joy beyond words.

FR. JOHN SCHMIDT, CSsR  
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

## **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.*

**August 28, 2016, Twenty-Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

<b><u>MONDAY</u></b> 8:00AM	<b><u>August 29</u></b> Mariann Stifel Req. Dahlstrom Family
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b> 8:00AM	<b><u>August 30</u></b> George Kelsey & Veronica Foley Req. Family
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b> 8:00AM	<b><u>August 31</u></b> No Mass
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b> 8:00AM	<b><u>September 1</u></b> James Wishart Req. Mom & Dad
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b> 8:00AM	<b><u>September 2</u></b> Dom Forcella – 18 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Req. Dom Jr., Joanne & Jo
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b> 8:00AM 4:00PM	<b><u>September 3</u></b> Jean Kong – Month Anniv. Lucia D'Onofrio Req. Son – Domenick & Family
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b> 8:30AM 10:30AM	<b><u>September 4 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b> Parishioners Carmelo & Florence Ciccio Req. Joseph & Rose Ciccio

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Regular	\$4,543.00
Monthly	1,620.00
Holy Day	181.00
Catch Up	98.00
Cathedraticum	- 354.31
SSP	- 354.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,733.38</b>

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

AUGUST 29 – 6 – 8PM – Karate  
 AUGUST 31 – 6 – 8PM – PARC – BB - Gym  
 AUGUST 31 – 7PM – NA – Room 107  
 SEPTEMBER 2 – 10AM – 3PM – Blood Drive - Gym  
 SEPTEMBER 4 – 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!!!**

**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION..is next weekend. Any nonperishable food, hygiene, and cleaning products are welcomed along with fresh produce from your gardens!**

**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. 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.**



**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.ourladyofloretowwby.org](http://www.ourladyofloretowwby.org).  
Registration deadline is 9.21.2016. All inquiries are confidential.**

**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.**



**This is the last week for donations.** 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! Yankee fans..where are you? 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. A food sign-up sheet will be available after all of the Masses next weekend. Please sign up to bring your favorite side dish or dessert.

### 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.

FOOD FOR OUR FEAST...If your LAST NAME BEGINS WITH: A – L, please bring a main dish, M – S, please bring a side dish, T – Z, please bring a desert. An insert will be placed in the bulletin to offer suggestions of what to bring. Each food dish should serve 8 or more people. For ease of cleanup and return, please use a foil pan, if at all possible, and bring a serving spoon or fork labeled with your name. Thank you!

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](http://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.



"Every thought or feeling is a valid entry into prayer. What's important is that we pray what's inside of us and not what we think God would like to see inside of us." Ronald Rolheiser, Taken from *Prayer: Our Deepest Longing*

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!... Last weekend registration began for the upcoming season of GIFT. 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!** For more information and registration, call the Parish Office at 860.747.6825. Come, Open the GIFT!

"NEW DAY" BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM... Living through grief is not easy and it does not have to be done alone. St. Bridget's Church, Manchester, offers "**New Day**" which is a nine-week program for those who wish to do grief work with others having the same experience. This program provides a sense of community where support is given and received, and one feels at ease knowing that those attending have also had the pain of loss. "**New Day**" is led by trained facilitators and includes prayer, discussion and journaling. This is a faith-based program and all are welcome. We are looking forward to holding our next session on Tuesday evenings beginning **September 20, 2016**, from 6:30 – 8:00PM in the St. Bridget Parish Office, 80 Main St., Manchester. For further information or to register for the program, please call Mary at 860-646-3848.

FOUR O'CLOCK FLOWERS...At our closing GIFT event last year, we were reminded of our partnership with the Holy Spirit as we build the kingdom of God. Those who attended each planted a four o'clock seed with instructions on growing the plant. The seeds were purchased through, and to support, the Petit Family Foundation. Those who have plants that are blooming this summer are reminded to harvest and store seeds in a paper bag (not plastic) so that seeds can dry. You are asked to send the dry, harvested seeds to the Foundation, who will pack them for next year's program. Every 25 seeds returned can mean \$10 in additional support for the Foundation. A great way to pay it forward!! Here is information to return seeds/contact the Foundation:

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