

September 11, 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.

An "acting" godparent

Dear Padre,

Is it possible to replace a godfather? Since my daughter's baptism, my brother-in-law has divorced his wife and abandoned his children. I no longer want to associate with him.

I can understand your feelings toward your brother-in-law, given his behavior toward his own family. However, at the time of your daughter's baptism, he was accepted as her godfather and his name was placed in the official baptismal register. I don't see how that official document could be changed.

Although this loss may seem significant, it's important to remember that your daughter—and you—are not alone. She seems to have two parents, a godmother, a pastor and parish, and other adults and mentors who will walk with her and assist you as she grows in faith: "For the grace of Baptism to unfold, the parents' help is important. So too is the role of the *godfather* and *godmother*....The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at Baptism" (CCC 1255).

What I have recommended in similar situations is that you now choose and ask a person whom you know and trust to be your daughter's "acting" godfather." As your daughter gets older you could explain to her that this person really cares about her and will be like a godfather to her. I think this might be a good family solution.

Fr. Daniel L. Lowery, CSSR
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

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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.

**September 11, 2016, Twenty- Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

MONDAY **September 12**
8:00AM Norbert Poulin
 Req. Wife & Children

TUESDAY **September 13**
8:00AM Rocky Maglio
 Req. Family

WEDNESDAY **September 14**
8:00AM *No Mass*

THURSDAY **September 15**
8:00AM James & Lena Parente
 Req. Mary Ann & Peter Giola

FRIDAY **September 16**
8:00AM Muriel Perniciaro
 Req. Family

SATURDAY **September 17**
8:00AM Elsie Tardiff – Month Anniv.
 Evelyn DiMauro – 1st. Anniv.
4:00PM Sheila Mancini
 Req. Joseph & Rose Ciccio

SUNDAY **September 18 – Twenty- Fifth
Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Helen & Salvatore Castiola and
 Helen & Charles Boukus
 Req. Castiola & Boukus
 Families

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$3,950.50
Monthly	20.00
Holy Day	36.00
Catch Up	300.00
Cathedraticum	- 236.85
SSP	- 236.85
Total	\$3,832.80

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

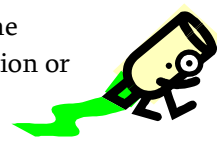
SEPTEMBER 12 - 15 – Tag Sale Set Up
 SEPTEMBER 14 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class
 SEPTEMBER 14 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children
 Sacrament Preperation
 SEPTEMBER 14 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
 SEPTEMBER 15 - 4 – 5PM – Eucharistic Class
 SEPTEMBER 15 – 5PM – St. Anthony’s Potluck
 Supper – Room 106
 SEPTEMBER 16 – 9AM – 3PM – Tag Sale
 SEPTEMBER 17 – 9AM – 3PM– Tag Sale
 SEPTEMBER 18 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men’s AA
 Meeting – Room 107

***TODAY IS THE PARISH PICNIC
 AT NORTON PARK FROM
 NOON TO 4PM. ALL ARE
 WELCOME! PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH.***



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS...Our Faith

Formation Programs are *STILL* in need of the following items. They 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.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY OPPORTUNITIES...

Our Feast Day is quickly approaching! We are *STILL* in need of volunteers to help make the Celebration Day on Saturday, September 24th successful. There’s a task for everyone! 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.

WHY DO CATHOLICS PRAY FOR THE DEAD?...

The prayers express hope that God will free the person who has died from any burden of sin and prepare a place for him or her in heaven. Death remains a mystery for us—a great unknown. Yet Christian language evokes a hopeful imagination in the presence of death, an assurance that our love, linked to Christ’s love, can help bridge whatever barriers might keep those whom we love from fully enjoying the presence of a loving and life-giving God. By Fr. Joe Scott, CSP

FOOD FOR OUR FEAST... Please see the insert with a detailed list of ideas!



THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

WEEKEND... is for all who are divorced, widowed or separated men and women of all ages. There is a special heartache in finding oneself alone again. This weekend is designed for those who wish to resolve the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future. It will be held September 30 to October 2 at the Archdiocesan Conference Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. The weekend begins Friday evening and continues through Sunday afternoon, concluding with Mass. The fee is \$235/person, which includes the program and materials, all meals on Saturday and Sunday and two night' stay, as well as a follow-up event. For more information and an application for yourself or a friend, please call Victoria at 860.993.7866. For more info, go to www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut. Beginning Experience is endorsed by the Archdiocesan Family Life Office.



SCRAPBOOK AND PAPER

CRAFTERS... The Blessed Sacrament DIVAS Ladies Group is holding a Scrapbook Event on Saturday, September 17, from 10AM to 8PM. Each crafter will get a full 5

½ feet of space to create to their hearts content! Crafters can sign up for the full day or half day from 10AM to 3PM or 3PM to 8PM. Continental breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided to all full day attendees plus meal options for half day attendees. Vendors from Stampin' Up!, Creative Memories, Close to My Heart, 31, and Stella & Dot will be on site. Cost is \$40 for the full day and \$25 for half day. The event will be held in the Blessed Sacrament School Gym located at 386 Robinwood Road in Waterbury, CT. For more information or to register, call Linda at 203.768.9734 or Carole at 203.754.7868 or email BSCDIVAS@yahoo.com.

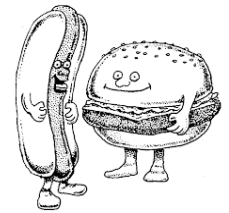
IT'S NOT TOO LATE!... to register for the upcoming season of GIFT. The theme is ***I AM changes who I am.*** We will be exploring the ***7 'I AM' Statements that Jesus used to 'paint' his picture*** to help us to know Him better. **GIFT is open to singles, adults, teens, families, couples, everyone!** For more information and registration, call the Parish Office at 860.747.6825. Come, Open the GIFT!



FEAST FUN FACTS... When you hear the word "icon" do you think of a symbol on your computer screen that we click on to open up a program or file? What do you know about Religious icons? The word "icon" means image and the story of icons in the Christian Church is a story of learning to gaze into the mystery of God. Our Catholic tradition has encouraged artists to use their gifts to praise God yet icons are not vehicles of an artist's personal expression. Rather, icons are unique forms of sacred art that conveys a symbolic presentation of the holy person that is depicted. When an iconographer creates an icon, it is called icon "writing" rather than "painting." Did you know that the specific icon of Our Lady in our Church is a version of the "Mother of God Umilyenie," a Russian word translating into English as mercy, compassion, tenderness or loving kindness? It was "written" by the hand of Marek Czarnecki in 1996. He did not set out to become an icon writer, the son of Polish immigrants and a graduate of New York's prestigious school of Visual Arts. He was working in Manhattan when his father had "volunteered" his son to write an icon of the patron of Poland - Our Lady of Czestochowa or the Black Madonna in the year 1991. He said, "I don't want this to sound presumptuous, but I think the Holy Spirit working through my pastor and father brought me to this work." Czarnecki ditched Manhattan and returned to Bristol, CT. Many consider him the premier iconographer in the United States.



JOLT KICK OFF!...WE ARE KICKING OFF THE YEAR WITH A PICNIC! FREE HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, SALADS, DRINKS + DESSERTS. WATER BALLOON SLINGSHOTS! GIANT PICK-UP STICKS GAME! SCAVENGER HUNT! NORTON PARK, **TODAY, 12:30 - 2:00PM.** OPEN TO ALL AREA TEENS 13 - 18. CALENDARS OF UPCOMING EVENTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED. NEXT DATE: 9/24. CAN'T MAKE IT OR NEED MORE INFO? CALL SUE AT 860.747.5451.



IT IS OLM TAG SALE TIME THIS WEEK!... on September 16

& 17 from 9AM - 3PM. Please bring your furniture directly to the Parish Center. Please do not donate TVs, Magazines or Computers. Many hands make light work. If you are available Monday morning at 9AM, please help move the tag sale items from the garage to the Parish Center. Pick-up trucks are ***MOST*** welcome!





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