

September 25, 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.

## Do we have to tithe?

Dear Padre,

Do Catholics believe in tithing? Aren't we supposed to be charitable and support the Church?

The word "tithing" is not used very much in Catholic communities. We usually prefer to talk about stewardship or charitable donations. In Old Testament Law, God asked for ten percent of crops, livestock, or other earnings to be offered to God before we use the other ninety percent on ourselves. That portion was usually offered to the Temple priests or later in the synagogues. God wanted the people to support the religious workers and to show that their first priority is God. Some churches still preach that a literal ten percent is expected from Christians today.

In looking at Jesus, it appears that he expects even more. He tells the rich man to sell all that he has and to give it to the poor (Matthew 19:16-22). He also praises the widow who put "her whole livelihood" into the collection (Mark 12:44; Luke 21:4). The early Church held all of their belongings in common (Acts 4:32-35). The Christian standard is that we belong to Christ, and so does everything we own. Jesus does not ask everyone to embrace poverty, but he commands all of us to share our gifts freely and to love people more than money. We are called to be generous to the Church, to our families and communities, and especially to the needy. Generosity doesn't count percentages.

Fr. Matthew Bonk, 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.*

**September 25, 2016, Twenty- Sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**MONDAY**      **September 26**  
**8:00AM**      **Mary Kazokas & Pauline**  
                  **Raynock**  
                  **Req. Joe, Marie & Ashley**  
                  **Raynock**

**TUESDAY**      **September 27**  
**8:00AM**      **Elizabeth Deshaies**  
                  **Req. Sandra & Bob**

**WEDNESDAY**      **September 28**  
**8:00AM**      **No Mass**

**THURSDAY**      **September 29**  
**8:00AM**      **Elizabeth Deshaies**  
                  **Req. Simone & George**  
                  **Bouchard**

**FRIDAY**      **September 30**  
**8:00AM**      **Renauld Albert**  
                  **Req. Levesque Family**

**SATURDAY**      **October 1**  
**8:00AM**      **Nancy Fournier – 1<sup>st</sup>. Anniv.**  
**4:00PM**      **Arthur Knorr**  
                  **Req. Bryan**

**SUNDAY**      **October 2 – Twenty- Seventh**  
                  **Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**8:30AM**      **Parishioners**  
**10:30AM**      **Chris Dziura**  
                  **Req. Family**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Regular	\$4,241.50
Monthly	1,817.00
Catch Up	12.00
Cathedraticum	- 333.87
SSP	- 333.87
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,402.76</b>

**“GOING TO HEAVEN”**...A priest walked into a pub, indignant to find so many of his parishioners there. He rounded them up and shepherded them into the church. Then he solemnly said, "All those who want to go to Heaven, step over here to the left." Everyone stepped over except one man, who stubbornly stood his ground. The priest looked at him fiercely and said, "Don't you want to go to Heaven?" "No," said the man. "Do you mean to stand there and tell me you don't want to go to heaven when you die?" "Of course I want to go to Heaven when I die. I thought you were going now!"

***THE COLLECTION FOR THE PLAINVILLE FOOD PANTRY IS NEXT WEEKEND!***

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

SEPTEMBER 26 – 6 – 8PM – Karate - Gym  
 SEPTEMBER 27 – 6:30PM – Christmas Boutique Meeting - Room 106  
 SEPTEMBER 28 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class  
 SEPTEMBER 28 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Sacrament Preparation  
 SEPTEMBER 28 – 7PM – NA – Room 107  
 SEPTEMBER 29 - 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium  
 SEPTEMBER 29 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharistic Class  
 SEPTEMBER 29 – 6 - 8PM – PARC – Gym  
 SEPTEMBER 29 – 7PM – Pastoral Council Meeting – Room 102  
 OCTOBER 1 – 9 – 11AM – JOLT Bottle Drive – Parish Center, 11AM – 2PM – Lunch & Fun  
 OCTOBER 1 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – Relig. Ed. Classes K, 1, 4, 5  
 OCTOBER 1 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharistic Class  
 OCTOBER 2 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men’s AA Meeting – Room 107

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS HAVE BEEN UPDATED!**...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, 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, and Velcro.



**WELCOME DEACON JOSEPH DUY VAN TRAN!**...He was born on July

16, 1982, and is the oldest son in his family with two younger brothers and two younger sisters. He belongs to the diocese of Thanh Hoa, Vietnam and attended Holy Apostles Seminary starting on August 22, 2011. He was ordained a Deacon on July 2, 2016, at Our Lady of Lavang Church in Houston, Texas in which Fr. John concelebrated at the ordination Mass. We welcome Deacon Joseph as our new Weekend Deacon!

**RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE**...SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 9AM – 3PM, HOLY ANGELS PARISH CENTER, 585 MAIN ST., MERIDEN, CT. REGISTRATION \$25 PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES HOSPITALITY AND LUNCH. TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL 203.235.3822, EXT. 402.

**YOUTH GROUP BOTTLE SHED...** Thank you to everyone who has been donating their empty redeemable cans and bottles in our Youth Group Shed which is located in the rear of our Parish Center. Our next bottle drive will be held next Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to a recent theft of items from the shed, we needed to put a lock on the drop-in window. The window will be opened at 8AM and locked at 7PM. If the window is locked when you arrive, please bring items to Jeanne's Office if the Parish Center is open, or leave them by the shed and we will place them inside. Thank you for your understanding.

**ST. GREGORY PARISH RAFFLE...** TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER ALL THE MASSES ON OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup>. THEY ARE \$5 EACH WITH THE LARGEST PRIZE BEING \$3,500 IN CASH. THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD 11/27/2016.

**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 Jeanne at the Parish Office at 860.747.6825. Come, Open the GIFT!

**CT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE...** Will be held Saturday, October 22, 2016, at Goodwin College, East Hartford. Tickets are \$40, includes a box lunch. Purchase tickets online or at the door. Doors open 8AM. Vigil Mass at 4PM. For more info and registration:

[www.ctcatholicmen.org](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org)

**"THERESE: THE STORY OF A SOUL"**... will be presented at 7PM, Oct. 14 at St. Mary Church, 45 Freestone Ave., Portland, CT. The one-woman performance brings Saint Therese of Lisieux to life with humor, grace and humility. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under.



Information is available at 860.342.2328 or [st.mary.rectory@sbcglobal.net](mailto:st.mary.rectory@sbcglobal.net).

The OLM Photo Directory has been sent out to be printed. We hope to get it back quickly so that we can distribute them! We will let you know how that will be done. Thank you EVERYONE for your patience and the many volunteers that have spent time in completing this immense project. Thank you all for your hard work!!

**OLM CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE...** We are preparing for the boutique and craft fair, which will be held this year on November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup>



**anniversary! We need your help to prepare new craft items to be sold at the OLM Christmas Table. Items can be left at the Parish Office. As we approach the boutique, we will also need baked goodies and breads. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all. A planning meeting has been scheduled to prepare for the show on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM in Room 106. Please come and share your ideas on how to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup>!**

**MAGNIFICAT FOR WOMEN...** All women are invited to the Magnificat breakfast to be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016, from 9AM to Noon at Hilton Doubletree, Bristol. Registration begins at 8:30AM. Our guest speaker for this breakfast will be Debra Farren. The cost is \$25.00 and must be received no later than Monday, October 17.

Payment can be mailed to: Magnificat, P.O. Box 1871, Bristol, CT 06010. No tickets sold at the door. For more information contact Ann Marie DeBisschop at 860-538-5319 or contact us at [motherofdivinemercury@gmail.com](mailto:motherofdivinemercury@gmail.com).



**THE PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL BE MEETING AT 7PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, IN ROOM 102. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO OBSERVE.**

**ST. PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...** celebrates its 50th year anniversary; **two open houses** have been scheduled this Fall for prospective students and their parents. The dates are: **Thursday, October 15 at 10:00AM & Saturday, October 29 at 10:00AM.** Tours of our building, meeting our faculty and visiting our family are all part of our open houses. **A Placement Exam** for prospective grade 9 and 10 students will be held on **Saturday, November 19 at 8:00AM.** Pre-registration for these events is suggested, but not required. For more information please call or email Mr. Matthew Crowley, Director of Admissions at 860-584-0911 ext. 34 and [mcrowley@spchs.com](mailto:mcrowley@spchs.com) or register online at [www.spchs.com](http://www.spchs.com)



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