

October 23, 2016



Our Lady of Mercy

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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.

Sunday 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.

Where did Judas wind up?

Dear Padre,

Did Judas go to hell? If the crucifixion was necessary, wasn't he fulfilling God's will? Even Jesus foretold his betrayal.

No, the Church doesn't teach that Judas went to hell. A declaration of condemnation must be left to the justice of God. We can never know if even the worst sinner repents of his or her sins or the extent of his or her guilt.

A more interesting tangent to this question deals with human freedom. If Judas was "destined" to betray Jesus, he would have had no free will and therefore could not be held accountable for his actions. This might seem as a kind of justification, but an appeal to a fate that robs the individual of human freedom is not valid. We are incapable of determining an individual's culpability, but we can say with certainty whether some actions in and of themselves are proper or improper.

Judas did a bad thing; it would have been better had he not betrayed our Lord. But we don't know whether Judas sinned. He could have been confused about what was right or indeed been greedy. Perhaps he never intended his actions to lead to Jesus' death (which may account for his suicide). So we don't know the state of Judas' soul, but we know his betrayal of a friend was not right.

Fr. Richard A. Boever, CSsR, phd

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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.

**October 23, 2016, Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

<u>MONDAY</u> 8:00AM	<u>October 24</u> Ray Hardy Req. John & Deb Hardy
<u>TUESDAY</u> 8:00AM	<u>October 25</u> Leocadia Symolon Req. Daughter
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 8:00AM	<u>October 26</u> No Mass
<u>THURSDAY</u> 8:00AM	<u>October 27</u> Dom Forcella, Sr. Req. Family
<u>FRIDAY</u> 8:00AM	<u>October 28</u> Donald Lackey Req. Family
<u>SATURDAY</u> 8:00AM	<u>October 29</u> George Nocera – 1 st . Anniv. Barbara Dowd – Month Anniv. Andre Gilbert – Month Anniv. 4:00PM Anthony Camp Req. Family
<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30AM 10:30AM	<u>October 30 – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Parishioners John & Helen Jurgilewicz Req. Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,899.00
Monthly	1,712.00
Catch Up	45.00
Holy Day	10.00
Cathedraticum	- 366.63
SSP	- 366.63
Total	\$5,932.74

**The Second Collection Next Weekend will be for
the Fuel Offering.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 24 – 6 – 8PM – Karate - Gym
OCTOBER 26 – 4 – 5 PM – Reconciliation Class
OCTOBER 26 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children
Sacrament
OCTOBER 26 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
OCTOBER 27 - 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
OCTOBER 27 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharist Class
OCTOBER 27 – 6 – 8PM – PARC – Gym
OCTOBER 27 – 7PM – Pastoral Council Meeting
OCTOBER 29 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – Classes K, 1, 4, 5
OCTOBER 29 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharist Class
OCTOBER 29 & 30 – After all Masses – Fair Trade
Fair – Gathering Space
OCTOBER 30 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men’s AA
Meeting – Room 107

OLM CHRISTMAS

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



ADVENT DISCERNMENT NIGHT......for young men
ages 16 – 35, Tuesday, December 20, 6 – 8PM, St.
Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield.
You are invited to join an informational gathering
where there will be a short talk with practical
suggestions for “discerning” the call that God has in
store for you along with Q & A with a few
seminarians. Free pizza. To reserve your spot, call
860.761.7457 or email www.hartfordpriest.com by
December 16th.

HOW TO BE “POSITIVELY” STRESSED...

Ken Steller, Saturday, Nov. 5, 10AM – 5PM.
When stress becomes overwhelming, it can
negatively affect health, productivity and
relationships. Understanding what stress is and
specific ways to manage it are the keys to being
“positively” stressed. \$65 includes lunch.
860-760-9705, Holy Family Retreat Center, West
Hartford. www.holyfamilyretreat.org

OLM ANNUAL COLLECTION 2016...Every parish
family should have received a letter from Father
John asking for a contribution to our **Annual
Collection** to assist with ongoing operating
expenses. The collection provides funds for
small capital and maintenance projects. If you
did not get a letter, please pick one up on your
way out of church. The participation of ALL
parishioners is essential for the success of this
effort. Thank you!

WELCOM NEW ALTAR

SERVERS...You may have noticed
some new faces on the altar during
Mass! OLM has four new altar
servers and they are doing a
wonderful job. Their names are Elijah & Anthony
Rosado, Zoe Weimer and Anthony Johnson.



CALLING ALL NURSES!...We need nurses to
take blood pressures once a month after Mass.
Please call Annemarie Tanski at 860.747.1535
for more info. Minimal commitment – Great
rewards!

FAIR TRADE FAIR... The Center for Reflection, Education and Action will again be bringing us a Fair Trade sale after all the Masses next weekend. This is a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping as well as to treat yourself, all while helping our less fortunate brothers and sisters to live with dignity and improve their communities. There will be quality hand crafted items, olive oil, coffee and chocolate available from Guatemala, El Salvador, Haiti, Ghana and Palestine. If you didn't visit the sale last time, come by to find out what you're missing!

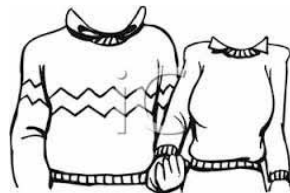


EUCCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE & MASS FOR ALL PEOPLE AND ALL PROBLEMS... Saturday, November 12, 11AM, St. Leo the Great Church, 14 Bentwood Dr., Waterbury. Service includes intercessory prayer, uplifting passages from Sacred Scriptures, consoling hymns, inspiring sermons and the Liturgy will culminate with individual benediction of each person in attendance with the Blessed Sacrament. Anointing of the Sick will also be available following the service.

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE... The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA is taking place the weekend of November 5th & 6th. This collection helps fund the many priests who serve our troops all over the world. They provide our heroes with the sacraments, praying Mass wherever possible and support vocations of seminarians who wish to serve our troops in meeting their pastoral needs such as issues concerning multiple deployments, frequent transitions and a desire to find their home in the Catholic faith. There are envelopes at the main entrance for this collection. Thank you!

SWEATERS FOR

VETS... OLM WILL BE COLLECTING SWEATERS, HATS, GLOVES, MITTENS AND SCARVES FOR MALE AND



FEMALE VETERANS STARTING THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 5TH & 6TH, IN THE GATHERING SPACE. WE WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER FOR THIS WORTHY CAUSE. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SORT THROUGH THE DONATIONS AND COUNT THEM THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

WHAT EXACTLY IS "HUMAN TRAFFICKING?"

PART 2... It is people being lured by promises of a job, an education, a better life, opportunity, freedom or even romance. Women and children come to the US from Asia, Europe, Central America, Mexico and other regions with a promise of having a better life and a full belly of food. They never suspect that they will be forced to work for sexual favors. To keep these women and children enslaved, traffickers may use beating, rape, threats to family members, debt bondage and threats of deportation or imprisonment. It is complete degradation to the human body & spirit. That is why we have started the program, CHANGE FOR CHANGE, so that we may send funds to agencies that help rescue and rehabilitate those lives that have been stolen. Pope Francis declared that "Victims...need to be rehabilitated and reintegrated into society, and their executioners must be given no quarter (protection) and pursued." Thank you to those who were able to donate last weekend to kick off our new program.

BELONG TOUR FOR WOMEN... BELONG is for every woman who longs to live a freer, simpler, more soulful life." – Shauna Niequist. The TOUR is a Christian, sometimes hilariously funny, lively Friday night & Saturday event for women.

Remarkable speakers, artists, and guests will invite women from so many different walks of life into a safe, open space where they can laugh and learn really practical tools to discover their purpose, deepen their relationships, and refresh their spirit. This program will be held at the XL Center on Friday, Nov. 11th from 7 – 10PM and Saturday, Nov. 12th from 9AM to 3PM. Tickets are FREE through the Parish Office. For more info please go to www.belongtour.com.

THE PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL BE MEETING, THURSDAY, 10/27, 7PM IN ROOM 102. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO OBSERVE THE MEETING.

WHY IS THE MASS A SACRIFICE?... Because it makes present to us the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. That doesn't mean the priest is somehow killing Jesus again or that there needs to be another sacrifice after Jesus died on the cross. There is *one* sacrifice of Jesus for all time and for all people. But we're dealing with eternity here. That *one* sacrifice is present to us on our altar at every Mass. We see the Body and Blood of Christ offered today at Mass because Christ is living and eternal. By Mike Aquilina



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