

November 27, 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.

What should I do?

Dear Padre,

I want my son to be confirmed this year, but he won't go to confirmation classes or select a sponsor. What should I do?

When your son was baptized, you promised to raise him in the faith. Going to Mass and making faith part of your home life has been part of his upbringing, but forcing him to be confirmed can result in resentment and drive him further from you and his Catholic faith. Try these three things:

First, have a heartfelt and personal discussion (or several) with him, sharing what your Catholic faith means to you.

Second, speak with the confirmation teacher or DRE. He or she has dealt with this before and can work with you both to understand his refusal.

Third, engage him in discovering God at work in his life through the people and movements he's attracted to. Young people are often idealistic and can become disenchanted with the Church and other authority figures. The sooner they know you're willing to let them examine and understand what being Catholic means, the less inclined they will be to reject the Church.

What he needs is the steady, meaningful message that he is loved and important to you, God, and the Church. Trust that God's will comes to fruition. Confirmation should occur when a person manifests a true desire and has undergone necessary preparation. These suggestions aren't easy but reflect the faith you want to pass on.

From Liguorian, July-August 2011

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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.

November 27, 2016, First Sunday

Of Advent

MONDAY

November 28

8:00AM

Donald Wallace

Req. Family

TUESDAY

November 29

8:00AM

Helen Schultz

Req. Theresa Auclair

WEDNESDAY

November 30

8:00AM

No Mass

THURSDAY

December 1

8:00AM

For the Intentions of Laurel

Makraus

Req. Dan

FRIDAY

December 2

8:00AM

For the Intentions of Darleen

Pastor & Pat Quick

Req. Dan

SATURDAY

December 3

8:00AM

Velma Ciquence

4:00PM

Sydney Symolon

Req. Daughter

SUNDAY

December 4 – Second Sunday

Of Advent

8:30AM

Parishioners

10:30AM

Herman & Yvonne Masse

Req. Mel & Anne-Marie Masse

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| Regular | \$4,526.50 |
| Monthly | 1,526.00 |
| Catch Up | 30.00 |
| Holy Day | 15.00 |
| Cathedraticum | - 335.36 |
| SSP | - 335.36 |
| Total | \$5,426.78 |

The Second Collection Next Weekend will be for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 28 – 6 – 8PM - Karate

NOVEMBER 30 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class

NOVEMBER 30 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Sacrament Prep.

NOVEMBER 30 – 7PM – NA – Room 107

DECEMBER 1 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium

DECEMBER 1 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharist Class

DECEMBER 1 – 6 – 9PM – Amera Group – BB

DECEMBER 1 – 7 – 8:30PM – Pastoral Council Meeting – Room 102

DECEMBER 3 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K, 1,4,5 & Reconciliation Classes

DECEMBER 3 - 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharist Class

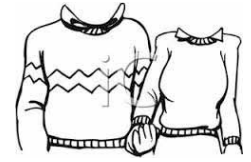
DECEMBER 4 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men’s AA

Meeting – Room 107

DECEMBER 4 – 6 – 8PM – JOLT

SWEATERS FOR VETS... OLM

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OLM ANNUAL COLLECTION...We are so grateful for the response shown by so many of our parishioners for our Annual Collection. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your gift card, we would be grateful that you do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

MORE FUN CHURCH BULLETIN

BLOOPERS... “Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.” “Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles & other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.” “At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be ‘What is Hell?’ Come early and listen to our choir practice.”

THE GIVING TREE... is set up in the

Gathering Space. Please follow the directions on the tag and return your purchase by the proper date! Thank you!



THANK YOU... for your contributions to the

collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus’ mission to “bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free” (Lk 4:18).

ST. ANTHONY SOCIETY... is requesting that you save your coffee cans and bring them to the Parish Office to replenish those that have been filled with cookies!

BE MY LIGHT...Mother Teresa's Journey of Doubt and Hope, December 7, 2016, Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd., West Hartford, 860.521.0440, Advent Day Retreat: 10AM.- 2PM, Advent Evening Retreat: 6 – 9PM. Shortly after Mother Teresa died in 1997, her secret journals were published expressing a woman of intense paradox. Even as she lived out the Christian life in



heroic radiance, she was accompanied by extreme doubt, struggle and dryness in her spiritual life. In this retreat, we'll explore the biography of Mother Teresa; examine her incredible contribution to the history of spirituality and the role of doubt in the Christian life. We will discover the constructive role doubt can play in our own Advent journey toward hope and light. The evening includes dinner, presentation, conversation, music and prayer. Offering: \$40, includes meal

What do the candles in our Advent wreath

mean?... The Advent wreath, four candles on a wreath of evergreen, is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God. You will notice that there are three purple candles with one

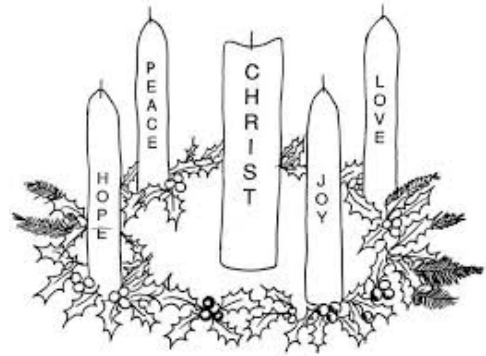


candle being rose or pink, to represent joy. While the Advent wreath with its four candles did bring light to churches, it was not to illuminate the interior as much as to symbolize the coming of Christ. During each Sunday of

the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Others consider the lighting of the first candle to symbolize expectation, while the second symbolizes hope, the third joy and the fourth purity. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world. The order and exact wording vary among churches, but the wreath continually reminds us of whom we are called to be as followers of Jesus. Info from:

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/what-do-the-candles-in-our-advent-wreath-mean> 07

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION...is next weekend after all of the Masses. As always, thank you for your generosity.



SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE...The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA was supposed to take place the weekend of November 5th & 6th. It is rescheduled for December 4th & 5th. 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 to pick up for this collection. Thank you!

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING...will be held on December 1st, Room 102, at 7PM. All parishioners are invited to observe.

PLEASE HELP OLM KEEP THEIR RECORDS UP TO DATE...If you are new to Our Lady of Mercy Parish - WELCOME! Parish registration is the official way to join the OLM community and is expected for all who come to OLM on a regular basis and consider this to be their parish. Please stop in the office and introduce yourself and complete a short registration form or print one off of our home page on www.olmct.org under the heading "New to Our Parish?" Once you complete the form, you may place it in the collection basket. If you are currently a member of our parish and plan on moving, please call us so that we can make the changes in our data base as soon as possible. There are also many parishioners who grew up in OLM and were registered with their family at that time. If this pertains to you, and you are 18 or older, even though you still may be living at the same address, we ask that you register as a separate household. Thank you.





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