

December 11, 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.

Dear Padre

When I was younger, my faith was very important; but lately I don't feel that closeness to God. Is this a crisis of faith?

How has your life changed since childhood? Do you feel, react, and appreciate things today as you did then? Spirituality is an ordinary part of human experience, and I hope you discover that the God of your youth, although remembered fondly, is not the God of your adult experience.

Many adults discover that their understanding, decisions, and behaviors have expanded and matured. In the interplay of the demands of society and culture, we are forced to grow and develop. What worked for us as a child of five is not usually what we would choose today.

In the spiritual journey, we are not so much forced but invited to grow and mature. Some people miss the invitation and get stuck in a rut. They may cling to childlike images of God and still expect such images to serve them well. The consequences of this are not easily recognized until moments of crisis or dramatic change, when the result is often reflected by the question, "Where is God?"

So it's not so much a crisis of faith but a realization of the desire to pursue (again) the spiritual journey. Begin to relate to God as an adult. Use your skills and knowledge to build a new relationship with God, the Church, and the community of believers. You will discover a living faith, an experience of God, that is important and meaningful for you now.

From Dear Padre:

Questions People Ask, *Liguori*, 2003
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.

December 11, 2016, Third Sunday of Advent

MONDAY

December 12

8:00AM

Cecile Ouellette

Req. Leona Bisson

TUESDAY

December 13

8:00AM

Robert J. Albert

Req. Family

WEDNESDAY

December 14

8:00AM

No Mass

THURSDAY

December 15

8:00AM

Roger J. Albert

Req. Family

FRIDAY

December 16

8:00AM

Della Gnazzo & James Joseph

Mastrianni, & Deborah Ann

Colella

Req. Barbara Ann Colella

SATURDAY

December 17

8:00AM

Geraldine Kordek – 1st. Anniv.

Helen Kahrmann – 1st. Anniv.

Ruth Baker – 1st. Anniv.

Frank Perez – 1st. Anniv.

Dominic Marotta – 1st. Anniv.

Georgette Plourde – Month Anniv.

Josefa Perez – Month Anniv.

Marie Pelletier – Month Anniv.

Mary Zukis – Month Anniv.

4:00PM

Rilla Gessner

Req. Family

SUNDAY

December 18 – Fourth Sunday

Of Advent

8:30AM

Parishioners

10:30AM

Maria Cianchetti

Req. Gino Cianchetti

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| Regular | \$3,569.00 |
| Monthly | 245.00 |
| Catch Up | 80.00 |
| Holy Day | 20.00 |
| Cathedraticum | - 215.27 |
| SSP | - 215.27 |
| Total | \$3,483.46 |

The Second Collection Next Weekend will be the Monthly Collection.

STORM CLOSING...Please note that if Religious Education Classes, GIFT Event or Morning Weekday Mass need to be cancelled due to weather conditions; notification will be found on Channel 3 WFSB Eyewitness News, News 8/My TV 9 and NBC 30 Storm closing systems. Also, if Plainville Schools are closed or delayed due to weather conditions, weekday Mass is also cancelled for your safety.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 12 – 6 – 8PM - Karate

DECEMBER 14 – 6 – 8PM – PARC – BB - Gym

DECEMBER 14 – 7PM – NA – Room 107

DECEMBER 15 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium

DECEMBER 15– 6 – 9PM – Amera Group – BB

DECEMBER 16 – 6 – 8PM - GIFT

DECEMBER 17 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K, 1,4,5

DECEMBER 18 – 9:30 – 11:30AM - GIFT

DECEMBER 18 – 10:30AM – 12:30PM – Men’s AA

Meeting – Room 107

DECEMBER 18 – 6 – 7:30PM – Parish Caroling

THE GIVING TREE ... A

HUGE THANK YOU to all

those who gave to the

organizations that were

represented on the tree. You have helped

make many brothers and sisters in Christ

have a blessed Christmas! If you haven’t

returned your gift yet, please do so at the

Parish Center during office hours.



OLM ANNUAL COLLECTION...We are very

grateful for the generosity shown by so many to

our Annual Collection. If you have not yet had an

opportunity to return your gift card, please do so

as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and

sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

RETREAT THEME: THE LIGHT OF

SIMPLICITY... Join Holy Family’s retreat team for a

weekend, January 20 – 22, 2017, for peace and

reflection as we explore the simple and

transformative message at the heart of Jesus’

teaching. Discover how simplicity can shine a light

on what is truly essential and important in our lives.

Be renewed and inspired by the paradox of

simplicity and the gift of faith. The retreat includes:

home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting

music, free time, and workshops. The retreat

begins with dinner at 6PM on Friday evening and

concludes with Sunday brunch at Noon. To

register: www.holyfamilyretreat.org or call

860.760.9705 for more info.

ST. ANTHONY SOCIETY... is requesting

that you save your coffee cans

and bring them to the Church or

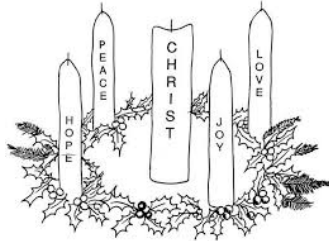
the Parish Office to replenish

those that have been filled with

cookies! Thank you.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT... Gaudete Sunday (/gau' deitei/ gow-DAY-tay) is the third Sunday of Advent in the Roman Catholic Church. While the theme of Advent is a focus on the coming of Jesus in three ways: His first, His present and His final Advent, the readings for Gaudete Sunday deal with rejoicing in the Lord — Christian joy — as well as the mission of St. John the Baptist and his connection with Advent.



Theologian Henri Nouwen described the difference between joy and happiness. While happiness is dependent on external conditions, joy is "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing -- sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death -- can take that love away." Thus joy can be present even in the midst of sadness. In his 2014 Gaudete Sunday homily, Pope Francis said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the "Sunday of joy," and that instead of fretting about "all they still haven't" done to prepare for Christmas, people should "think of all the good things life has given you." Taken from:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaudete_Sunday

RECYCLE DURING THE HOLIDAYS!..Thanks for all of the redeemable cans and bottles that you have donated to support our Youth Group JOLT. We continue to receive them at our shed at the rear of the Parish Center, Mon. – Fri., 8AM – 9PM. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, NOON

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 10AM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 7PM

***WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 21,
3:30PM***

***NO
CONFESSIONS
ON SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 24***

**FOR UNTO US
A CHILD IS BORN**



HUSBANDS, FATHERS, SONS... take note:

Please encourage the women in your lives to take some time for themselves at a weekend retreat. The peace and tranquility of a retreat experience is one of the greatest gifts you can offer to someone you love. The women's retreat begins on Friday evening, **January 20, 2017**, at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT. For information: **Our Lady of Calvary (860) 677-8519 or www.ourladyofcalvary.net**.

SHARE THE CHEER!...All parishioners are invited to join in for neighborhood caroling on Sunday, December 18th. at 6PM. Gather at the Parish Center. Dress warm and bring a flashlight if you can. We'll warm up with hot chocolate and cookies afterward.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT OLM...

Wednesday, December 28, 7:30PM, Come and renew your Christmas Spirit by listening to the New England Chamber Choir and Orchestra conducted by Richard Wm. Donohue. Music from around the world will be played and sung. A Free Will offering will be collected.

PLEASE HELP OLM KEEP OUR 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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