

December 25, 2016



# Our Lady of Mercy

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#### **Parish Office/Cemetery Office Hours**

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday - Friday

#### **Parish Trustees**

William Petit, Sr. 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.

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,**

***Should a Catholic school teach both evolution and creation?***

A Catholic school should teach in a style that conveys Catholic Tradition. It also cannot ignore the insights and questions or the disagreements and misunderstandings that occur when the arts and sciences rub shoulders with Catholic teachings and perspectives. Our belief in God's creation of humanity and the scientific understanding of evolution are not fundamentally at odds with one another, as long as our Catholic vision of life is preserved. However, "faith obliges us to hold that souls are immediately created by God" (Humani Generis, 36).

Science is the careful study of details and theories that leads to the development of generalized statements (or hypotheses). If so many scientists, many of whom are people of faith, can intellectually justify the creation of humans through an evolutionary process, this itself shows the application of thought and discovery to deepen an understanding of our world and ourselves.

We need our faith to harmonize with other branches of knowledge, and this means respecting their proper domain of research and methods. It would seem prudent for a Catholic school to teach evolution in science class and the stories of creation in religion class. A calm, reasoned discussion that respects the limits of each discipline and espouses a unified search for God's revealed truths would be best. The attitude should be that evolution and creation are not mutually exclusive but complementary explanations for our human origins that arise from different perspectives.

*From Dear Padre:*

Questions People Ask, *Liguori*, 2003  
*sundaybulletin@liguori.org*

#### **Parish Office/Cemetery Office**

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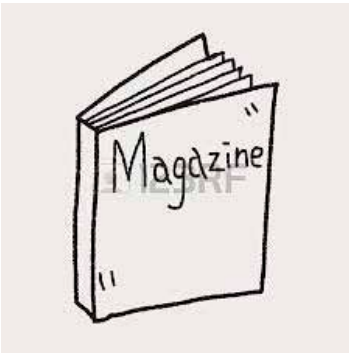


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#### **PARISH MISSION**

*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.*





**A NEW YEAR; A  
NEW CATHOLIC  
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Beginning late January 2017, the *Catholic Transcript* newspaper will be transformed into a full color magazine, which will

be sent for free to more than 192,000 Catholic households in Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield counties. The new publication will dynamically advance the tradition of a beloved, respected, award-winning newspaper with roots dating back to 1829. In magazine format, the *Catholic Transcript* will continue to be the communications centerpiece of Catholic news and information for our archdiocesan family of faith. Its visibility and relevance will be greatly enhanced thanks to its digital presence, social media interconnectivity, evangelizing content, and distribution 10 times a year to more than double the number of Catholic households than in the recent past. The *Catholic Transcript's* transformation is in direct response to the Office of Pastoral Planning's *Your Voice Counts* survey.

**CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT AT**

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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.

**The Knights of Columbus Museum's Christmas exhibit, "Crèches of Germany: Tradition & Faith," and its annual Christmas Tree Festival continue through Jan. 29, 2017. The museum is open 10-5 daily (except Christmas Eve & Christmas) at 1 State Street in New Haven, with free admission & parking. More information at 203-865-0400 or kofcmuseum.org.**

**BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST...**The Knights of Columbus Annual Basketball Free Throw Contest will be held on **Sunday, January 15, at 3PM** in the **Parish Center**. The contest is for all boys and girls aged 9 – 14 (age as of January 1, 2017) and it's fun for the whole family to come out and watch the competition. Boys and girls compete each other in their respective age and gender divisions (for example, a 9 year old girl competes against other 9 year old girls) and winners progress through local district, regional, and state levels. Thanks to the Knights' members and, especially sponsor **JR Heating & Cooling**, prizes will be given to each age group winner. Refreshments will be provided. **Parent permission is required for participation.** Bring proof of age. For questions, call Rich Dziura, 860.747.5451 for more information.

**Learn more about how God is with us in the Bible. The Birth of Jesus raises too many questions** that just can't be answered in an eight minute homily! If

you want to delve deeper into the meaning of God's gift to us at Christmas, consider learning more about our Catholic Biblical School.



Contact us, or come to our Celebration of Sacred Scripture on Saturday, March 25 to learn more about how we "roll." The enrollment processes begin in spring, and classes begin in early September. For details, check our website ([www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org)) or contact the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis ([catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org](mailto:catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org), 860-242-5573, ext. 2670).





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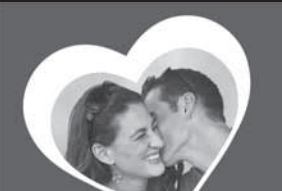
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