

January 1, 2017



# 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**

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,**

***Does calling Mary "the Mother of God" mean that she came before God?***

No; it simply expresses our belief that Mary is truly the Mother of Jesus, who from the moment of his conception was both human and divine. Catholics believe that God is a Trinity of persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—in one divine nature. We believe that God existed from all eternity and is the source of all created things. We also believe that, to save us from sin, the second person of the Trinity, the Son, took on a human nature. God became one of us in the mystery of the Incarnation.

Luke's Infancy narrative (1:26–38) tells us that God sent Gabriel to Mary to announce that she would have a child, the Son of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary consented, and Jesus Christ was conceived in her womb. Later, Mary is greeted by Elizabeth as "the mother of my Lord" (1:43). This greeting expresses the reality that the Lord, the God of the Hebrew Scriptures, is present in Mary's womb. Other passages testify to the same fact. Mary is the Mother of Jesus. Jesus is God (John 20:28). Therefore, Mary is the Mother of God.

When we honor Mary as "the Mother of God," we are professing our belief that Jesus is truly God. We are not saying that Mary came before God but rather that the Son, who existed from all eternity, "became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14).

*Source: Dear Padre: Questions People Ask, Liguori, 2003, [sundaybulletin@liguori.org](mailto: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.*

**January 1 – Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother of God**

<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>January 2</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	Sarah Pratchett Req. Family
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>January 3</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	Helen Ruane Req. Family
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>January 4</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	No Mass
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	<b><u>January 5</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	Ann Wallace Req. Family
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	<b><u>January 6</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	William, Alice & Susan Nadolny Req. Family
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>January 7</u></b>
<b>8:00AM</b>	Hazel Ricciardi – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. Betty Boukus – Month Anniv. Jack Shea – Month Anniv. Geraldine Kordek – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. Helen Kahrman – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. Ruth Baker – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. Frank Perez – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. Dominic Marotta – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. Georgette Plourde – Month Anniv. Josefa Perez – Month Anniv. Marie Pelletier – Month Anniv. Mary Zukis – Month Anniv.
<b>4:00PM</b>	Angela & Ralph Scheidel Req. Sandy & Bob Michalik
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>January 8</u></b>
<b>8:30AM</b>	Parishioners
<b>10:30AM</b>	Walter Grabowski Req. Daughter

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Regular	\$4,298.50
Monthly	1,223.00
Holy Day	27.00
Cathedraticum	- 305.16
SSP	- 305.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,938.18</b>

**The Second Collection Next Weekend is the Monthly Collection.**

**NORTHWEST CATHOLIC**...will offer its Entrance Exam to 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders on January 23rd at 8:30 am. An application will serve as your registration for the exam. There will be an Information Session for prospective families, who were unable to attend the November Open House, on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM at Northwest Catholic. For more information or to apply online, go to NorthwestCatholic.org/Admissions.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

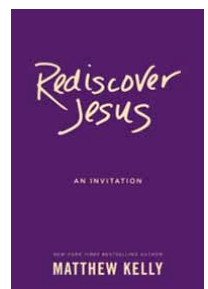
JANUARY 2 – 6 – 8PM - Karate  
 JANUARY 3 – 6 – 9PM – Plv. Girls Travel Team  
 JANUARY 3 – 6:30 – 7:30PM – Middle School  
 JANUARY 4 – 4 – 5PM - Reconciliation Class  
 JANUARY 4 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children  
 Sacramento Prep.  
 JANUARY 4 – 7 – 8:15PM – Confirmation I & II  
 JANUARY 4 – 7PM – NA – Room 107  
 JANUARY 5 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium  
 JANUARY 5 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharist Class  
 JANUARY 5 – 6 – 9PM – Plv. Girls Travel Team  
 JANUARY 7 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K, 1, 4, 5 and  
 Reconciliation Class  
 JANUARY 7 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharist Class  
 JANUARY 8 – 8 – 10:30AM – OLM Breakfast - Gym  
 JANUARY 8 – 10:30AM 0 12:30PM – Men’s AA –  
 Room 107  
 JANUARY 8 – 6 – 8PM – JOLT

**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](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) or call 860.760.9705 for more info.

**NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION!...If**

your new year’s resolution includes growing in your faith, here’s a great way to kick off the year! We will be hosting a book study of ***Rediscovering Jesus*** by Matthew Kelly. Many parishioners enjoyed the informal gatherings held last year when we discussed



***Rediscovering Catholicism***. The six-week book discussion will be held on **Tuesdays, beginning on January 10<sup>th</sup>**. You may attend from **9-10AM or 7-8PM**, as both sessions will cover the same material. This is a free program and we hope that you will mark your calendar and grow closer to Jesus. There’s a new year ahead, make it special!

**BRING THE FAMILY TO BREAKFAST AND  
MEET OTHER PARISHIONERS!!**

**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](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.net).

**ST. ANTHONY SOCIETY**... is *STILL* collecting coffee cans. Please bring them to the Church or the Parish Office to replenish those that have been filled with cookies! Thank you.

**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).



**COURAGE & ENCOURAGE**...Support Groups – January Dates - **Courage**: Thurs. Jan. 5, **EnCourage**: Wed. Jan. 11 at 7PM. Courage is a Catholic support group for men and women who experience same-sex attraction and are seeking to live chaste lives in Christ. EnCourage helps the loved-ones of those who experience same-sex attraction to grow in understanding and love, while honoring the virtue of chastity. For meeting location and additional information you can contact Fr. Robert Landback, Chaplain at 203-265-0961 X2 or [aohctcourage@gmail.com](mailto:aohctcourage@gmail.com). The website for Courage International is [couragec.org](http://couragec.org).



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 with free admission & parking**. More information at **203-865-0400** or [kofcmuseum.org](http://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.



**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](http://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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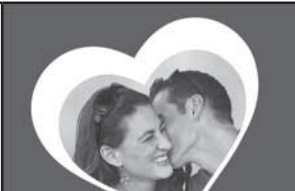
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OF  
Louis G. Ziccardi**  
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AND DAUGHTER DONNA