

January 8, 2017



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,

If God wants everyone to believe in him, why doesn't God offer undeniable proof of his existence? Surely more would join the Church if adequate proof were available?

Perhaps what is missing is the ability to perceive and understand the evidence before our eyes. In the *Catechism* we are taught that God "provides men with constant evidence of himself in created realities" (CCC 54).

Despite the evidence, however, God does seem to be hidden from the sight of some. Why might this be? Again, the *Catechism* offers an important truth: While faith is a grace, it is also dependent on the "free assent" of the human person to accept what God has revealed (CCC 150). Faith is a gift, but it is also a human act: "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace" (CCC 155; see *Summa Theologica*, II-II.2.9).

In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), Abraham declares to the rich man, "If they [his brothers] will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead" (16:31). So evidence of God's presence, the witness of the Church, and even the most persuasive arguments might not be enough to convince every person to come to faith.

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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 8 – The Epiphany of the Lord

MONDAY **January 9**
8:00AM Elizabeth Knorr
 Req. Bryan

TUESDAY **January 10**
8:00AM Richard McGann, Sr.
 Req. Family

WEDNESDAY **January 11**
8:00AM No Mass

THURSDAY **January 12**
8:00AM No Mass

FRIDAY **January 13**
8:00AM No Mass

SATURDAY **January 14**
8:00AM No Mass
4:00PM John Martin
 Req. Irene LaFontaine

SUNDAY **January 15 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Lawrence Jablonski
 Req. Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$5,452.00
Monthly	288.00
Holy Day	10.00
Cathedraticum	- 316.25
SSP	- 316.25
Total	\$5,117.50



COME USHER THE TRUE KING OF KINGS... at the Shrine of Saint Anne, 515 South Main St., Waterbury, on Sunday, January 8th at 4PM! A Boar's Head Festival featuring dancing, pageantry, exquisite costumes, music by the Shrine Festival Choir and the Waterbury Chorale, Brass Quintet with string and woodwind ensemble and so much more! This program will promise to enchant all ages and denominations as we celebrate the Christ light of the world. For more information or tickets, please contact the Shrine of Saint Anne office at (203) 756-4439, www.shrineofsaintanneformothers.org or www.waterburychorale.org. Admission is \$15 per person or \$50 for a family of 4 or more.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 9 – 6 – 8PM - Karate
 JANUARY 10 – 9 – 10AM or 7 – 8PM – Book Study
 JANUARY 10 – 6 – 9PM – Plv. Girls Travel Team
 JANUARY 11 – 4 – 5PM - Reconciliation Class
 JANUARY 11 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Sacrament Prep.
 JANUARY 11 – 6 – 8PM – PARC – BB - Gym
 JANUARY 11 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
 JANUARY 12 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
 JANUARY 12 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharist Class
 JANUARY 12 – 6 – 9PM – Plv. Girls Travel Team
 JANUARY 14 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K, 1, 4, 5 and Reconciliation Class
 JANUARY 14 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharist Class
 JANUARY 15 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men's AA – Room 107
 JANUARY 15 – 2 – 4:30PM – K of C Basketball Free Throw Contest - Gym

RETREAT THEME: THE LIGHT OF SIMPLICITY...

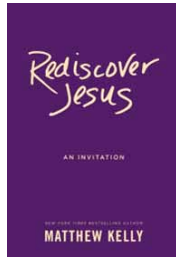
Join Holy Family's retreat team for a men's weekend, January 20 – 22, 2017, for peace and reflection as we explore the simple and transformative message at the heart of Jesus' teaching. Discover how simplicity can shine a light on what is truly essential and important in our lives. Be renewed and inspired 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.



MARRIAGE HELP... If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love. The next local Retrouvaille weekend is January 20-22, 2017. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email helds4marriage@gmail.com or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.com for information & registration.



READY, SET, GROW!...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*. This new, six-week book discussion will be held on **Tuesdays, beginning on January 10th**. 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.



The focus of the first session, on January 20th, is Jesus as Obedient Servant. Please read the Prologue-Chapter 5, if possible, in preparation. (Chapters are only 2-3 pages, so this is less than it seems at first glance!)

All adults and teens who attended Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day here at OLM, received a copy of *Rediscovering Jesus*. If you didn't receive a book, or were out of town, we have plenty of extra copies. **Please stop by the Parish Office or the Church's Gathering Space to pick up your free copy.** We think you'll enjoy the book and, even more, the discussion with friends of the parish.

A big thank you to those parishioners who donated toward the purchase of these books for all in our parish and guests to enjoy!

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.**

KNOWING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH.

Join us for a 6 week program that will explore the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. The program will begin on Thursday, January 19th at 7PM in in Rosary Hall at St. Gregory Church, 235 Maltby St., Bristol and will continue for the next 6 Thursday evenings. Georgianna Roy, a graduate of the Archdiocesan Biblical School will be the presenter. No registration is necessary. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.



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 or contact the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org.



ROCK - N - ROLL REVIEW....St Matthew School Gym, 33 Welch Dr., Forestville, Saturday, 2.11.17, 7 - 11PM, Featuring The Sharades & The Crown Imperials, Tickets \$20. For more info: Lisa O'Donnel, 860.306.9574, lodonnel@stmatthewct.eduk12.net

K OF C CASINO TRIP....Mohegan Sun, Saturday, 1.28.17. We invite you and your friends to join us. We leave from OLM Parish Center parking lot at 2PM. \$40 per person. Includes bus, \$15 meal ticket, \$10 to gamble. Return about 8PM. Space is limited so you won't miss out on an afternoon of enjoyment. Call Malcolm Soucie - 860.919.0611 or Phil Flourde - 860.747.8215. Weather permitting.

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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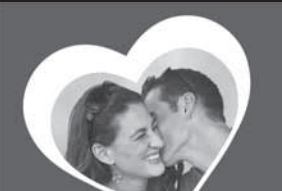
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