

January 29, 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,

I am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of "pray, pay, and obey" were over.

The Code of Canon Law identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that he engage in pastoral care "with the assistance of lay members of the Christian faithful" (519). It would be fair to assert that the intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the "knowledge, prudence, and integrity" of every member (228).

Many issues, feelings, and even theologies make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of good will (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result.

Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone takes a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, "Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?" If honest and prayerful reflection reveal less-than-good intentions, now is the time to change your attitude and acknowledge that a new start is needed.

Fr. Tom Santa, CSSR
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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 29 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY **January 30**
8:00AM **Fr. Philip Cascia**

TUESDAY **January 31**
8:00AM **Georgette Plourde**
 Req. Husband

WEDNESDAY **February 1**
8:00AM **No Mass**

THURSDAY **February 2**
8:00AM **Helen G. Barber-Rodier**
 Req. Family

FRIDAY **February 3**
8:00AM **Efrain Rodriguez – 40th Birthday**
 Req. Laren Matteo

SATURDAY **February 4**
8:00AM **Martha Soucie – Month Anniv.**
 Holly Spielman – 1st Anniv.
 James Wishart – 1st Anniv.
 Joyce Zaharevich – 1st Anniv.
 Shirley R. Caya – 1st Anniv.
 Pierrette Plourde – Month Anniv.
 Elizabeth Salomon – Month Anniv.
 Helen Coveleskie – Month Anniv.

4:00PM **Gail Monteiro**
 Req. Eugenia Monteiro

SUNDAY **February 5 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30AM **Parishioners**
10:30AM **Katherine Coombs**
 Req. Lori & John Consalvo

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$5,151.50
Monthly	455.00
Catch Up	119.00
Cathedraticum	- 314.90
SSP	- 314.90
Total	\$5,095.70

JOLT BOTTLE DRIVE...February 4, 9 – 11AM at the Parish Center. Please bring your redeemable bottles to the bottle shed or to the bottle drive on Saturday to help the Youth Group fund their faith & fun building activities. Thank you!



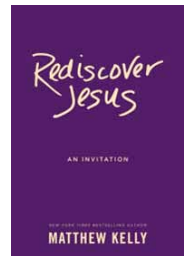
SAVE THE DATE...for the Parish Picnic that will be held September 3, from Noon to 4PM and the Blood Drive on March 13, 1 – 6PM.

THE PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL MEET ON FEBRUARY 2, 7PM IN ROOM 102. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO OBSERVE.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 30 – 6 – 8PM - Karate
 JANUARY 31 – 9 – 10AM or 7 – 8PM – Book Study – Room 102
 JANUARY 31 – 6 - 9PM – Plv. Girls Travel Team
 FEBRUARY 1 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class
 FEBRUARY 1 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Prep.
 FEBRUARY 1 – 6 – 8PM – PARC - Gym
 FEBRUARY 1 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
 FEBRUARY 1 – 7 – 8:15PM – Confirmation I & II
 FEBRUARY 2 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
 FEBRUARY 2 – 4 - 5PM – Eucharist Class
 FEBRUARY 2 – 6 – 9PM – Amera Group BB – Gym
 FEBRUARY 2 – 7PM – Pastoral Council Meeting – Room 102
 FEBRUARY 4 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K, 1, 4, 5 & Reconciliation Class
 FEBRUARY 4 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharist Class
 FEBRUARY 4 - 9 – 11AM – JOLT Bottle Drive & 2PM - Activity
 FEBRUARY 5 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men’s AA – Room 107

BOOK STUDY...It still is not too late to join the book study of ***Rediscovering Jesus*** by Matthew Kelly. Many parishioners enjoyed the informal gatherings held last year when we discussed *Rediscovering Catholicism*. This book discussion will be held on **Tuesday, January 31st**. You may attend from **9-10AM or 7-8PM**. The morning class will be studying the third session entitled ***Jesus’ Priorities and will need to read Chapters 13 – 19***. The focus of the second session, on January 31st, is **Jesus and Human Dignity**. Please read Chapters 6 - 12, if possible, in preparation. This is a free program and we invite you to grow in Jesus. **Please stop by the Parish Office or the Church’s Gathering Space to pick up your free copy if you need one.** We think you’ll enjoy the book and, even more, the discussion with friends of the parish.



JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH...

“Together we can and must employ our energies so that these women, men and children can be freed, thus putting an end to this horrible trade...” Pope Francis, December 12, 2013 in his address to new ambassadors to the Holy See. To learn what you can do to help stop Human Trafficking visit: <http://www.crs.org/get-involved/learn/slavery-and-human-trafficking>



FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY...will be held **TODAY** at 2PM in the Church. Praying the Rosary is promoted by the Knights of Columbus to bring Knights, their families and parishioners together in a corporate body in devotion to Mary. Knights and their families are urged to pray the Rosary because it helps for their children's lives in the Church and helps Knights become Real Men of Faith. So come join us and bring your family and friends with you. We need Fatima now more than ever, so be a soldier for Our Lady and pray the Rosary.



HEARTS AND WINE: VALENTINE'S GOURMET DINNER...February 11, 2017, 6PM, Join us for a delicious buffet dinner prepared by Holy Family's talented chef, Joe Ethier. Along with dinner, local wine educator and Chief Grape Officer of WineTimeCT, Laureen Guerriero, will offer her expertise and include three wines to complement the meal courses. Appetizers begin at 6PM. Couples and singles are most welcome. *Offering: \$150 per couple; \$75 per person.* 860.521.0440, 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT.



SNOW GLOBES ... You are invited to spend a fun and relaxing morning at Our Lady of Calvary in Farmington, creating your very own snow globe. You can create a winter scene, or a Valentine themed snow globe. If you are tired of winter and already dreaming of summer, you can make it all about the beach. Your snow globe will be your own unique creation. 2.8.17, 9AM – 1PM, \$30. For more info call 860.677.8519.

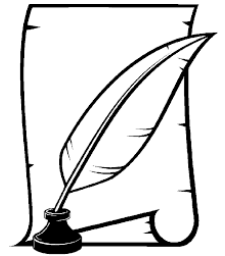


SOUP FOR SUPER BOWL!...How about a delicious bowl of soup on Super Bowl Sunday? Our youth group will be making some delicious soup and packing it up ready for you to heat and eat while watching the big game... or just for dinner! The **JOLT Super Soup Sale** will be held after all Masses **next weekend** on **February 4 & 5**. Proceeds will help to defray the cost of the teens' attendance at the Steubenville Conference, youth rallies, and JOLT events. Thank you for your support of our teens! **Are you ready for some soup?**



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND...at all of the Masses. Your donation of nonperishable items are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

A NOTE OF THANKS..."On behalf of the Newington, CT, patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of sweaters for the Veterans. Your thoughtfulness reflects the concern that you feel for our Veterans and for the service they provided to all of us while in service to our country. Without your support, we could not provide for the smaller niceties that make hospitalization more bearable. Your thoughtfulness also reflects the concern and compassion that our community feels for our Veterans. Thank you for your continued support."



BULLETIN BLOOPERS TO CHASE THE WINTER BLUES AWAY...Potluck Supper Sunday at 5PM – prayer & medication to follow. The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon. This evening at 7PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

PRAYERS TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING... O God of every family on earth, Loving and compassionate God, We come before you in prayer, Unable to fully comprehend the horror of women, men and children, Transported to unknown places to be exploited and abused because of greed and profit. We are people of many creeds, United in our sadness and our anger. We cry out together against the degrading practice of human trafficking. Our hearts are saddened and our spirits angry that their dignity and rights are being transgressed through threats, deception, and force. Give us the wisdom and courage to stand up against the evil that makes it possible for people to buy, sell and trade others. Give us the wisdom and courage to stand in solidarity with the victims, That together we will find a way To the freedom that is your gift to all of us. We pray for it to end. AMEN. Taken from School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND), Canadian Province, Trafficking Reflection Booklet, p. 10



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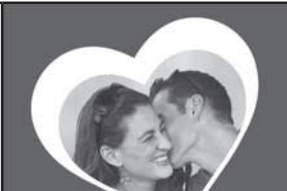
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