

February 5, 2017



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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,

Does the Church give guidelines for what we should and shouldn't watch on TV and in theaters?

The Communications Department of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides "Catholics, especially families, with information they can use to evaluate entertainment media programming from a Catholic perspective." Along with its "Family Guide for Using Media," it provides up-to-date movie reviews and ratings through the Catholic News Service (catholicnews.com) and access to archives dating from 2010 into the 1930s.

As part of forming their children in the faith, parents must educate them about the media's influence, monitor the content each member interacts with, and model appropriate media use. All our media choices—print, digital, or otherwise—should affirm and support Christian values. Consider these questions:

Does this piece portray human life as a gift from God? Is sexuality linked to life and marriage? How is dying presented?

Does it promote healthy friendships and lasting commitments within marriage? Does it affirm gratitude, stewardship or charity, and obedience to proper authorities?

Does it connect moral consequences with the characters' actions? Is exploitation, oppression, or neglect of any group condoned? Is respect shown for a variety of cultures?

Does it foster a sense of the divine, of human destiny beyond this life, and of our obligation to forgive and seek forgiveness?

It is advisable to balance your use of suitable media with human interaction..

Source: 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.

February 5 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY **February 6**
8:00AM **Armando Cianchetti**
 Req. Gino Cianchetti

TUESDAY **February 7**
8:00AM **Sydney & Leocadia Symolon**
 Req. Daughter Lorraine

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

THURSDAY **February 9**
8:00AM **Mary Elizabeth Pelland**
 Req. Family

FRIDAY **February 10**
8:00AM **Hugh & Ellen Ruane**
 Req. Family

SATURDAY **February 11**
8:00AM **Linda Green – Month Anniv.**
4:00PM **Helen Schultz**
 Req. Marie Ralph

SUNDAY **February 12 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30AM **Parishioners**
10:30AM **Andrea Fiorillo**
 Req. Angie & Tony Lucente

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4717.50
Monthly	140.00
Catch Up	45.00
Cathedraticum	- 269.63
SSP	- 269.63
Total	\$4,363.24

The Second Collection Next Weekend is the Monthly Collection.

DIVORCE & BEYOND...Support Group Spring Session at Our Lady of Loreto Church Hall, 12 Ardsley Road, Waterbury, CT, 06708. Beginning on March 8, 6:30PM, Register by contacting Barbara at 203.910.1561, www.ourladyofloretowtby.org. Registration Deadline is 2.21.17. Space is limited. All inquiries are confidential and all are welcome.

Ash Wednesday Day or Evening Retreat: The Price and the Promise of Easter, with Bill Walsh...
Wednesday, March 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. As we begin another Lenten season in preparation for Easter, we'll examine why Jesus died and how Jesus' passion, death and resurrection can bring healing and hope in our world. We'll also explore how our own struggles relate to Christ's resurrection and what the cross reveals about God's relationship with humanity. \$40, includes meal. 860-760-9705. Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford - www.holyfamilyretreat.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 6 – 6 – 8PM - Karate
 FEBRUARY 7 – 9 – 10AM or 7 – 8PM – Book Study – Room 102
 FEBRUARY 7 – 6 - 9PM – Plv. Girls Travel Team
 FEBRUARY 7 – 6:30 – 7:30PM – Middle School
 FEBRUARY 8 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class
 FEBRUARY 8 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Prep.
 FEBRUARY 8 – 6 – 9PM – Plv. Girls Travel Team
 FEBRUARY 8 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
 FEBRUARY 9 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
 FEBRUARY 9 – 4 - 5PM – Eucharist Class
 FEBRUARY 9 – 6PM – St. Anthony Society Meeting - Library
 FEBRUARY 9 – 6 – 9PM – Amera Group BB – Gym
 FEBRUARY 10 – 6 - 9PM – Plv. Girls Travel Team
 FEBRUARY 11 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K, 1, 4, 5 & Reconciliation Class
 FEBRUARY 11 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharist Class
 FEBRUARY 12 – 8 – 10:30AM – OLM Breakfast - Gym
 FEBRUARY 12 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men's AA – Room 107

BULLETIN BLOOPERS TO CHASE THE

WINTER BLUES AWAY...Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done. The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him the electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday. Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7PM. Please use the back door.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

...If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **March 3-5, 2017 in Litchfield, CT**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at mcaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM... at 1 State Street in New Haven continues its "Fleeing Famine" exhibition on the perils Irish immigrants faced on "coffins"

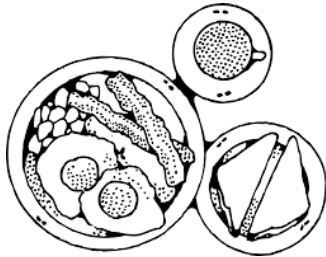


ships" as they crossed the Atlantic Ocean to North America during the 19th-century potato blight. A public lecture will be presented on the topic Saturday, Feb. 11, at

2PM. Free admission & parking. More information: 203-865-0400 or kofcmuseum.org.

OLM BREAKFAST...

Bring your loved one for breakfast between the hours of 8 & 10:30AM and celebrate Valentine's Day two days early!! \$4 per person, children 6 and under free.



FEBRUARY 8TH IS AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING...

The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General has designated February 8th as an annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking. February 8th is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. On February 8th Catholics all over the world are encouraged to pray for the evil of trafficking to cease. Please consider praying the prayer below:



Prayer 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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK...is often misunderstood. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a beautiful time to bring the healing presence of God to someone who is seriously ill from disease or old age. It is celebrated to bring spiritual and even physical strength to the infirmed.

Although often times thought of as a sacrament to be celebrated as someone nears death, and in fact, was previously known as



Anointing of the sick

Last Rites, it is meant to be celebrated anytime someone is facing a serious illness. In fact, the Sacrament may be celebrated several times in one's lifetime. Family members are encouraged to be present and may find it meaningful to their faith journey at this time, as well. The Sacrament includes anointing with blessed oils, prayers for healing, forgiveness of sins, and reception of Eucharist, if possible. If you, or someone you know, is facing a serious surgery or illness, you may call the Parish Office to arrange for the anointing. We ask that you do not wait to ask for an anointing for someone when they have only a few days to live. Please call the office sooner so that we have time to make the proper arrangements. The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick brings Jesus' saving grace to the individual in a special way and strengthens them for their journey.

WHAT IS THE REAL PRESENCE?...It is the presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine. Catholics know that Jesus Christ is present, whole and entire, under the forms of bread and wine. Body and blood, soul and divinity – the bread and wine *are* changed into Christ.



This is one of the important differences between Catholics and most Protestants. To most of our Protestant brothers and sisters, the Eucharist is a symbolic meal in which the bread and wine somehow remind them of the sacrifice of Christ. But for Catholics the bread and wine *are* Christ; they are not just symbols of Christ. Taken from Understanding the Mass.



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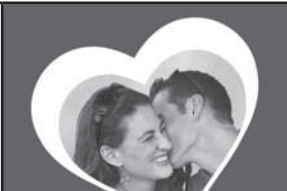
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