

February 12, 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,

Does suffering please God? I've heard we should "offer it up," but to me, God is never pleased with pain.

Some think God sends suffering into our lives as retribution. In fact, God asks certain things—difficult things—of us so we can avoid suffering in our own lives, in the lives of others, and after death.

When a mother says, "Don't touch that! It's hot," and her child touches it anyway, the mother didn't cause the burn. She knows the consequences of that action and warns her children not to do it. If they disregard her, she doesn't stop loving them. In the same way, God tells us how to live so we can avoid being hurt, and God never stops loving us.

Some suffering is unavoidable no matter how well we love and obey God. This suffering is the hardest to accept. Some is the result of our humanity.

Many seek to assign blame; others want to know why things happen. The truth is, sometimes there is no why, no clear purpose. When there is, we don't feel it any less. We can only trust that God will turn it into something good.

God's power turned a "meaningless" crucifixion into the means of our salvation. This is what "offer it up" means: By turning toward and imitating Christ, we find new depths of faith and hope.

*Fr. Joe Nolen, 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.

February 12 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY	February 13
8:00AM	Viola Sliwonik
	Req. Family
TUESDAY	February 14
8:00AM	Claire Castonguay Madore
	Req. M/M Reno Levesque
WEDNESDAY	February 15
8:00AM	No Mass
THURSDAY	February 16
8:00AM	Donald McMahon
	Req. Jack & Gloria
FRIDAY	February 17
8:00AM	Betty Boukus
	Req. Leona Bisson
SATURDAY	February 18
8:00AM	Raymond Albert – Month Anniv.
4:00PM	Giacomo & Assunta Cianchetti
	Req. Angelo & Jackie
SUNDAY	February 19 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Yvonne, Herman & Daniel Masse
	Req. Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$5,017.50
Monthly	50.00
Catch Up	120.00
Cathedraticum	- 285.31
SSP	- 285.31
Total	\$4,616.88

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 13- 6 – 8PM - Karate
- FEBRUARY 13 – 7 – 8PM – Book Study – Room 102
- FEBRUARY 14 – 9 – 10AM – Book Study – Room 102
- FEBRUARY 14 – 6 - 9PM – Plv. Girls Travel Team
- FEBRUARY 15 – 6 – 8PM – PARC - Gym
- FEBRUARY 15 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
- FEBRUARY 16 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
- FEBRUARY 16 – 6 – 9PM – Amera Group BB – Gym
- FEBRUARY 17 – 6 – 8PM – GIFT
- FEBRUARY 19 – 9:30 – 11:30AM – GIFT
- FEBRUARY 19 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men's AA – Room 107
- FEBRUARY 19 – 12:30 – 2:30PM - JOLT

MORE BULLETIN BLOOPERS TO CHASE

THE WINTER BLUES AWAY...The 8th graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy. Weight Watchers will meet at 7PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please us large double door at the side entrance. The Associate Minister unveiled the Church's new Campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours!"

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 mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

TAX DONATION LETTERS ARE AVAILABLE BY CALLING THE OFFICE AND REQUESTING ONE. WE WILL HAPPILY MAIL ONE OUT TO YOU! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS IN THE PAST YEAR!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS...

along with parish community sponsor J&R Heating and Cooling, Inc. sponsored the local level of the 2017 Knights of Columbus International Basketball Free Throw Championship held January 15, at the OLM Parish Center. Prizes were awarded to all the winners thanks to JR Heating and Cooling's sponsorship.



Congratulations to the local contest winners:

9 Year Old Boy's Division:
PARKER THOMPSON

10 Year Old Boy's Division:
ANTHONY SCHINKEL

11 Year Old Boy's Division:
MICHAEL BAKAYSA

12 Year Old Girl's Division:
SAMANTHA THOMPSON

12 Year Old Boy's Division:
JACOB STANCZYKIEWICZ

13 Year Old Girl's Division: RILEY GIBLIN

14 Year Old Boy's Division:
MATTHEW STANCZYKIEWICZ

14 Year Old Girl's Division:
GABRIELLE SCHINKEL

The local winners competed in a district level contest against winners from Kensington and Southington which was hosted by the Plainville Knights at the Parish Center on January 29th. Congratulations to District winners Parker Thompson, Michael Bakaysa, Riley Giblin, Matthew Stanczykiewicz, and Gabrielle Schinkel who will compete at a regional contest in Newtown, CT on March 5th.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING JOLT AND PURCHASING THEIR HOMEMADE SOUP. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THEY HELD THIS FUNDRAISER AND THE RESPONSE WAS MAGNIFICENT. JOLT SOLD OUT OF ALL OF THEIR SOUP!

WE HAVE A BRAND NEW PARISH APP!...At Our Lady of Mercy Church we are pursuing new opportunities to foster a stronger parish life and better engage the New Evangelization. As a part of these efforts we are happy to announce that Our Lady of Mercy Church now has its own app for Apple and Android phones. Our new app will allow us to send you useful and important messages throughout the week regarding our parish life and events, and allow you to reply to messages or RSVP for events. There will be no need for parishioners with smart phones to remember to silence their phones before Mass. The app will send you a reminder to silence your phone 20 minutes before the Mass you select. Many more great features will be a help to all of us, such as, daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, Confession reminders, and our weekly bulletin. So, be sure to download the app after Mass today by visiting myparishapp.com or searching for myparish on your phone's app store, and stay connected with us all week long.

BOTTLE SHED CLOSED....Unfortunately the Youth Group Bottle Shed is closed until further notice. Thank you for your generous support of our Parish Youth Group. Our Shed was broken into again right before our sorting day. This time tools were used to cut through the door and take many bags of bottles intended for youth group activities. Until we come up with a solution we will not be collecting bottles or cans. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR.... will be held at St. Aloysius Church in Plantsville starting Sunday, February 26TH, and will run for 6 weeks, from 11:45AM – 1:30PM. Please call Ruth Romajas for more info at 860.276.9208.



THREE SCHOLARSHIPS....will be awarded by The Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, Inc. The amount is \$2,000 for one year. Any Catholic student who is a Hartford County resident now attending an accredited secondary school, and who wishes to attend a four year college beginning in 2017. Deadline for application is March 15, 2017. See your Counselor or go to www.Catholicgraduatesct.org.



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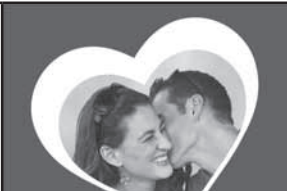
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