

February 19, 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,

Is it ever OK to use "God" and "damn"

together?

When we pray "hallowed be thy name" in the Lord's Prayer, we give God the reverence he is due. Because the Lord's name is holy, we mustn't abuse it. The Second Commandment tells us not to "take the name of the Lord...in vain" (see Exodus 20:7). With our tongue, "we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. This need not be so..." (James 3:9-10).

What happens, when our reverence is contradicted by cursing? For some, cursing is a cathartic response to pain or anger. Those who view it as a form of stress management or as a substitute for physical aggression may contend that condemning in this context is neither literal nor deliberate. If God knows our hearts, that our misuse of his name is insincere, what's the harm?

"A sharp tongue is the only edge[d] tool that grows keener with constant use," wrote Washington Irving. In other words, if we constantly and carelessly misuse God's name, we may stop feeling sorry that it offends him. That irreverent attitude is more offensive—and more dangerous—than the vocabulary. Scripture warns, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue; those who choose one shall eat its fruit" (Proverbs 18: 21).

Fr. Byron Miller, 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 19 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY February 20
8:00AM Cornelia LeVasseur
Req. Family

TUESDAY February 21
8:00AM Edward & Hazel LaBarr
Req. Bill & Linda

WEDNESDAY February 22
8:00AM No Mass

THURSDAY February 23
8:00AM Frank Sliwonik
Req. Family

FRIDAY February 24
8:00AM Betty Boukus
Req. David & Charlotte
Koskoff

SATURDAY February 25
8:00AM Anthony Badolato –1st. Anniv.
Paul John Hernandez – 1st. Anniv.
4:00PM James Wishart
Req. Mom & Dad

SUNDAY February 26 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Anna Consalvo
Req. Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$5,022.50
Monthly	90.00
Catch Up	243.00
Cathedraticum	- 294.55
SSP	- 294.55
Total	\$4,766.40

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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 20 – Parish Office Closed
FEBRUARY 20– 6 – 8PM - Karate
FEBRUARY 21 – 6 – 9PM – Plv. Girls Travel Team
FEBRUARY 22 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
FEBRUARY 23 - 7PM – Pastoral Council Meeting
FEBRUARY 23 – 6 – 9PM – Amera Group BB – Gym
FEBRUARY 24 – 6 – 9PM – Plainville Travel Girls BB
FEBRUARY 26 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men's AA – Room 107

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 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 23RD IN ROOM 102 AT 7PM. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO OBSERVE.



IF YOU MISSED MASS LAST WEEKEND DUE TO THE WEATHER, WE APPRECIATE YOUR DONATION THIS OR NEXT WEEKEND. WE STILL HAVE TO PAY THE BILLS! A HUGE THANK YOU GOES OUT TO ALL OF YOU.

"I Phone Fast! Will u?"...For the first time ever, the Archdiocese of Hartford is inviting people to "fast" from using cell phones on Ash Wednesday, March 1st, and Good Friday, April 14th, in an initiative called: "I Phone Fast!" Silencing our busy phones, gives God a chance to call our hearts. Please consider including this practice in addition to fasting from food, almsgiving and prayer, which are traditional disciplines by which the Church observes Lent. Visit: archdioceseofhartford.org.



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.

SAVE THE DATE...FOR OUR CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER ON MARCH 11TH!



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 is eligible. Deadline for application is March 15, 2017. See your Counselor or go to www.Catholicgraduatesct.org.

OLM BLOOD

DRIVE...is Monday, March 13 from 1 – 6PM in the Parish Center. To make it easier to donate blood, please visit on the day of the blood drive



redcrossblood.org/RapidPass. What a wonderful way to give of ourselves during this Lenten Season by helping our brothers and sisters in Christ!

LENTEN CONFESSIONS...will take place every Monday during Lent, from 6 – 7PM in the church. If you would like to refresh yourself on how to partake of this sacrament, please visit: www.lightforyou.today or our new parish app!

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH EVENING OF REFLECTION

February 22 at 7PM. Our evening of reflection will be a Lenten preparation led by Bill Walsh from Holy Family Retreat Center. Bill will lead a discussion on recapturing the wonder of God's presence in our lives. The topic is based on Father Ronald Rolheiser's book, "The Shattered Lantern, Rediscovering a Felt Presence of God." Father Rolheiser identifies obstacles of modern life that make it difficult for us to feel God's presence, such as narcissism, pragmatism, and unbridled restlessness. He also offers ways we can overcome these obstacles through obedience, gratitude, understanding the meaning of divine providence, service to others, and deepening our prayer life. All are invited!



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