

February 26, 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,

I'm an active Catholic but feel torn between two sides of myself: one that is faithful in prayer and charitable to others, another that is poorly disciplined, selfish, and given to sensuality and pornography. It seems God is holding on to me, but I don't know why.

I am reminded of Paul's personal struggle as expressed in Romans: "What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate....Now if [I] do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me....Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me...?" (7:15, 20, 24).

Remain faithful to your religious practices, and don't get down on yourself. Having immoral tendencies does not make you a hypocrite; it makes you human. All people experience the struggle between good and evil within themselves in one way or another. It may be helpful to find a spiritual director or counselor who can help you deal with your weaknesses. You could learn how to be more disciplined in prayer and how to overcome your preoccupation with pornography. Keep trying to accentuate the positive and deal with the negative.

You say God is holding on to you. Remember that Francis Thompson called God "the Hound of Heaven." God does not let go easily.

*Fr. Daniel L. Lowery, 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 26 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY

8:00AM

February 27

Normand Ortner

Req. Sylvia Michaud

TUESDAY

8:00AM

February 28

No Mass

WEDNESDAY

8:00AM

March 1 – Ash Wednesday

Elizabeth Deschais

6:00PM

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THURSDAY

8:00AM

March 2

Cecile Ouellette

Req. Leona Bisson

FRIDAY

8:00AM

March 3

V. Saimininkas

Req. J. A. Pleckaitis

SATURDAY

8:00AM

March 4

Frances Rouillard – Month Anniv.

4:00PM

Helen Schultz

Req. Joseph & Valena

Palumbo

SUNDAY

8:30AM

March 5 – First Sunday of Lent

Parishioners

10:30AM

Joseph DeMicco

Req. Wife Lorraine

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER 2017...

The Parish Life Committee of the Pastoral Council will be sponsoring our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday March 11th at 5pm in the

Parish Center. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. A hot dog and chips plate will also be available for \$1.50. Tickets will be available for purchase in the gathering room before and after Masses on Feb 25th - 26th and March 4th - 5th. You may also purchase tickets at the Parish Office now until Wednesday, March 8th. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Volunteers are needed during and after for cleanup. Please call Don at 203-910-9624. Please join us for some local parish talent and an evening of great food, fellowship and fun.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE PRAYED EVERY FRIDAY AT 7 PM DURING LENT. COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH OUR LORD.

NEXT WEEKEND IS THE COLLECTION OF FOOD AND CLEANING ITEMS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY. AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FEBRUARY 27- 6 – 8PM - Karate
- FEBRUARY 28 – 6 - 9PM – Plv. Girls Travel Team
- MARCH 1 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class
- MARCH 1 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Sacrament Prep.
- MARCH 1 – 7PM - Confirmation I & II
- MARCH 1 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
- MARCH 2 – 1 – 2:30PM - Atrium
- MARCH 2 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharist Class
- MARCH 2 – 6 – 9PM – Amera Group BB – Gym
- MARCH 3 – 7PM – Stations of the Cross
- MARCH 4 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K, 1, 4, 5 and Reconciliation Classes
- MARCH 4 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharist Class
- MARCH 5 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men’s AA – Room 107
- MARCH 5 – 6 – 8PM - JOLT

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!

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!

WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY. ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING MASS ONLY. THE MASSES ARE AT 8AM & 6PM.



WHAT DOES ASH WEDNESDAY MEAN?...Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. It is a moveable observance, six and one-half weeks before Easter. It was set as the first day of Lent by Pope St. Gregory the Great (590 - 604AD) with a total period including 40 weekdays of fasting before Easter. This practice is mirrored after Jesus' 40 days in the desert including fasting and prayer before his public ministry. Ash Wednesday is from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case,

grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. It is a day of fasting and abstinence when ashes are blessed and imposed on the foreheads of the faithful to remind them of their obligation to do

penance for sins, to seek spiritual renewal by means of prayer, fasting, good works and bearing with patience and for God's purposes the trials and difficulties of everyday life. The ashes are used to mark the forehead with the Sign of the Cross, with the reminder:

"Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return," or "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." An excellent article on this topic is available in the on-line Catholic Encyclopedia. The address is www.newadvent.org/cathen/01775b.htm. Information taken from EWTN.com.

"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.



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.

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. There will be a Lenten Reflection on myparishapp starting Ash Wednesday.

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 before you have your blood drawn



redcrossblood.org/RapidPass. What a wonderful way to give of ourselves during this Lenten Season by helping our brothers and sisters in Christ! Did you know that every two seconds someone in the United States needs a blood transfusion and your blood donation may help save as many as three lives. The American Red Cross asks healthy people to give blood regularly to help meet the need for blood throughout the year because it is perishable and must be continuously replenished. Those who can donate blood must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health.



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