

March 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,

Are Jesus and God the same person? The Church teaches that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one being, but in the Bible Jesus and God talk to each other. Also, some of our prayers address Jesus, while others address the Father or the Spirit. Explain this, please.

Trinitarian theology is never simple to explain. Since the time of Christ, we've wrestled with the interrelation of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. With time and the Spirit's guidance, the Church has discovered language we believe reflects some of the mystery we call God, and we've accepted the authority of that language.

When we pray the Creed together every week, we speak of our belief in one God in three persons. However, even as we say these words, we know we have more to discover about the life of the Godhead and the unity and relationships among Father, Son, and Spirit, each of whom we have encountered throughout salvation history.

In believing that the Trinity is one God, we have the freedom to confidently pray to any one or more of the three divine persons. However, when we pray at Mass, you'll notice the most typical formula for prayers is to offer them to the Father, through the Son, and in (or with) the Spirit.

Fr. Matthew Allman, 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.

March 12 – Second Sunday of Lent

MONDAY

8:00AM

March 13

Jean Martin

Req. Her Daughter

TUESDAY

8:00AM

March 14

**Deceased Members of the
Deschais & Berube Families**

**Req. Deacon Robert &
Regina**

WEDNESDAY

8:00AM

March 15

No Mass

THURSDAY

8:00AM

March 16

Jane Tanski – 1st Anniv.

Req. James Tanski

FRIDAY

8:00AM

March 17

Alfred Tanguay

Req. Dianne Harper

SATURDAY

8:00AM

March 18

Jeannot Dionne – Month Anniv.

James Hines – 1st Anniv.

Alfred Tanguay – 1st Anniv.

Domenica DiLernia – 1st Anniv.

4:00PM

Andrea Fiorillo

Req. Angie & Tony Lucente

SUNDAY

8:30AM

March 19 – Third Sunday of

Lent

10:30AM

Parishioners

Jane Tanski

Req. Jeanne Gionfriddo

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,635.00
Monthly	40.00
Catch Up	30.00
Cathedraticum	- 258.77
SSP	- 258.77
Total	\$4,187.46

2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL...is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward. We hope you can help meet our parish goal of \$50,000. If you would like to make a gift, kindly mail in your pledge card. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow the donor to best use the monthly payment plan.

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

DISPENSATION FROM LENTEN ABSTINENCE ON

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017...Archbishop Leonard Blair

has formally dispensed the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop, which will be observed this year on Friday, March 17. Inasmuch as fasting is a spiritual good, meant, in the words of the *Catechism*, "to help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart," the Faithful who partake of meat on March 17, 2017 are encouraged to observe the Lenten abstinence on Thursday, March 16, or Saturday, March 18.



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MARCH 13 – 1 – 6PM – Blood Drive - Gym
- MARCH 15 – 6 – 8PM - PARC - Gym
- MARCH 15 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
- MARCH 16 – 1 – 2:30PM - Atrium
- MARCH 16 – 6 – 9PM – Amera Group BB – Gym
- MARCH 17 – 7PM – Stations of the Cross
- MARCH 18 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K, 1, 4, 5
- MARCH 18 – 1PM – First Reconciliation
- MARCH 19 – 9:30 – 11:30AM – GIFT - Gym
- MARCH 19 – 10AM – 11:30AM – Jerusalem Road
- MARCH 19– 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men's AA – Room 107

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE...There are two

\$1000 OLM Memorial Scholarships, formerly known as The Guild of Our Lady Memorial Scholarships, available to graduating high school seniors furthering their



education in the fall. Eligibility requirements: a registered, actively participating member of the parish. Applications may be picked up in the parish office M-F, 9:30am – 3:30pm and must be returned by April 30th.

DID YOU KNOW...that every Sunday the 8:30 Mass is offered as a ***Misa Pro Populo*** (Mass for the People"). It refers to the requirement of all ordained Pastors to say Mass for the people of their Parish. This is as opposed to a Mass said for a particular intention, for the benefit of the Celebrant alone, or for the benefit of the dead. The parish is established to provide the parishioners with the help of religion, especially with Mass. The pastor is not obliged to say the Misa Pro Populo personally, but he must be certain that the obligation is fulfilled.

OLM BLOOD DRIVE...is Monday, March 13

from 1 – 6PM in the Parish Center. To make it easier to donate blood, please visit redcross.org to set up an appointment. On the day of the blood drive before you have your blood drawn visit

redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to speed up the process when you give blood. What a wonderful way to give of ourselves during this Lenten Season by helping our brothers and sisters in Christ! Did you know that blood is needed by cancer patients, people with blood disorders or diseases, premature babies, transplant recipients, trauma and accident victims, and to treat people with other serious diseases and conditions. The American Red Cross collects about 40 % of the blood needed each year in the United States. Those who can donate blood must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health.



4 WEEK LENTEN SERIES...St. Gregory in Bristol will present a Series entitled: “The Commandments of God according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church”. The series will begin on Thursday, March 16, 7PM in Rosary Hall and will continue until Thursday, April 6. Georgianna Roy will be the presenter. No registration is necessary. Join us this Lent. Everyone is welcomed.

LENTEN TOILETRY COLLECTION...Again this Lent OLM will be collecting toiletries of any size along with slightly used handbags and backpacks for the Friendship Center in New Britain. There is a bin located in the Gathering Space. This enables us as a community to help the homeless and those in need.

GIFT PROGRAM NOTICE!...As you may have heard, Jerusalem Road is coming to OLM on Sunday, March 19th, 10AM, to present a program on “I am the resurrection and the Life”. Due to this great opportunity to have them with us, we are combining the Friday and Sunday GIFT programs into this one session. The March Friday GIFT program will shift to Sunday the 19th at 9:30AM, following the 8:30AM Mass. We’ll start with breakfast, with the program to follow ending at 11:30AM. We look forward to having everyone there! The Parish is also invited to this presentation beginning at 10AM in the gym!

DEANERY PARISH LENTEN MISSION...

Sunday, April 2nd, 7PM, St. Joseph, Bristol, Made One in Christ. Monday, April 3rd, 7PM, Immaculate Conception, Terryville, The Word Made Flesh – Listening to God. Tuesday, April 4th, 7PM, St. Matthew, Forestville, Kyrie Eleison He looks on Us; His Sacrifice and Ours, Penance Service. Deanery priests will assist with confessions. Wednesday, April 5th, 7PM, St. Thomas, Thomaston, Given for You, Mass included.

COME ONE, COME ALL!...Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life.” Come; explore this “I Am” statement through music and presentation on Sunday, March 19th, 10AM, when Jerusalem Road comes to OLM! They are a dynamic, young Catholic group which has been active in enriching lives for several years. The group is made up of 3 men and 2 women with strong Catholic backgrounds and performs at coffeehouses, Christian music festivals, conferences, prayer services, youth events, and church services. They’ve performed on television and radio and for large concert audiences as well as more intimate gatherings. In addition to their music, they also incorporate prayer, spoken word, Scripture, and traditional devotions into the services they lead. **ALL ARE INVITED TO THIS FREE EVENT!** The program is appropriate for all aged 5 – 105 and we encourage you to bring a friend!



ST. PADRE PIO PRAYER LINE...If you wish to pray for someone and have your prayers multiplied, you can call this prayer line at 860.635.4996.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING...Learn about God’s vision of human sexuality. The Office of Family Life of the Archdiocese of Hartford is offering NFP Introductory sessions to provide an overview of this practical, moral, safe and “all natural” tool for family planning. St. Joseph Church, Bristol, 10AM – Noon. To register: 860.242.5573 ext. 2683 or email: Martha.Pezp-Marin@AOHCT.org



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