

March 19, 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,

Sometimes a priest at Mass skips (or forgets) the blessing after the Confiteor: "May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life." I learned this prayer is important because it prepares us to receive the Eucharist. Is that correct?

The penitential act at Mass concludes with the priest's absolution, but it "lacks the efficacy of the Sacrament of Penance" (*GIRM* 51). In *The Tridentine Missal*, the Confiteor was followed by a version of the formula in use today and a second formula: "May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins." This second, quasi-absolution is omitted in the current rite, along with the sign of the cross that accompanied it.

Jesus told Simon and his companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). Often, when entering God's presence, we are so filled with awe that we become aware of our own sinfulness. Yet our primary purpose in gathering for worship is not to acknowledge our sins but to acknowledge God's mercy.

Thus, the penitential act exists to unite the faithful as a community and to prepare them to listen to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist (*GIRM* 46).

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.

March 19 – Third Sunday of Lent

MONDAY	March 20
8:00AM	Arthur Knorr Req. Bryan
TUESDAY	March 21
8:00AM	Jeaninne Soucie Req. Malcolm Soucie
WEDNESDAY	March 22
8:00AM	No Mass
THURSDAY	March 23
8:00AM	Agnes Perrault
FRIDAY	March 24
8:00AM	Donald Wallace Req. Family
SATURDAY	March 25
8:00AM	Donald Jewell
4:00PM	Vivian Griffin Req. Jim & Deb Koeller
SUNDAY	March 26 – Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Anna Fabrizio Req. John & Family

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,548.00
Monthly	10.00
Catch Up	373.00
Cathedraticum	- 272.30
SSP	- 272.30
Total	\$4,406.40

2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL...helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

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!

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.



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 20 – 6 – 8PM – Karate - Gym
- MARCH 21 – 6:30 – 7:30PM - Middle School
- MARCH 22 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class
- MARCH 22 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Sacrament Prep.
- MARCH 22 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
- MARCH 23 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
- MARCH 23 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharist Class
- MARCH 23 – 6 – 9PM – Amera Group BB – Gym
- MARCH 23 – 7 – 8:30PM – Pastoral Council Meeting – Room 102
- MARCH 24 – 7PM – Stations of the Cross
- MARCH 25 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K, 1, 4, 5 & Reconciliation Class
- MARCH 25 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharist Class
- MARCH 26 – 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.

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.



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.

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EASTER PEIROGI AND BUTTER LAMB SALE...St. Lucian's Residence, 532 Burritt St., New Britain, 860.223.2123, Saturday, April 8, 8AM – 1PM. Babka, Golabki, Sauerkraut, Polish Style Soups, Polish Pastry, Sauerkraut, Polish Style Soups, Polish Pastry

All parishioners are invited to observe the Pastoral Council Meeting listed in the calendar.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...

will offer its Entrance Exam to 8th & 9th graders on March 22nd at 8:30AM. An application will serve as your registration for the exam. For more information or to apply online, go to NorthwestCatholic.org/Admissions



ST. THOMAS PASSION PLAY...The 39th Annual Passion Play will be performed at Southington Catholic School auditorium located at 99 Bristol Street in Southington.



The performance of the Passion Play is free of charge for all to enjoy; although a free will donation is greatly appreciated to help us continue this tradition. For more information check our web site: <http://stthomassouthington.org/passionplay>.

Or contact: Diane 860 628-4197, Joan 860 426-2371, Ginny 860 628-4628 or Lois 860 621-0411

Performance Dates:

SATURDAY	4/8	7:30pm
SUNDAY	4/9	3:00pm
MONDAY	4/10	7:30pm
TUESDAY	4/11	7:30pm
WEDNESDAY	4/12	7:30pm
GOOD FRIDAY	4/14	7:30pm

REGISTER NOW... Southington Catholic School welcomes your family to visit and experience the benefits that small class size and a nurturing environment can offer your student. Come see the wonderful energy in our primary grades and the challenging curriculum that prepares our middle school students for academic scholarships to outstanding area high schools. A personal tour can be arranged by calling 860-628-2485. Applications are now being accepted for the 2017-2018 academic year.

WHERE KINDNESS BEGINS WITH YOU...Many of us suffer from being self-critical, over-scheduled, over-worked, and sleep deprived. How do we manage to be kind living under such stress? Self-care is one answer and begins exactly where we are in our ordinary routines and tasks. What a perfect opportunity to gather the ladies for a night of friendship, laughter and good food! Did we mention wine & cheese too? 3/29, 6 – 9PM, \$40, Holy Family Retreat House, 860.521.0440



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