

March 26, 2017



Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

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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.

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

What are social or communal sins? Do I need to confess them?

To answer this question properly, we must first make a number of distinctions. First, we are social beings. We act not only as individuals but also as groups, and we are capable of sinning each way. Sin is an analogous concept with nuances, depending on context. There are original, personal, and social sins. There are also both mortal and venial sins. When we sin as individuals, we commit a personal sin. When we sin in a group, we commit a social sin. As with personal sin, some social sins are more serious than others.

Societies that enshrine laws promoting abortion, euthanasia, and in many countries, capital punishment are involved in serious social sins. Our degree of culpability in such sins depends on the level of our participation in the group. The key distinction is whether we are actively (formally) or only accidentally (materially) cooperating in the evil. For example, if you actually voted for a law enshrining one such evil, then you are formally cooperating in the evil. If you voted against it but are paying taxes that fund such practices, then you are only materially cooperating in it.

Formal cooperation in a serious offense against God's will should be confessed. Material cooperation lessens the degree of blame, sometimes to the point of eliminating it. It is important to examine the nature of the social evil, study the teachings of the Church on the issue, determine your level of participation, and form your conscience accordingly.

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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 26 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

MONDAY	March 27
8:00AM	Normand Ortner Req. Sylvia Michaud
TUESDAY	March 28
8:00AM	Madeline Dwyer Req. Caregiver
WEDNESDAY	March 29
8:00AM	No Mass
THURSDAY	March 30
8:00AM	Pauline Soltis Req. M/M Anthony Cavallo
FRIDAY	March 31
8:00AM	Martha Soucie Req. Reno & Patricia Levesque
SATURDAY	April 1
8:00AM	James F. Bailey – 1 st . Anniv. David McMahon – 1 st . Anniv.
4:00PM	Agnes & Danielle Gonnon Req. Mother & Sister
SUNDAY	April 2 – Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:30AM	Elinor Silverio Req. Joe & Jo-Ann

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...supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided by the Archdiocese. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community, and be **Moved by Mercy**, to share your blessings.

PYSANKY WORKSHOP...April 5, 6 – 9PM, \$25. Come, enjoy the art of Pysanky, a Ukrainian handcraft with a history rich in symbolism and legend. No artistic talent is required to create your own beautiful egg – just enthusiasm for learning and spiritual awareness through art.

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!

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 27 – 6 – 8PM – Karate - Gym
- MARCH 29 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class
- MARCH 29 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Sacrament Prep.
- MARCH 29 – 6 – 8PM – PARC – Basketball - Gym
- MARCH 29 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
- MARCH 30 – 1 – 2:30PM – Atrium
- MARCH 30 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharist Class
- MARCH 30 – 6 – 9PM – Amera Group BB – Gym
- MARCH 31 – 7PM – Stations of the Cross
- April 1 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K, 1, 4, 5 & Reconciliation Class
- APRIL 2 – 8AM – Noon – Lion’s Club Pancake Breakfast - Gym
- APRIL 2 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men’s AA – Room 107
- APRIL 2 – 6 – 8PM - JOLT

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.



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. Thank you for your generous donations so far.



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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



JERUSALEM ROAD...many people enjoyed the "I Am the Resurrection and the Life" presentation featuring the band Jerusalem Road. For those who would like more info, please visit www.jerusalemroad.net.

ST. JOSEPH AWARD...was granted to Jim and Marianne Cassidy last Sunday at the Cathedral in Hartford, for their many years of dedication for volunteering at OLM. We thank them for their generosity of time and Spirit to our Parish Faith Community! Congratulations and Thank You!

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

RETROUVAILLE APRIL 21ST WEEKEND...

Marriage help - If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love. The next local Retrouvaille weekend is April 21-23, 2017. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email cherylandsteve@cox.net, or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.com for information & registration.

Deacon Hung, Deacon Duy, and Deacon Hai will be ordained to The Priesthood of Jesus Christ on Saturday, April 8. The ordination will be at 11:00am in the Queen of the Apostles Chapel on the campus of Holy Apostles College and Seminary, 33 Prospect Hill Road, Cromwell, CT. In addition to these three men who have been associated with our parish, two other men will also be ordained priests, and two more will be ordained deacons. All seven are being ordained for their home diocese of Thanh Hoa in Vietnam. Several of the newly ordained priests will offer a combined Mass of Thanksgiving at the 10:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Mercy church on Sunday April 9. All are welcome.



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