

April 9, 2017



# Our Lady of Mercy

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### Parish Office/Cemetery Office Hours

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday - Friday

### Parish Trustees

William Petit, Sr. and Josephine Forcella

### 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,**

***Why don't Catholics study and prepare for the end times or rapture?***

Quite simply, we don't prepare for the rapture because as Catholics we don't believe in the rapture.

We do believe that there is a time when the world will end, but we have no idea when that day will come. Fundamentalist Christians believe that the world will end with a rapture where the good will be taken and the evil left. It is based on a misreading of Revelation 20 that speaks of an angel in the pit who will ravage the earth for 1,000 years. This is called amillennialism, and the Church has condemned this belief (CCC 676).

The whole "left behind" series comes from this misreading.

Rather than being afraid of the end of the world, the Catholic Church teaches that the best way to prepare for the coming of Christ is by living the sacramental life of the Church: being baptized, celebrating the Eucharist and reconciliation consistently, being married or professing holy orders in the Church, and partaking in the anointing of the sick.

By doing these things we are participating in the fullness of the Church and life with Christ. This is the best way to prepare for Christ's return. While we as Catholics do believe there will be a day when we will be gathered to Christ, we look forward to this day with anticipation and joy, not fear and anguish.

*Patrick Keyes, CSsR  
sundaybulletin@liguori.org*

### Parish Office/Cemetery Office

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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.*

**April 9 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the**

**Lord**

**MONDAY**

**8:00AM**

**April 10**

**Herman, Yvonne & Daniel Masse**

**Req. Family**

**TUESDAY**

**8:00AM**

**April 11**

**Pasquale & Loretta Raponi**

**Req. Gino Cianchetti**

**WEDNESDAY**

**8:00AM**

**April 12**

**No Mass**

**THURSDAY**

**7:00PM**

**April 13 – Holy Thursday**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**FRIDAY**

**3:00PM**

**April 14 – Good Friday**

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

**SATURDAY**

**10:00AM**

**April 15**

**Blessing of Easter Food**

**8:00PM**

**Easter Vigil**

**SUNDAY**

**8:30AM**

**April 16 – Easter Sunday**

**Easter Mass**

**10:30AM**

**Easter Mass**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Regular	\$4,634.50
Monthly	5.00
Catch Up	55.00
Cathedraticum	- 258.19
SSP	- 258.19
Total	\$4,178.12

**The Second Collection Next weekend is for the Easter Collection.**



**Holy Week**

**2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**...provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference. If you need a pledge card, please feel free to pick one up at the entrance of the church.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

APRIL 10 – 6 – 8PM – Karate - Gym

APRIL 12 – 7PM – NA – Room 107

APRIL 16 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men's AA – Room 107

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS**...will take place Monday 4.10, 6 – 7PM, Tuesday, 4.11, 7PM, & Wednesday, 4.12, 4PM in the church. There will be NO confession on Saturday 4.15. If you would like to refresh yourself on how to partake of this sacrament, please visit: [www.lightforyou.today](http://www.lightforyou.today) or our new parish app!



**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 30<sup>th</sup>.

**LENTEN TOILETRY COLLECTION**...This is the last week 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.



**IT IS OLM TAG SALE TIME**

**AGAIN!**... it will be held on May 5 & 6 from 9AM – 3PM. Please bring your unwanted treasures to the garage behind the Rectory. Please do not donate TVs, Magazines or Computers. Please absolutely **NO furniture** of any kind until Monday, May 1! Those items can be brought directly to the Parish Center.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH**...April 23, 3PM. Archbishop Leonard P. Blair will preside at a Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday, including the prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, as well as Eucharistic adoration and benediction. All of the faithful throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford are welcome. An elevator is available on the west side entrance of the Cathedral from the Asylum Ave. parking lot.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**...will take place on Easter Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass on the parish grounds. All children of the parish are invited. If raining the Egg Hunt will take place in the gym. Bring your Easter Basket to collect the eggs.

## ST. THOMAS PASSION PLAY...The



39<sup>th</sup> 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://](http://stthomassouthington.org/passionplay)

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

### **Performance Dates:**

MONDAY	4/10	7:30pm
TUESDAY	4/11	7:30pm
WEDNESDAY	4/12	7:30pm
GOOD FRIDAY	4/14	7:30pm

## RETROUVAILLE APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> 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](mailto:cherylandsteve@cox.net), or go to our website [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) for information & registration.

## THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY HOCKEY MINISTRIES

INTERNATIONAL...will be holding their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction, Tuesday, May 2, 6 – 8PM, First Congregational Church, 689 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury, CT. Featured Speaker is Adam Burt



and Rich Coppola Sports Director Fox 61. Tickets \$25. Deadline April 28<sup>th</sup>. Text or call Rick Mitera at 860.817.6440 or email at [hmineusa@hotmail.com](mailto:hmineusa@hotmail.com)

## COURAGE AND ENCOURAGE SUPPORT GROUPS - APRIL 2017 DATES...

Thurs. April 27 at 7 p.m. EnCourage: Wed. April 19 at 7 p.m.

Courage is an international network of Catholic support groups for men and women who experience same-sex attraction and are seeking to live chaste lives in Christ. Courage also sponsors separate support groups (called "EnCourage") for those who seek to gain greater understanding and acceptance of their loved-one's same-sex attraction, while honoring the virtue of chastity. Courage ministers under the auspices of the Office of Family Life. For meeting location and additional information you can contact Fr. Robert Landback, Chaplain at 203-265-0961 X2 or [aohctcourage@gmail.com](mailto:aohctcourage@gmail.com). The website for Courage International is [couragerc.org](http://couragerc.org).

## TENEBRAE

### SERVICE...Service of Lights,

This service will include hymns, scripture reading, prayer and extinguishing and lighting of candles. All are welcome. Free will offering accepted. St. Ann Church, 215 West St., Bristol. Palm Sunday Evening, 7PM. For more info 860.582.8169.



## SCRAPBOOK & PAPER

### CRAFTERS...Blessed Sacrament

Church, 386 Robinwood Rd., Waterbury, is holding an event on Saturday, 4.29, 10AM – 8PM. Each crafter will get a full 5 ½ feet of space to create to their hearts' content! Crafters can sign up for the full day or half a day from 10AM – 3PM or 3PM – 8PM. Continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided to all full day attendees, plus meal options for half day attendees. Vendors from Stampin' Up!, Creative Memories, Close to My Heart and 31 will be on site plus more vendors. Cost is \$40 for the full day and \$25 for the half day. The event will be held in the Blessed Sacrament School Gym. Price increases if registration is received after April 11. For more information or to register, Linda, 203.768.9734, Carole, 203.754.7868 or email at [BSCDIVAS@yahoo.com](mailto:BSCDIVAS@yahoo.com).





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