

April 23, 2017



# Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

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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,

***Does the Church allow sick and elderly people to have "do not resuscitate (DNR)" orders?***

Yes. The Church understands the human person as a union of body and soul. Made in God's image and likeness, we cannot separate our physical life from our spiritual life. When our bodies die, our spiritual existence continues. Thus, to believe that we are morally bound to exhaust all possible medical treatments incorrectly overemphasizes the good of our physical life here on earth—which our faith teaches comprises, in the end, shadows and dust—and overlooks the good of our spiritual life as well as the eternal destiny to which we are called by God.

There comes a time when medical intervention, beyond that required to keep a person comfortable and to relieve pain, is unnecessary and can excessively burden the patient or the family. Elderly and imminently dying patients are not obligated to undertake unreasonable or excessively burdensome medical procedures or to use measures that sustain life beyond basic nursing care such as proper hygiene, food and fluids (when they can be assimilated into the body), comfortable room temperature, turning to avoid bed sores, and other means.

Having conversations with loved ones about this matter is an excellent way to find support during times of suffering and loss. "Do not resuscitate (DNR)" orders can be part of the process of letting go of the life we have known while embracing the new life that awaits us in Jesus Christ.

Source: *Liguorian*, March 2011

#### **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 23 – Second Sunday of Easter**

**MONDAY**      **April 24**  
**8:00AM**      **Frances Rouillard**  
                     Req. Leona & Dale

**TUESDAY**    **April 25**  
**8:00AM**      **Justina Tella**  
                     Req. Daughter

**WEDNESDAY** **April 26**  
**8:00AM**      **No Mass**

**THURSDAY**   **April 27**  
**8:00AM**      **Robert Pedrolini**  
                     Req. Ida Pedrolini & Family

**FRIDAY**        **April 28**  
**3:00PM**      **Theresa Bagliore**  
                     Req. Family

**SATURDAY**    **April 29**  
**8:00AM**      **Ronald Chamberland**  
**4:00PM**      **Howard Gessner**  
                     Req. Family

**SUNDAY**        **April 30**  
**8:30AM**      **Parishioners**  
**10:30AM**     **Nicola Fiorillo**  
                     Req. Angie & Tony  
                     Lucente

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

<b>Regular</b>	<b>\$5,731.50</b>
<b>Monthly</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Catch Up</b>	<b>45.00</b>
<b>Cathedraticum</b>	<b>- 318.25</b>
<b>SSP</b>	<b>- 318.25</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,150.00</b>

**2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**...changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and faith. Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**MASS**...This Sunday, April 23, 2:30PM, St. Ann Church, 215 West St., Bristol, 860.582.8169. Included is the blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy, Novena Prayer, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina.



**FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY**...April 30, 2PM in the church, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

APRIL 24 – 6 – 8PM – Karate - Gym  
 APRIL 26 – 7PM – NA – Room 107  
 APRIL 27 – 7PM – Confirmation  
 APRIL 28 – 6 – 8PM – GIFT  
 APRIL 29 & 30 – JOLT Cookie Sale after all of the Masses  
 APRIL 30 – 9:30 – 11:30AM - GIFT  
 APRIL 23 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men's AA – Room 107

**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.



**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)



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS THIS WEEK AS THEY RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT CONFIRMATION.**

**YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE**...

will be next weekend! We are thrilled that members of our parish youth group will be attending the life teen Steubenville East 2017 Conference in July. To help defray the cost for our teens and their chaperones (\$280 per person) who are attending the conference, our teens will ask for your donations along with hosting a bake sale after all of the masses next weekend. Thank you in advance for your support.

**WALKING THE PATH TOGETHER**...Evening Workshop for Couples, May 10, 6 – 9PM, Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd., West Hartford, 860-521.0440, Brandon & Susan Nappi presenting.

Join us for an exploration of how to deepen the connection we feel with our partner. In this couples' retreat, we will:

Explore practical mindfulness exercises to help couples grow in intimacy and trust.

- Examine thought patterns and behaviors that block our ability to be compassionate and accept our partners as they are
- Learn to recognize difficult emotions, such as anger, fear, and sadness, as messengers carrying important information for the health of our relationship
- Explore ways to accept the differences in our partners while being honest about our own needs

Through guided meditation, teaching, conversation, and laughter, this retreat will help you to accept differences in your spouse more graciously, deal with conflict more honestly, and deepen the sense of joyful mutual appreciation in your relationship. *Offering: \$40; \$70 per couple (includes dinner).*

#### **SELECTION PROCESS OF PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**MEMBERS**...*In May, four new Pastoral Council members will be selected to fill vacancies caused by members whose terms are due to expire at the end of May. Parishioners are asked to give prayerful consideration to nominating other parishioners or themselves. Self-nominations are encouraged. Nomination Forms will be distributed in the bulletin next weekend and will also be available in the Gathering Space. Completed Nomination Forms can be deposited in the Nomination Box that will be located in the Gathering Space. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, May 7.*

**ONLINE GIVING**...*will soon be available for parishioners, making donating simple, safe, and secure. Be sure to check the bulletin in the coming weeks for more information or call the parish office if you have any questions!*

#### **WHY IS THE EASTER SEASON 50 DAYS LONG?**

Easter for Christians is not just one day, but rather a 50-day period. The season of Easter, or Eastertide, begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2). Easter is also more than just an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season for new converts to learn about the faith and prepare for baptism on Easter Sunday. The initial purpose of the 50-day Easter season was to continue the faith formation of new Christians. Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what it means when we say Christ is risen. It's the season when we remember our baptisms and how through this sacrament we are, according to the liturgy, "incorporated into Christ's mighty acts of salvation." As "Easter people," we also celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the Spirit (Pentecost), and how we are to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

**EASTER 101**...Many people think that Christmas is the most important day in the Catholic liturgical calendar, but from the earliest days of the Church, Easter has been considered the central Christian feast. As Saint Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:14, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." Without Easter—without the Resurrection of Christ—there would be no Christian Faith. Christ's Resurrection is the proof of His Divinity. Easter is not only the greatest Christian feast; Easter Sunday symbolizes the fulfillment of our faith as Christians. Through His Death, Christ destroyed our bondage to sin; through His Resurrection, He brought us the promise of new life, both in Heaven and on earth. His own prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, on earth as it is in Heaven," begins to be fulfilled on Easter Sunday. That is why new converts are traditionally brought into the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil service, on Holy Saturday evening.



#### **WHAT IS VIATICUM?...**

Viaticum is Holy Communion given to someone in danger of death. *Viaticum* is a Latin word that means "the food you take on a journey"; it is nourishment for the journey from earth to the next life, a comfort in moments of physical or moral pain, and strength against temptation to despair.



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