

April 30, 2017



# Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street

Plainville, Connecticut 06062

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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,**

***What does it mean when someone says the Eucharist contains the "glorified" body of our Lord Jesus Christ?***

In 1551, the Council of Trent definitively taught that "in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist 'the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained'" (CCC 1374).

I'm not sure what "the glorified body of our Lord Jesus Christ" might refer to in your question, but I can make an educated guess. Since Jesus has suffered, died, and risen from the dead, the sacramental presence contains the reality of the fullness of the experience of the paschal mystery. Every experience of the risen Jesus is an experience of the fullness of the mystery and, as such, must include the fact that he has been glorified through his resurrection from the dead.

References to the Lord's appearances after his resurrection might be helpful here. "Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself" (Luke 24:39), Jesus told his disciples. The *Catechism* tells us that "Christ 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body,' into a 'spiritual body'" (CCC 999). The reality of the resurrection "exceeds our imagination and understanding; it is accessible only to faith" (CCC 1000).

Source: *Liguorian*, April 2007

#### **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 30 – Third Sunday of Easter**

**MONDAY**      **May 1**  
**8:00AM**      Hans & Karolina Schirmer  
                     Req. Daughter

**TUESDAY**    **May 2**  
**8:00AM**      Frances Rouillard  
                     Req. Sandra & Bob DeBlois

**WEDNESDAY** **May 3**  
**8:00AM**      No Mass

**THURSDAY**   **May 4**  
**8:00AM**      Sydney & Leocadia Symolon  
                     Req. Daughter Lorraine

**FRIDAY**        **May 5**  
**3:00PM**      Helen Grabowski  
                     Req. Daughter

**SATURDAY**    **May 6**  
**8:00AM**      Peggy Scanlon – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.  
                     Richard Benenti – Month Anniv.  
**4:00PM**      Giacomo & Assunta Cianchetti  
                     Req. Gino Cianchetti

**SUNDAY**        **May 7**  
**8:30AM**      Parishioners  
**10:30AM**     Joseph & Lucy Mancini  
                     Req. Joseph & Rose Ciccio

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Regular	\$4,535.00
Cathedraticum	- 249.42
SSP	- 249.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,036.16</b>

The Second Collection is the Monthly Collection next weekend.

**2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**...It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2017 Appeal literature only! For more information please visit the Appeal website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org).

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

MAY 3 – 7PM – NA – Room 107  
MAY 4 – 7PM – Pastoral Council Meeting – Room 102  
MAY 5 & 6 - 9AM – 3PM – Tag Sale  
May 7 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men’s AA – Room 107  
May 7 – 6 – 8PM - JOLT

The Pastoral Council will meet May 4, at 7PM in Room 102. All parishioners are invited to observe.

**IT IS OLM TAG SALE TIME**

**AGAIN!**... it will be held **THIS WEEK** on May 5 & 6 from 9AM - 3PM. Please bring your unwanted treasures to the **PARISH CENTER** this week. Please do not donate TVs, Magazines or Computers. Please also bring your **furniture** to the parish center.



**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!

**NOMINATION PROCESS OF PASTORAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES**... Please continue to prayerfully ask for the Lord's guidance as to whom you feel you should nominate. If you feel the calling to nominate yourself because you wish to get more involved with the Parish and the decision making process, please feel free to do so. Then place the form in the box located in the Gathering Space. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, May 7.

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY** ...is this weekend, April 30, and we are hoping for many more participants because of the special year, 2017, which is the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Appearing of the Blessed Mother of God to the three children of Fatima on May 13, 1917. No other event could supersede this Miracle from Heaven than to have Holy Mary come and speak to humanity about converting to her Son Jesus born to her through the Holy Spirit. The Fifth Sunday Rosary is a Parochial Event promoted by the Knights of Columbus in coordination with Pope Francis' Domestic Church program. Only the family nucleus can revive Christ's Church; because that's where the faith is promoted. The Rosary is a fundamental part of this revitalization. In addition to the Centennial Celebration, the K of C is proud to remember the Vietnam Veterans ' 42nd Anniversary of the end of the war on April 30, and show our support and appreciation for their service to our country. We ask all Veterans to please join us in praying the Rosary this Sunday.



**NORTHWEST CATHOLIC** ...will offer a Pre-High School Placement Test on May 13, 2017. This practice test is for 7<sup>th</sup> graders interested in applying to area Catholic high schools next year. For more information and to sign up, please visit [www.northwestcatholic.org/PreHSPT](http://www.northwestcatholic.org/PreHSPT).

**SOUTHINGTON CATHOLIC**..Along with warmer weather, we are celebrating an exciting interest in enrolling new students at Southington Catholic. We are adding another Pre-K classroom and ordering new technology to prepare for our growing enrollment. We welcome your family to join our community by calling 860-628-2485 to arrange for a personal tour or to schedule a "Shadow Day" for your K-8 student.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER...**

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Celebrate God's love and mercy for each other by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jul 7-9, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Nov 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Paul & Kim Gilbert at 860-376-0440 or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

**MARATHON BINGO**..TODAY, April 30, St. Ann Church Hall, 215 West St, Bristol. Doors open at 11:15AM. Kitchen opens at 11:30AM. Bingo starts at 1:30PM. Food, Raffle, 50/50. Come join the fun!

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM...**

Recently opened *WORLD WAR 1: Beyond the Front Lines*, an exhibition exploring America's involvement in the "Great War" including the K of C's Catholic outreach to servicemen at home and abroad. A series of public lectures is planned throughout the show. The museum is at 1 State Street in New Haven, opened 10 – 5 daily. Admission and parking are free. More information: [kofcmuseum.org](http://kofcmuseum.org).

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT...**

will take place every Tuesday for one hour after morning Mass during the month of May.



**BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**..Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Birthright has served in Connecticut since 1972 and has ten locations. We help any pregnant girl or woman who calls us. If you would like to help, please call 1.800.550.4900 for the birthright nearest you. Training is provided. Thank you.

**WHY DOES THE CHURCH COLLECT MONEY AT MASS?**

The obvious answer is that the Church needs money – to take care of the poor, to keep up the buildings, to feed and house priests, and so on. But the benefit is as least as much to ourselves as to others. Whenever we give from what we have, we join our sacrifice to the sacrifice of Christ. It's true that ours costs us very little compared to Christ's sacrifice, but it does us good to make it. The offering comes just before the celebration of the Eucharist so that, as we become one body with Christ, our gifts are joined with his gift of himself.



**WHAT IS THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER?** After the Creed we pray for the needs of everyone in the world. This prayer is also known as the Intercessory Prayer or the Prayer of the Faithful. Following the order of charity, the first petition should always be to the Church and the Holy Father. Then there are petitions for political leaders, for your own congregation, for those who are sick or in trouble, and for all the people of the earth. We can and should add our own intentions in silence.

**WHAT IS THE GESTURE PEOPLE MAKE BEFORE THE READING OF THE GOSPEL?**

The priest makes the Sign of the Cross, first on the book of the Gospels and then on his forehead, his mouth, and his breast. The people should follow him in crossing forehead, mouth, and breast. We make the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads to show that we publicly affirm our belief that Christ died on the cross to redeem us. We make the Sign of the Cross on our mouths to show that we confess Christ by our words. We make the Sign of the Cross over our hearts to show that we intend to take the Gospel teachings into our hearts and keep them there.

**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**.. is next weekend. Please give generously as you always do!





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