

May 7, 2017



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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,

If I still attend Mass, may I work or shop on Sundays?

When I lived in Brazil, everything was closed on Sunday except a few restaurants. As a result, it was a day families could spend together. Even in our own country, some places have shortened hours on Sundays or are closed altogether, like banks and car dealerships.

For many of us, shopping is a way of resting. We go to the store and browse, stop at the mall, or see a movie. The *Catechism* doesn't go so far as to say we can't shop on Sundays. It tells us, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (CCC 2185).

However, many people have to work on Sundays. Even if we are resting by shopping or going out on Sundays, we are forcing other people to work. If we all made the choice to not shop or go out on Sundays, with the exception of emergency needs, Sundays could truly become a day of rest for all people, as it is intended to be.

So yes, you may shop on a Sunday, but I would encourage you to spend the day doing things that keep the whole day holy, not just the hour you're at Mass.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, 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.

May 7 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

MONDAY **May 8**
8:00AM Bernie Parent
Req. Family

TUESDAY **May 9**
8:00AM Jeanne McGann
Req. Family

WEDNESDAY **May 10**
8:00AM No Mass

THURSDAY **May 11**
8:00AM John Hammer

FRIDAY **May 12**
8:00PM Theresa Bagliore
Req. Family

SATURDAY **May 13**
8:00AM Angelo Mercugliano – 1st Anniv.
Jo Calistro – 1st Anniv.
Pauline Klimek – Month Anniv.

4:00PM All Mothers

SUNDAY **May 14**
8:30AM All Mothers
10:30AM All Mothers

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,479.00
Monthly	1,563.00
Catch Up	70.00
Cathedraticum	- 336.16
SSP	- 336.16
Total	\$5,439.68

The Second Collection next weekend is for the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.



2017 ARCHBISHOP'S

ANNUAL APPEAL...Next weekend is Commitment Weekend! All parishioners will have the opportunity to make a pledge to the Appeal

during Mass. This month, after years of study supported by family and friends – and by everyone who made a gift to the Appeal. When you make a gift to the Appeal, you help meet the cost of priestly formation and education. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Appeal today.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAY 8 – 6 – 8PM – Karate - Gym
- MAY 10 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
- MAY 11 – 6 - 8PM – PARC – BB - Gym
- MAY 14 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men’s AA – Room 107

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 Today, Sunday, May 7.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC ...will offer a Pre-High School Placement Test on May 13, 2017. This practice test is for 7th graders interested in applying to area Catholic high schools next year. For more information and to sign up, please visit 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/>.

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

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



Prayer of Adoration... Lord, I have too much to do, but it's all important. Help me to set priorities so that I don't feel lost in the pace and pressure, the desire and energy to accomplish what's necessary without wasting time is a precious gift from You. Please give me the wisdom to balance my fatigue, to spend more time with You. Thank You God.

COURAGE AND ENCOURAGE SUPPORT GROUPS

- MAY 2017 DATES...Courage: Thurs. May 11 and Thurs. May 25 at 7pm, EnCourage: Wed. May 17 at 7pm

Courage is an international network of Catholic support groups for men and women who experience same-sex attraction and seek 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. The website for Courage International is couragec.org.



OLM BREAKFAST ON MOTHER'S DAY...Next

Sunday All moms eat for free! Breakfast will be served from 8:30 until 10AM.

What is the real presence?...The real presence is the presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine. Catholics know that Jesus is present, whole and entire, under the forms of bread and wine. Body and blood, soul and divinity – the bread and wine are changed into Christ. This is one of the important differences between Catholics and most Protestants. To most of our Protestant brothers and sisters, the Eucharist is a symbolic meal in which the bread and wine somehow remind them of the sacrifice of Christ. But for Catholics the bread and wine are Christ, they're not just symbols of Christ.



Is it better to receive Communion under both species?

Do I receive "more" if I do?...Because Christ is fully present in both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine, you don't get any more grace if you receive both species than if you receive only one. You are not getting only half of Christ if you receive only the Host or The Blood of Christ.

What's hidden in the compartment in or under many altars?...

Altars often contain or are built over the relics of a saint. In Rome, for example, St. Peter's body lies under the altar of St. Peter's Basilica, and St. Paul's body lies under the altar of the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. This is a tradition that goes back to the very early days of the Church. During the times of persecution, Masses were often celebrated at the tombs of the martyrs in the catacombs, on altars built over the relics of saints who had given up their lives for Christ.

What does it mean to offer the Mass for a particular "intention"?...

Offering the Mass for a particular intention is an ancient Catholic custom. It's a way of directing the Church's most powerful form of prayer toward some good for which we earnestly desire to pray. The Mass can be offered for someone who needs help, for peace between nations, or for any other good intention that is pleasing to God and upholds his glory. It cannot be offered, of course, for evil or worthless intentions. If you look at the Sunday bulletin of a typical Catholic parish, you'll often see the names of people, living or deceased or particular concerns listed beside the schedule of Masses. These are the intentions for which the Masses are being offered to God. You can request that a Mass be offered for your own particular intention; usually people give a donation with such requests.

If God is everywhere, what's special about the real presence in the Eucharist?...

When we say "real presence," we don't mean to imply that Christ – who is God - isn't really present throughout the universe. But the real presence in the Eucharist is fuller and more complete. Only in the Eucharist is Christ really present in *body and blood, soul and divinity*, and only there do we meet Christ completely.



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