

May 14, 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,

Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, (4) by a legitimate authority. If one of these elements is lacking, then the law is an unjust law and need not be followed.

According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there and is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law.

As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, "Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God" (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God's revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church.

Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism.

Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences.

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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 14 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

MONDAY **May 15**
8:00AM **Georgette Plourde**
 Req. Daughter Maxine

TUESDAY **May 16**
8:00AM **Elizabeth Deshaies**
 Req. Deacon & Mrs. Berube

WEDNESDAY **May 17**
8:00AM **No Mass**

THURSDAY **May 18**
8:00AM **Pat Fournier**
 Req. Mrs. Regina Tardiff & Family

FRIDAY **May 19**
8:00PM **John & Mary McHale**
 Req. Family

SATURDAY **May 20**
8:00AM **Marguerite Caron – 1st Anniv.**
 Ann Marie McAvoy –1st. Anniv.
 Marie Martinelli-Barbas – 1st. Anniv.
4:00PM **Richard Osipowicz**
 Req. Wife & Family

SUNDAY **May 21 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**
8:30AM **Parishioners**
10:30AM **Joseph Blanchette**
 Req. Joe & Jo-Ann

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,708.50
Monthly	245.00
Catch Up	50.00
Cathedraticum	- 275.19
SSP	- 275.19
Total	\$4,453.12

The Second Collection next weekend is for Catholic Communications.



2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL... Today is Commitment Weekend at our parish and across the Archdiocese for the 2017 Archbishop's

Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision before computing your pledge or one-time gift. Please be as generous as possible. Thanks for your support.

REMINDER! ST. ANTHONY SOCIETY & ICE CREAM SOCIAL... will be Thursday, May 25, 1PM, Room 106. Be sure to join us for a fun afternoon!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 15 – 6 – 8PM – Karate - Gym
 MAY 17 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
 MAY 19 – 6 - 8PM – GIFT
 MAY 20 – 10 – 12:30PM – JOLT Fun Fest
 MAY 21 – 9:30 – 11:30AM - GIFT
 MAY 21 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men's AA – Room 107

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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/>.

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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

COLLECTION... will be held next weekend. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.



WORDS OF INSPIRATION FROM OUR PARISH TEENS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION.

When asked: Who Jesus is and why people find it hard to follow him today? Our teens wrote the following: Jesus is the Son of God, son of the Virgin Mary, the savior of mankind, the one to inspire and bring people to God. He is extremely important to not only Catholics but to everyone on Earth. I believe in him because I was raised a Catholic and after years of learning about Jesus and getting a better understanding of his teachings, the more I am called to Him and to believe in him. Jesus accomplished many things but some of the most important things were recruiting people to spread the word of God and dying for our sins so we could get to heaven. In our world today it is very hard to be a follower of Christ. Our world is filled with so many distractions and sometime we are unable to remember and follow God's will on how we are meant to live our life. In our society today we are also faced with many hard decisions that can encourage us to be selfish and not to do what is in the best interest of ourselves, others or our faith.



Jesus is the Son of God. He is important because he died for our sins and without Him we wouldn't be who we are. He died so we could keep living. It's hard to be a follower because of all of the hate in the world. Many people don't believe in God and Jesus and are rude to those who do believe. It's hard to be a true follower of Jesus, if you don't pray and go to church.

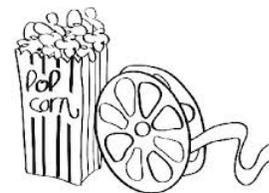
He is our Lord and Savior. He teaches us to live the way he wants us to live. I believe in him because I feel that he shows us the way and guides us through our darkest times. It is hard to be a follower today because lots of people don't believe in him.

Jesus is the Son of God and our savior. I believe in him because he helped others to believe. It is hard to be a follower of him because many people today will either say it is wrong to or that they say he is not real.

JUNE 3RD CELEBRATION...Our Parish would like to recognize the members of our parish who have been members of Our Lady of Mercy Parish for 50 or more years. We will reserve seating for our 50+ year members at the 4PM Mass Saturday, June 3rd. At the end of Mass Father John will share a special blessing and give a token gift of appreciation to our long time parish members. Please come and join us!

WOW! THANK YOU!... We are amazed and so very thankful for the generosity of our parish family! Through your kind donations and the proceeds of our bake sale, the balance of funds needed for JOLT to attend the Steubenville East Teen Conference this summer were raised. Thank you so much! We have 5 teens and 3 adult chaperones headed to Lowell, MA on July 14th. Please keep them in your prayers.

MOVIE NIGHT!... Jesus' call to discipleship is to all of us. Through our words and actions, we are to help bring about His Kingdom. What can you do? Gift is sponsoring a movie night at the Parish Center on Wednesday eve, May 31st. at 6:30PM. We'll be showing "I Am", the true story of a successful Hollywood director Tom Shadyac (Liar Liar, Nutty Professor, Bruce Almighty), who visits some of today's great minds searching the answers to two very basic questions: "What's wrong with our world?" and "What can we do about it?" Come enjoy the movie and lively discussion that follows. Free! Refreshments will be served.



WHY DO WE CALL OUR WORSHIP "THE MASS"?...The word Mass is really an accident of history. In the early days of Christianity, only the baptized were allowed to witness the Eucharist. After the liturgy of the Word - the first part of our Mass, in which we hear the Scripture readings and the homily - the unbaptized were sent home with the words "*Ite, missa est*" - roughly. "Go; you are dismissed." Christians knew that important division in the service as the *missa*, the dismissal. Soon they began to use the word *missa* for the whole service of the Eucharist that followed the dismissal and then for the entire worship. Our English word Mass comes from the Latin word *Missa*. The words *Ite, missa est* are still used to conclude the Mass when it is celebrated in Latin.



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