

May 21, 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,

We are often encouraged to invite non-Catholic friends to Mass, but is it also OK to visit their churches on Sunday?

It is good to invite friends to our Church and share our faith with others. We don't even have to invite or share as a way to convert. We can simply teach others about our Catholic faith. It is especially appropriate at a special celebration, a first Communion, a wedding, or a funeral. You can visit your friends' churches on Sundays or for special occasions in the same vein. It's good to learn about other religions and support our friends in their faith life.

However, as Catholics we also have an obligation to attend Mass every Sunday. Going to another church for a Sunday service is not the same as participating in the Mass, so it would not fulfill that Sunday obligation. Additionally, you won't be able to receive Communion in most other churches, just as your friends can't receive Communion in the Catholic Church.

So if you go to another service on a Sunday, make sure you also attend Mass. Many churches may have the same readings or similar rituals, but as Catholics we need to be nourished weekly through the celebration of the Eucharist.

A few churches believe what we believe about the Eucharist, and they will be listed in most missalettes. If you were to attend one of these churches, it would fulfill your Sunday obligation. For more information from the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, do an Internet search for *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms of Ecumenism*, and see paragraph 123. It's on the website Vatican.va.

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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 21 – Fifth Sixth of Easter

MONDAY May 22
8:00AM Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY May 23
8:00AM Frances Rouillard
Req. Francine Andros
WEDNESDAY May 24
8:00AM No Mass
THURSDAY May 25 The Ascension of the Lord
8:00AM Elizabeth Deshais
Req. Deacon Robert & Regina
6:00 PM Rollande Dufour
Req. Sister Loretta Martin
FRIDAY May 26
8:00PM Elizabeth Deshais
Req. Deacon Robert Berube & Regina
SATURDAY May 27
8:00AM Gilman Dumond – Month Anniv.
Jean Herko –Month Anniv.
4:00PM Val Dlugosz
Req. Family
SUNDAY May 28 – Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Salvatore Tarascio – 55 years
Req. Grandson

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$5,455.00
Monthly	1,678.00
Holy Day	10.00
Catch Up	347.00
Cathedraticum	- 411.95
SSP	- 411.95
Total	\$6,666.10



2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL...This month, after years of study, 2 men are scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood During their years of

preparation for this vocation, they were supported by family and friends – and by everyone who made a gift 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.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 22 – 6 – 8PM – Karate - Gym
MAY 24 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
MAY 25 – 6 – 8PM – PARC - Gym
MAY 28 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men’s AA – Room 107

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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.



GOING AWAY PARTY FOR

FR. JOHN...June 24, after the 4PM Mass. Coffee and Juice will be served along with baked goods. We are asking

parishioners to bake some goodies for the reception. Baked goods can be dropped off in the gym before Mass. Thank you in advance for your donation of baked goods.

WOMANS ACTS RETREAT...June 8 – 11, 2017.

Woman meets Jesus...How Jesus Encourages, Empowers, and equips Women on their personal journey of faith. Discover God’s Purpose and Peace for you life! The cost of the retreat is \$240 which includes individual room, private bath, all meals. Please join us for an awesome weekend retreat. Location: Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic. Linda Riera Retreat Director: Irvgro@cox.net, 860.747.9800 for more information.

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! No registration is need.

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.



MORE WORDS FROM OUR TEENS
PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION...

When asked: why do you want to be confirmed? What gifts or talents for you have that you can offer our community? Why are you so important to the future of our Church? Our teens wrote: I want to be confirmed because I want to have a better connection with Jesus and act like we are best friends. He will have more respect of me and he will believe that I am a real follower. The talents I have manners and respect to others even though some people are not respectful to me. And I always have a smile on which not too many people do. I'm important because they may follow me. Also we have to keep the Holy Spirit alive. I can pray at school so others can see me and people could join in prayers. I will tell others that Jesus loves them and maybe they will believe.

I want to be confirmed in order to strengthen my relationship with God, reconnect with my previous teachings and practices of faith and of course to be able to become a godparent. One gift or talent that I can offer to the community is my loyalty. Once I gain someone's trust or start something new I always tend to be faithful and trusting toward it, which can be useful in the church. Another gift or talent I can offer is my wisdom and intelligence. I always make the right choices and best decisions on what is best. I have always been a good person. I am important to the future of the church because it is my generation and the next who will pass on the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church.

ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE...The Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will host its 8th **Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference**, "Rooted in Faith: One Family Under God" on **Saturday, June 10** from 9 am to 3:00 pm at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield (Check-in begins at 8 am.). The conference theme is "Rooted in Faith, One Family under God", and will feature two keynote addresses. Sister Ruth Rosenbaum, TC, PhD, Founder and Executive Director, CREA: Center for Reflection, Education and Action will open the program with her keynote address. Participants will then have the opportunity to choose from a selection of 12 workshops. The day concludes with a closing keynote by Fr. Joseph Donnelly, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Southbury. The conference is an opportunity to meet and learn from others across the archdiocese and beyond. Join us for prayer, music, exhibits and workshops. For information, call (860) 242-5573 Ext 2688.

The **Ascension of Jesus** is the departure of **Christ** from Earth into the presence of **God**.^[1]The well-known narrative in Acts 1 takes place 40 days after the **Resurrection**: Jesus, in the company of the disciples, is taken up in their sight after warning them to remain in Jerusalem until the coming of the **Holy Spirit**; as he ascends a cloud hides him from their view, and two men in white appear to tell them that he will return "in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."^[2] Stories of Heavenly ascents were fairly common in the time of Jesus,^[3] signifying divine approval or the deification of an exceptional man.^[4] In the Christian tradition, reflected in the major **Christian creeds** and confessional statements, the ascension is connected with the **exaltation of Jesus**, meaning that through his ascension Jesus took his seat at the right hand of God:^[5] "He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty." The **Feast of the Ascension** is celebrated on the 40th day of **Easter**, always a Thursday;^[5] .^{[6][7]} The Ascension of Jesus is an important theme in Christian art, the ascending Jesus often shown blessing an earthly group below him to signify his blessing the entire Church.^[8]





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