

May 28, 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,

What is "secularism," and is it possible for a Christian to also be a secularist?

Secularism is a philosophical movement that has its roots in England in the 1850s. The movement began because some felt religion and the Bible were inadequate sources for explaining many aspects of modern life. Secularists believe you can find all motivation for living a moral life in what is readily observable. Thus, secularism sees the Christian religion, and in fact all religions, as worthless.

Some might argue that secularism is the same as the separation of Church and state, that public schools should give a secular education, that they shouldn't be teaching the Christian, or any, religion. At first glance, that may sound right, but it isn't.

A Catholic second-grade public school teacher should not teach Catholic doctrine to her class in the same way that a Baptist second-grade public school teacher should not teach Baptist doctrine to his class, but the faith of the Catholic or the Baptist should influence the way they teach their class.

They might not teach specific doctrine, but the way each approaches the class should be done as one who has faith in Jesus Christ. The same is true of a politician or someone who works at a fast-food restaurant. In implicit ways, our faith in Jesus should always influence what we say and do.

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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 28– Seventh Sunday of Easter

MONDAY

8:00AM

May 29

Mary Elizabeth Pelland

Req. Family

TUESDAY

8:00AM

May 30

Hugh & Ellen Ruane

Req. Family

WEDNESDAY

8:00AM

May 31

No Mass

THURSDAY

8:00AM

June 1

Ryan Matt

Req. Mom, Dad, Brendan & Kevin

FRIDAY

8:00PM

June 2

Viola Sliwonik

Req. Family

SATURDAY

8:00AM

June 3

Frederick F. Arena – 1st Anniv.

4:00PM

Maria Fiorillo

Req. Angie & Tony Lucente

SUNDAY

8:30AM

June 4 – Pentecost Sunday

Parishioners

10:30AM

Carlo & Josephine Neri

Req. Daughter Carol

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,295.50
Monthly	80.00
Holy Day	60.00
Catch Up	20.00
Cathedraticum	- 245.05
SSP	- 245.05
Total	\$3,965.40

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 29 – 6 – 8PM – Karate - Gym

MAY 31 – 7PM – NA – Room 107

JUNE 1 – 7PM – Pastoral Council Meeting – Room 102 All Parishioners are invited to observe.

JUNE 4 – 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.

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.



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

Woman meets Jesus...How Jesus Encourages, Empowers, and equips Women on their personal journey of faith.

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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.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION...

Will be taken up at our parish next weekend. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to

displaced refugees, and Christ’s love and respect to all people

here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to

the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Thank you.

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 3pm at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield (Check-in begins at 8am.). 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.



ROSARY FOR LIFE..Sunday, June 4 at 3PM. St. Joseph Parish Pro-Life Committee is sponsoring its 9th annual "Rosary for Life" at the Tomb of the Unborn in St. Joseph Cemetery in Bristol, on Sunday, June 4 at 3PM. All are welcome. If you come, please bring a lawn chair with you. This activity will be held rain or shine. If it is raining, we will pray the rosary inside the Mausoleum at St. Joseph Cemetery. The Tomb of the Unborn is located just inside the upper gate to the cemetery.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN... Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection for the CCC. Your support will help the CCC connect millions of people with Christ and spread the gospel message.

WHAT HAPPENS AT A CATHOLIC MASS?... At every Catholic Mass the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross is made present on the altar; it is represented not as a symbol but in reality and in the fullness of truth. That's the short answer. The long answer is that there's a certain ritual we go through at every Mass. Though some of the details change, the main parts of the rituals are always the same and have been century after century, going all the

way back to the time of the apostles. This prescribed ritual is what we call the liturgy. Each part of the the liturgy has a meaning, and the more you know about those meanings, the more you'll understand and be fascinated by the Mass that goes on in your own parish church.



WHY IS THE MASS THE SAME SACRIFICE THAT CHRIST MADE ON THE

CROSS?... It's the same sacrifice because both the offering and the one who offers it are the same. Christ, our "great high priest", offered his own flesh and blood to be sacrificed on the cross. Acting through his priests, Christ today offers his own flesh and blood to be sacrificed on our

altars. Because Christ is eternal God, his sacrifice is eternal. Even though the sacrifice of the Mass is "unbloody," as generations of catechumens have learned to say it is the same as the bloody sacrifice Christ made of himself on the cross.

WHAT IS EUCHARIST?...The Eucharist is the sacrament at the heart of the Mass, in which bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. It was instituted by Christ at the Last Supper. Whenever the Eucharist is celebrated, the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is made present to us on the altar. The word Eucharist comes from a Greek word meaning "thanksgiving." The Eucharist is foremost a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God for our salvation. In fact, the same Greek word was often used to translate the Hebrew term we translate as "sacrifice of thanksgiving" in the psalms. We use the term Holy Communion because in the Eucharist all believers are brought together in communion with Christ to form one body.





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