

June 11, 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 the proper way to recite the Our Father at Mass? Should we hold hands, lift our hands up, or pray to ourselves?

Among many ancient religions, it was common to extend one's hands toward heaven while praying. This practice has continued in the Mass, where the rubrics indicate that the priest should extend his hands at certain points, including during the Our Father.

The celebrant represents all the people with this gesture. When there are concelebrating priests, the rubrics ask them to also extend their hands in prayer during the Our Father. But the invitation to hold one's hands up in prayer stops there. The deacon is expressly forbidden to hold his hands up in prayer. There is no particular gesture assigned to the rest of the congregation.

Some may be holding hands, some lifting their hands, some standing with arms crossed. The variety of postures is not a problem in itself. When people become distracted or judgmental of others because of the various postures, it becomes a problem. Our focus should be on the prayer, not on how my neighbor is standing.

As a rule of thumb, I suggest doing what the rest of the congregation does. As stated in the "Order of the Mass" written by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy in 2003: "The people are called as members of an organic whole, not as disparate individuals. A Christian assembly that worships 'with one heart and soul' (Acts 4:32) naturally moves toward and consciously chooses a common posture as a sign of its unity. Such common posture 'both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants'" (28). The gestures at Mass are not as important as the essence of the Mass, and part of that essence is our unity in the body of Christ. That should be our main concern.

Rev. Gary Lauenstein, 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.

June 11– The Most Holy Trinity

MONDAY **June 12**
8:00AM Jeanne Albert
Req. Reno & Patricia
Levesque

TUESDAY **June 13**
8:00AM St. Anthony Society

WEDNESDAY **June 14**
8:00AM No Mass

THURSDAY **June 15**
8:00AM John & Jo Calistro
Req. Jo, Don Jr., & Joann
Forcella

FRIDAY **June 16**
8:00PM William Wallace
Req. Family

SATURDAY **June 17**
8:00AM Jack Shea
4:00PM All Fathers

SUNDAY **June 18 – The Most Holy Body
And Blood of Christ**
8:30AM All Fathers
10:30AM All Fathers

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$3,900.50
Monthly	10.00
Holy Day	950.00
Catch Up	70.00
Cathedraticum	- 271.17
SSP	- 271.17
Total	\$4,388.16

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 12 – 6 – 8PM – Karate - Gym
JUNE 13 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
JUNE 15 – 6 – 8PM – PARC - Gym
JUNE 18 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men’s AA – Room 107

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. Thank you Father for 10 great years!



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CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE AND CRAFT

FAIR... Please join us for our Christmas Boutique meeting Tuesday, June 20th in Room 106 at 6:30PM. We need to decide if we are to continue with the show. Last year was our 25th year. However, over these years attendance has dropped dramatically, both in the numbers of crafters and in the number of people walking through the door. In 1995 we had 50 crafters and 1215 people through the door and in 2016 we had 24 crafters and 660 people through the door. A sharp downward turn! And the number of people working also has dwindled. To have a first class show... we need people for advertising, people to plan and run the kitchen, plan the menu, shop, cook, and to clean up and return materials to storage. We need people of or parish to volunteer to work these areas. It is the only way we can continue in the next years! Please consider attending this meeting to share your ideas and talents. Please join us June 20th!

TRINITY SUNDAY...The dogma of faith which

forms the object of the feast is this: There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God! The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first Divine Person; the Son is the second Divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But I submit humbly and say: *Lord, I believe, help my weak faith.*

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If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko
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In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the [Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults](#). This document is available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities. Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:

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Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:

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1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Words from our teens preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. When asked: Why do you want to be confirmed? What gifts or talents do 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 are manners and respect of others even though some people are not respectful of me. And I always have a smile on which not too many people do. I am important because others 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 prayer. I will tell others that Jesus loves them and maybe they will believe in him.

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 towards 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 base 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.



I want to be confirmed because it's a way for me and maybe others to grow closer to God and gain a deeper understanding of Him. I am thinking about becoming a nun because I really want to help people be close with God and stay pure. I am important to the future of the church since most kids my age don't take the whole religion thing seriously and I want to show them that God is more than just what you see and hear. I want to show people not to be afraid, it does not matter what race, or gender you are, God will always welcome you with open arms.



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