

July 2, 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 my fiancé and I abstain from sex, why can't we live together before we get married?

It seems to me there are two reasons living with your future spouse before marriage is not a good idea.

One is that you are setting each other up for some serious temptations, or an "occasion of sin." It would be similar to putting a bottle of gin on the desk of an alcoholic or a carton of cigarettes in front of someone who has succeeded in giving up smoking. I'm not saying you have some sort of addiction, but the natural pull of sex is going to be particularly strong, especially when you're young, in love, and ready to commit to marriage.

You will be free and even encouraged in marriage to pursue the greatest intimacy. But for the moment, it is asking too much to put you both in the same circumstances now that you will be in after you wed.

The second reason for not living together before marriage is that the living situation could give scandal to others. If you are active in your church and vocal about practicing your Catholic faith but then start living with your future spouse before marriage, it can raise questions (and eyebrows) about what you really believe and how you're living your faith.

There may be some good-sounding reasons for living together. You can cut down on costs, get to know your future spouse better, and so on. But these reasons aren't worth the risk.

My advice is that you help each other live a virtuous life now, by sacrificing the convenience of living together outside of marriage, as the best practice for your life together in the sacrament of matrimony.

Fr. 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.

July 2 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY **July 3**
8:00AM Eugene Millerick
 Req. Millerick Family

TUESDAY **July 4**
8:00AM Deceased Members of the
 Deshais & Berube Families
 Req. Dcn. Robert & Regina

WEDNESDAY **July 5**
8:00AM No Mass

THURSDAY **July 6**
8:00AM Antonetta Cianchetti
 Req. Gino Cianchetti

FRIDAY **July 7**
8:00PM Paul Therrien
 Req. Family

SATURDAY **July 8**
8:00AM Paul E. Corriveau – Month Anniv.
4:00PM Norbert Poulin
 Req. Mary

SUNDAY **July 9 – Fourteenth Sunday in
 Ordinary Time**
8:30AM Parishioners
10:30AM Nelson Masse & Kathy
 Pelegrino
 Req. Theresa & Linda
 Masse

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,222.50
Monthly	1,427.00
Holy Day	20.00
Catch Up	87.00
Cathedraticum	- 316.60
SSP	- 316.60
Total	\$5,123.30

The Second Collection Next Weekend is the Monthly Collection.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 3 – 6 – 8PM – Karate - Gym
 JULY 5 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
 JULY 9 – 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men’s AA – Room 107

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL'S 2017 THEATER ARTS PROGRAM

Creative and interactive musical theater experience that will focus on Musical Theater performance, special effects makeup and costuming. For girls rising to 6th, 7th 8th, and 9th grade. Monday July 24 – Friday, August 4, 9AM – 3PM. Register www.mercyhigh.com

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AND THE LORD SAID, "LET IT GO..." "It is good sense to be slow to anger, and an honor to overlook an offense." (Proverbs 19:11). Human nature entails taking offense when someone says or does something we don't like. When it happens often, however, being offended doesn't just hurt our feelings, it compromises our happiness and wellbeing. Try these ideas to let it go...**Assume the best.** Most people aren't out to get us. Unless proven otherwise, believe that others have good intent and don't mean to offend. They are just living their lives. **Step back.** We often get upset because others disagree with or don't share our opinions. Opinions are separate from identities. Someone can disagree with what we think but still enjoy who we are. **Don't make it about you.** Thinking that what others do or think reflects on you is fertile soil for being easily and often offended. Most of what happens around us has nothing to do with us. Allowing others to live their own lives regardless of you and yours takes a huge burden off your shoulders. **Break the habit.** Taking offense easily is a habit that, fortunately, can be broken. Instead of noticing what others are doing "to" us, we can choose to note what is done "for" us by God and others. Practicing gratitude is more pleasant than feeling hurt.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL'S 2017 HIGHER

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM...Academic Skills, Sports, Crafts, Arts, Community Service for girls rising to the 7th & 8th Grade. Monday, July 10 – Friday, July 21, 9AM – 3PM, Register at www.mercyhigh.com

CHANGE FOR CHANGE...Due to your *generous*

donations, we were able to donate \$169.00 to Covenant House and \$169.00 to LifeWay Network! Both programs help rehabilitate those that have been humanly trafficked.



Franciscan Land-based Summer Experiences and Youth Leadership...

This summer the Franciscan Life Center is offering two sessions of the Franciscan Land-based Summer Experiences for children between the ages of 6 and 12, and one session for Youth Leadership Training, for young people 13 and 14 years of age, on the campus of the Franciscan Life Center, 271 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT 06451

Dates:

Franciscan Land-based Experiences - July 24 - 28, 2017

Call 203-237-8084 or visit flcenter.org for more information.

OUR LADY OF MERCY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...

July 31 - August 4, 9AM - 11:30AM, Ages 3 to 10. Our theme this year is Maker Fun Factory. The children ages 3 to 10 will participate in memorable Bible learning activities, sing catchy songs and make a daily craft. Each day they will collect a Bible memory Buddy to remind them of God's love and each family will receive a music CD on Friday to continue the fun at home. The fee is only \$25 per child for the week. Registration is limited.

Since many of the children return each year we suggest you register early to ensure a spot for your child. Please

call Jeanne at OLM Parish Office at 860.747.6825 for a registration form.



WHY IS THE CHURCH REFERRED TO AS "SHE" OR "HER"?...

Imagery and symbolism help describe Christ's relationship to the body of believers known as the Church. For example, the Church is called Christ's "pure bride" (2 Corinthians 11:2) St. John wrote of the Church as the New Jerusalem, "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." (Revelation 21:2) The Church is also a "mother." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #169). Through baptism, we become her children.

WELCOME FR. KEVIN FORSYTH...Born in Grace-New Haven Hospital on September 15, 1956, Father Kevin Forsyth was the third child of Helen (Perkins) and Douglas Forsyth. He attended Saint Francis School in New Haven, and then, moving to Hamden with his family when he was 9, attended Saint Rita School. Father graduated from Hamden High School in June 1974 and majored in Music Education at the University of Bridgeport, graduating cum laude in May 1978. After teaching music for 3 years, he enrolled at Saint Mary Seminary, Baltimore, graduating with honors in May 1986. Ordained a priest on December 20, 1986, Father has served throughout the Archdiocese at Saint Paul Church in Glastonbury, Saint Vincent de Paul in West Haven, Saint Matthew Church in Forestville and Saint John Church in Watertown. He has served as Administrator at Saint Joseph Church in Waterbury and Saint Mary Church in New Britain. On his 47th birthday, he was named pastor of Saint Vincent Ferrer Church in Naugatuck, where he has served for the 12 years.

ARE CATHOLICS REQUIRED TO WEAR

SCAPULARS?...Originally, scapulars were part of the religious habit worn by members of certain orders. The smaller scapular worn by lay people consists of two small squares of fabric worn on the chest and the back connected by strings. The most common scapular is the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. According to one tradition, the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite monk, in Cambridge, England, on July 16, 1251. Our Lady gave the scapular to him as a sign of her favor for the Carmelite Order and promised that whoever wore the brown scapular until death would not suffer the fires of Hell, be preserved in time of danger, and experience peace and protection. Any Catholic can wear the scapular if desired, but it must be blessed by a priest to be a sacramental. The scapular is worn under the clothes. It is worn continuously except during bathing or swimming. For Catholics who wear it, it is a reminder of Mary's motherly love and intercession.



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