

July 9, 2017



Our Lady of Mercy

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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 should Jesus look like?

When people close their eyes and imagine the person of Jesus, no two images are exactly the same. Our images of Jesus are usually the result of our cultural influences and experiences. When I imagine Jesus, I often call to mind a picture of Jesus that was on one of my first holy cards.

With recent archeological investigation, combined with the work of medical artists who are often called to testify as forensic witnesses in capital murder trials, and finally starting with the assumption that Jesus resembled a typical peasant from first-century Palestine, some clues may have emerged. According to experts like Richard Neave, Jesus was possibly a person with a broad peasant's face, dark olive skin, short curly hair, and a prominent nose. His height would have been on the order of 5 feet 1 inch and he would have weighed about 110 pounds.

Of course, all of this is unnecessary speculation. What is important in matters of faith is not this level of detail but what is expressed and celebrated by the Church—that Jesus became man, born of the Virgin Mary, and we are all offered a share in the divinity of Christ.

Fr. Tom Santa, 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 9 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY

July 10

8:00AM

Annette Ouellette

Req. Leona & Dale

TUESDAY

July 11

8:00AM

Deceased Members of the Silverio & Blanchette Families

Req. Jo-Ann & Joe

WEDNESDAY

July 12

8:00AM

No Mass

THURSDAY

July 13

8:00AM

Hubert Brooks

Req. Friends

FRIDAY

July 14

8:00PM

Jeanie Mary Reilly

Req. Barbara Taylor

SATURDAY

July 15

8:00AM

Rev. Philip Cascia

4:00PM

Arnie & Connie Frisk

Req. Angelo & Jackie

SUNDAY

July 16 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM

Parishioners

10:30AM

Paul & Cecile Gagnon

Req. Gloria & Jerry

Gagnon

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,254.50
Monthly	120.00
Catch Up	210.00
Cathedraticum	- 252.14
SSP	- 252.14
Total	\$4,080.22

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 10 – 6 – 8PM – Karate - Gym

JULY 12 – 7PM – NA – Room 107

JULY 13 – 6 – 8PM – PARC - Gym

JULY 16 – 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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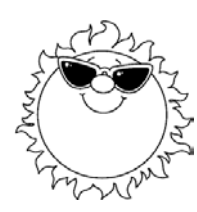
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AND THE LORD SAID, “LET IT GO...” “It is good sense to be slow to anger, and an honor to overlook an offense.” (Proverbs 19:11). Human nature entails taking offense when someone says or does something we don’t like. When it happens often, however, 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.

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.



A SUMMER PRAYER...Long warm days...The pace of life slows...A time for picnics and rest in the shade...Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence. Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people. Amen. Author Unknown



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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