



Jesus and the Canaanite Woman

September 3, 2017

Our Lady of Mercy

94 Broad Street
Plainville, Connecticut 06062-2799 USA



Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
Vigil of Sunday (Saturday): 4:00p

Sunday: 8:30a & 10:30a

Daily Mass: 8:00a

Rosary Devotion before daily Mass
(No morning Mass on Wednesdays)

Confessions: Saturdays 12:00p to 12:30p
or by appointment



We welcome all who gather here to worship with us. You enter this House of God, our Father, not as a stranger but as His child. Come into your Father's presence with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, offering your love, devotion and service.

Be grateful to all who came before you who, in the Name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all those who have beautified and made holy this sacred space with their prayers, praise and financial sacrifices throughout the years. Ask God's blessing on all who love and cherish all places of faith. May that blessing come back to rest upon you, in your going out and your coming in.



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Hours: 9:00a to 4:00p (Weekdays)



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.



A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH & GOOD WORKS

Born as a Mission of Bristol in 1864 & Established as an Independent Parish in 1881

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"Do whatever He tells you." - Mary, to the disciples of Jesus (John 2:5)

OUR LADY OF MERCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, PLAINVILLE, CT 06062-2799 USA



“My salvation is about to come; my justice, about to be revealed.” Those words from God, spoken through His prophet Isaiah, inspired great hope as God’s true justice was about to be known. Well, that’s not exactly what it says, is it? It says “revealed.” God did His part – He revealed His justice in **Christ the Lord**. Now, the *knowing* is our part. Get to know the Lord.



Saturday September, Vigil of 2nd Ordinary Sunday

4:00p †Dominic Forcella by Family

Sunday September, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a Missa Pro Populo (for the parish)

10:30a †Terigio Marinelli by Angie & Tony Lucente

Monday September 4,

8:00a †No Mass

Tuesday September 5,

8:00a †No Mass

No morning Mass on Wednesdays

Thursday September 7,

8:00a †No Mass

Friday September 8,

8:00a †No Mass

Saturday September 9, Weekday

8:00a †No Mass

Vigil of 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p †James & Lena Parente by Mary Ann & Peter Giola

Sunday September, 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a Missa Pro Populo (for the parish)

10:30a †Frank Accousti by wife Carol



†Jay Thomas (69) *Comic Actor*

†Doris Warner (79), *mother of Jeffrey*

†Ten Sailors from USS John McCain Ship

Electronics Navy 3rd Class †Dustin Doyon (26), *Suffield*

Victims of Hurricane Harvey

†Tobe Hooper (74), *movie director*

†Rita St. Pierre (64),

To their families & friends, we offer our prayers & sympathy.



The Tabernacle Lamp is lighted for the *Greater Glory of God* and in recognition of the *Real Presence of Christ* and this week in memory of †**Steve Walsh**.

The Tabernacle Lamp ▲ is now available as a Memorial for \$5.



“Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life”

Caring for and Sharing with Each Other

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Giving In Faith Through Stewardship

Discover your God-given gifts and find a place in our community to give your gift back to God in gratitude and service. We welcome your talents.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

“Be kind to one another, compassionate and forgiving. Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love. Immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be mentioned among you, as is fitting among holy ones; no obscenity or silly or suggestive talk, which is out of place, but instead, thanksgiving.” (Ephesians 4: 32)

Treasure (Resources): Financial Report

\$3,738.50 Offertory Envelope for August 26 & 27

\$ 678.00 Offertory Loose for August 26 & 27

\$20.00 Envelope for Monthly for August

\$ 0.00 Loose for Monthly for August

15.00 Holy Day

\$ 0.00 Past Sunday envelopes ◀

\$4,451.50 Sub total

489.66 Cathedraticum & C SSP *Atms* (11%) to Archdiocese

\$3,961.84 Total that stays in the parish for our use

Thank you for giving your “first fruits” back to the Lord!

Thank you for making up past Sunday envelopes!

May God return your generosity to you 100-fold!



Last Will Can't Give All You'd Like to Give Now?
Remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish
Testament In Your Last Will & Testament

Last Weekend	4:00p	8:30a	10:30a	Total
Attendance	173	154	150	477

Found (month's ago) and kept in parish safe: 1965 class ring, University of Saint Clare, MBA: identify name inside ring to claim.)



2017 Blue Mass

In Honor of all active and retired Police, Fire, DOC and EMS personnel

Sunday September 10th at 11:00am

Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford

10a staging | 10:30a formation/procession | 11a Mass

Dress uniform | All Faiths Welcome

Archbishop Leonard Blair, Main Celebrant



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Week This Week This Week This Week This Week

Saturday September 2

12:00p No Confessions ('til 12:30p), Church



Sunday September 3

10:30a Men's AA meeting ('til 12:30p), Center, Room 107

Monday September 4

6:00p Karate, Center Gym



Wednesday September 6

4:00p – 5:00p Reconciliation Class – Room 102

5:00p – 5:45p Older Children Sacrament Class, Room 102

7:00p NA meeting ('til 9:00p), Center, Room 107

Thursday September 7

4:00p – 5:00p Eucharistic Class, Room 102

Saturday September 9

12:00p No Confessions ('til 12:30p), Church



9:15a – 10:15a Reconciliation Class, Room 205

10:15a – 11:15a Eucharistic Class, Room 102

9:15a – 10:15a Religious Ed Grades K, 1 4 5, Parish Center

Next ☀ Sunday September 10

10:30a Men's AA meeting ('til 12:30p), Center, Room 107

8:30a – 10:30a OLM Breakfast, Parish Center

1:00p – 4:30p JOLT, RSVP Only

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Saint Gregory the Great, pope

Gregorius I (540-604) was pope from 3 September 590 to his death in 604. By sending Augustine to England he instigated the first large-scale mission from Rome to convert a pagan people to Christianity. Gregory is also known for his writings, which were more prolific than those of any of his predecessors as pope.



Let us keep Fr. Kevin in our prayers as he continues to heal from surgery, his infection and his blood clot.



Plainville Knights of Columbus Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun Casino Saturday September 30th | \$40 a

person includes 1-hour bus ride, \$15 meal ticket, \$10 gaming slip. On the way to the Casino, we'll have a 50/50 raffle (winner gets 1/2 the pot) plus several scratch tickets will be drawn, all at \$2 a ticket. We'll leave OLM Parish Center parking lot at 2:00p and will return about 9:00p. Book now to ensure your seat. More information call Malcolm Soucie @ 868-919-0611 or Philip Plourde @ 860-747-8215.



► **The Pastoral Council:** I met with Cathi, Chair of the Council, last Tuesday, August 15th and reviewed the history of the Council going all the way back to ... May 2017. We spoke about the meetings – previously held on the 4th Thursday of the month, which conflicts with Thanksgiving and Christmas. So, for now, we decided to meet the 2nd Thursday of September – the 14th – and the Council will discern if that will stay in place as well as the number of yearly meetings. You have been meeting 9 times a year; the guidelines from the Archdiocese suggest “every 2 to 3 months for regular meetings.” That would be 4 to 5 times a year, not 9. Three members completed their 1st term of 3 years in May and agree to remain for a 2nd term; one member completed his 2nd term of 3 years and wants to take the required break – granted. This means I need to appoint one new member; Cathi is asking someone who was nominated last Spring – if this person accepts, I will send an official letter of appointment.

► 'I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE; NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER BUT THROUGH ME. IF YOU REALLY KNEW ME, YOU WOULD KNOW MY FATHER ALSO. FROM THIS POINT ON YOU KNOW HIM; YOU HAVE SEEN HIM.'

These are the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John 14:5-7

The new covenant, embodied by Jesus, declared that anybody – not just Israel (which had hitherto been believed to be the only way to true life with God) – could have access to the Father (literally, sit at the same table), and be his *friends* and *children*, with all the promises and benefits that come with this new status. This was considered to be the fulfilment of a prophecy:

“I will put my laws in their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people; repeated in Hebrews 8:10, 2 Cor 6:16-17, Rom 9:25-26, and confirmed at the end of Revelations as the final goal of God's intervention on earth: God will come to live with us – not the other way around.

This verse says this truth, this way to life, is a particular understanding of God the Father that Jesus has identified as the way of forgiveness and redemption – knowledge that will save people who are guilty or lost. Therefore, we say “no other name has been given by which we are saved.” Jesus gave special meaning to those words.

Acknowledging the life of Our Lord: His ministry and his compassion for all people, introduced us to truth, sincere forgiveness, which needs to be an active part of our lives “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those whom trespass against us” and most importantly, our mission as followers of Jesus to actively spread the Word and teach, as Jesus did.

Having been baptized in the Holy Trinity, Name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, committed to a life sanctified. Our godparents serve as our example as role models. We then personally made that commitment in the sacrament of Confirmation.

We can say that we believe in eternal life and aspire to sainthood when we can without any confusion follow Jesus Christ is ‘the Way the Truth and the Life’ and we will attempt to imitate this truth by our daily actions.

St. Francis put it best, “Go out and preach the gospels, use words only when necessary.” We truly are blessed. We are equipped for this task by the receiving the Sacraments of the Catholic Church that bestow these spiritual gifts.

CCD: Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

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Defending Our Religious Liberty



When revising the current federal health care bill, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking Congress to address the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) moral deficiencies and challenges with long-term sustainability. Problems with the ACA should be fixed with more narrow reforms and in a bipartisan way.

baptism class

Baptism: parents (who are registered here) can begin to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism for their child even before the child is born. This allows enough time for the required preparation. Godparents must be confirmed and obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their own Catholic parish. The date for the Baptism is scheduled after attending the Parent Preparation Program. Baptisms *normally* take place on Sundays. **To begin the process, call the Office at 860-747-6825.** We will then contact coordinators Rich & Sue Dziura who will schedule your classes.

Scripture Readings for Week of September 3, 2017

- Sunday:** Jeremiah 20: 7-9/Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27
- Monday:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18/Luke 4:16-30
- Tuesday:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6/9-11/Luke 4:31-37
- Wednesday:** Colossians 1:1-8/Luke 4:38-44
- Thursday:** Colossians 1:9-14/Luke 5:1-11
- Friday:** Colossians 1: 21-23/Luke 5:33-39
- Saturday:** Colossians 1:21-23/Luke 6:1-5
- Next Sunday:** Ezekiel 33:7-9/Romans 13:8-10/ Matthew 18:15-20



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** will begin again this September. If you or someone you know is 18 or older, and would like to receive any or all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation), please contact Jeanne in the Religious Education Office who will be happy to discuss the process with you. **Remember, to be a godparent or sponsor, you must be confirmed.** Spread the word to family and friends.

The 58 Holy Days of Obligation

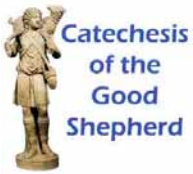
► All 52 Sundays ◄

- January 1:** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God ◼
- 40th day of Easter:** Ascension of Christ
- August 15:** Assumption of the Blessed Mother ◼
- November 1:** All Saints' Day ◼
- December 8:** Immaculate Conception of Mary
- December 25:** Nativity of Christ (Christmas)
- ◼ If this feast falls on a Saturday or Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted; it remains a Holy Day.



Religious Education Registration | Fall 2017
Information packs for registration for religious education classes were mailed home two weeks ago to all returning families. If you have any questions, or would like to register your child for classes, please call Jeanne at our parish office @ 860-747-6825. Classes begin in early September.

Religious Education Needs: Our faith formation programs are in need of the following items: cold drink cups 5 oz. or 9 oz. | hot drink cups 8 oz. | heavy duty paper plates | paper towels | disposable foil pans (large) | Ziploc bags (gallon or quart) | Velcro | plastic forks | small paper dessert plates | napkins | poster board (white or color) | paper cereal bowls | aluminum foil | coffee (regular or decaf). Items can be left in the Gathering Room box labeled Faith Formation. Thank you in advance for your continued generous support.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a religious formation program that has its roots in Maria Montessori who believed that if you prepare the environment, children will learn. In 1954, Sofia Cavaletti used Maria's method to learning and developed materials that would bring children ages 3-6 to God in a very special way. It is a program based in Scripture and the Mass, using hands-on materials to aid the children in learning more about God. The program is held in the Atrium on Thursdays from September to May from 1:00p to 2:30p. The Atrium is located in our Parish Center; we have a small altar, tabernacle, baptismal font, sample size vestments and other specially designed materials that are meant for hands-on experiences. The program is open to children ages 3 to 6 on a first-come, first served basis. Registration is for a year-long commitment and is limited to eight children. The fee for the year is \$25. Contact Jeanne at our parish center @ 860-747-6825 for additional information and/or a tour of the Atrium.

Close Encounters of the Third Kind: You are invited to join parishioners of all ages as we set out to discover more about the Sacraments. Every milestone in our lives a sacrament awaits us. Come and explore how the sacraments are given to us by God as an invitation to live life to its fullest. Think of them as our "Cliff Notes" for life. Monthly sessions will begin in September.

SEPTEMBER 3RD IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2017



Sunday September 3: Parish Picnic | 12:00 noon Norton Park
Sunday September 10: Monthly Breakfast, 8:00a-10:30a
Sunday September 10: Blue Mass | 11:00am, Cathedral
Thursday September 14: Pastoral Council, 7:00p
Saturday September 23: Feast Our Lady of Mercy Pot Luck
Friday September 29 & Saturday September 30: Tag Sale
Saturday September 30: K of C Trip to Mohegan Sun Casino
Saturday October 14 & Sunday October 15: CREA Fair Trade
Sunday October 15: Wedding Anniversary Celebration
Saturday October 21: Men's Conference, Bristol (all day)



OLM Parish Picnic
Sunday September 3
12:00n to 4:00p
Norton Park
Under the Blue Pavilion



Feast of our Patroness, Our Lady of Mercy



We will celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Mercy** beginning at the 4:00p Mass on **Saturday September 23, 2017** followed by a Pot Luck Supper in our Parish Center Gym.

If your **last name** begins with:

A through L, please bring a main dish;

M through S, please bring a side dish;

T through Z, please bring a dessert.



A list of possible suggestions will be included soon, but you are welcome to bring your favorite dish in the category listed. Each food dish should serve 8 or more people. For ease of clean up and return, please use a foil pan, if at all possible, and bring a serving spoon or fork labeled with your name. More details will be forthcoming. Please circle Saturday, September 23th on your calendars or add it to your phone so that you can join us in our Celebration of our Patroness, Our Lady of Mercy.

IT IS OLM TAG SALE TIME AGAIN!

It will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 29th & 30th from 9am – 3pm. Please bring your unwanted treasures to the garage behind the rectory. Please do not donate TVs, Magazines or Computers. Please absolutely No furniture of any kind until Monday, September 25! Those items can be brought directly to the Parish Center.

ROSARY RALLY OF CONNECTICUT

The 28th Annual Rosary Rally will be held at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury on October 1st from 2 – 3:30pm. The day features a procession, rosary, talk and Benediction concluding with Mass at 4pm. Our guest speaker will be Fr. James Sullivan, pastor of the Church of the Assumption, in Ansonia, CT. Fr. Sullivan was ordained a permanent deacon in 2008, and then to the priesthood in 2014, after a 25 year career in the contracting profession. Father's talk is entitled, Mary: How Humility Leads to God.



Sunday Saint of the Day
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (d. 1153)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Cathedral of Saint Joseph

Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 2:00pm

All couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th, and any other special wedding anniversaries this year are invited.

Archbishop Blair will be the main celebrant. Mass will include renewal of marriage vows, followed by a simple reception and an opportunity for a photo with Archbishop Blair. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Please call the parish office at 860-747-6825 or come in and sign-up to respond to this invitation. Questions regarding the Mass can be directed to Clarigsa Pena at 860-242-5573.

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 8, 2017



Archdiocese of Hartford First Women's Conference: The Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis of the Archdiocese of Hartford is pleased to announce the inaugural Women's Conference to celebrate our Roman Catholic faith. **The**

Society of Saint Anthony has made two \$25 scholarships available for women who would like to attend the Women Conference. Call Elaine Osipowicz at 860 747 2528 if you are interested in one of the scholarships. Then call the office if you can drive or would like to carpool to the Conference. This year's theme is "Be Strong and Courageous". The event will take place on Saturday November 4th at the Hartford Marriott from 9:00a to 5:00p. English Keynote Speaker: Hallie Lord of Sirius XM's The Catholic Channel. Hallie is the author of *On the Other Side of Fear: How I Found Peace*, co-founder of the *Edel Gathering*, and host of *Hallie Weekly* on The Catholic Channel. What's included in the cost of Registration? (**\$50 if registered by September 15th**) Deli lunch buffet, parking, speakers, vendors, opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession, and Vigil Mass with Archbishop Blair. Visit www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org for more information. We would like to offer a car pool to this event. If you can drive please contact the parish office by **September 5th** and leave your name and the number of people you are able to transport. We will leave Our Lady of Mercy Parish parking lot at 8:15a.



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