



**Jesus and the Canaanite Woman**

**September 17, 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.



### **Clergy**

Reverend Father Kevin J. Forsyth, S.T.B., *Pastor*  
Deacon Robert A. Berube, *Deacon*

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19 South Canal Street

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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)**

**2017: THE YEAR OF GRACE**



**“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 24th Ordinary Sunday**  
4:00p †Gisele Ayotte by Albert & Diana St. Onge  
**Sunday September 17, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30a Missa Pro Populo (for the parish)  
10:30a †Noella & Gary Jackson by Gloria & Jerry Gagnon  
**Monday September 18,**  
8:00a †No Mass  
**Tuesday September 19,**  
8:00a †No Mass

**No morning Mass on Wednesdays**

**Thursday September 21,**  
8:00a †No Mass  
**Friday September 22,**  
8:00a †No Mass  
**Saturday September 23, Weekday**  
8:00a †No Mass  
*Vigil of 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
4:00p †Carmelo & Florence Ciccio by Joseph & Rose Ciccio  
**Sunday September 24, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30a Missa Pro Populo (for the parish)  
10:30a †Aurore Marie Pelletier by Albert & Diana St. Onge

The Pastoral Council meeting has been rescheduled to October 12, 7p in Room 102. All parishioners are invited to observe the meeting.



**Stewardship**  
*“Discipleship in Action”*

**“Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life”**  
Caring for and Sharing with Each Other

**“GIFTS”**  
**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**

\$4,099.50 Offertory Envelope for September 9 & 10  
\$ 652.00 Offertory Loose for September 9 & 10  
\$4,751.50 Sub total  
1344.00 Monthly for September 9 & 10  
\$6,095.50  
670.50 Cathedraticum & CSSP Alms (11%) to Archdiocese  
**\$5,425.00** 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!






**Rest in Peace**

†David Kenny Ferguson (58) Husband of Joanne  
†Victims of Hurricane Irma  
†Troy Gentry (50) Country Musician  
†Ross Tanner Coughlin (31) son of David & Deanna  
†Victims of Hurricane Harvey  
†Kenneth A. Hedman (86) wife of Nancy  
†Shelley Berman (92) comedian

*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 †**Normand Ortner**.  
The Tabernacle Lamp ▲ is now available as a Memorial for \$5.

**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
<b>Attendance</b>	202	158	153	513

Dear Parishioners:  
Fr. Kevin has suggested that I maintain some additional availability to parishioners; I will be in my office, in the parish office, every Tuesday after daily Mass from 8:30a until noon. If I can be of any service regarding questions of parish activity, I will be pleased to assist anyone.  
Also, I will be available for house blessings, spiritual counseling, and in particularly bereavement counseling. No matter how long it has been that we have lost a loved one, healing is constantly taking place.  
Please call or visit the Parish Office for any assistance.  
Deacon Robert



**Saturday September 16**

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

**Sunday September 17**

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

**Monday September 18**

6:00p Karate, Center Gym

**Tuesday September 19**

6:30p – 7:30p Middle School Class, Room 204

**Wednesday September 20**

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

**Thursday September 21**

1:00p – 2:30p Atrium

5:00p – St. Anthony Society Potluck Supper, Room 106

**Friday September 22**

6:30p Set up for the Feast of Our Lady, Parish Center

**Saturday September 23**

12:00p No Confessions

5:00p Feast of our Lady, Gym

**Next ☀ Sunday September 24**

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



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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 30<sup>th</sup> | \$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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY OPPORTUNITIES**

Our Feast Day is quickly approaching! We are in need of volunteers to help make the Celebration Day on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> successful. There's a task for everyone! The following is a list of opportunities for your consideration.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 6:30PM (GYM)**

You will be joining our first-year confirmation students in setting up the gym for our parish pot luck supper. This is a wonderful opportunity for all parishioners to work with some of our parish teens for the good of our parish celebration.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 3:00 – 3:45PM (GYM)**

Accepting food items for our parish potluck supper and locking up the gym at 3:45pm.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 6:30PM (GYM)**

Immediately following our parish pot luck supper, you will be joining with our second-year confirmation students to clean up our gym. This is another wonderful opportunity for all parishioners to work together for the common good of the parish. **CALL JEANNE AT OUR PARISH CENTER TO VOLUNTEER AT 860.747.6825. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR MAKING THE CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY POSSIBLE.**

In this past week we honored Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Tuesday we focused on the *Holy name of Mary* and on Friday we set our attention on the Blessed Mother as titled *Our Lady of Sorrows!*

Acknowledging Mary as the Mother of God, reflecting on the Incarnation of Jesus in her womb, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is *'ineffable!'* In other words, "too overwhelming or to be expressed or described in words, inexpressible, too awesome/sacred to be spoken, too mysterious...And yet, the angel Gabriel announce the words, 'Hail Mary full of Grace, The Lord is with Thee, Blessed are Thou amongst women and Blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus', Mary's reply was "'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

How more powerful can we believe in the Blessed Trinity? The Father has chosen a young woman to be the mother of His only begotten Son. The Holy Spirit descends on this person, chosen by the Father to bear this Child. Jesus becomes 'incarnate' taking on a human flesh, by the Power of the Holy Spirit. The most significant event in salvation history and we believe 'with God nothing is impossible'.

We claim Faith. Faith in God; *ineffable faith.*

My friends never lose this faith. Jesus says in John's Gospel, "You have faith in God have faith also in Me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places."

Your faith confirms that you will see God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit face to face - one day, when eternal life is given to you. May God continue to bless us.

Pray that Our Mother in heaven will intercede for us.

We pray, *'Holy Mary Mother of God pray for us now and at the hour of our death'* – two times in our lives when we most need her intercessions.

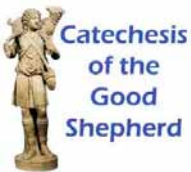
Deacon Robert and Regina Berube – Love, Prayers and Blessings.

## 2017: THE YEAR OF GRACE

### CCD: Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

Formed in 1579 by Saint John Leonardi  
Office of Religious Education & Christian Formation  
"G.I.F.T. ~ Generations In Faith Together"  
Jeanne Gionfriddo, DRE ☀ 860-747-6825

**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

**The 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.

**FIRST ANNUAL BRISTOL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ALUMNI, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS MASS...** The two Bristol Catholic Schools are planning their first-ever Alumni Family and Friends Masses for the weekend of September 30 - October 1. St. Joseph Church will have Mass on September 30 at 4:00p and St. Matthew Church will have Mass on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30a. Former students and families of all Bristol Area schools past and present are invited. For more information contact Mr. Eric Frenette, Principal for St. Joseph School at 860.582.8696 or Mrs. Helen Treacy, Principal for St. Matthew's School at 860.583.5214.

**FOR ALL WHO ARE DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR SEPARATED...** there is a special heartache in finding oneself alone again. Men and Women of all ages are encouraged to attend a Beginning Experience weekend designed for those who wish to resolve the pain and grief of the marriage relationship that has ended, and wish to create a more peace-filled future. The weekend will be held October 27-29 at the Archdiocesan Conference Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. The weekend begins Friday evening, October 27, and continues through Sunday afternoon, October 29, concluding with Mass. The weekend fee is \$235/person, which includes the program and materials, all meals on Saturday and Sunday, and a follow up event. For more information and an application for

yourself or for a friend, please call Maureen at 860.285.8685 or Victoria at 860.993.2384. For more information, go to: [www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut](http://www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut). Beginning Experience is endorsed by the Archdiocesan Family Life Office.

### MESSAGE FROM DYNAMIC CATHOLIC PARISH CHAMPION JIM WREN...

This month's gift is the CD "Don't Just Try...Train." This CD discusses the importance of spiritual training and offers simple tips on how to transform your life in a big way. CDs are limited to fifty copies and will be distributed on a first-come-first-serve basis at the Our Lady of Mercy Pot Luck following the 4p Mass on September 23.



**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 17, 2017

**Sunday:** Sirach 27: 30-28:7/Romans 14:7-9,  
Matthew 18:21-35

**Monday:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8/Luke 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** 1 Timothy 3:14-16/Luke 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Timothy 3:1-11/Luke 7:31-35

**Thursday:** Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13/Matthew 9:9-13

**Friday:** 1 Timothy 6: 2C-12/Luke 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Timothy 6:13-16/Luke 8:4-15

**Next Sunday:** Isaiah 55:6-9/Philippians 1:20C-24, 27A/  
Matthew 20: 1-16A



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 HOPES COLLECTION...** benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing schools with individual HOPES Grants supporting a safe and nurturing environment where children learn about Jesus Christ, fund innovative educational technology, create future active Catholic parish and community leaders, and market Catholic schools as "centers of excellence". The collection also supports the broad-based marketing and promotion of Catholic schools. Please help us provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by giving to the 2017 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection on the weekend of September 23/24. Thank you.

## SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2017



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)

**ST. ANTHONY SOCIETY**...September is here and so starts a new year for us. Sept. 21, 6p, Room 106 will be our Pot Luck Supper. All women are welcome. Oct. 28 & 29 we will have our annual Cookie Walk after all of the Masses. Cookie donations are welcome. Join us and be part of our OLM family. Questions? Call Elaine 860.747.2528.

**IT IS OLM TAG SALE TIME AGAIN!**...We are in the process of collecting items for our parish tag sale. Items can be dropped off to the small white garage behind the rectory. As in the past we **cannot except computers, TVs or magazines of any kind.** Because our space is very limited, any furniture items can only be accepted the week of September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Center. No furniture of any kind can be put into the garage. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard. Volunteers are needed to help with the setup of the tag sale during the week of September 25 especially on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9a.

**ROSARY RALLY OF CONNECTICUT**...The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Rosary Rally will be held at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury on October 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### [REGISTER TODAY](#)

2017 Archdiocesan Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

“You will be my witnesses” - Acts 1:8

DATE: Saturday, October 21, 2017

LOCATION: St. Paul Catholic High School,  
Bristol, CT

**SPEAKERS** include: EWTN's Raymond Arroyo, Catholic Answers' Tim Staples, Diocese of Bridgeport Bishop Frank Caggiano, Franciscan Friar of the Renewal Fr. Glenn Sudano, and James Wahlberg of the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation.

Tickets are \$45, includes box lunch and free parking. Go to:  
<https://www.ctcatholicmen.org>.

### 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 23<sup>th</sup> 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.

**FEAST FUN FACTS**...When you hear the word “icon” do you think of a symbol on your computer screen that we click on to open up a program or file? What do you know about Religious Icons? The word “icon” means image and the story of icons in the Christian Church is a story of learning to gaze into the mystery of God. Our Catholic tradition has encouraged artists to use their gifts to praise God yet icons are not vehicles of an artist's personal expression. Rather, icons are unique forms of sacred art that conveys a symbolic presentation of the holy person that is depicted. When an iconographer creates an icon, it is called icon “writing” rather than “painting.” Did you know that the specific icon of Our Lady in our Church is a version of the “Mother of God Umilyenie,” a Russian word translating into English as mercy, compassion, tenderness or loving kindness? It was “written” by the hand of Marek Czarnecki in 1996. He did not set out to become an icon writer, the son of Polish immigrants and a graduate of New York's prestigious school of Visual Arts. He was working in Manhattan when his father had “volunteered” his son to write an icon of the patron of Poland – Our Lady of Czestochowa or the Black Madonna in the year 1991. He said, “I don't want this to sound presumptuous, but I think the Holy Spirit working through my pastor and father brought me to this work.” Czarnecki ditched Manhattan and returned to Bristol, CT. Many consider Mark to be the premier iconographer in the U.S.

**ST. VINCENT DePAUL COLLECTION**...Thanks to everyone who donated to the cause. The Yankee fans donated 77 items while the Red Sox fans donated 53 items. Thank you all for your support in helping those in need.

### Make Us Shelter, Make Us Strength

A prayer for all those in the path of Hurricane Irma Lord of Heaven and Earth, of sea and sky, We look upon sisters and brothers In the paths of storms Beset by rising waters and violent winds. In such times, we turn to you. You are our shelter, you are our strength. You are our comfort and protection. Make us these things for our brothers and sisters. Make us shelter, make us strength. Make us comfort and protection. We are your children, your image and likeness. Make us more like you, God of all goodness. And so, let waters recede, to be replaced by a rising tide of compassion, Let winds dissipate to be replaced by the roar of justice, that all might know your mercy and find safety and hope in the midst of storms. Amen



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