



Jesus and the Canaanite Woman

October 15, 2017



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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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.

Our Lady of Mercy

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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

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

OCTOBER 15TH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2017



“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 October 14, Vigil of 28th Ordinary Sunday

4:00p †David Healey by Angelo & Jackie

Sunday October 15, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30a †Haley Petit by Family

Monday October 16,

8:00a †Debra Kulas by Husband

Tuesday October 17,

8:00a †Souls in Purgatory

No morning Mass on Wednesdays

Thursday October 19,

8:00a †Theresa Bagliore by Family

Friday October 20,

8:00a †Paul Dubuc by Friends

Saturday October 21, Weekday

8:00a †Paul Spielman – Month Anniversary

†Amada Espinosa – 1st Anniversary

†Fernand Daigle – Month Anniversary

†Anthony Lucente – Month Anniversary

Saturday October 21, Vigil of 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday October 22, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30a †Georgette Plourde by Husband



Rest in Peace

†Victims of Hurricane Maria
 †Victims of Hurricane Irma
 †Victims of Hurricane Harvey
 †Victims of the Las Vegas Shooting
 †Victims of the Mexico Earthquake

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 †**St. John Paul II**.

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



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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

\$3,642.50 Offertory Envelope for 10/7 & 10/8
 \$ 673.00 Offertory Loose for 10/7 & 10/8
\$1,398.00 Monthly
 \$5,713.50 Sub total
 _____628.48Cathedraticum & CSSP *Atms* (11%) to Archdiocese
\$5,085.02 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?
 (and) Remember Our Lady of Mercy Parish
Testament In Your Last Will & Testament

Last Weekend	4:00p	8:30a	10:30a	Total
Attendance	195	151	162	508

ANNUAL COLLECTION...Every parish family should have received a letter from Father Forsyth & Father Przygocki this week asking for a contribution to our Annual Collection to help offset our operating deficit. The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Please return your gift card today. Thank you!

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE...The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Tootsie Roll Drive on the weekend of October 21 & 22 after every Mass. Proceeds will be donated to children with developmental disabilities.

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This Week This Week This Week This Week This Week

Sunday October 15

Fair Trade Show

10:30a Men's AA meeting ('til 12:30p), Center, Room 107
The Second Collection next weekend if for the Propagation of the Faith.

Monday October 16

6:00 – 8:00p Karate, Gym

Tuesday October 17

6:30 – 7:30p Middle School R. E., Room 204

Wednesday October 18

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

Thursday October 19

1:00 – 2:30p Atrium

6:00p St. Anthony Society Meeting, Room 106 & Kitchen

Friday October 20

6:00 – 8:00p GIFT, Parish Center

Saturday October 21

9:00 – 11:00a JOLT Bottle Drive, Parish Center

9:15 – 10:15a Religious Education grades K, 1, 4, 5, Parish Center

11:00a – 2:30p JOLT Rake and Run

12:00p Confessions

Next ☀ Sunday October 22

9:30 – 11:30a GIFT, Parish Center

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

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Saint Teresa of Avila October 15

Teresa was the daughter of noble parents in Spain. When she was only seven years of age she and her little brother liked to read stories from the lives of saints. One of their games was playing "hermit" in their father's garden.

When Teresa was still quite young, she became crippled by disease and was unable to walk. She prayed to St. Joseph, who cured her.

Teresa lost her mother when she was twelve. She begged the Mother of God to be her mother. Five years after her mother's death she joined the Carmelite Order. She built many new convents.

By a life of prayer, work, and sacrifice Teresa brought many souls to Jesus. Her many writings show her great love of God. She wrote: "Let nothing trouble you, let nothing make you afraid. All things pass away. God never changes. Patience obtains everything. God alone is enough." She died on October 4, 1582 after she had a vision of Jesus and many saints.



ST. ANTHONY SOCIETY... 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.



Why We Need Fatima's Message Today – 100 years later!

(This is the fourth in a five part series on the miracle of Fatima. All five will appear in the weekly parish bulletins.)

Session 4. Reminds Us of the Four Last Things

The Fatima message deals with many topics.

The topic of this bulletin insertion is the four last things: Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell.

First, if you pray the rosary you might add a prayer after each decade of the rosary, common for contemporary recitation is the Fatima prayer: O my Jesus, forgive us, save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are most in need.

*Mary had such great concern for her children, that she wanted us to pray often that we might be saved from the fire of hell. **That us,** being universal, includes every one of us.*

Mary said that "Many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and we are to pray for them." Maybe this is why in July, Our Lady already taught the children a prayer, "*O Jesus it is love of you, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*"

I frequently add in my praying of the rosary, a prayer which I repeat quite randomly throughout the day, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner". That is known as the 'Pilgrim Prayer'.

St. Bellarmine is considered to be among the most prominent educators on the subject of human spirituality.

Two of his most influential works are entitled, "*The Mind's Ascent to God*" and "*The Art of 'Dying Well'*". In the *Mind's Ascent to God*, Cardinal Bellarmine stresses the need to meditate on seeking God by reflecting on the Ladder of 'Created Things' Namely, God's gift of life in us.

Secondly, in the *Art of Dying Well*, St Bellarmine suggests that we understand our own death, as death inevitably draws near. Both of these writings accentuate the recitation of the Rosary.

The final phrase in the rosary is, 'Pray for us sinners **NOW** and at the **HOUR of OUR DEATH.**

How more powerful; the call to conversion is apparent. Knowing about Hell, should make us desire Heaven all the more.

Deacon Robert & Regina Berube. God Bless.

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CCD: Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

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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.

Close Encounters of the Real 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. We would love to have you join us for monthly sessions. Call Jeanne for more information at 860.747.6825.

Scripture Readings for Week of October 15, 2017

Sunday: IS 25:6-10A/PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20/MT 22:1-14

Monday: ROM 1:1-7/LK 11:29-32

Tuesday: ROM 1:16-25/LK 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 TM 4:10-17B/LK 10:1-9

Thursday: ROM 3:21-30/LK 11:47-54

Friday: ROM 4:1-8/LK 12:1-7

Saturday: ROM 4:13, 16-18/LK 12:8-12

Next Sunday: IS 45:1, 4-6/1 THES1: 1-5B /MT 22: 15-21



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Birthright is a pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests. Friendship counseling and practical support to woman experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Our guiding principle: It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. We help any pregnant girl or woman who calls us. Our office is located in East Hartford. Please call 1.800.550.4900 for the Birthright nearest you to arrange for drop off. Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DYNAMIC CATHOLIC PARISH CHAMPION...

This month's free resource is a book by Pope Francis called Laudato Si or Praise Be To You: On Care For Our Common Home. As always, only 50 copies are available and they will be distributed after all the Masses on the weekend of October 21 and 22. Due to the limited supply, we request that once you finish the book, you please pass it on to someone else or return it to the sharing table in the Gathering Space of the church so that others may have the opportunity to read it. Thank you for your support of this program.

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. Beginning Experience is endorsed by the Archdiocesan Family Life Office.



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.



Saturday October 21: Men's Conference, Bristol (all day)
10:28 & 10:29: Saint Anthony Cookie Walk
Wednesday November 1: All Saints Day
Sunday November 5: Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

THE CHAPARRALS...St. Gregory Parish will present the Chaparrals on Saturday, October 21 at their CCD Center, located at 103 Stafford Avenue. The band which plays a variety of danceable music including music from the 50's, 60's and 70's along with a little country will play from 7 – 11p. Doors will open at 6p. This is a Bring Your Own Beverage and Snacks affair. Set-ups will be provided and a selection of sodas will be available for purchase. Singles are cordially invited.

Tables of 8 – 10 persons can be reserved by calling Marilyn Stawski at 850.584.0187. Table reservations are not available at the rectory. Tickets will be sold at the door at \$12 per person. Walk-ins are cordially welcome.

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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>.

BOTTLE DRIVE!...YES! Our Youth Group (JOLT) is holding a long-awaited can and bottle drive. Please bring your redeemable (CT 5¢) cans and bottles to the Parish Center on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST from 9 – 11AM. Proceeds support our teen's youth group activities. Thank you.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM... at 1 State Street in New Haven, will host a public lecture, "Fr. William Davitt: Knight of the Doughboy," Saturday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m. about a military chaplain priest from the Springfield diocese killed on the last day of battle during World War I. Admission and parking are free. More information: 203-865-0400 or kofcmuseum.org.

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DISCOVER WHY ST. PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL...has become the choice for more and more families for a truly great Catholic education experience! If you or someone you know has a prospective 6, 7, or 8th grade student, visit us at one of our Open Houses:

Saturday, November 4 at 10:00am

Tours of our building, meeting our faculty and visiting our family are all part of our open houses. **WELCOME HOME!** Pre-registration is suggested, but not required. To pre-register please visit www.spchs.com/openhouse.

Also, on Saturday, November 18, 2017 we will hold our Placement Exam for prospective 9th and 10th grade students.

Visit our website for more information at www.spchs.com/admissions

SWEATERS FOR VETERANS...as of this weekend through November 11th & 12th, we will be collecting new and gently used sweaters, hats, scarves and gloves for both men and women veterans in Connecticut. Bins have been placed in the Gathering Space for your generous donations.



Keeping Our Youth Safe Online: What every Adult Should Know

Featured speaker, Scott Driscoll is a law enforcement officer with 21+ years of experience. Scott started *Internet Safety Concepts* through which he educates people about safety using technology and the internet. The presentation is designed for adults to guide youth in making responsible choices in the digital world and will cover social networking, video chats, texting and sexting. The event will take place on Tuesday Nov. 7, 7:00 – 9:00 pm at St. Mark the Evangelist church, 467 Quaker Lane S., West Hartford.

To register, please contact Ginamarie at Ginamarie.garbedian@aohct.org or by phone at (860) 242-5573

Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice, Office of Safe Environment, and Office of Education, Evangelizations and Catechesis

Self-Knowledge: A Pathway to God...

On **Wednesday, October 18, 2017** Sister Joanne Fahey, CP will present "Self-Knowledge: A Pathway to God" at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, in Farmington, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. In her classic, "The Interior Castle," Saint Teresa of Avila calls Self Knowledge the first and primary "room" of our inner castle. To know oneself is to know God. This program offers an opportunity to reflect on Saint Teresa's basic principles of self-knowledge. Sometime will also be devoted to the Enneagram, a helpful tool for growth in self-knowledge. Sister Joanne has been a team member at OLC for many years and is an experienced spiritual director. Offering is \$30 (lunch included). To register: contact OLC at 860-677-8519, olcretreat@sbcglobal.net or visit www.ourladyofcalvary.net.

Let us keep Fr. Kevin in our prayers as he continues to heal from his second surgery.



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