



November 19, 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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Reverend Kevin J. Forsyth, S.T.B., *Pastor*  
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Reverend Edward J. Przygocki, *MSA*

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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)**

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**Saturday November 18, Vigil of 33rd Ordinary Sunday**

4:00p †Jean Guy Lagace by Wife

**Sunday November 19, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

10:30a †Emma Wichrowski by Family

**Monday November 20,**

8:00a †Joe Raynock, Sr. by Joe, Marie & Ashley Raynock

**Tuesday November 21,**

8:00a †Theresa Bagliore by Family

**No morning Mass on Wednesdays**

**Thursday November 23,**

9:00a †For All Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

**Friday November 24,**

8:00a †Donald Wallace by Family

**Saturday November 25, Weekday**

8:00a †Linda Flieger – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

†Robert Tardiff, Sr. – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

†Jennie Cerra – Month Anniv.

**Saturday November 25, Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

4:00p †Anthony & AnnMarie D'Amico by Joseph & Rose Ciccio

**Sunday November 26, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Sunday**

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

10:30a †Tina Colangelo – by Bryan & Choir



**Rest in Peace**

†Roy Halliday (40), husband of Brandy

†Richard Gordon, Jr. (88), widower of Barbara & Linda

†Lucy Cannarella (90), widow of Andrew

†Raymond Caya (95), widower of Shirley

†Aloysius Kargul (95), widower of Virginia; dad of  
Father A. Waive

†Rev. Msgr. Robert L. Brown (74), Chancellor of  
Norwich Diocese

†James Reynolds (89), dad of Deacon David

†John Hillerman (84), actor, Air Force Vet

†Mary Lucille Sisson (96), mother of John

†Johanna Lanzl (87), mother of Heidi

†Linda Ferguson (64), widow of Ronald

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



**“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**  
It is certainly legitimate to apply today’s parable to our own lives as a call from Christ to make good use of whatever God has given us; that’s just good stewardship. The important thing is not how many gifts or talents we have been entrusted with; the important thing is what we do with the gifts we have been given. We are competent, capable creations of a loving God. The responsibility though for how well we grow is our own.

**Treasure (Resources): Financial Report**  
\$3,907.50 Offertory Envelope for 11/11 & 11/12  
\$ 592.00 Offertory Loose for 11/11 & 11/12  
\$5,105.50 Sub total  
494.94 Cathedraicum & C SSP Alms (11%) to Archdiocese  
**\$4,004.56** 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!



Thank You!


**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	192	160	164	516

**ANNUAL COLLECTION**...We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our Annual Collection. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

**2017 Parish Annual Collection Update**  
1,212 Total Number of Households  
176 Total Households Pledged  
14.52% of Parish Participation  
\$47,235.00 Total Pledged  
\$42,148.00 Total Paid (as of Nov 13)

 **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 †**Deceased Members of the DeBlois Family.**

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

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89.23% Total Pledges Collected

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### Sunday November 19

9:30 – 11:30a GIFT, Parish Center

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

### Monday November 20

6:00 – 8:00p Karate, Gym

### Tuesday November 21

6:30 – 7:30p Middle School, Parish Center, Room 204

### Wednesday November 22

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

### Thursday November 23

Parish Office Closed

### Friday November 24

Parish Office Closed

### Saturday November 25

12:00p Confessions

### Next ☀ Sunday November 26

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

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### St. Cecilia - This Wednesday's Saint, November 22



St. Cecilia is the [patron saint](#) of music, and one of the most famous Roman [martyrs](#) of the early church and historically one of the most discussed.

According to a late 5th-century [legend](#), she was a noble Roman who, as a child, had vowed her virginity to God. When she was married against her will to the future [saint](#) Valerian, then a pagan, she told him that an [angel](#) of God wished her to remain a virgin. He promised to respect this wish if he were allowed to see the angel. She replied that he would if he were [baptized](#).

On his return from baptism he found Cecilia talking to the angel. She then converted his brother Tiburtius, who also saw the angel. Both men were [martyred](#) before she was. She distributed her possessions to the poor, which enraged the prefect Almachius, who ordered her to be burned. When the flames did not harm her, she was beheaded.

Cecilia was buried in the catacomb of St. Callistus, near Rome. At the beginning of the 9th century, Pope [Paschal I](#) discovered her incorrupt [relics](#) in the catacomb of St. Praetextatus and had them moved to Rome, to a basilica in Trastevere that now bears her name. She became the [patron saint](#) of musicians and music; in art she is often represented playing the [organ](#).

"You know the day of the Lord will come." The coming of the Lord will be as sudden as the onset of labor pains and as unexpected as the thief in the night. Believers however, need not worry for they are already living in the light of Christ. We are not wandering about in darkness but are aware that the Kingdom is already "at hand" - present in the world: present in the Church - in us, the living Body of Christ. Those freely choosing to live in sin are in darkness and under the influence of the evil one. Christians - those baptized and truly living in Christ - have been freed from that dark realm, and are already anticipating "the day of the Lord" - by all they say and do. We merely need to stay alert, alive in faith, and attentive to the Lord ... and sober!

**ALL LIFE IS PRECIOUS!**... To celebrate the children in the womb within our community, as well as their parents and family, we will be celebrating the **Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb** here at Our Lady of Mercy. The celebration will take place **during the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, December 3rd**, and includes a special blessing of the children in the womb and all those present. According to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *"Such a blessing sustains the parents by imparting grace and comfort in time of concern and need, unites the parish in prayer for the unborn child, and fosters respect for human life within society."* If you are interested in receiving this special blessing for your unborn child, please contact the Parish office, 860-747-6825.



**WHAT DO I DO TO MAKE THE CHURCH A COMMUNITY** where everyone feels welcomed and understood, everyone feels the mercy and love of God who renews life? Pope Francis, May 29, 2013

Each of us can make our parish a more welcoming place to newcomers, persons with disabilities, and persons with special needs. Here are a few ideas:

1. If you see a parent struggling with a child's behavior, offer a friendly smile, a sympathetic nod, or a helping hand.
2. If you see a person physically struggling to get in, hold open a door, scoot down in the pew, or offer to carry something.
3. If you see a person exhibiting unusual behavior, understand that it might be a sign of a disability. Embrace the person as a child of God and understand that each of us has different ways of receiving and communicating God's love.
4. If you see someone who is disheveled or out of sorts, consider that he or she might be in dire straits. Act with compassion.
5. Some people may struggle to get to or sit through the Mass. Offer a ride, and open door, or simply acceptance and understanding.
6. A warm smile, a nod, or a small kindness can make all the difference.

**ADVENT WREATH**...Advent begins this year on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The celebration of the season of Advent is one of anticipation and preparation for the coming of the Messiah of Christmas Day. It is also time of expectation for the second coming of Christ. Advent wreaths are one traditional way to help us prepare for the coming of Christmas. The four Advent candles demonstrate the contrast between darkness and the light. Jesus is referred in Scripture as the "Light of the World" and Gods promises to make all things new through him. The first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The third week of Advent is called

Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. Rose is the liturgical color that is used to signify Joy, so we light the pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent. Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent

when the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of Jesus. We have Advent wreaths with candles available in the Parish Office at a cost of \$10. If you only need the candles you can purchase them for \$5. We also invite you to rediscover the joy of the season of Advent with a free email program, "Best Advent Ever. You can sign up at [BESTADVENTEVER.COM/ALMOST CHRISTMAS](http://BESTADVENTEVER.COM/ALMOST CHRISTMAS).



**GRACE ENOUGH**...is the retreat theme this year at Holy Family Retreat Center. Join others for a weekend of peace and reflection on the power of God's grace in our lives. Discover anew ho God's grace is our greatest source of strength and courage to meet the ever-present challenges in our lives. Together we'll reflect on how lining in God's grace guides us to make wise choices. Lead to true happiness and peace. The retreat includes: home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time, and workshops. The retreat begins with dinner at 6pm on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon. For more information call Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, at 860.760.9705 or log onto [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org). Men's Retreat Date is January 19 – 21, 2018. Women's Retreat Dates can be found starting January 5, 2018, by logging onto the website or calling the Retreat House.



**THANK YOU**...for your participation in the diaper drive. We collected 21 packages of diapers which equaled a single count of 480 diapers. These were delivered to the Food Pantry. Heartfelt thanks to all, Deb Hardy



## Dear Parishioners,

As you might imagine, I've had a lot of time to think about my life these past two months since this nightmare began. I never heard of Charcot before I had it. How and why did I get it? Did my being diabetic play a part? I've known diabetics all my life and they never got Charcot. I've discovered in my research that alcoholics can also get Charcot. Genetics plays a role, too, although no one in my family that I know of ever had it.

When I was diagnosed with it, my blood glucose level (A1C) was high and unstable. Ideally it should be 7 and mine was 9.9 when admitted to Saint Francis Hospital - not too bad but it had been higher. I felt guilty about this and thought, "Well, you brought this on yourself." Then I was visited by a former parishioner who told me he also had Charcot, and when diagnosed, his A1C level was 6 - under normal. I admit he helped me feel less guilty and I did some more research into the gene aspect of the condition.

I have learned I was fortunate it only affected one foot, not both, and it's not like the mumps - once and you're done - it can recur - in the same foot or the foot not originally affected. What can I do to avoid Charcot again? Certainly losing weight; I've lost 30 pounds so far and hope to continue losing until I reach my goal of 190. I did it in 1999 and I can do it again - and I'll keep it off this time! I'll keep my A1C level in the 7 range to avoid the progression of neuropathy already present in my feet. I'll avoid injury to my feet by wearing appropriate footwear. And I'll pray. Just because it is in my genes, doesn't mean it has to be in my future. I pray to God to keep Charcot at bay and to keep me on his "active duty".

In the Gospel today, we found a Master who entrusted his servants with various responsibilities and that not all of those servants proved to be worthy of their Master's trust. Remember the third servant? "I knew you were a demanding person. So out of fear..." You did notice he blamed the Master for burying his own talent in the ground and not doing what he could have done. The first two servants took personal responsibility and did what was expected of them. Not the third one. He took no responsibility and ended up playing the ever popular, "Blame Game:" "I knew you were a demanding person. It's your entire fault." I wonder if that's a reliable statistic - one out of three people will pass the buck and blame someone else for their own thoughts and actions - for what they have done and what they have failed to do. What do you say that in this 21st century we end the "Blame Game" begun in the Garden of Eden by Adam when he blamed Eve for giving him the fruit he wasn't supposed to eat and then Eve blaming the serpent for tricking her into eating it. Let's end the "Blame Game" and start taking personal responsibility for what we say and what we do. The Buck Stops Here!

Let us pray that we become "good stewards" of God's many gifts to us, both personal and corporate, especially His enduring gifts of faith, hope, and love. And on that great Day of the Lord - whenever it happens - may we be judged worthy in small matters and entrusted with even greater ... in His Kingdom!

Blessings! Father Forsyth

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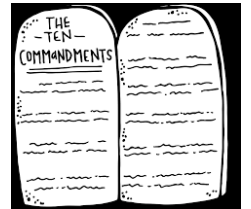
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**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE...** Our Book will be in the Gathering Space for the month of November. Please feel free to write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book to be prayed for and remembered throughout the year.



**HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE TEN COMMANDMENTS?**

1. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD. YOU SHALL NOT HAVE OTHER gods BEFORE ME. (not people, things or money)
2. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD, YOUR GOD IN VAIN. (respect holy names, religious things, etc.)
3. REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH. (attend Mass on the weekend and holy days)
4. HONOR YOUR FATHER & YOUR MOTHER. (listen to their advice, be obedient and helpful)
5. YOU SHALL NOT KILL. (never take and innocent life)
6. YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY. (respect marriage vows, avoid impure acts and speech)
7. YOU SHALL NOT STEAL. (no cheating, make money honestly, no damaging)
8. YOU SHALL NOT LIE. (be responsible for you words and intentions)
9. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S SPOUSE. (control your desires and thoughts)
10. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S GOODS. (be grateful for what you have)



**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.



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Thanksgiving Day Mass: 9:00a  
 December 10: 8:00 – 10:30a, Breakfast with Santa

**RECEPTION & BOOK SIGNING...** The Archbishop O'Brien Library & the Office for Catholic Social Justice Presents Dr. Ben Peter's Book "Why Dorothy Day Matters." 467 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, CT. Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Saturday, December 2, 2017, From 10:30a – Noon. To register contact the Archbishop O'Brien Library at 860.242.5573 or email the Office of Catholic Social Justice at [agnes.dann@aoht.org](mailto:agnes.dann@aoht.org). The program is free and open to the public. All are invited.

**THAT MAN IS YOU!...Men's Study Sessions**

These Spiritual Conferences for Catholic Men, is a new nationwide, ongoing study group on "Recovering Male Leadership." Participation is open to all men, singles, married, all ages, meeting every Saturday at the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles, 22 Prospect Hill Road, Cromwell, CT 06416. The series will run from November into 2018, beginning with 8:00a Prayer, Mass, with the Missionaries, followed by the Conference at 9:00a. Light Breakfast is provided. For more info, please see Father Ed Przygocki, (Our Lady of Mercy) or contact Father Skip Thompson at 916.710.1991, or email [fatherskip@gmail.com](mailto:fatherskip@gmail.com). couples who feel that they will listen to the CD. When done, please pass on to someone else or return to the Gathering Space so someone else can benefit from the CD.

Let us continue to keep Fr. Kevin in our prayers as he heals from his second surgery and prepares for his third.

**IF YOU ARE 18 OR OVER...** and you are living with your parents, we ask that you please register yourself separately from your parents. You may use the form below to do so and we will send you a registration form or you may download and print a form from the front page of our website. Thank you. **CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE #? MOVING? NEW PARISHIONER?**... Kindly fill out the new information below and return it to the Parish Office by mail, in person or place in the collection basket. This info will help us keep our records up to date and to welcome new parishioners. Thank you.

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