

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



**Saturday February 17, Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

8:00a †Jeannot Dionne 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

†Alcide Ayotte Month Anniversary

**Saturday February 17, Vigil of First Sunday of Lent**

4:00p †Grazia Ettore Req. Angelo & Jackie

**Sunday February 18, First Sunday of Lent**

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

10:30a †Theresa Bagliore Req. Family

**Monday February 19, Lenten Weekday**

8:00a †James Joseph Mastrianni, Della Gnazzo Mastrianni,

Deborah Ann Colella Req. Barbara Ann Colella

**Tuesday February 20, Lenten Weekday**

8:00a †Catherine Sadowski Req. Leona Bisson & Dale

Nightingale

**Wednesday February 21, Lenten Weekday**

8:00a No Mass

**Thursday February 22, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**

8:00a †Walter Grabowski Req. Daughter

**Friday February 23, Lenten Weekday**

8:00a †Ann Wallace Req. Family

**Saturday February 24, Lenten Weekday**

8:00a †Jayne Scott Krane Req. Rich & Sue

**Saturday February 24, Vigil of Second Sunday of Lent**

4:00p †Anthony Lucente Req. Angelo & Jackie Cianchetti

**Sunday February 25, Second Sunday of Lent**

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

10:30a †Larry Jablonski Req. Family

**Treasure (Resources): Financial Report**

\$4,907.50 Weekly Envelopes for February 10 & 11, 2018

1,306.00 Monthly

\$ 55.00 Catch Up

\$6,268.50 Subtotal

-\$344.76 Cathedraticum

-\$344.76 CSSP *Tithe* (9%) to Archdiocese

**\$5,578.98** 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!

**CONFESSION DURING LENT**

The Archdiocese will once again sponsor its Lenten Confession Campaign during Lent.

Monday will be "confession day" in every parish throughout the Archdiocese, and also visit

ConfessionMondays.com to look up parish locations and times. Confession

will be held on every Monday from 6 to 7pm and on Saturday at Noon at OLM. You may also read about "how to attend confession" on this website under the tab how to confess.

**Around the Lenten Circle**

Please join us for a weekly adult group led faith sharing experience during Lent at our Parish Center called Around the Lenten Circle. The Sunday readings will be our focus each week as we read, discuss and integrate the readings into our daily lives. All adults and teens are welcomed to attend. The morning sessions will be held on Wednesday mornings, February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, and 21 at 9am. The evening sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings, February 21, 28, March 7, 14, and 21 at 7pm. All sessions will be held in our Parish Center. Lent is a season of transformation. Discover ways to deepen your relationship as you reflect on the Sacred Scripture Readings of Lent.



**K of C Casino Bus Trip**

The Plainville Knights of Columbus, Council 3544 and assembly 131, is sponsoring a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on Saturday March 24, 2018. The price is \$40 per person which includes: bus fare, \$15 meal ticket, and a \$10 gaming slip. The ride to the casino is one hour. We will be holding a 50/50 raffle on the bus. We will leave the OLM Parish Center parking lot at 2pm and we will return around 9pm. Book early to ensure your seat. For more information please call Malcolm Soucie at 860.919.0611 or Philip Plourde at 860.747.8215.



**St. Patrick's Day Dinner 2018**

The Parish Life Committee of the Pastoral Council will be sponsoring our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday March 17th at 5:00 pm in the Parish Center. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. A hot dog and chips plate will also be available for \$1.50. Tickets will be available for purchase in the gathering room before and after Masses on Feb 24th-25th, March 3rd - 4th and March 10th - 11th. You may also purchase tickets at the Parish Office starting Tuesday Feb 23rd to Wednesday March 14th. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.** Volunteers are needed during and after for cleanup. Please call Don at 203-910-9624. Please join us for some local parish talent and an evening of great food, fellowship and fun.



Last Will

—(and)—  
Testament

Continue to do good after you've passed.  
**Remember Our Lady of Mercy Church**  
In Your Last Will & Testament



**The Tabernacle Lamp** is lighted for the *Greater Glory of God* and in recognition of the *Real Presence of Christ* this week for **Fr. Joseph Parel**. *The Tabernacle Lamp* ▼ is available as a Memorial for a \$5 donation.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

This Week This Week This Week This Week

### Sunday ☀ February 18

9:30a GIFT (Until 11:30a), *Center*

10:30a Men's AA meeting (Until 12:30p), *Rm 107*

### Tuesday, February 20

5:45p Plv. Travel Girls' BB (Until 8:45p), *Gym*

### Wednesday February 21

4:00p Reconciliation Class, *Rm 102*

5:00p Older Children Sacrament Class, *Rm 102*

5:30p Deanery Meeting for Lay Ministers, *Gym*

7:00p NA meeting (Until 9:00p), *Rm 107*

### Thursday February 22

1:00p Atrium (Until 2:30p), *Center*

4:00p Eucharistic Class, *Rm 102*

### Friday February 23

6:30p 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Farmington Boys BB, *Gym*

### Next Sunday ☀ February 25

10:30a Men's AA meeting (Until 12:30p), *Rm 107*

### You are invited!

Calling all adults, teens, couples, singles, and families! Join fellow parishioners for a meal each month, meeting old friends and making new ones, followed by an engaging activity to learn more about your Catholic faith.

**This year, our focus is on the Sacraments.**

**Rediscover these rich moments of being with God.**

Each month we hear from an adult attending, how he or she learned something that they never knew before. What might you be missing? It's not too late to join us! All are welcome, from 105 years to 5 years. For your convenience, the GIFT events are offered both on Friday evening and on Sunday morning. Choose which best fits your schedule.

#### Upcoming GIFT Event dates are:

**Fridays 6:00 to 8:00pm** (dinner provided)

March 16, April 27 & May 18

**Sundays 9:30 to 11:30am** (breakfast provided)

February 18, March 18, April 29 & May 20

#### Eternal Rest Grant Unto...

We commend to your prayers the soul of Jayne Scott Krane who was buried from our parish church this past week.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATIONS WILL BE HELD EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT IN THE CHURCH. AN INTRODUCTION TO HOW TO PRAY THE STATIONS WILL BE HELD AT 6:45P. STATIONS PRAYER WILL BEGIN AT 7:00P. PRAYING THE STATIONS LASTS APPROXIMATELY 40 MINUTES.



#### From the Pastor's Desk

I have been assigned to serve as the pastor of Our Lady of Mercy for a term of six years by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair. My first few days here have been welcoming. As your pastor I am called to minister the spiritual needs of the parish. Please feel free to speak with me at any time. I am looking forward to getting to know the parishioners and needs of the parish.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Ray



#### Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz...

Will be performed by Leonardo Defilippis on the Connecticut Tour 2018. The performance by St. Luke Productions will be held on March 7 at 12:30pm and 7pm at St. Paul High School, Bristol, March 8 at 12:30pm at Northwest Catholic High School, West Hartford, and on March 10 at 7pm at Torp Theater, Central

Connecticut State University, New Britain. This show is a powerful Catholic multimedia production about St. Maximilian Kolbe. Actor Leonardo Defilippis captured the darkness of this troubling time in a visceral and heartfelt performance. The show incorporates chilling footage from Poland and Germany during World War II. With its message of standing firm in the face of persecution, *Maximilian* has special significance for our time. The production is free. A goodwill offering is accepted. Please call the parish office at 860.747.6825 if you are planning on attending so that a count of attendance can be taken. For more info go to [www.stmaxdrama.com](http://www.stmaxdrama.com).

#### Phone Fast Fridays

The Archdiocese of Hartford is embarking on its second annual phone fast Lenten campaign. Last year, they referred to it as *I Phone Fast!* This year, they have modified the name to: *Phone Fast Fridays* (#PFF). The mantra of the campaign tells us that: "*Silencing our busy phones, will give God a chance to call our hearts.*" Last year, they asked the faithful to abstain from using their cell phones on Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday only. The campaign was met with such enthusiasm that they have decided to expand it to include every Friday during Lent. OLM encourages you to put down your phone and let Jesus speak to you in the blessed silence.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 7PM IN ROOM 102. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

#### The Visitation of the Sick and Homebound...

is an ongoing concern of our parish.

If a member of your family is hospitalized, in a convalescent home or confined to their home due to age and sickness and would like a pastoral visit please call the parish office or speak with Fr. Ray after a weekend Mass.



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