

February 26, 2017 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Saturday February 25 Vigil Mass
 4:00pm **Francis Reilly** req. by Charles & Arlene Jacey

Sunday February 26 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time
 8:00am **Joseph & Anna Yarmala** req. by the family
 10:00am **Margaret Conaghan** req. by Lucille Killiany "Birthday Remembrance"

Monday February 27
 7:00am **Ann & Robert A. Robinson** req. by the family

Tuesday February 28
 7:00am **Purfirio Magnaye** req. by the Valero family

Wednesday March 1 Ash Wednesday
 7:00am No Mass Intention
 12:05pm Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
 5:30pm For the Parishioners of Saint Thomas Parish

Thursday March 2
 7:00am A Special Intention

Friday March 3 Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin (USA) First Friday
 7:00am **Phyllis I. Robinson** req. by the family
 7:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 4 Vigil Mass
 4:00pm **Deceased members of the Lussier & Leclair Families** req. by the family

Sunday March 5 First Sunday of Lent
 8:00am **Laraine Leveillee** req. by the family "5th Anniv."
 10:00am **Justin Damiano** req. by the Piotrowski family

February 19, 2017 \$5,878.00

February 21, 2016 \$5,026.21

Thank you for your spiritual and financial commitment of our Parish.



Extraordinary Ministers March 4/5

4:00pm: Patrick Ryan & Breia Pinette
 8:00am: Bruce & Laurie Barrett
 10:00am: Emile & Marian Drillon

Lectors March 4/5

4:00pm: Dawn Madden
 8:00am: Barbara Grenier
 10:00am: Peter Signori

SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 49:14-15, 1 Cor 4:1-5, Mt 6:24-34
Monday:	Sir 17:20-24, Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	Sir 35:1-12, Mt 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18, 2 Cor 5:20-6:2, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20, Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14, Lk 5:27-32

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN.	<u>February 26</u>
8:50	Rel. Ed. Gr. K-10 Knights of Columbus Scholarship Breakfast after all Masses
TUES.	<u>February 28</u>
6:15pm	Rel. Ed. Gr. K-6
6:30pm	Legion of Mary Mtg.
6:30pm	Rel. Ed. Parent Mtg. First Communion
WED.	<u>March 1 Ash Wednesday</u>
7:00am	Mass
12:05pm	Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
5:30pm	Mass
THURS.	<u>March 2</u>
6:30pm	Cub Scout Mtg.
FRI.	<u>March 3 First Friday</u>
7:30am	24 hour Adoration
7:30pm	Stations of the Cross
SAT.	<u>March 4</u>
4:00pm	Dominican Sisters Bake Sale



The schedule for Stations of the Cross during Lent. Fridays March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & April 7th. Station of the Cross **will not** be held on March 31st.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are three traditional disciplines by which the church observes Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, when the Paschal Triduum begins. All of the faithful and catechumens are called to practice these traditions.

Catholics, ages 14 and older, are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays in Lent. The rule does not apply when health or ability to work would be impacted seriously.

In addition to abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays, **Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, but have not yet marked their 59th, are too fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, April 14th.**

On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to individual needs but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Dear Parishioners,

My husband John and I would like to thank everyone who came to the Pasta Dinner benefit. Thank you to Father Hellwig for opening up St. Thomas to the community, and to the volunteers who set up, cooked and served the food.

Your generous donations will help us rebuild our house and bring us back to the town we love dearly and call home. God bless each and every one of you.

Robin Lampron & family

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Thank you to everyone who attended or sent in donations to help John & Robin Lampron. Through your generosity \$2,494.00 was raised which will help with their expenses until they are able to rebuild and return to their home.

DOMINICAN SISTERS BAKE SALE

The Dominican Sisters will be here at St. Thomas Parish **NEXT weekend**. They will be selling bread, brownies, apple pies, and blueberry pies. These are all baked accordingly to the Dominican community recipes. The proceeds from the sale will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

“Peace be with You! With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. Christ repeated the words, “Peace be with you.” Then he added, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift – the gift of divine forgiveness!

This year, prepare for Easter by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During Lent, every Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be open on Mondays from 6:00pm to 7:00pm for Lenten Confessions. For more information, visit **Light4you.info**.

2017 ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

Next weekend marks the start of the 2017 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal in our parish. If you haven’t already, you will receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. Together we can change the lives of thousands of God’s people. The “Good Works” performed by our Church in the areas of social services, healthcare, pastoral services are critical for so many in need.



Please remember those men and women who are serving.....God, keep special watch over these men and women serving in the Navy, National Guard, Marine Corps., Air Force, Army, & Coast Guard.

The Legion of Mary prays daily for the needs of our St. Thomas Parish Family. Beginning this month, we will be offering a monthly novena and invite you, our family, to join us. During the month of February, we are praying the Our Lady of Lourdes novena in preparation and celebration of her Feast Day on February 11.

Novena Prayer

Most Holy Mother Mary, at Lourdes you asked us to do penance and to pray for the conversion of sinners. Obtain for each of us the grace of true repentance. Help those who most need God's mercy. Your Divine Son so loves every soul that He gave His life to pay the price for our redemption. Help us to return His love by making sacrifices needed to keep His commandments.

Most Holy Mother you offered your Divine Son to the Eternal Father when you presented Him in the temple; offer us to the Father as your other children; watch over us and guide us.

Blessed Mother, obtain for me the grace I most need, and especially these favors that I ask in this Novena, if they be in keeping with God's will. Amen.

(Here make your requests)

Pray the Memorare
Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.
Saint Bernadette, pray for us.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

May our Lord Bless you, The Legion of Mary – Mother of Divine Grace

Extraordinary Minister & Lector schedules have been sent and are now posted on our Website.



The Knights of Columbus Council #18 will be having their monthly scholarship breakfast **this weekend** after all Masses.

Menu: French toast, Sausage, Home Fries, Coffee & Tea. Cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 10 and families for \$20.00. All proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund. The Knights of Columbus are planning on awarding two scholarships.

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFO

Inclement Weather.....

Weekday Mass: In the event inclement weather forces Thomaston Schools to close or delay opening, there will be no weekday Mass that day.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Contribution Statements are now available by request. Please fill in the following information and drop in the collection basket.

You can also request your Contribution Statement by sending an e-mail to stc-office@sbglobal.net.

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