

March 5, 2017



First Sunday of Lent

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Due to the early transmission of this week's bulletin the offertory will appear next week.

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

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

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

Monday 7:00am March 6 For the Parishioners of Saint Thomas Parish 6:00pm Confessions

Tuesday 11:00am March 7 Mass at Cook Willow

Wednesday 7:00am March 8 No Mass Intention

Thursday 7:00am March 9 No Mass Intention

Friday 7:30pm March 10 Stations of the Cross

Saturday 4:00pm March 11 Vigil Mass Herve & Rose Perreault req. by Roger & Peg Perreault

Sunday 8:00am March 12 Second Sunday of Lent Pauline Santoro req. by her friends 10:00am Jean Goad req. by Carol Normandin



Extraordinary Ministers March 11/12 4:00pm: Claire Crocker & Donald Leveillee 8:00am: Sue Chiovitti & Breia Pinette 10:00am: Julie Cardoso & Jean Beck

Lectors March 11/12 4:00pm: Stephanie Poulin 8:00am: Susan Murray 10:00am: Marie Noonan

SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7, Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19, Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est. C 12, 14-16, 23-25, Mt 7:7-12
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN. March 5
 8:50 Rel. Ed. Gr. K-10
 Dominican Sisters Bake Sale after all Masses
 Baptism Sunday
 2:00pm First Reconciliation & Pasta Dinner

MON. March 6
 6:00pm Confessions

TUES. March 7
 6:15pm Rel. Ed. Gr. K-6
 6:30pm Legion of Mary Mtg.

WED. March 8
 5:00pm Girl Scout Mtg.
 6:30pm Choir Prac.
 7:30pm K of C Mtg.

THURS. March 9
 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg.

FRI. March 10
 7:30pm Stations of the Cross

SAT. March 11
 4:00pm Blood Pressure Screenings

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish. When leaving Mass today, please stop and introduce yourself to Father Hellwig. We want to know and serve you. You may stop by the Parish Center Mon. – Thurs. from 9:00am – 2:00pm to register with us. You are a Blessing to our parish family and we're glad you're here!



Do you have a concern that causes you sadness that you wish to have lifted up in prayer? Do you have a joy that warms your heart and you want to have lifted up in prayer? Then contact the Saint Thomas Prayer Line. Allow your Church family to assist in the most powerful way we can, through Prayer. You can email your request to: prayerline@stthomasthomaston.org.



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



2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This 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.

Through the generosity of Appeal donors, we helped provide the following:

- Through the Catholic Charities basic needs program 750 families avoided homelessness in 2016. More than 140,000 meals were served to those who are hungry.
- In our Catholic elementary schools' 2,370 eligible students benefited from scholarship awards.
- 218 families benefited from the Emergency Assistance Fund and received emergency funding for basic human needs.
- In 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to 246 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties.
- Organizations such as the Social Services Crisis Fund right here in our town received funding for the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that made a difference in serving our local neighbors.

These are some examples of how your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal was used. Please respond as generously as possible.

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

DOMINICAN SISTERS BAKE SALE

The Dominican Sisters will be here at St. Thomas Parish **this 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.



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.



Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead next Saturday. Daylight Savings Time Begins

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**.

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



Will take place **NEXT** weekend.
Nurses Scheduled:
 4pm: Mary Kamens,
 8am: Felicia Kepka-Leach, 10am: Cheryl Doyle.



The Seraphic Stewards are looking for a few volunteers to help them with light cleaning in the Church every other Tuesday morning for 1 hour. We need to keep God's house clean.... Please call the Parish Center at 860-283-5817 to volunteer. Thank you.

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 @sbcglobal.net.

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