

March 19, 2017



Third Sunday of Lent
WEEKLY OFFERTORY

March 12, 2017

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- Saturday 4:00pm March 18 Vigil Mass Madeleine Neagle req. by her daughter
Sunday 8:00am March 19 Third Sunday of Lent Louis U. Chicoine req. by his daughter, Monique '8th Anniv.' John Unfricht req. by his family
Monday 7:00am March 20 Ernest Hellwig req. by the family 6:00pm Confessions
Tuesday 7:00am March 21 Patrick McPhilmey
Wednesday 7:00am March 22 Donald Despres req. by the Valero Family
Thursday 7:00am March 23 John Santopietro req. by Emile & Marian Drillon
Friday 7:30pm March 24 Stations of the Cross
Saturday 4:00pm March 25 Vigil Mass Frank Vigeant req. by the family
Sunday 8:00am March 26 Fourth Sunday of Lent Benedict Grohoski req. by his wife Francis Grosso req. by M/M Joseph Fainer & family

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



- Extraordinary Ministers March 25/26
4:00pm: Emile & Marian Drillon
8:00am: Armand & Diane Roy
10:00am: Lucy Santopietro & Julie Cardoso

- Lectors March 25/26
4:00pm: Stephanie Poulin
8:00am: Paul Murray
10:00am: Michael Cote

SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8, Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a,16, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt. 4:1, 5-9, Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN. March 19
8:50am Rel. Ed. Gr. K-10
MON. March 20
6:00pm Confessions
TUES. March 21
6:15pm Rel. Ed. Gr. K-6
6:30pm Legion of Mary Mtg.
WED. March 22
5:00pm Girl Scout Mtg.
6:30pm Choir Prac.
7:30pm K of C Mtg.
THURS. March 23
6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg.
FRI. March 24
7:30pm Stations of the Cross
SAT. March 25
9:30am Book discussion – Resisting
Happiness, Conference Room



A Message from the Legion of Mary

As we join together this holy Lenten season honoring our Savior Jesus Christ through acts of prayer, sacrifice, and charity, the Legion of Mary would like to take this opportunity to wish all St. Thomas parishioners a blessed Easter. The Legion will have The Spiritual Enrichment Table set up in the vestibule after all masses **this weekend**. Religious and inspirational articles such as rosaries, prayer cards, miraculous medals and books will be available for the taking. There will also be many Lenten-themed items for both children and adults. All items on the table are free and have been blessed. Please stop by and select something to take along with you after mass.



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, Merchant Marine & Coast Guard.

The **Parish Care Notes** for Lent have been replenished for Lent. Please feel free to take some home with you today after Mass. They can be found in the Parish Nurses book rack in the Vestibule.

Question of the Week:

How will I personally share the journey of our catechumens to the waters of Baptism? Or, if our community has no catechumens, how will I share with one other person my discovery of Christ as “Savior of the world”?

2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2017 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

Mother of Sorrows

O most holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ: by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom, crucifixion, and death of your divine Son, look upon me kindly, and awaken in my heart a tender sympathy for Our Lord's sufferings. Grant me a sincere detestation of my sins, so that free from undue affection for the passing joys of earth, I may set my sights higher on the eternal joys of heaven.

May all my thoughts and all my actions be directed towards this one great goal. Honor, glory, and love to our divine Lord Jesus, and to the holy and immaculate Mother of God. Amen

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

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.

**Catholic Parishes of the Bristol Deanery
2017 Lenten Mission April 2nd - April
5th The Mass Explained A Lenten
Journey Presented by Monsignor James
P. Moroney Rector St. John Seminary,
Boston (Monsignor Moroney will speak
at these Masses)**



MISSION EVENINGS

- **Sunday, April 2, 7:00 PM**
St. Joseph, Bristol - Theme: "Make one in Christ"
- **Monday, April 3, 7:00 PM**
Immaculate Conception, Terryville -
Theme: "The World Made Flesh:
Listening to God"
- **Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 PM**
St. Matthew Church, Forestville -
Theme: "Kyrie Eleison: He Looks On
My Brokenness: - Penance Service"
- **Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 PM**
St. Thomas, Thomaston - Theme:
"His Sacrifice And Yours: The
Mystery Of Faith"

~Free Will Offering~

Please plan to join us & bring a friend!



2017 Relics of the Passion

SAVE THE DATE for a special program for the Lenten Season entitled **“Call of the Crucified Heart: A Program with Relics of Christ's Passion”**. St. Thomas Church will host the presentation on **Sunday, April 9th at 2:00pm in the church**. This event allows participants of all ages, in any level of spirituality to deepen and grow in their faith. A unique collection of relics has been brought together in a program of meditations, music and prayers commemorating the events of Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. For those of you that have attended this program in past years, this year’s version takes you to an even deeper level in your walk with Jesus during His Passion. We encourage you to join us for a special opportunity that is sure to touch your heart and connect you with the roots of your faith.



For more information about having your child baptized, please give the Parish Center a call to arrange. Baptisms are the first Sunday of the month.

Lent! Looking for something special to do? Why not come join us on **Saturday, March 25th from 9:30am – 11:00am in the Conference Room** and **April 8th from 9:30 to 11:00am in the Church Hall** and share your thoughts and views on the book **Resisting Happiness by: Matthew Kelly** (the book Fr. Hellwig gave us). Read a chapter, read the book and take the opportunity to come together as our St. Thomas family/friends. Bring your favorite coffee/tea, or have one with us. HOPE to see you there!..... Emile & Marian Drillon.

The Archdiocese of Hartford is seeking qualified and committed candidates for positions as teachers and administrators in our Catholic schools. The ministry of Catholic education is personally and professionally rewarding. Those who are trained in the field of education and would like to explore career possibilities are encouraged to do so by applying for a Catholic school position through the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis (OEEC). You are invited to apply or contact the OEEC at catholicedct@aohct.org and click on Career Opportunities.

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