

# March 26, 2017



**Saturday**      March 25 Vigil Mass  
 4:00pm          **Frank Vigeant** req. by the family

**Sunday**          March 26 Fourth Sunday of Lent  
 8:00am          **Benedict Grohoski** req. by his wife  
 10:00am        **Francis Grosso** req. by M/M Joseph  
                          Fainer & family

**Monday**        March 27  
 7:00am          **No Mass Intention**  
**6:00pm**        **Confessions**

**Tuesday**       March 28  
 7:00am          **For the Parishioners of Saint  
 Thomas Parish**

**Wednesday**   March 29  
 7:00am          **Catherine M. Johnston** req. by the  
                          Johnston Family "Birthday  
                          Remembrance"

**Thursday**      March 30  
 7:00am          **James O'Loughlin**

**Saturday**      April 1 Vigil Mass  
 4:00pm          **Eva Klies** req. by the family  
                          "10<sup>th</sup> Anniv."

**Sunday**          April 2 Fifth Sunday of Lent  
 8:00am          **Stephen Kloss** req. by the family  
                          "6<sup>th</sup> Anniv."  
 10:00am        **Vincent & Caroline Mongelluzzo**  
                          req. by Carol Normandin

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**Please Note: There will be no Stations of  
 the Cross on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

# Fourth Sunday of Lent

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

March 19, 2017                      \$5,216.81  
 March 20, 2016                      \$6,439.09

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



**Extraordinary Ministers April 1/2**  
 4:00pm: Sue Chiovitti & Donald Leveillee  
 8:00am: Bruce & Laurie Barrett  
 10:00am: Jean Beck & Julie Cardoso

**Lectors April 1/2**  
 4:00pm: Barbara Grenier  
 8:00am: Peter Signori  
 10:00am: Ruthann Fainer

# SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Eph 5:8-14, Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
**Monday:** Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Is 49:9-15, Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47  
**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**SUN.** March 26  
 8:50am Rel. Ed. Gr. K-10  
 K of C Scholarship Breakfast  
 after all Masses

**MON.** March 27  
 6:00pm Confessions

**TUES.** March 28  
 6:15pm Rel. Ed. Gr. K-6  
 6:30pm Legion of Mary Mtg.

**WED.** March 29  
 5:00pm Girl Scout Mtg.  
 6:30pm Choir Prac.

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

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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.



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. 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 can I kindle Jesus' light in my daily life? Who now "outside" should I go out searching for to bring "home" as this Lent unfolds?



## 2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised \$19,545. for the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic Schools, and the many ministries provided by the Archdiocese. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community, and be ***Moved by Mercy***, to share your blessings

The Saint Joseph Archdiocesan Medal of Appreciation is a means of recognizing the dedicated laity of our parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Nominees for this award are selected from the laity of each parish who are in full communion with the Church, who are fifty years of age or older, and have given particular devotion and service to the parish over a period of years.

We would like to congratulate Emile Drillon on being selected this year and thank him for his many years of service to Saint Thomas Parish. Emile has served on Parish Council, taught in the R.C.I.A. Program; he was in charge of Faith Formation, Small Christian Communities and has helped out in the parish other ways. Emile is currently Chairperson of Finance Council, an Extraordinary Minister, and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

### 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

**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)**

*A Journey Through Lent*

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Lent!** Looking for something special to do? Why not come join us on **Saturday, 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.