

April 9, 2017



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 8 Vigil Mass
 4:00pm Sylvia Sawyer req. by Genevieve
 Kaniewski

Sunday April 9 Palm Sunday
 8:00am Laraine Leveillee req. by the family
 10:00am Gabriel Piotrowski req. by his wife,
 children, & grandchildren

Monday April 10
 7:00am For the Parishioners of Saint
 Thomas Parish

6:00pm Confessions

Tuesday April 11
 11:00am Chrism Mass - Cathedral

Wednesday April 12
 7:00am Helen Kohanski req. by Stanley,
 Paul & Sylvia

Thursday April 13
 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday April 14 Good Friday
 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday April 15
 8:00pm Easter Vigil Service & Mass

Sunday April 16 Easter Sunday
 8:00am Gertrude & Rosa Gangloff &
 deceased members of St. Thomas
 Parish

 10:00am John Unfricht req. by the family

 The second collection **this weekend** will
 support Peter's Pence.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

April 2, 2017 \$6,795.70
 April 3, 2016 \$5,761.80

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



Extraordinary Ministers April 15/16

8:00pm: Patrick Ryan & Sue Chiovitti
 8:00am: Claire Crocker & Donald Leveillee
 10:00am: Maryanne Marticello & Lucy
 Santopietro
 *Please look at your schedule for Holy Week

Lectors April 15/16

8:00pm: Barbara Grenier, Dawn Madden,
 Michael Cote, Stephanie Poulin &
 Paul Murray
 8:00am: Susan Murray
 10:00am: Ruthann Fainer
 *Please look at your schedule for Holy Week

SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11, Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday: Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: 12:1-8, 11-14/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12, Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9, Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a, Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4, Ex 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN. April 9
 NO Rel. Ed. Gr. K-10
 Blood Pressure Screenings after Mass
 2:00pm “Call from the Crucified Heart”
 A Program with Relics of the Passion (Church)

MON. April 10
 6:00pm Confessions

TUES. April 11
 NO Rel. Ed. Gr. K-6
 6:30pm Legion of Mary Mtg.

WED. April 12
 5:00pm Girl Scout Mtg.
 6:30pm Choir Prac.
 7:30pm K of C Mtg.

THURS. April 13 Holy Thursday
 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg.
 7:00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

FRI. April 14 Good Friday
 12 noon Good Friday Walk starting at St. Thomas Church
 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

SAT. April 15 Holy Saturday
 8:00pm Easter Vigil Service & Mass

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

Our second collection **today** is for Peter’s Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



Will take place **this** weekend.

Nurses Scheduled:

4pm: Mary Kamens,
 & 10am: Cheryl Doyle.

There will be no screenings after the 8:00am Mass.



The Knights of Columbus will be selling Flowers for Easter **next weekend** after all Masses at the Gazebo.

Question of the Week:

As I carry home the blessed palms that celebrate Jesus’ victory, how will I embrace and implement Jesus’ gentle, loving way of bringing about God’s kingdom into my corner of the world?

2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised \$30,970.00. for the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal becomes all the more crucial. If you have not yet made your gift to the year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese.



EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

If you would like to help us beautify our Altar for Easter, perhaps in memory of a loved one, you may do so by writing the name of the person on the envelopes available at the door for these donations. A list will be published after Easter.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Let us work together to protect our most valuable gift from God- our children. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, contact Kathleen Nowosadko, Victims Assistance Coordinator, at 860-541-6475 or email kathleenowosadko@aohct.org.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

It has been the practice of the Archdiocese of Hartford not to take up a collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday. Instead, the Archdiocese sends a contribution directly for use by the Commissariat for the Holy Land. Recent data shows that the Archdiocese falls into the lower end of the spectrum in giving to this fund. In order to supplement the Archdiocesan contribution to the efforts to keep Christianity alive in the Holy Land the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council has suggested that pastors take up a collection or free will offering for the Holy Land at some time during Lent.

Saint Thomas parish will take up a collection on Good Friday to support the Christians in the Holy Land. Through this collection we will join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Good Friday Collection you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will be able to provide for the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in that troubled land. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross in the Holy Land.

Should you be unable to offer your contribution on Good Friday, an envelope labeled Good Friday placed in the Sunday collection would be most appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

Chrism Mass: On Tuesday, April 11th, please join us at the Cathedral at 11:00am for the annual Chrism Mass celebrated by Archbishop Blair. During the Mass, he will consecrate the Sacred Chrism, which is used for baptism, confirmation, ordination of priests, and the consecration of altars. Archbishop Blair will also bless both the oil of the sick and the oil of the catechumens. The oils will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout our Archdiocese for the year. Each parish will be given a portion. The Chrism Mass also serves as an opportunity for priests to renew their commitment to service.

2017 Relics of the Passion

“Call of the Crucified Heart: A Program with Relics of Christ's Passion” will be presented at St. Thomas Church **this Sunday, April 9th at 2:00pm in the Church.** The program provides a unique experience that highlights a rare collection of relics with an accompanying program commemorating the Passion of Our Lord. 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 in Christ's Passion.

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

Blessing of Food for Easter will be held on Saturday, April 15th at 10:00am in the Church Hall. Please bring your Easter Dinner and have it blessed.

PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE FOR
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Holy Thursday, April 13th 7:00pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 14th 3:00pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 15th 8:00pm
Easter Vigil Service & Mass

Easter Sunday, April 16th 8:00am & 10:00am
Easter Masses



April 14th - Good Friday Walk to begin at noon at St. Thomas Church. We will be walking through town carrying the cross, concluding our journey at St. Peter's Trinity Episcopal Church.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Fasting – means to refrain from eating food between meals and to eat only one full meal with the other two being lighter meals. It applies to those 18 to 59 years of age.

Abstinence – means to refrain from eating meat. It applies to those who have reached the age of 14 and whose health will not suffer thereby.

Fridays during Lent – Abstinence
Good Friday – Fast & Abstinence