

May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

- Saturday 4:00pm May 6 Vigil Mass
Kevin Maslak req. by the family
"Birthday Remembrance"
- Sunday 8:00am May 7 Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Marlene Rainville req. by Georgette Pionidis
- 10:00am Deceased members of the Golebiewski & Piotrowski Families req. by the family
- Monday 7:00am May 8
Peter Peruta req. by Liz Sterner
- Tuesday 7:00am May 9
Parishioners of St. Thomas Parish
- Wednesday 7:00am May 10
Christine Sheehy
- Thursday 7:00am May 11
Erlinda Garrido req. by the Velero Family
- Saturday 4:00pm May 13 Vigil Mass
James Cross req. by the family
"3rd Anniv."
- Sunday 8:00am May 14 Fifth Sunday of Easter
Edith B. Chicoine req. by her daughter, Monique
- 10:00am Phyllis Colagrossi req. by her daughter

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

April 30, 2017 \$4,827.99

May 1, 2016 \$5,417.70

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



Extraordinary Ministers May 13/14

- 4:00pm: Armand & Diane Roy
- 8:00am: Jean Beck & Donald Leveillee
- 10:00am: Julie Cardoso & Lucy Santopietro

Lectors

May 13/14

- 4:00pm: Walter Robinson
- 8:00am: Dawn Madden
- 10:00am: Ruthann Fainer





We thank all involved for offering their time and talents in the beautification of the Church grounds which are so enjoyed by many: **Gary & Debbie Brown, Will Cummings, Bill DiPietro, Franziska Manuel, Phil Murphy, Marie Olcese, Mary Reilly, and Patrick & Diane Ryan.**

SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41, 1 Pt 2:20b-25, Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18, Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26, Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a, Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25, Jn 13:16-20
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52, Jn 14:7-14

WEEKLY CALENDAR



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.

SUN. May 7
 8:50am Rel. Ed. Gr. K-10
 9:30am Legion of Mary Rosary
 Baptism Sunday

TUES. May 9
 6:15pm Rel. Ed. Gr. K-6
 6:30pm Legion of Mary Mtg.

WED. May 10
 5:00pm Girl Scout Mtg.
 6:30pm Choir Prac.
 7:30pm K of C Mtg.

THURS. May 11
 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg.

SAT. May 13
 4:00pm Blood Pressure Screenings after Mass



The Knights of Columbus will be selling Flowers for Mother's Day at the Gazebo after all Masses **next** weekend.

Question of the Week:

Who have I pushed to the periphery of my life? How can I "call them by name" to be like Jesus, my Good Shepherd?



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.



Will take place **next** weekend.
Nurses Scheduled:
 4pm: Diane Ryan
 8am: Felicia Kepka-

Leach & 10am: Cheryl Doyle.

A MESSAGE REGARDING PASTORAL PLANNING

The Office of Pastoral Planning has worked over the past year to address the first objective of the Archdiocesan strategic plan, which is: *“Create and implement a comprehensive restructuring plan for our parishes, schools, agencies and offices to ensure a vibrant and sustainable future characterized by spiritual vitality, organizational efficacy and accountability and social and financial responsibility.”*

The primary drivers of the restructuring process included among others: the number of available priests; the degree of sacramental/ministerial activity; the optimal location of churches relative to people being served, and long-term financial sustainability. In the new structure, each priest will celebrate no more than four masses per weekend.

There are several key terms integral to restructuring:

PASTORATE: A distinct parish with a parochial church and one or more other churches, campuses and/or ministries. Led by a pastor/administrator, a pastorate may have several priest associates and deacons assigned to it, with responsibilities directed toward efficient operation of each entity integral to the pastorate. Pastorates were designed for a maximum of four masses per weekend for each priest.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH: The main church of the pastorate, where the pastor, the administrative staff, and all operations of the pastorate are centralized.

CHURCH: Other church(es) included in the pastorate that can be used in secondary ways for liturgical functions – e.g., for weddings, funerals, special feasts, etc.

MERGER: The uniting of two or more distinct parishes into a new, single canonical parish called a pastorate, with a new name, one pastor, two or more church buildings, one advisory Council, one Finance Council, and one pair of Trustees.

CLOSURE: A recommendation that necessitates a discussion with in a pastorate as part of its own ‘strategic pastoral plan,’ concerning the options for buildings being closed. Most closures will not be immediate.

The Archbishop of Hartford announced the newly defined parishes to the priests of the Archdiocese this past week. A letter from the Archbishop to Saint Thomas, Thomaston addressing specific planning for this particular parish is available in the bulletin racks and on the table in the vestibule. On Monday, the Archdiocesan Communications Office will disseminate the information to the general public. The effective date for new pastoral appointments will be June 29.

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

This month, after years of study, 2 men are scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood. During their years of preparation for this vocation, they were supported by family and friends – and by everyone who made a gift to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. When you make a gift to the Appeal, you help meet the cost of priestly formation and education. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Appeal today.