

SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, 1 Pt 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34, Jn 15:4-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1, Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23, Mt 28:16-20
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TUES. May 23
 6:30pm Legion of Mary Mtg.
WED. May 24
 5:00pm Girl Scout Mtg.
 7:30pm K of C Mtg.
THURS. May 25 The Ascension of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation
 Mass at 7am & 5:30pm
 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg.



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.

Question of the Week:

Remembering my Confirmation anointing and Saint Peter's challenge to be able to explain my Christian hope, how will I seek out a faith-enriching resource and set aside time to study it?



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.

THOMASTON FOOD PANTRY

Thomaston Town Pantry promotes better nutrition by overseeing the distribution of food to low-income families and qualifying individuals. Please let us do our part by bringing in a non-perishable food item each week. You can place your non-perishables in the bin in the vestibule. Some items needed: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal, Baby formula, Soups, Rice, Canned Vegetables, Pasta, Sauce, Laundry Soap, Soap, deodorant, etc.



In Observance of Memorial Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around and around the world, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message and support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.



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.

“COME AND FOLLOW ME” Are you following Archbishop Blair and the Archdiocese on social media?

Twitter: @ArchbishopBlair
Snapchat: @ArchdioceseofHartford
Facebook.com/ArchdioceseofHartford

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love Him and reveal myself to Him”. Expand your married love by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are July 7-9, 2017 in Manchester, CT and Nov. 3-5, 2017 in Manchester, CT. For more information, please call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-376-0440 or visit us at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

The Extraordinary Minister & Lector schedules for **June** can now be found on our [website @www.stthomasthomaston.org](http://www.stthomasthomaston.org). Please remember when you are not able to serve at the Mass you have been scheduled for, please try to find a replacement. If there are any changes, please call the Parish Center at 283-5817. Thank you.

Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister? For more information, Vocation Director, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-242- 5573, e-mail vocations@aohct.org

WHEN YOU ARE IN THE HOSPITAL

If you are hospitalized and desire pastoral support, you or a family member should do two things. First, notify the Parish Center at 860-283-5817 before or upon your admission. Second, upon admission to the hospital, state your denomination and parish. The hospitals are called twice a week for a list of parishioners, so Father can visit. St. Mary's Hospital no longer gives out any information so please call the Parish Center.



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A Special Thanks to: **Dolphin Pools & Spas LLC** our Advertiser of the week.

Defending Our Religious Liberty #273 May 21, 2017

In early May, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), issued a response to President Donald J. Trump's executive order about religious liberty. It stated in part:

"Today's Executive Order begins the process of alleviating the serious burden of the HHS mandate. We will engage with the Administration to ensure that adequate relief is provided to those with deeply held religious beliefs about some of the drugs, devices, and surgical procedures that HHS has sought to require people of faith to facilitate over the last several years. We welcome a decision to provide a broad religious exemption to the HHS mandate, but will have to review the details of any regulatory proposals."

Let us pray that the revised HHS mandate protects the religious rights of the Catholic Church.

