

May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Saturday 4:00pm May 27 Vigil Mass John Unfricht req. by the family
Sunday 8:00am May 28 Seventh Sunday of Easter Laraine Leveillee req. by the family
10:00am Brian & Rita O'Neill req. by Larry & Jennie Seeley

May 21, 2017 \$4,920.00
Cath. Comm. Campaign Coll. \$1,167.80
May 22, 2016 \$4,675.00
Cath. Comm. Campaign Coll. \$1,245.48

Monday 7:00am May 29 Memorial Day For all Deceased Veteran's

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

Tuesday 7:00am May 30 No Mass Intention
Wednesday 7:00am May 31 For the Parishioners of St. Thomas Parish
Thursday 7:00am June 1 Saint Justin, Martyr No Mass Intention
Friday 7:00am June 2 First Friday Phyllis I. Robinson & Sister Marian Ingellis MPF req. by the family
Saturday 4:00pm June 3 Vigil Mass Valeda Gooley req. by the family "21st Anniv."
Sunday 8:00am June 4 Pentecost Sunday John Kazmierski req. by Edmund, Joseph & Raymond
10:00am Laraine Leveillee req. by the family



Extraordinary Ministers June 3/4
4:00pm: Bruce & Laurie Barrett
8:00am: Jean Beck & Roland Gravel
10:00am: Julie Cardoso & Sue Chiovitti

Lectors June 3/4
4:00pm: Barbara Grenier
8:00am: Stephanie Poulin
10:00am: Peter Signori



The second collection to support the Catholic Relief Services will take place next weekend.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14/1 Pt 4:13-16,
Jn 17: 1-11a
Monday: Acts 19:1-8, Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27, Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16,
Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Acts 22-30, 23:6-11, Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21, Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, Jn 21:20-25



This Sunday, May 28th after both Masses, the Knights of Columbus will hold a scholarship breakfast. Cost is \$20 per family, \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children under 10. All proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund. Please join us.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN. May 28
K of C scholarship breakfast after all Masses
MON. May 29 Memorial Day
7:00am Mass
TUES. May 30
6:30pm Legion of Mary Mtg.
WED. May 31
5:00pm Girl Scout Mtg.
THURS. June 1
6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg.
FRI. June 2 First Friday
7:30am 24 hour Adoration



Donations are needed for the “New Beginnings Program”. Each year it provides children in need with brand new clothes to begin school year. With your donation we are able to help children start school with a bit more self-esteem as we provide each of them 3 shirts, 2 pants, 1 jacket, 1 package of socks, underwear and a gift certificate toward a pair of shoes. We do this lovingly every year as God has given us the grace to do so. Donations may be placed in the collection basket at Mass or sent directly to the Parish Center. Please make your check out to St. Thomas Church with a memo noting it is for the “New Beginnings Program”. Thank you for your support.

2017 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2017 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.

Question of the Week:

The early community gathered in prayers with Mary the Mother of Jesus. Does Mary have a special in my daily prayer? How might I appropriate something of the Church's rich tradition of Marian devotion?



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

CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday, May 20th Archbishop Leonard P. Blair ordained the following three men to the Holy Priesthood: *Reverend Glen Dmytryszyn, Reverend Eduar Gutiérrez Tovar and Reverend Eric Zuniga*. Please keep them in your prayers.



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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next weekend, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



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.



**Happy
Memorial
Day!**

Thank you to all our
soldiers who have given
of themselves for our
freedom!



Have you ever wondered what the readings at Mass really mean? Do your children ask you questions about the Bible that you're unsure how to answer? Have you heard someone talk about the Bible and wondered what Catholics have to say about it? Have you ever wanted to join in a conversation about the Bible but felt unprepared? Would you like to understand God's word more fully? If your response to any of these questions is *YES*, then the Catholic Biblical School might be the program for you.

The Catholic Biblical School, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Hartford, provides an opportunity for adults to come to know, love and live scripture through an in-depth Bible study from a Catholic perspective. Through weekly classes students grow in an understanding of God's word and what it can mean in their daily lives. Graduates of the program tell us that the Biblical School has greatly enhanced their prayer life and their experience of the mass.

You sign up on a year to year basis, but you have the opportunity to study the entire Bible in four years (or there is a two year program as well). The classes balance small group discussions with presentations by a professional Catholic teacher as well as prayer experiences related to the Bible lesson for each week.

If you are interested or want more information brochures are available in the vestibule, or go to the website www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org or you can contact the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis at 860-242-5573 or via email at catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org.

Enrollment is from May 1 through August 15. Classes begin in locations throughout the Archdiocese just after Labor Day.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“And behold, I am with you always, until the end of age.” Find ways to let the Lord deeper into your marriage 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/>.

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

DONATIONS FOR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDED

Thank you all for bringing in a non-perishable food item with you each week to Mass for our local food pantry. Please, let's continue by doing our part to feed people in need. There is a container in the vestibule to put non-perishable food items in.