

SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13, Rom 5:12-15, Mt 10:26-33

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15, Mt 8:5-17

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUN. June 25
K of C Scholarship Breakfast
after all Masses

TUES. June 27
6:30pm Legion of Mary Mtg.

WED. June 28
7:30pm K of C Mtg.

THURS. June 29
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.



This Sunday, June 25th 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.

MISSIONARY FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Father Noel Merano Sixon of the Diocese of Romblon in the Philippines will be celebrating Mass this weekend at St. Thomas and share with us his pastoral experience in that part of the Philippines which is along the typhoon path in the archipelago. He used to be the Youth Director of his diocese. Currently, his is the Priest-in-Charge of three small islands which belong to the Cathedral Parish. Father Noel has seen the devastation wrought by super typhoon *Haiyan* (codenamed 'Yolanda' in the Philippines) on November 8, 2013. Romblon is still in the progress of getting back into its feet even after four years of labor. Their Catechetical Program and their Lay Ministry Program need help. Children need Bibles and instruction materials. Volunteer catechists need Teacher's Manuals and Instruction Kits. The Lay Ministers need updating/upgrading in order to perform their ministry. The plumbing system of their diocesan seminary needs repairs.

Left to itself the poor Diocese of Romblon cannot pay for the on-going formation of these generous catechists and lay ministers; and cannot buy bibles and religious instruction materials for the children. Let us help Romblon. **Please be as generous as possible.**



Please join us in welcoming Father Joseph Crowley to Saint Maximilian Parish **next weekend**. Take

a moment to introduce yourself to him when leaving Mass and please keep Father in your prayers as he begins his new assignment.

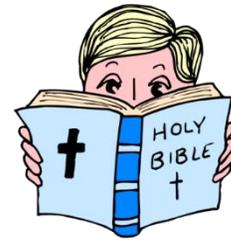


Donations are still being sought for the “New Beginnings Program”.

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”. **The deadline is June 29th**. Thank you for your support.

Question of the Week:

If you were to give public witness to God’s action in your life, what is the worst that could happen to you? Is it anything that God can’t or won’t handle?



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.

Archdiocese of Hartford to Send Delegates to Historic Church Convocation: Your Prayers are Needed

Guided by the missionary vision of the Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* or Joy of the Gospel, the Archdiocese of Hartford is sending delegates to participate in the Convocation of Catholic Leaders. The purpose of the national meeting is to discuss the issues facing Catholics in the 21st Century, and to ultimately equip delegates with tools and resources they can use to evangelize in their respective dioceses.

The convocation will take place in Orlando, FL from July 1-4. Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, who as the chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis played an important role in planning the historic gathering, will lead a delegation of 25 people from throughout the Archdiocese.

"My hope is that these delegates will bring back to the Archdiocese innovative and creative ideas to share with parishioners. For a parish to grow and thrive, the challenge is for every parishioner to realize that being Catholic also means being evangelical, a missionary, and a witness for the faith. This is what Pope Francis is asking of all of us," says Archbishop Blair.

The Archbishop asks everyone to pray for the success of the convocation and for the Archdiocesan delegation who will be participating.

For more information about the Convocation of Catholic Leaders visit: usccb.org.



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.



We welcome to God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism:
***Liam Wesley Gangloff,
son of Brianna***

Gangloff. We rejoice with his family and offer our prayers of support as they begin the awesome task of raising Liam in the Catholic faith.

WHILE ON VACATION

Traveling out of the area for vacation? For Mass schedules by city and other useful parish information while traveling, go to: www.masstimes.org.



In observance of Independence Day, the Parish Center will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th .