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SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 19

8:00AM For the People

Tuesday, April 20

8:00AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, April 21

8:00AM †Tonya Brewer

Thursday –Friday April 22-23

No Mass

Saturday, April 24

4:00 PM †Marilyn Cataldi requested by the St. Dunstan Book Club

Sunday, April 25

8:00 AM †Pauline Nadeau requested by Sheila and Kevin Desmond

9:30 AM †Carmella Sellitto requested by the Benson family

Baptisms:

First and third Sundays of the month, generally. Baptismal preparation class required. Please contact the parish office for scheduling.

Marriages:

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM

Sunday Morning: 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM

Weekday Liturgy: 8:00 AM Monday-Wednesday

Online Giving

St. Dunstan offers online giving through Kindred. Kindred utilizes bank-level encryption and industry-leading features to ensure the protection of all financial data. Please visit our website and read a complete document and FAQs for more details. The document can be found in the downloads section of the website (Menu/Extra/Downloads).

Financial Blessings

April 10/11

Offertory	\$2581.00
Online giving	\$430.00
Monthly	\$1941.77
Easter	\$440.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Archbishop Blair is coming to St. Dunstan

Mark your calendars! Archbishop Blair will celebrate Mass at St. Dunstan on May 2nd at 9:30AM. This is in celebration of St. Dunstan Parish's 50th anniversary as a parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Our anniversary social event has been postponed until the fall (date still to be decided).

Virtual Food Drive

While we wait to have in person food collections again, donations can be sent to:

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Happy Birthday

Birthday Wishes

Father Kevin's birthday is April 19th. Happy Birthday Father Kevin! May God's love and peace be with you always!

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2021 Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life. There are donation packets in the narthex of Church if you need one, or you can donate online at <https://appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org/donations/>.

Livestreaming all Masses



We are up and running with our new sound and livestreaming systems! All Masses are now livestreamed to our website. All Masses can be accessed by going to the EXTRA menu item on our website and selecting Livestream

(www.stdunstanparish.org/Livestream). Once on that page, click on the livestream box and if something is "live" you will be viewing it. If nothing is "live" when you click on the image, you will be able to click and view our archive. Please call the office if you have any questions.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Dear Parishioners,

The past two weeks or so were quite aggravating because the email system of the Archdiocese was hacked and so we were without any email communication! Of course, we have gotten so used to this form of electronic communication that to be without it for an extended period of time is quite an inconvenience.

At this week's staff meeting we started to discuss the upcoming visit of Archbishop Blair, which will take place on Sunday, May 2. The Archbishop will preside and preach at the 9:30 Mass that morning in observation of the 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Dunstan Parish (that actually was last year). I am hopeful that many people will come to the 9:30 Mass that weekend and greet the Archbishop afterwards.

The members of the Finance Council continue to discuss the replacement of the church roof and options that were presented by the architect whom we had hired to guide us through the process. Discussions have centered around the type of roof and the choice of material/color and, of course, the overall cost of the project, which will be significant no matter which option is chosen. I believe a recommendation is near.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual spring clean-up of the church grounds. With fewer trees there was more open land to rake/blow clean. This program of cleaning is a great start for us as we begin to think about the overall appearance of our property and what we might want to do in the future. Perhaps we could plant new trees in that open space. Perhaps we could consider putting down grass seed in the fall and cultivate a new lawn. Without the trees we had to remove last year we can make whatever decision appeals to us.

Don't forget that our livestreaming system is up and running so you can participate in Holy Mass on Sundays and weekdays from your own parish church!

Continued prayers for a blessed Eastertide.

Fr. Kevin
Fr.donovan@aohct.org

Words to Inspire



"America, it is said, is suffering from intolerance - it is not. It is suffering from tolerance. Tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos. Our country is not nearly so overrun with the bigoted as it is overrun with the broadminded."
~ Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

Father Bannon Scholarship for 2021

This year we are offering two one-time scholarships for \$1,000 to students who are members of Saint Dunstan Parish, and who are high school seniors planning to attend a two year or four year accredited degree program in the fall of 2021. Applications are available online at www.stdunstanchurch.org in the download section. Completed applications must be returned to the parish office, no later than noon, Friday, May 14, 2020.



Pantry Garden News

It's almost planting time for this year's vegetable garden! A growing number of food insufficient families will look forward to the bounty that this ministry offers them: fresh vegetables from June through September! It also provides food for your soul if you're interested in volunteering to help.

You don't need a green thumb to participate; we can use your help at the Community Garden on Canione Rd. next to the Herbert T. Clark Residence for planting, weeding, watering or harvesting any time from May 1st to September 30. If you can spend an hour or two, a week, a month or all summer, please call Eileen Cullinane at 860.805.8953 and watch the bulletin for upcoming details.

Stop Assisted Suicides in Connecticut

Politicians in Hartford are again considering assisted suicide legislation. The Connecticut General Assembly is considering legalizing a form of suicide in our state commonly referred to as "aid-in-dying" or "physician-assisted suicide". The legislation is *House Bill 6425 "An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients"*.

This inherently discriminatory practice, that risks death to patients through mistakes, coercion and abuse should never be legalized in our state. This practice targets vulnerable patient populations, such as those with life-threatening illnesses and disabilities, the economically disadvantaged, and those with chronic illnesses.

At a time where suicides are at record levels, all Connecticut citizens facing very serious health challenges need access to more compassionate standard-of-care services to deal with isolation, depression, and other mental health challenges. **Suicide should never be the solution. We should never allow legislators to establish suicide as a solution to medical and emotional problem.** Do we want to send a message to young people, at a time when suicides are increasing among this population, that suicide is an appropriate solution to a problem.

Don't let the state persuade us that it's dignified for an ill person to sign their own execution order. Don't let the state of Connecticut get into the business of death. Don't let the state create an environment where ill people will feel they have a "responsibility to die". Find out more about this issue and sign a petition at <https://www.ctstopsuicide.org/>.

April 18, 2021

Archdiocese Email Issues

At the time that this bulletin was submitted for printing, the Archdiocese's email system (all @AOHCT emails) was down and had been down for 10 days. If you sent an email to the office or Father that has gone unanswered please call the office so we can assist you. The best way to reach us during this time is by phone or emailing office@stdunstanparish.org. Thank you for your patience.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation is required for grades 1-10. After completing Grades 1 and 2, students receive the sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist in third grade. The sacrament of Confirmation is received in the spring of tenth grade. If your child has missed years of faith formation, please call the office to get your child caught up and enrolled in our program.

Registration for faith formation classes for the 2021-22 school year will take place through our website in May. Details will be emailed to current families, listed in the bulletin and on our website.

Hartford for Life



Are you an adult in your 20s or 30s that wants to get more involved in the Pro-Life Movement but aren't sure how? Join Hartford for Life to help foster a vibrant Pro-Life Community in the Greater Hartford area. Events held every month! Contact hartfordforlife@gmail.com,

@hart4dforlife on Instagram or hart4dforlife on Face-



**Jim DiCaprio, Bill Mislick, Matt Acunto,
Tommy Aylward, Kevin Galvin
Charles & Patricia Priputin**

Maintaining our Prayer Request List

Please call or email the office (admin@stdunstanparish.org) to add someone to our prayer request list. We will print each name for one month; in order for the request to remain beyond that time, please email or call us each month. As always, please make sure that the person knows that we are publishing his or her name for prayers.



Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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