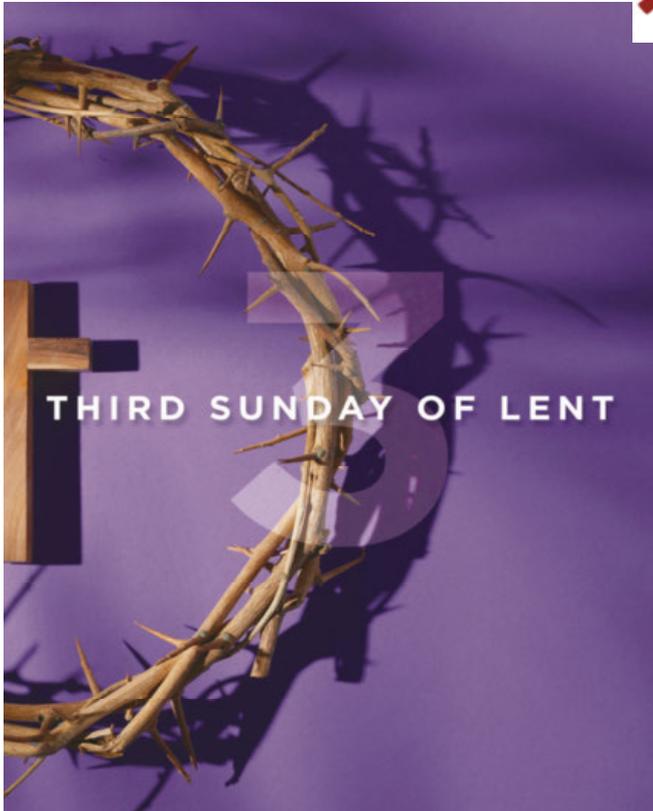


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**Saint Agnes**  
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## **DAILY MASSES**

8:00 am St. Mary  
9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

## **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes  
Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary  
(Except Holidays)

## **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

Benediction and Rosary  
Monday @ 7:30PM St. Mary Church





Schedule of Meetings & Parish Events

Monday, March 21	Novena	7:30 pm
	<i>Saint Mary Church</i>	
Tuesday, March 22	Legion of Mary	10:30 am
	<i>Rectory Basement</i>	
Wed, March 23	Legion of Mary	7:00 pm
	<i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i>	
Thurs, March 24	Bereavement Group	1:00 pm
	<i>(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall</i>	
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
	<i>St. Mary Church</i>	
Friday, March 25	Stations of the Cross	7:30 pm
	<i>St Agnes Church</i>	

2022 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2022 Appeal literature! Organizations such as Bridges Healthcare, Food 2 Kids & John Rigely Food bank right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org to learn more and make your gift today.



This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief



Stations of the Cross

Join us as we follow Jesus along the way of the cross. Fridays, March 4 through April 8 at 7:30 pm at St. Agnes Church

Weekday Masses during Lent

Saint Mary  
8am & 12:05 pm Monday—Friday  
8 am Saturday  
St. Agnes  
9 am Monday—Friday

No NEED to Join—Just NEED to Pray

If you want to do more this Lenten season, but cannot join a group, consider a role as an auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary. As an auxiliary, you pray the rosary and two Legion prayers daily. Please take the literature on the Legion table located at the Gulf Street entrance to the church that explains the auxiliary role of prayer. No meetings, no fundraisers, no raffles, no dues—Just daily prayer whenever convenient

For more information please call Sharon DiNapoli 203-799-8670 or Doreen Steele at 203-876-8472



A Lenten Fish Dinner sponsored by The St. Joseph Society will be held in Fr. Callahan Hall on Friday, April 8 at 6:00. Tickets will be sold after masses on March 26/27 and April 2/3 and in the rectory office until April 6. No tickets will be sold at the door. Prices are \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, young people (6-16) \$6 and as always ages 5 and under are free.

Almighty God, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families. Sustain them with your everlasting arms. As they serve around the world, we ask that you guard their families and loved ones back home. -Amen

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## From the Desk of the Pastor .....

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Dear Friends:

We have arrived at the Third Sunday of Lent, almost half-way through our observance of this time of repentance and spiritual renewal. It is my hope that these days of Lent have been observed differently, that what we have done by way of change, reformation and renunciation have been of profit to us spiritually. If you have not made much, or even no progress, there is still time and the Scriptures this weekend issue a clarion call to all of us in that regard.

The Gospel, taken from the first verses of the thirteenth chapter of Luke, starkly calls us to take seriously the need for *personal* repentance. There is a reference to a heinous action committed by Pontius Pilate, the procurator of Judea (who would soon enough condemn Jesus to death by crucifixion), his mingling of the blood of Galileans with their sacrifices (not only murder but grievous sacrilege). Was it their sinfulness, their guilt before God that led to their sudden and horrific death? There is also mention of an inexplicable tragedy, the death of eighteen people one day when a tower fell upon them, snuffing out their existence. Did they die that day as punishment for their sins? As a background to this passage, it was quite common among the people of the time to try to explain tragic or horrific death to be the result of some sin on the part of the one who died or was killed as well as the sin of the perpetrator (if there was one).

It is quite important to note that to the questions Jesus raised rhetorically in both instances, namely, *“Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans?”* and *“Do you think that [those who died in the collapse of the tower] were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem?”* Jesus never gives a response. Quite to the contrary, he issues a stark warning to all of us, a warning that urges us to pay more attention to our own sinfulness, our own need of repentance, than we often pay to the sins and the faults of others. In both instances, he says, rather sharply in words that we would do well to heed, that *“if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!”*

We have only so much time, and one day, when the moment of death comes, our time will run out and it will be too late. As St. Paul said so eloquently to us on Ash Wednesday, we should not receive the grace of God in vain. In this Lenten season, each of us has been given an opportunity. Now is the acceptable time! Now is the time to take stock of our lives, to call our minds and hearts to our personal need for repentance, and do whatever is necessary, begging the grace of God as help, to change the direction of our lives and move ever more directly toward God.

The parish offers opportunities to make that a reality: opportunities for prayer, privately or devotionally, celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with multiple opportunities for confession, fasting from food or something else that might tend to keep us focused more on ourselves than on God and others, and sharing with those in need such as supporting the Archbishop's Annual Appeal or our parish twinning ministry with St. Therese in Marbial, Haiti through the Healing Tree initiative. May God bless our endeavors to make this Lent fruitful for us all!

*Rev. Anthony X. Xueh*



# Mass Intentions



## St. Agnes Church

Monday, March 21 Lenten Weekday  
9:00 *Anatolia & Pedro Bartolome by family*

Tuesday, March 22 Lenten Weekday  
9:00 *In Honor of St. Philomena  
by Marianne Richard*

Wednesday, March 23  
Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo  
9:00 *Shelia Crotty & O'Reilly family  
by Quirk family*

Thursday, March 24 Saint Oscar Romero  
9:00 *No intention*

Friday, March 25  
The Annunciation of the Lord  
9:00 *Gladys DiMaio  
16th Anniversary by her family*

Saturday, March 26 (Vigil Mass)  
5:00 *Jerry Raccio by wife Toni and family*

Sunday, March 27  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
7:30 *Michele Swaller by Grandison family  
"Happy Birthday in Heaven"*

10:30 *Michele Swaller  
by Jeri Crolla and family*



PRAY FAST GIVE

## St. Mary Church

Monday, March 21 Lenten Weekday  
8:00 *Warren Nash by his wife Doris*  
12:05 *Virginia Hoagland  
by Nancy & Richard Sennett*

Tuesday, March 22 Lenten Weekday  
8:00 *Megan Casey  
by Maryanne & Christopher Weishaupt*  
12:05 *No intention*

Wednesday, March 23 Saint Turibius  
8:00 *Rosemarie Abric by Mary Kriksciun*  
12:05 *No intention*

Thursday, March 24 Saint Oscar Romero  
8:00 *Edward J. Duffy by Jim & Liz Keefe*  
12:05 *Salvador Tomayo by his sister & family*

Friday, March 25  
The Annunciation of the Lord  
8:00 *Dorothea Martino by her family*  
12:05 *No intention*

Saturday, March 26 Saint Francis of Paola  
8:00 *Patrick H. Kelley by his family*

Saturday Vigil  
4:30 *William & Margaret Myers  
by the Sennett family*

Sunday, March 27  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
8:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*  
10:00 *Nancy Barbieri by her family*  
11:30 *Giuseppina & Francesco Trombetta  
by Dirubba & Mongillo families*  
4:30 *Katherine DeZenzo by her family*

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