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Prince of Peace Parish strives to be a welcoming Catholic family that joyfully gathers to celebrate the sacraments and to live the Word of God as disciples of Christ. United with the Holy Spirit, we go forth to bear witness to our faith and to share our unique gifts in loving service of all God's people.

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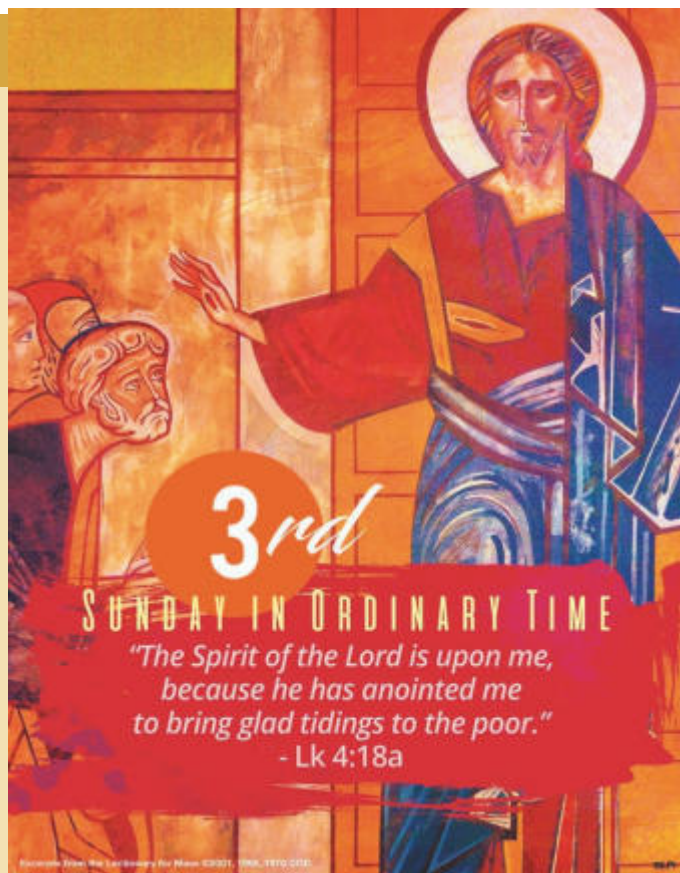
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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday
8:30 AM - St. Teresa
Tuesday & Friday
8:30 AM - Nativity

CONFESSION

Saturday
3:00 PM - St. Teresa

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 PM - St. Teresa

SUNDAY

8:00 AM - Nativity
10:00 AM - St. Teresa
12:00 PM - St. Teresa

Please Remember Prince of Peace Parish in Your Will.

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PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH

**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 22ND THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 PM For A Special Intention

**SUNDAY JANUARY 23RD THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM Barbara Paquin & Linda Posila
by Paul & Jackie LePine
At Church of the Nativity

10:00 AM Manuela Manalo
by Ed & Maura Foraker
At St. Teresa Church

12:00 PM Prince of Peace Parish
At St. Teresa Church

**MONDAY JANUARY 24TH SAINT FRANCIS
deSALES, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

8:30 AM At St. Teresa Church

**TUESDAY JANUARY 25TH CONVERSION OF SAINT
PAUL, APOSTLE**

8:30 AM For The Intentions of
Ann & Walt Okoski
by George & Cathie Murdock
At Church of the Nativity

**THURSDAY JANUARY 27TH WEEKDAY
NO MASS**

**FRIDAY JANUARY 28TH SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS,
PRIEST, RELIGIOUS AND DOCTOR OF THE
CHURCH**

8:30 AM At Church of the Nativity

**SATURDAY JANUARY 29TH FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 PM Elizabeth Barry,
1st Anniversary Remembrance
by Her Family

**SUNDAY JANUARY 30TH FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM Anne N. Rockwell
by Her Children
At Church of the Nativity

10:00 AM Jacqui Frodermann
by Marie & Carl Braun
At St. Teresa Church

12:00 PM Prince of Peace Parish
At St. Teresa Church



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SECOND COLLECTION

The Catholic High School Collection, occurring THIS WEEKEND in all parishes of the Archdiocese, supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, and marketing, all of which are so critical during this ongoing pandemic. Please consider investing in the exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and spirit of service at our high schools by making a gift to this year's Catholic High School Collection on January 22/23.



**Sunday of
the Word of
God**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has

sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. (4:16-18).

"The Bible is the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity. The word of God unites believers and makes them one people." (Aperuit illis §4)

**CONNECTICUT
MARCH FOR LIFE**

Hartford, CT | March 23, 2022

the Shepherd's Desk

by
Rev. James T. Gregory

As a young adult, before I was ever aware of a vocation to the priesthood, I discovered knowing the Bible made me a better Catholic. As I grew older I discovered knowing the Bible made any Catholic a better Catholic. Sunday of the Word of God this weekend is a time for all Catholics to look to become better Catholics by learning to know the Bible.

In September 2019 Pope Francis declared the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time to be Sunday of the Word of God. Francis says he wanted to set aside a Sunday “given over entirely to the Word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people.” Sunday of the Word of God is set aside to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.

The Word of God has this to say about the Word of God. The Psalmist says, “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path” (119:105). Jeremiah says, “When I found your words, I devoured them; your words were my joy, the happiness of my heart, (15:16). The letter writer to the Hebrews says, “Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart” (4:12).

The Word of God is always in our mist. Through Sacred Scripture Jesus can be present to us when the Eucharist cannot be. The words of scripture leads to an encounter with Jesus. It is no coincidence that the Word is proclaimed during Mass before the Word is made flesh in the Sacrament. All the important texts of the Church, especially those of the Mass and the documents of the Second Vatican Council are infused with allusions to the spirit-breathed words of Sacred Scripture.

Before his ascension the risen Jesus opens the minds of his disciples to understand the scriptures that they may give witness to all they have seen and experienced with Jesus, the true Messiah. When the promise of the Father comes in the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles on the feast of Pentecost, the disciples are empowered to give witness to make more disciples. In the witnessing more scriptures were inspired and written down. Today in the uncertain world in which a wounded Church exists, disciples still have Sacred Scripture, the Word of God, to nourish them and to equip them to witness to the world as heralds of hope with contagious joy.

Grade Three Family Masses in preparation for First Holy Communion

Beginning on Sunday, January 30th our First Eucharist children and their families will gather once a month at the 10:00 AM Mass for a special celebration. January's theme is THE EUCHARIST IS ABOUT CARING. The children will participate in an Enrollment Rite and then present Prayer Cards to parishioners in the congregation asking that these parishioners pray for them and their families as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time on May 7th.

TO REQUEST YOUR 2021 TAX STATEMENT EMAIL MARY AT princeofpeace@aohct.org OR CALL MARY AT THE OFFICE 203-263-2008.



Prince of Peace Clothing Bank

Located in the lower level of the Church of the Nativity building in the rear and will be opened.

Will be open each month for people in need.

Masks should be worn if not vaccinated or if you feel more comfortable. Gloves are available for those who would like to wear them.

The Prince of Peace Clothing Bank has received an abundance of donations from caring parishioners and area residents. We are now well positioned to provide free clothing and footwear to area people in need.

WHAT WE ARE ACCEPTING AT THIS TIME

We are in need for

- Gently used washable coats/jackets for large and larger men and women? Donations are coming in but coats/jackets not so much.
- Men's' Jeans plus sweat shirts and bottoms for both sexes, are always in demand.
- We also have an urgent need for socks: Boy's size 6 – 14, Girl's size 6-14, Men's size S, M, L, Women's S, M, L
- Underwear is always in need, all sizes boys, girls and adults.

AND

- Gently used recently washed towels and/or sheet sets, preferably twin or full size, are needed. The towels and sheets will be given to the St Vincent DePaul shelter in Waterbury. Thank You for your generosity.

We will be open:

- Fri, Feb 11 – 3-5 pm
- Sat, Feb 12 – 10am-12pm
- Fri, Feb 25 – 3-5 pm
- Sat, Feb 26 – 10am-12pm

The International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

is observed annually on February 8, the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. St. Bakhita is the patroness of survivors of human trafficking. The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry (OCSJM) invites you to invoke her intercession for all those involved in human trafficking and an end to this societal ill by participating in a novena. Beginning Feb. 8 the link to the daily prayer will be posted on OCSJM's Facebook channel

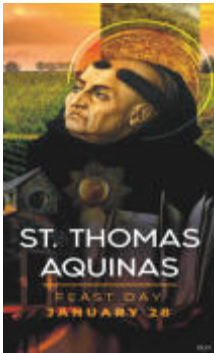
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“The ABCs of Annulment”

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield Father Jeffrey V. Romans, Pastor of Saint Bridget of Sweden Parish, 175 Main Street, Cheshire, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, Connecticut, will host “The ABCs of Annulment” on Saturday of March 5th , 2022, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in the Parish Hall at the address above. Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, and Jim Tottenham. Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday March 12th , and March 19 th from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Br. Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team, will be present for the Workshops. The “ABCs of Annulment” event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com.



St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, “The Summa Theologiae.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino,

where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today. ©LPi

Sweet Jesus

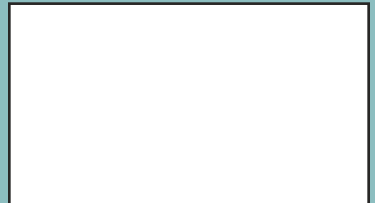
Sweet Jesus, Body and Blood most Holy, be the delight and pleasure of my soul, my strength and salvation in all temptations, my joy and peace in every trial, my light and guide in every word and deed, and my final protector in death. Amen.

Grant to me...

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.

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