# St Therese of Lisieux

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#### **Most Holy Trinity**

568 Pomfret Street Pomfret, CT 06258

MASS SCHEDULE 11:00AM Sunday

Monday 8:00AM Thursday 8:00AM Friday 8:00AM

ROSARY

Saturday 8:00AM



#### St. Mary Church of the Visitation

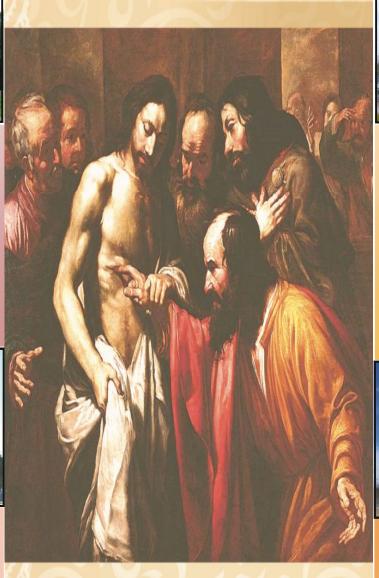
218 Providence Street P.O. Box 665 Putnam, CT 06260

MASS SCHEDULE 4:00PM Saturday Sunday 9:00AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 2:45-3:30PM (Sacristy)

PARISH OFFICE 8AM-2PM (Mon. thru Thur.) 8AM-12PM (Fri.)



## **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



#### St. Joseph Church

18 Main Street N. Grosvenordale, CT 06255

> MASS SCHEDULE 4:00PM Saturday Sunday 10:00AM **RECONCILIATION** Saturday, 2:45-3:30PM

> > **ADORATION** Tues 9AM-8PM Thur 9AM-12PM Fri 12PM-8PM

(Sacristy)



#### St. Stephen Church

130 Old Turnpike Road Quinebaug, CT 06262

MASS SCHEDULE

8:30AM Sunday Monday 8:00AM 8:00AM Tuesday Wednesday 8:00AM

#### MOST HOLY TRINITY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY April 24, 2022 11:00 am

Robert Hall by Noreen Chapman

Timothy Davis by Jerry & Bonnie O'Brien

MONDAY April 25, 2022 8:00 am

**Eucharistic Prayer Service** 

THURSDAY April 28, 2022 8:00 am

**Eucharistic Prayer Service** 

FRIDAY April 29, 2022 8:00 am

**Eucharistic Prayer Service** 

SUNDAY May 1, 2022 11:00 am

Parishioners of St. Therese Parish

**Parish Support -** March. - Wkly = \$5,874. Mnthly = \$432.

EFT = \$128.

Ukraine = \$675.

PRAYER SHAWL DISTRIBUTION AFTER MASS ON 5/8



Suggested Mass Intention
Donations are
\$20 for Weekend Masses &
\$15 for Weekday Masses.
\$25 for 7 day Sanctuary Lamp.

Please contact office to schedule. Checks can be made out to church of intention.

#### ST. MARY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY April 23, 2022 4:00 pm
Patricia Nelson (7th Anniv) by Lucille Nelson
Paul & Rose Cesolini by the Family
Cecile Frost by Linda Christian

SUNDAY April 24, 2022 9:00 am

Paul Lombardo by the Family

Norman & Bernice Brousseau by the Family

Nancy Pezanko by Larry Pezanko

SATURDAY April 30, 2022 4:00 pm

Al Smat by Marian

Richard Beausoleil (2nd Anniv) by Lucille Nelson

Amanda Currie (B/day Remembrance) by the Family

SUNDAY May 1, 2022 9:00 am

Carol Deary by the Family

Bob Defilippo by His Wife and Family

**Parish Support -** March. - Wkly = \$13,264. Mnthly = \$690.

EFT = \$3.456.

Ukraine = \$230.

PRAYER SHAWL DISTRIBUTION AFTER MASSES ON 5/28-5/29

#### ST. JOSEPH MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY April 23, 2022 4:00 pm

Theresa Rice by the Family

Helen Miner by Daughter JoAnn

SUNDAY April 24, 2022 10:00 am

Beatrice Langlois (9th Anniv) by Dghtr Claire Berube & Family

Deacon Michael Darnowski by the Atwood Family

<u>SATURDAY April 30, 2022 4:00 pm</u>

Michael Lajoie by Henry & Estelle Bourgeois

SUNDAY May 1, 2022 10:00 am

George Therrien (3rd Anniv) by the Family

Caroline Werge (1st Anniv) by Aileen Witkowski

Michael Akana by Frances & Roland Glatz

**Sanctuary Lamp** will burn the week of 5/1-5/7 in Remembrance of Linda Groh (6th Anniv) by the Family

**Sanctuary Lamp** will burn the week of 5/8-5/14 in Birthday Remembrance of Barbara Hoginski by the Family

Parish Support - March. - Wkly = \$9,983.

Mnthly = \$764.

EFT = \$210.

Ukraine = \$1,075.

PRAYER SHAWL DISTRIBUTION AFTER MASSES ON 4/30-5/1

Covid Rapid Tests are available at the parish office. If you'd like one—please call to schedule a pick up or just stop by during normal business hours!

**ONLINE GIVING** AVAILABLE AT OUR CHURCHES!

Authorization Forms and F.A.Q. are located at the entrances of all 4 churches as well as the parish office.

Once completed, return to St. Therese Parish, P.O. Box 665, Putnam 06260 or leave in the collection basket! Thank you for your support!



#### ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY April 24, 2022 8:30 am

Parishioners of St. Therese Parish

MONDAY April 25, 2022 8:00 am

The Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY April 26, 2022 8:00 am

Parishioners of St. Therese Parish

WEDNESDAY April 27, 2022 8:00 am

Names on the St. Joseph/Sacred Heart Memorial Plaques

SUNDAY May 1, 2022 8:30 am

Parishioners of St. Therese Parish

**Sanctuary Lamp** will burn the week of 5/8-5/14 in Remembrance of Anna Wojick & Dorilla Dery by Fred & Rachel Wojick

Parish Support - March. - Wkly = \$4,742. Mnthly = \$330.

EFT = \$--- Ukraine = \$10.

PRAYER SHAWL DISTRIBUTION AFTER MASSON 5/15

#### St. Therese of Lisieux Parish

Office Hours: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Friday.

Pastor: Very Rev. David P. Choquette Parish Secretary/DRE: Janice Lindsay

Deacons: Pierre Desilets & Wayne Sinclair

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

April 24, 2022 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.



Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a

different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

The monthly **Diocesan Pro-Life Mass** will take place at the Cathedral of **St. Patrick in Norwich** on Saturday, **May** 7 at 8:30 A.M. Please join our celebrant Rev. Walter Nagle at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Stephen Gulino Bookkeeper: Claire LaFramboise

Faith Formation Coordinator: Dan Shaughnessy

#### **News from the PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:**

DATE CHANGE!!!

The April meeting will be held on **THURSDAY**, APRIL 28TH FROM 12:30-2:30 Prayer Shawl & Lap Robes will be distributed FREE OF CHARGE on the following dates/locations:

4/30 & 5/1 St. Joseph 5/8 Most Holy Trinity 5/15 St. Stephen 5/28 & 5/29 St. Mary

#### ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY- March and April:

Thank you to: The Knights of Columbus and the Boy Scouts for their very productive Food Drive. We received over 90 bags of food and over \$200.00 in cash. So thank you to them and to all of you who contributed to this drive. Charity is a pathway to heaven. I'm always overwhelmed by the kindness of this parish.

God bless you all for your selfless generosity.

Anonymous. \$120.00. \$50.00

Each month donations. \$100., \$20., \$40., \$25.

Promised. \$25.00

Every other month \$300.00

\$20.00 gift card \$100.00 from a couple.

\$100.00 In memory of Ronald Blain.

\$50.00 In memory of deceased members of a family

#### Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich

Thank you to all who have answered our prayers and have supported Catholic Charities in the past. As many still struggle through these tough economic times, Catholic Charities continues to help those most in need. We are currently in need of, and are collecting toiletries for adults and children — toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, and deodorant. Donations can be brought to any one of our four locations in Norwich, New London, Middletown, and Willimantic. Visit ccfsn.org or call 860-889-8346 for more information. Thank you once again for your help in creating hope for our neighbors in need.

## Please Join Us: 2022 ACA Ministry Fair

The 2022 Ministry Fair showcasing our Diocesan ministries and programs will be held May 15, 2022, from 11-12:30, in Norwich. We will offer a complimentary continental breakfast throughout this open house style event. If you would like to attend this event to learn how donations to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", support our ministries and programs please contact Rosela Precopio at 860-886-1928 ext. 110 or dodadm@norwichdiocese.net for further details or to register for this event. Reservations and RSVP by May 2nd are required due to space limitations.

#### Stewardship Bulletin Reflections - April 24, 2022

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (John 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

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#### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

At the request of parishioners, a **Life in the Spirit Seminar** will be offered at the **Immaculate Conception Retreat Center** Wednesday evenings, **May 4 through June 22**, from **6:30 to 8:00 pm**. The first night will be an information night: a brief talk and a chance to ask questions. The 2nd through 5th evenings prepare you to be open to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. On the 6th evening, each individual is prayed over to receive the Holy Spirit and awaken the Gifts. The 7th and 8th evenings orient you into the new Life in the Spirit. There is

also the opportunity to follow up afterward by attending a Charismatic Prayer Group on Monday evenings from 7-9 to further develop charismatic gifts. Space is limited, so to reserve a space, please call the St Therese Parish office at 860 928-6535 or e-mail stthereseputnam@gmail.com with name and phone number to reserve a place. The presentation team is composed of members who have been through the seminar themselves.

#### **IMPORTANT: FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

May 1st: First Eucharist Celebration & Workbook Return.
All Faith Formation families are invited to attend the First
Communion Mass (9:00) at St. Mary's on Sunday, May 1st, then

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join us in the hall to celebrate. Dessert treats will be provided by the Daughters of Isabella. Please bring your student workbooks, as they will be collected at this time to give credit to all the students who engaged in home study this year. If you missed the April 10th gathering, you may also register for next year's classes at this time.



This is a great opportunity to get our young people and families back together - please be sure to attend!

The weekend of April 23 & 24, Samer Awwad representing the Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem, after all Masses. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the Holy Land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. Sale of these



goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the Holy Land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and may also a help you in your personal devotion.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

April 24 Rev. Christopher Zmuda
Rev. P. Grzegorz Jednaki
April 25 Msgr. Anthony Rosaforte
Rev. Kevin Reilly
April 26 Rev. Dennis Mercieri

Rev. Martin Noe

April 27 V. Rev. David Choquette Rev. Arul Peter

April 28 All Priests

April 29 Rev. Thomas Sickler MS

Rev. Robert Washabaugh

April 30 Rev. Francis Rouleau

Rev. Matthias Wesnofske, OFM Cap.

Glory be to the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation and set their souls on fire with love for your people. Amen

RAY FOR OUR PRIEST



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#### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of April 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21 Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Observances for the week of April 24, 2022

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy); St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

Monday: St. Mark, Evangelist

Tuesday:

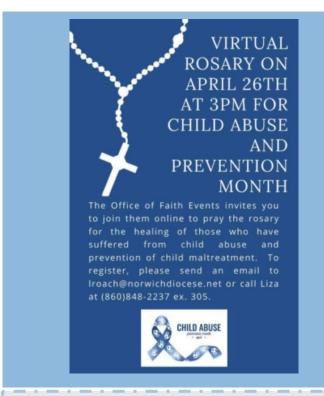
Wednesday: Administrative Professionals' Day

Thursday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest Friday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Pius V, Pope







CONGRATULATIONS
to our newly Baptized!
Callan Patrick Johnson child of
Christopher & Danielle (Corey) Johnson
April 24, 2022

#### Divine Mercy Sunday - April 24, 2022

Question: Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from? Answer: If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second



Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come." ©LPi

We are happy to announce that we will be starting a monthly

# HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION at all of our churches!

First Monday of the month, 6:30 –8:00 pm 5/2 - St. Mary's

6/6 - Most Holy Trinity 7/4 - St. Stephen 8/1 - St. Joseph





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