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Kickoff Weekend | March 6-7, 2021



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SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021

OLG 4:00 + Kathleen Main ~ by Anthony & Rita Knox

5:00 + Katy Sherwood~ by Pace Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

8:00 People of the Parish, Living and Deceased

STV 9:15 + Catherine Sepples & Esther Brennan ~ by Family

10:45 + *Debbie Bill* ~ by Family

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021

8:00 + Donald Sage

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

8:00 + Peter Bastianello

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021

8:00 + David Frauenhofer ~ by His Wife

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

8:00 Living and Deceased of the Houlihan, Perga, Vali and Vanoni Families

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021

8:00 + David Franco—1st Anniversary ~ by His Mother

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021

OLG 4:00 Maryann Crane (23rd anniv) ~ by Diane

5:00 + Bill and Peter Dranginis by Their Brothers

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

8:00 + Jacques and Brigitte Vandevoorde ~ by Moreau Family

STV 9:15 + *Angela Nardozzi* ~ by Blanche & Jim Martin

+ Charlie Staub ~ by Dauphinais Family 10:45

Lenten Confessions: Monday nights 6-7 pm. Confession and Adoration. This gives you all a chance to socially distance in church for quiet prayer and for the Sacrament in preparation for Easter. Because of Covid, many of the past liturgical practices need to be curtailed for safety reasons. Church is always open for you to converse and listen to God.

ST THOMAS OF VILLANOVA

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Feast of St. Joseph March 19th

Our Holy Father Pope France has designated this year to be a year in honor of St. Joseph and the follow-

ing prayer is suggested to be prayed... Holy Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus Christ, husband of the Blessed Mother and patron of the Catholic Church, we pray to you for guidance this "Year of Saint Joseph" proclaimed by Pope Francis.

You have showed us by your loving ways, the value of work and the joys of fatherhood. By teaching God's Son to do the will of His Father you have given us the path to do the same. By your example, you have encouraged us to accept others as they are, without exception.

To you Saint Joseph, our Heavenly Father entrusted his only son, Jesus Christ to your tender care and upbringing. In you, our Blessed Mother Mary placed her love and trust. Through your mentoring, Jesus Christ became man.

We praise you and ask of you to defend us and our loved ones from every evil and guide us with your grace and mercy. Amen



Archbishops Annual Ap-Healing Together peal—Reaching Out, Healing *Together*—This is our Chief

Parish Alms Giving for Lent. If you haven't received a letter this is the address to send a check - Archbishops Annual Appeal P.O. Box 28 Hartford, CT 06141 -0028. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward. Our goal is to engage over 35%. Whatever you give is appreciated. This appeal assists not only Archdiocesan activities but many local charitable activities. Make it your Lenten Alms giving.

REGARDING THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD—From the Archbishop:

- Sunday Mass is NOW ALLOWED, socially distanced, with masks.
 Please know the capacity is an honor system, so please come
 early. This is every other pew at your discretion. Please, if you
 can move in, so that more might sit in your pew. There will be no
 singing until the future. If you are willing help with the wiping
 down of pews and doors, please come with wipes and do so.
- 2. The ushers at all the churches will be passing the basket for the collections. Thank you for your past generosity.
- 3. Communion lines should be single-file, (two pews between you) with people wearing masks. We begin from the back of church for social distance purposes. Please hold out your hand for Priest to drop the Host in it so as not to touch you. This is the most difficult part as only the Priest or Eucharistic Minister is allowed to give communion. So please be prayerfully quiet and socially distant.
- 4. If you take a Missalette when you walk in, please use it as your personal book by bringing it home and remember to bring it back and forth to mass.



Help Stop State Sponsored Suicide

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"*.

Suicide is always as morally objectionable as murder. The Church's tradition has always rejected it as a gravely evil choice: To concur with the intention of another person to commit suicide and to help in carrying it out through so-called "assisted suicide" means to cooperate in, and at times to be the actual perpetrator of, an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested. Saint Augustine writes that "it is never licit to kill another: even if he should wish it." True "compassion" leads to sharing another's pain; it does not kill the person whose suffering we cannot bear. (John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, no. 66).

TAKE ACTION:

Go to the website below, *read more on the issue* and then sign the petition to stop the legalization of assisted suicide in Connecticut

[0B] www.ctstopsuicide.org

Weekend Mass Attendance:

Our Lady of Grace: February 27th 40 people St Thomas: February 28th 81 people St. Anthony's: February 27th 5pm 96 people; February 28th 8am 92 people; 10:45am 108 people



St Anthony's RELIGIOUS A EDUCATION



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Please pray for our 24 parish children receiving First Holy Communion in the next several weeks.



WELCOME HOME PARISH FAMILIES!

Zoom Classes end with Lent!

Religious Ed will be resuming downstairs the Sunday after Easter.

Faith Family Fun Facts Sunday School (for all ages at first) will meet the 1/2 hour after both Sunday Masses. Parents enjoy our coffee, while we all enjoy huge smiles behind the kids masks)!

WELCOME HOME PARISH FAMILES!

<u>Friday's Stations of the Cross</u> will be private, not public this year. The stations are also in the back pages of our Lenten Missalette for your prayer. *This is to keep the hope of social distance alive during the Lenten season.*

Stations of the Cross—Our Lady of Grace—4 pm, Fridays Stations of the Cross—St. Thomas—7 pm, Fridays Stations of the Cross—St. Anthony—Church is always open

Rice Bowls: Rice Bowls are a perfect way to make a connection between fasting and almsgiving. Bowls are available at the entrance to the church. Please use and fill them throughout the week.

During Lent, the children may bring up their spare change for the large money bowl in the sanctuary.

Book Club: The next book club will be held on Wednesday, March 10th at 12 noon in the Rectory. The book is called "God's Hotel", by Victoria Sweet.



St. Anthony of Padua Church

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WEEKLY:	\$ 1,226.00
MONTHLY:	\$ 70.00
DONATIONS:	\$ 200.00
Our Lady of Grace Church	

WEEKLY:\$ 384.00

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de Montfort Parish Online Giving, an electronic tool for contributions, has been updated! Go to our Parish Online Giving website at https://www.osvhub.com/stlouisdemontfortparish/funds

and Create your account. This also allows you to use your Credit Card to make your charitable Contribution to the church and Earn those "EXTRA REWARDS" at the same time! Thank You to all of our Online Givers!



January 2021 Totals:

OLG = \$180 / SAP = \$3,635 / STV = \$1,700 / Total: \$5,515

Please add the following people to your prayers ...

Mark Neri ♥ Kit Kos ♥ Walter Horvay ♥ Marie Bate ♥ Ginette Clement • Brenda Demore • Stella Grace Seeger • Debbie Cappa

- ▼ Tom Sullivan ▼ Brian Hovey ▼ Barbara Salvietti ◆ Angie Chatlos ◆ Jennifer Lajoie ◆ Those affected by Covid-19
 - Doctors, nurses, teachers and essential workers ____

Congratulations to Laura Nietch Our February 2021 Club 24 Winner!

GROTTO GIFT SHOP at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, is NOW OPEN Thursday, Saturday

and Sunday from 11:30 to 4:00 pm. New stock is arriving daily including Lenten and Easter items and Baptismal, First Communion and Confirmation gifts. For further information, call 860-567-0891 or visit our website www.shrinect.org.



"Our Lady of Grace Prayer Books" are available for parishioners this weekend @ OLG at the 4pm mass. They have many wonderful devotional prayers along with a section on Padre Pio. Take one home with you today to add to your prayer collection and daily prayer life.

St Thomas' & Our Lady of Grace's Clothing bins are NOW OPEN!! STV (behind Rectory) benefits the Goshen Good Neighbor Fund and OLG in back parking lot benefits OLG Church. The bins take lightly used clothes, hand bags, backpacks, shoes, curtains, blankets, sheets and stuffed animals. Please make sure that donations are in tied bags and placed in the shed.

Due to unpredictable weather the ROSARY GROUP will be postponed until the Spring. Please continue your daily rosaries at home. The Rosary will continue to be prayed 30 minutes before Mass (if weather is cooperative).



St Thomas Religious Formation ... **GIFT** Virtual Family Sessions Growing In Faith Together (GIFT).

Our NEXT VIRTUAL Family GIFT Session is TODAY Sunday, March 7th at 10:30am (this includes all confirmation students as well)

1st Communion class will meet in person on Mar 7th and March 21st during Mass from 9-10am. For more information about our GIFT Faith Formation Program, email stthomaschurch@optonline.net

1st Yr Confirmation (8 & 9th grades) have class Mar 7th w/Family GIFT Session @ 10:30am and on March 21st



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I Can Only Imagine

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PARISHWIDE MOVIE NIGHT—Sunday, March 14th @ 6:20pm on the BIG Screen with surround sound at St Thomas Church, Goshen. Movies are appropriate for Catholic Teens. All parishioners and families are welcome to come enjoy the movie with a short discussion afterward. Social Distancing and masks are required. Seat cushion or blanket is suggested for your comfort.



Grand Knight, Michael Barrachina 860-836-9794 www.kofc56.org

BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE: VIRTUAL—March 11th and April 8th—7:00 PM



Grand Knight, Don Nardozzi 860-307-3721 dnardozzi55@gmail.com

BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE:

April 6th • May 4th

All meetings at 7:00 pm in Donahue Hall at St Thomas Church

Council 13128 Scholarship Applications must be in by May **7th.** For a Graduating Catholic Seniors who will be entering the Fall 2021 Freshman class at a College or University and who meet **ONE** OR more of the following are eligible for this Scholarship:

- be a Communicant of St Thomas of Villanova Church, Goshen
- or A Graduate of Wamogo Regional High School
- or A Resident of Warren, Morris or Goshen



Application packets can be obtained from the guidance offices at Wamogo Regional High School and Oliver Wolcott Technical High School; at the Warren, Morris, or Goshen Town Offices; or by calling Wilrose Duquette at 860-491-3153.

The Knights of Columbus invites all Catholic men, 18 and older to learn more about how they can assist our parish and communities in making a better world for those in need and by celebrating fellowship and family Catholic life. Call your local council listed above for more information.





John 2:13-25 ■ 3rd Sunday of Lent

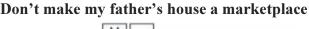


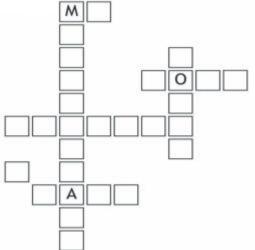
Sharing the Gospel: Imagine coming to your church to pray. All around your church, you see people selling animals. It smells like a barn. The animals are loud. The people are shouting. You cannot even pray with all the noise and activity going on around you. That is what Jesus found in today's Gospel. It broke his heart and made Jesus angry. God's house is not supposed to be turned into a barn or a store. It should be special place where people can meet with God.

Prayer: God, my church is a place for prayer. Help me to remember that always. Amen.

Mission for the week: Read John 2:13-25 with your family. Ask God to help you keep your church clean. Church should never be a store or a barn. It should be a special place to pray.

Puzzle Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:





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