

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

**MARCH 6, 2022** 



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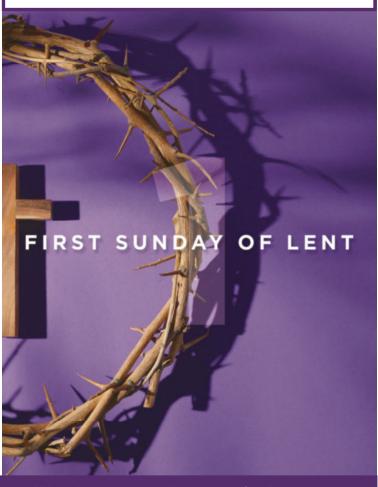
# **Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM (*Winter*) or 5:00PM (*Summer*) Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00AM

<u>Daily Liturgy</u> Monday - Thursday: 8:00AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** 

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 (Winter) or 4:00-4:45 (Summer) or by appointment



Email: office@stthomasoxford.org Website: www.stthomasoxford.org www.facebook.com/stthomastheapostleoxfordct



# Sunday, March 6th

4:00 PM for Ralph Rodia (3rd Anniversary)

(requested by his children)

7:30 AM for Deborah Tomascak

(requested by Bob and Barbara Evans)

9:00 AM for Stephen Pavlo and John Drobne

(requested by Chris and Dave Babina)

11:00 AM for Frank Synos

(requested by Joe and Kathy Chicoski)

# Monday, March 7th

8:00 AM for Debra Meszaros

(requested by Therese and Anthony Luongo

and Family)

# Tuesday, March 8th

8:00 AM for those who are suffering the pain of divorce

# Wednesday, March 9th

8:00 AM for Betty Fink

(requested by Betty Atz)

#### Thursday, March 10th

8:00 AM for Special Intention

(requested by Elizabeth Ward)

# Friday, March 11th

No Liturgy Today

# Saturday, March 12th

4:00 PM for Elizabeth Cascone

(requested by Andy and Lynn Gayda)

# Sunday, March 13th

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Daylight Saving Time Begins

7:30 AM for Moira Capela

(requested by the Capela Family)

9:00 AM for Craig W. Fox

(requested by Mel Turner)

11:00 AM for Claire T. Ouimette

(requested by Dennis M. Ouimette)



Collections as of February 26-27, 2022: Needed to Meet Ordinary Operating Expenses

\$8,600.00

Weekly Collection: \$7,228.00

Thank you!



# SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH

Sacramental Prep (Pre-Confirmation) 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (Hall)

**Lenten Prayer Service:** 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Church)

2022 Confirmation Candidates:

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM The Authentic Life/Faith Talks (Hall)

# MONDAY, MARCH 7TH

Lenten Confessions: 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

# TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH

### **DAYTIME Monthly Bereavement**

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (Lower Parish Center - Large Room)

**ZOOM Caregivers Meeting:** 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Pastoral Council: 7:00 PM (Lower Parish Center - Large Room)

# THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH

**Lenten Soup Supper:** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (Hall) **ZOOM New Day Bereavement:** 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

# FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH

In-Person New Day Bereavement:

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Lower Parish Center - Large Room)

# SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

Confessions: 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM



# In Our Prayers

If you would like to be prayed for or have a loved one who would like to be prayed for, please call Debbie in the parish office at 888-2382 and let her know. This week, please pray for all those who are ill in mind, body or spirit.

Dan Bolduc Judith Jablonski John Butwell Evelyn Necroto Maryjane Calladio Kathy Wolak

and all those who have died, especially

Jose Hernandez

# Readings for the week of March 6, 2022

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf.

15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13 **1st Sunday of Lent** 

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

St. John of God, Religious

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,

7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/

Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Daylight Saving Time begins

# DONATE TO THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

# 2022 Archbishop's **Annual Appeal**

The 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Our goal is to engage our entire parish family in this year's Appeal and to pray for the success of the Appeal, both here in our parish and across the three counties of the Archdiocese.

We hope you can help us meet our parish goal of \$60,000. If you would like to make a gift, please mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at https:// archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

# Lenten Prayers for an End to Hunger

Readings, prayers, and actions to help you and your family observe Lent in 2022 – prepared by Bread for the World.

#### Jesus Faces Temptation

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for 40 days he was tempted by the devil.

- Luke 4:1-2a

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.



#### **PRAYER**

O God, grant us faith to trust that, in Christ's death and resurrection, all the forces of evil have been overcome. During these days of Lent, may we be strengthened by our Spirit, so that we might serve you by helping those who suffer from the evil hunger.

# "Everyone Counts at Saint Thomas" **Parish Census**

# Have you returned your registration form yet?

Parishioners are now reminded to take the form found in the church vestibule home and return it, by mail or in the church vestibule. The new Census form may also be found on our website www.stthomasoxford.org - This is the only way we can identify you as a member of our parish!

NOTE: If you returned a census form in 2020 or 2021 and have no new updates you do not need to complete another form. Any questions, please call the office at 203-888-2382. Thank you!

# Faith Formation

<b>6</b>	<u>Lenten Prayer Service</u> Pre-Confirmation	1:00p (Church Hall)
	Families of St. Thomas	4:00p (Church)
	2022 Confirmation The Authentic Life / Faith Talks	5:00p (Church Hall)
<b>20</b> Sun	Session A	4:00-6:30p ( <i>Church Hall</i> )
<b>21</b> Mon	Session B	5:30-8:00p ( <i>Church Hall</i> )
<b>22</b> Tue	Session C (7th and 8th Grade)	4:30-6:00p ( <i>Church Hall</i> )
<b>24</b> Thu	Session C (7th and 8th Grade)	6:30-8:00p (Lower Parish Ctr)
<b>26</b> Sat	Session D	9:30a-12:00p (Church Hall)
27	Liturgy of the Word	At 9:00 Mass
Sun	Sacramental Prep 1st Communion-Retreat	10:00a-3:00p (Church Hall)



# **FREE Caregivers Workshop Series**

The Agency on Aging of South Central CT is sponsoring a self-care education program for family caregivers, designed to provide you with tools and strategies to better handle the unique challenges you face. The free workshop series consists of six sessions held on Wednesdays, 11a-1230p, March 23, 30, and April 6, 13, 20, 27. The workshop series will be virtual and a Zoom link will be provided once you are registered. The six sessions will be presented by Dr. Beverly Kidder and Patricia Soos. To register call or e-mail Patricia Soos at (203) 785-8533 x. 3159, psoos@aoascc.org. You can also register online at: www.aoascc.org/forms/ptc/.



# MOST Scholarship

The Men of St. Thomas (M.O.S.T.) is pleased to offer scholarship opportunities to high school seniors who attend St. Thomas the Apostle Church in

Oxford, CT. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who have demonstrated the most outstanding combination of academic excellence, community service, church service, and school citizenship. To qualify for this scholarship, student applicants must plan to continue their education at an accredited institution in the fall of 2022 and submit an application and supporting documents to St. Thomas the Apostle Church by Saturday, May 7, 2022. Application forms are available in the church vestibule and online at the St. Thomas Oxford website (http://www.stthomasoxford.org/men-ofst-thomas-m-o-s-t).



# ZOOM Care for the Caregivers Support Group Meeting

Tuesday, March 8th

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

RSVP: Patricia Soos 203-785-8533 ext 3159 or

email: psoos@aoascc.org

# MARCH MONTHLY BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS

Mon., Mar. 21st

# Type Date Time RSVP by DAYTIME In-Person Tues., Mar. 8th 10:30a-12:00p 3/4/22 EVENING In-Person Wed., Mar. 16th 6:30-8:00p 3/12/22

Reservations Required for ALL Sessions.

In-Person: Facemasks are suggested.

No walk-ins accepted.

6:30-7:30p

3/17/22

Contact: Maryjane at 203-888-2382 ext 104.



ZOOM

# Seymour - Oxford Food Bank

Below is a list of the most needed items for the Seymour-Oxford Food Bank.

Please leave donations for the Food Bank in the church vestibule by:

# **SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH**

Salt Grated Cheese
Pepper Dish Soap
Cooking Oil Laundry Soap

Thank you for helping!

Needs

St. Thomas the Apostle Church to host the Daily TV MASS on ORTV (The Archdiocese TV Station)

Monday, March 21st

10:00 AM

On Comcast Channel 9



# Along the Road Lenten Services for Seymour/Oxford 2022

March 2 - April 6, 2022



# March 9, 2022

Seymour United Methodist Church 90 Pearl St., Seymour 7:00 pm Worship Only

# March 16, 2022

Immanuel Lutheran Church 25 Great Hill Rd, Oxford 6:30 pm Soup & Bread 7:00 pm Worship



The Liturgy Committee will hold its first meeting in 2022 on **Friday, March 25 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Lower Parish Center. Plans are being made to enhance the prayer life at St Thomas. We will be discussing opportunities for Holy Hour, group rosary, and Lectio Divina plus more. If you would like to add to the discussion, please join us on Friday, March 25 at 1:30. Questions, contact Barbara Wanamaker at bewanamaker@gmail.com or 203.913.9619.



<u>Community Rosary</u> lead by The Liturgy Committee will be in the sanctuary beginning 45 minutes prior to the start of the vigil masses during lent. Printed guides, including words to prayers, will be provided. Hope to see you there.



# 40 DAYS FORLIFE.

# **HELP SAVE BABIES!**

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1 000 000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion
- Over 200 abortion workers converted
- Over 112 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- Vigil location: Sidewalk at Commerce Park, 4697 Main Street, Bridgeport (Planned Parenthood is located within Commerce Park.)
- Vigil hours: (7 am to 7 pm daily)
- Local contact: Barbara Grabowski bgrabows@aol.com / 203-232-7134
- Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/Bridgeport

# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE'S



# THURSDAY, March 10th "Bees 101"

Our own Music Director, Anna Jedd, will give an Interesting "Bees 101" presentation, with information about bees, hives, honey and bee keeping.





Come join us to learn about the benefits of bee-keeping and other ways to help these essential pollinators in our own backyards.





# **Mondays of Lent**

**Confessions**: 6:00 - 6:30PM

# Sunday, April 3

11:00 AM Mass

# Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament are for those who suffer chronic Illness of body or mind, those in Nursing Homes, or those preparing to enter a hospital.

# Wednesday, April 6

Ecumenical "Way of the Cross" Hosted at St. Thomas 6:00 PM – Soup Supper 7:00 PM – Way of the Cross

# Thursdays (except on April 7)

**Soup Supper and Lenten discussions** 6:00 PM

# **Spring Forward**



Daylight Savings Time BEGINS Sunday

March 13, 2022

# WHAT IS

# GOD

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH?

Please join parishioners of St. Thomas parish to reflect and answer the question of:

"WHAT WILL THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH LOOK LIKE?"

ON MARCH 19TH,
AFTER THE 5:00PM VIGIL MASS

We'll gather for a light supper, provided by the parish, in the parish hall, and watch a video with Bishop Robert Barron of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Founder of 'Word on Fire," – an evangelical outreach to thousand Christians in America.

Don't miss this opportunity to prepare St. Thomas for the Future!

Please call the parish office to give your name for the supper and gathering!



ABSTINENCE from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent by Roman Catholics 14 years of age and older.

**FASTING** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by Roman Catholics 18-59 years of age. On these days, one full meal and two smaller meals are permitted.

Roman Catholics are also encouraged to attend daily Mass, observe self-imposed times of fasting, and increase generosity to local, national, and worldwide forms of almsgiving.

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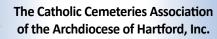
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