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MARCH 13, 2022



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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM (*Winter*) or 5:00PM (*Summer*)

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00AM

Daily Liturgy

Monday - Thursday: 8:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



2nd Sunday
OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance
and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 13, 2022



Sunday, March 13th Daylight Saving Time Begins

4:00 PM for Elizabeth Cascone
(requested by Andy and Lynn Gayda)

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)

Monday, March 14th

8:00 AM for Geri Hawks (1st Anniversary)
(requested by St. Thomas Parish Family)

Tuesday, March 15th

8:00 AM for those whom the Church may have hurt

Wednesday, March 16th

8:00 AM for protections of children in the world

Thursday, March 17th Happy St. Patrick's Day

8:00 AM for the intentions of St. Thomas Parish Family

Friday, March 18th

No Liturgy Today

Saturday, March 19th

5:00 PM for Josephine Ciardullo
(requested by Barbara and Carmine Ciardullo)

Sunday, March 20th

7:30 AM for Deborah Tomascak
(requested by Bill and Kay Anne Davis)

9:00 AM for Lori and Bryan Marts
(requested by the Manning Family)

11:00 AM for Elizabeth Cascone
(requested by Madeline Baklik)

MONDAY, MARCH 14TH
Lenten Confessions: 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH
EVENING Monthly Bereavement
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Lower Parish Center - Large Room)

THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH
Lenten Soup Supper: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (Hall)
ZOOM New Day Bereavement: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
M.O.S.T. : 7:30 PM (Lower Parish Center - Large Room)

FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH
In-Person New Day Bereavement :
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Lower Parish Center - Large Room)

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH
Confessions: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

WHAT IS GOD SAYING
To The Parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish?
Dinner and Gathering (Church Hall)
AFTER 5:00pm Vigil Mass

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

John Butwell

Maryjane Calladio

Judith Jablonski

Kathy Wolak

and all those who have died

Readings for the week of March 13, 2022

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
Second Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19,
20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 **St. Cyril of Jerusalem,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-
51a **St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
[8a]/I Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Third Sunday of Lent

Vigil Mass Reminder

Saturday, March 19th our Vigil Mass returns to **5:00 PM** for our Spring/Summer schedule.



Collections as of March 5-6, 2022:
Needed to Meet Ordinary Operating Expenses
\$8,600.00

Weekly Collection: \$8,028.00

Monthly Parish Collection: \$3,242.00

Thank you!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 13, 2022

DONATE TO THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensure that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdioceses of Hartford are carried forward.

For the sixth year in a row, in 2021, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to over 180 local organizations in New Haven, Hartford, Litchfield Counties.. Organizations such as Carolyn's Place, Seymour-Oxford Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop and Food Bank, TEAM-Derby, Wisdom House, etc.

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.

Second Week of Lent

Jesus is on His Way to Jerusalem

[Jesus said,] "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem."

— Luke 13:32b-33



I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord: be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! — Psalm 91:14

PRAYER

O Christ, you willingly set your course to Jerusalem, and you faced death on the cross that we might live. May our new life in you give us strength and courage to advocate for those who suffer from hunger and disease. *Amen.*



St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned

to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ. ©LPi

Faith Formation MARCH Events

20 Sun	Session A	4:00-6:30p (Church Hall)
21 Mon	Session B	5:30-8:00p (Church Hall)
22 Tue	Session C (7th and 8th Grade)	4:30-6:00p (Church Hall)
24 Thu	Session C (7th and 8th Grade)	6:30-8:00p (Lower Parish Ctr)
26 Sat	Session D	9:30a-12:00p (Church Hall)
27 Sun	Liturgy of the Word <u>Sacramental Prep</u> 1st Communion-Retreat	At 9:00 Mass 10:00a-3:00p (Church Hall)



Did You Know?

In 2021, immigrants did what they have done for years - win Nobel Prizes.

Three of the four American winners of the 2021 Nobel Prizes in physics, medicine and chemistry were immigrants to the United States.

One of the immigrants came for work, another as an international student and the third fled violence in the Middle East.

An openness to immigration has helped make the United States the leading global destination for research in many different science and technology fields.

Since 2000, immigrants have been awarded 44% of the U.S. Nobel Prizes in physics, 37% in chemistry and 33% in medicine.

When immigrants achieve their dreams, their successes become our successes as well. *(Forbes, October 7, 2021)*



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-of-st-thomas-m-o-s-t>).

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 13, 2022



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



Along the Road Lenten Services for Seymour/Oxford 2022

March 2 – April 6, 2022

March 16, 2022

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

March 23, 2022

Trinity Episcopal Church
91 Church Street, Seymour
6:30 pm Soup & Bread
7:00 pm Worship

MARCH

MONTHLY BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS

Type	Date	Time	RSVP by
EVENING			
In-Person	Wed., Mar. 16th	6:30-8:00p	3/12/22
ZOOM	Mon., Mar. 21st	6:30-7:30p	3/17/22

Reservations Required for ALL Sessions.

In-Person: Facemasks are suggested.
No walk-ins accepted.

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

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



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Read to Grow is hosting our 1st annual **BIG BOOK DROP!** Celebrate National Reading Month by donating new & gently used children's books! No appointment needed, just swing by any time on the days of the drop!

WHEN: Friday March 18th 9:00-4:00

Saturday March 19th 9:00-1:00

WHERE: Read To Grow

53 School Ground Road, Branford, CT 06405

Helpful Tips:

- Donate CHILDREN'S books in good condition
- Pack books in manageably sized boxes or sturdy bags
- COUNT the number of books before you donate
- Don't donate library books, books for adults, magazines, encyclopedia sets, classroom book sets, out-dated nonfiction

Call 203-488-6800 and ask for a Books for Kids Coordinator for more info!



March 2-April 10

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 17th IMMIGRATION

Learn about services provided for people seeking to restart their lives in the safety and peace of CT. Presented by Barbara Davis, community liaison for Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS).



Mondays of Lent

Confessions: 6:00 – 6:30PM

Sunday, April 3

11:00 AM Mass

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is 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

WHAT IS GOD SAYING

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH?

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

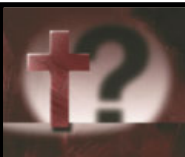
**"WHAT WILL THE FUTURE OF
OUR PARISH LOOK LIKE?"**

**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!



PARISH REGISTRATION

Why is it so important that we register in a parish?

Answer:

If Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish.

Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. ©LPi

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