



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

APRIL 3, 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



5th

SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - APRIL 3, 2022



Sunday, April 3rd	
5:00 PM	for Betty Moher (requested by the Gray Family)
7:30 AM	for Ed Slonina (3rd Anniversary) (requested by the Slonina Family)
9:00 AM	for Chester Chechoski (requested by the Moskwa Family)
11:00 AM	for John Gilmore (requested by Karen Griffin)
Monday, April 4th	
8:00 AM	for Robert S. DeLuca (1st Anniversary) (requested by St. Thomas Parish Family)
Tuesday, April 5th	
8:00 AM	for Kathryn Connors (requested by Dennis M. Ouimette)
Wednesday, April 6th	
8:00 AM	for Justine Breheny (requested by Ella and Jacek)
Thursday, April 7th	
8:00 AM	for Lorraine Falcone (1st Anniversary) (requested by St. Thomas Parish Family)
Friday, April 8th	
No Liturgy Today	
Saturday, April 9th	
5:00 PM	for Josephine Carmiciano and Robert, Eileen and Bobby Gramlich (requested by the Gramlich Family)
Sunday, April 10th	
7:30 AM	for the intentions of the St. Thomas Parish Family
9:00 AM	for Donna Bibbins (requested by St. Thomas Shawl Ministry)
11:00 AM	for Patricia Conway (requested by Al and Barbara Sauri)

SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD
Liturgy of the Word: at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses
SERVICE DAY - Confirmation (2021-2022) 9:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Church/Hall)
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during 11:00 AM Mass
In-Person Caregivers Meeting: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (Lower Parish Center - Small Room)
MONDAY, APRIL 4TH
Lenten Confessions: 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (Church)
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH
Lenten Soup Supper - WAY OF THE CROSS: Soup Supper 6:00 PM 7:00 PM Way of the Cross (Hall)
THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH
ZOOM New Day Bereavement: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH
In-Person New Day Bereavement: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Lower Parish Center - Large Room)
SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH
Confessions: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM (Church)

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.

John Butwell Henry & Loretta Ward
 Judith Jablonski Barbara DeSantis-Watts

and all those who have died, especially
Barbara Conte



Collections as of March 26-27, 2022:	
Needed to Meet Ordinary Operating Expenses	
\$8,600.00	
Weekly Collection:	\$6,234.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,174.00
Thank you!	

Readings for the week of April 3, 2022	
Sunday:	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 5th Sunday of Lent
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20 St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30 St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49 Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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APRIL Schedule

3 Sun	Liturgy of the Word	At 9:00a Mass and 11:00 Mass
	SERVICE DAY Confirmation (2021-2022)	9:00a Mass 10:00a-2:00p (Church Hall)
11 Mon	Assembling Easter Charity Bags	4:30p (Church Hall)
24 Sun	Session A	4:00-6:30p (Church Hall)
25 Mon	Session B	5:30-8:00p (Church Hall)
26 Tue	Session C (7th and 8th Grade)	4:30-6:00p (Church Hall)
27 Wed	1st Holy Communion Rehearsal	6:00p (Hall & Church)
28 Thu	Session C (7th and 8th Grade)	6:30-8:00p (Church Hall)
30 Sat	Session D	9:30a-12:00p (Church Hall)
1 Sun	Liturgy of the Word	At 9:00a Mass and 11:00 Mass

EASTER EGG CHARITY COLLECTION

Community Life along with Faith Formation will be passing out Eggs for the upcoming Easter collection for the next few weeks. They will be going to Spooner House, BH Care and St Vincent DePaul. There will be a slip of paper with an item to return by **April 10th**. We will have a collection box in the vestibule. Most items can be picked up at the Dollar store. Thank you for your support!



FRONT DAY

Saturday, May 7th

More details to come.

Contact: Marcia Franko
marciafranko@yahoo.com or call/text 203-217-2816

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.

Fifth Week of Lent

Jesus Is Anointed for Death

Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

— *John 12:3*



May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

— *Psalms 126:6 and 128:3*

PRAYER

O Christ, we give thanks that, in your suffering and death, you reveal God's glory and offer us the gift of new life. As you create a new heart in us, may our eyes be opened to new ways we can create hope and opportunity for those who hunger and live in poverty. *Amen.*



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>).




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PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Hosted at Sacred Heart Church (Southbury)
MONDAY, April 4th - 7:00 PM
(4 priests available)




**ST. THOMAS
THE APOSTLE'S** Lenten Soup Suppers

Ecumenical Soup Supper
(hosted at St. Thomas)

WEDNESDAY, April 6th

“WAY OF THE CROSS”

Members of churches of various denominations will be visiting us at 6:00 pm for a Soup Supper then Stations at 7:00 pm.



**ZOOM Care for the Caregivers
Support Group Meeting**

Tuesday, April 12th
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM


RSVP: Patricia Soos 203-785-8533 ext 3159 or
 email: psoos@aoascc.org

APRIL

MONTHLY BEREAVEMENT MEETINGS

Type	Date	Time	RSVP by
DAYTIME			
In-Person	Tues., Apr. 19th	10:30a-12:00p	4/15/22
EVENING			
In-Person	Wed., Apr. 20th	6:30-8:00p	4/16/22
ZOOM	Mon., Apr. 18th	6:30-7:30p	4/14/22

Reservations Required for ALL Sessions.
 No walk-ins accepted.
 Contact: Maryjane at 203-888-2382 ext 104.



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, APRIL 10TH

Ketchup	Pickles
BBQ Sauce	Paper Towels
Mayo	Hamburger Helper


APRIL Needs Thank you for helping!



Linden Tree Replacement

We have a beautiful Linden tree by the side of the church. It was planted as part of the church renovation in 1997. It has grown well over the years but unfortunately it is now shading the roof and causing damage to the roof and soffit. Our landscaper agrees that it's not realistic to trim off branches, so the tree will need to be removed. We would like to plant another tree to replace it, further from the building. Any ideas on a replacement tree are welcome.

David Manning
 Building and Grounds Committee
 203-888-2382

March 2-April 10

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP SAVE BABIES!

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



Lent and Holy Week 2022

CONFESSIONS

April 4 - 7:00PM Communal Penance Service
(at Sacred Heart church – Southbury- 4 priests available)
April 9 – 4:00PM – 4:45PM

WAY OF THE CROSS

Oxford- Seymour Clergy (hosted by St. Thomas) – April 6
Soup Supper – 6:00PM – Hall
Way of the Cross: 7:00PM

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

April 3 – During 11:00AM Mass
For those suffering chronic illness of body & mind
in hospitals/nursing homes

HOLY WEEK

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY April 10

Blessing & Procession of Palms – 11:00AM Mass

HOLY THURSDAY April 14 - 7:00PM

Last Supper, washing of the feet, Procession and
Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Church remains open for prayer until 10:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY April 15

3:00PM - The Passion / Death of Our Lord, Veneration of
the Wood of the Cross, Holy Communion
7:00PM - The Way of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY April 16 - 1:00PM

Blessing of Easter Food in Church Hall “*Wesolego Alleluja*”

THE EASTER VIGIL April 16 - 8:00PM

Blessing of the Easter Fire/ and Exsultet
Liturgy of the Word/Renewal of Baptismal Promises
Liturgy of the Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY – April 17 – MASSES: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM

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