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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



PALM SUNDAY

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - APRIL 10, 2022




Sunday, April 10th
 5:00 PM for Josephine Carmiciano and Robert, Eileen and Bobby Gramlich (requested by the Gramlich Family)
 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)

Monday, April 11th
 8:00 AM for Rita Spruck (1st Anniversary) (requested by St. Thomas Parish Family)

Tuesday, April 12th
 8:00 AM for Dorothy Fiore (1st Anniversary) (requested by St. Thomas Parish Family)

Wednesday, April 13th
 8:00 AM for Special Intention (requested by Elizabeth Ward)

Easter Triduum



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HOLY THURSDAY, April 14th
 7:00 PM **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
 Last Supper, washing of the feet, Procession and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
Church remains open for prayer until 10:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY, April 15th
 3:00 PM **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**
 (A Day of Fast and Abstinence)
 7:00 PM The Way of The Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 16th
 1:00 PM **BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD** (in Hall)
 8:00 PM **EASTER VIGIL MASS**


EASTER SATURDAY, April 17th
 7:30 AM for the Lapinski Family (requested by Son and Daughter)
 9:00 AM for Chet Chechoski (requested by the Lapinski Girls)
 11:00 AM for Herbert Salinas (1st Anniversary) (requested by the Mirci Family)

MONDAY, APRIL 11TH
Community Life and Faith Formation Easter Bag
Packaging: 4:30 PM (Hall)

TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH
ZOOM Caregivers: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Pastoral Council: 7:00 PM (Lower Parish Center-Lg. Rm)

FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH - OFFICE CLOSED


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 Ward
Judith Jablonski	Loretta Ward
Lucille Robert	Barbara DeSantis-Watts

and all those who have died



The Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus Christ, burns this week (4/9 - 4/16) for Josephine Carmiciano and Robert, Eileen and Bobby Gramlich requested by the Gramlich Family.

Readings for the week of April 10, 2022

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**

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11 **St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25 **St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr**

Holy Thursday: *Chrim Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:4

Holy Saturday: *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

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APRIL Schedule

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)
May 1 Sun	Liturgy of the Word	At 9:00a Mass and 11:00 Mass

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.

HOLY WEEK

Jesus Suffers Death

This man [Joseph of Arimathea] went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid."

— Luke 23:52-53

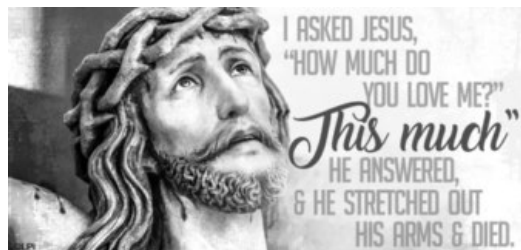


But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

— Psalm 31:14-16

PRAYER

O God, trusting in your steadfast love, your Son Jesus gave up his life for us. Now, the tomb of death has become the birthplace of new life that sustains us as we work together to save the lives of mothers and children threatened by hunger and disease. *Amen.*



Save the Date

FAITH ADVENTURE CAMP "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" JULY 18-22, 2022

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
9:00 am to Noon
Extended hours are available.



Please contact Mrs. Mascola for more information.

Family Corner

About the Gospel

Jesus goes into Jerusalem to suffer his Passion and Crucifixion. This was always part of God's plan for our salvation. While it is heartbreaking we may find comfort in knowing that Jesus chose to lay down his life to save us. Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings to read this Sunday's Scripture.

In Church

Participate in the Palm Sunday Mass as if you were transported in time back to when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem. Hold your palm branch high, join in the responses of the Passion, and think about what is happening.

Family Prayer

Lord, you suffered so much for us. Help us to be strong when we suffer and to unite our sufferings to yours. Amen.

Question of the Week: How do you feel when you are judged by others? How can you avoid making judgments about others?

Life Question: What sights, sounds, and smells do you remember from your experiences of Holy Week over the years?

Gospel Question: With which character in the Passion story do you most identify? Why?



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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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!



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED
DURING HOLY WEEK**
(Monday, 4/11 - Friday, 4/15)



Can You Spare a Few Hours on May 7th?

Specifically, can you help with the St. Thomas HomeFront project?

WHAT is HomeFront?

It is a community-based, volunteer-driven home repair program that provides FREE repairs to low-income homeowners, thus enabling them to remain in their homes with an improved quality of life.

WHEN? Saturday, May 7th

WHERE? Our project will be helping Susan, a single Mom in Seymour with home repairs inside and out.

WHO DO WE NEED? YOU!

People of varying skill levels - skills with outdoor steps, railings, and maybe concrete repair, and/or painting skills and some general labor - willing to help wherever needed. There is always a special need for afternoon volunteers. Anyone aged **14 or older** is welcome to be part of the team; those between the ages of 14 and 18 need parental consent.

Please call or text Marcia Franko (Volunteer Coordinator) at 203-217-2816 or e-mail at marciafranko@yahoo.com to VOLUNTEER or ask a question.



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

Thank you for helping!

APRIL

Needs



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			
ZOOM	Mon., Apr. 18th	6:30-7:30p	4/14/22
In-Person	Wed., Apr. 20th	6:30-8:00p	4/16/22

Reservations Required for ALL Sessions.

No walk-ins accepted.

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



Carolyn's Place
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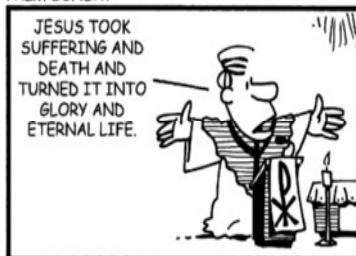
Thank you

Dear Fr. Shepard and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish,
We would like to express our sincere gratitude for sponsoring another Baby Bottle Boomerang for Carolyn's Place which raised a total of **\$1,090.00**.

Thank you to all those who participated and especially to Maryjane Calladio for coordinating this event.

*Gabriela Crespo
Business & Project Manager*

PALM SUNDAY





HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

April 10, 11:00AM Mass
Blessing & Procession of Palms

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
"Wesolego Alleluja" (Church Hall)
8:00PM - Easter Vigil Mass
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



Question:

Why is it so important that we register in a parish?
Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer:

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.

"Everyone Counts at Saint Thomas"
Have you returned your registration form yet?

MASS ETIQUETTE

A Few Suggestions/ Reminders From the Parish Liturgy Committee

Arrive on Time: when invited to someone's home it's courteous to be punctual (unless there is an emergency), the same is true for Mass.

When you're with other people on a special occasion: it's important to participate, not check messages on your smart phone, or suggest you're not going to sing "Happy Birthday" when others are singing, because "I don't like to sing!"

If others around you are engaged in listening to someone, it's impolite to interrupt them by your distracting conversation with someone else. So it is similar when parishioners wish to pray before/ after Mass but are distracted by others talking around them. If there is a need to talk with someone the more appropriate place to do so would be in the vestibule of the church.

What is proper dress for a Wedding or Funeral?
Work places and golf courses have dress codes, so does the Vatican when you have an audience with the Pope. Should we be less attentive to decorum in what we wear when we come to the House of the Lord?

Why/where do we genuflect when we enter a Catholic church? In every Catholic Church there is a Tabernacle where the body of the Risen Lord is reserved to be brought to the dying and sick. Church law requires a candle to be burning next to it, and we genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle in honor and respect of the real presence of the Lord Jesus among us. We do not genuflect to the altar or crucifix.

If someone were to read the Declaration of Independence, would we act as it was not meaningful to us? So it is with the proclamation of the Word of God in Scripture. God's Word demands our attention and silence. Babies and children are always welcome in church, but if they're having a "bad day" it's best to take a "time out" in the vestibule of the church where there are speakers and seats and doors to feel a part of Mass.

When you visit a friend or family's home do you sneak out before you can say good-bye?
So it is at the conclusion of Mass, please allow the priest and other ministers the opportunity exit before you do.

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