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Monday - Thursday: 8:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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or by appointment

EASTER SUNDAY

the  
*Resurrection*  
of the  
*Lord*



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# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - APRIL 17, 2022



**Sunday, 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 18th**  
 8:00 AM for Herbert Salinas (1st Anniversary)  
 (requested by St. Thomas Parish Family)

**Tuesday, April 19th**  
 8:00 AM for Jimmy Principi (1st Anniversary)  
 (requested by St. Thomas Parish Family)

**Wednesday, April 20th**  
 8:00 AM for Frank Power  
 (requested by Joan Downey)

**Thursday, April 21st**  
 8:00 AM for Tommy Caruso (1st Anniversary)  
 (requested by St. Thomas Parish Family)

**Friday, April 22nd**  
 No Liturgy Today

**Saturday, April 23rd**  
 5:00 PM for Bill Riordan  
 (requested by Marianne Riordan)

**Sunday, April 24th**  
 7:30 AM for Ed Lapinski (2nd Anniversary)  
 (requested by Niece and Nephew)  
 9:00 AM for Charlotte Cassidy  
 (requested by Roger and Virginia Kiehl)  
 11:00 AM for Michael Luce  
 (requested by Carol Laurino)

**MONDAY, APRIL 18TH**  
**ZOOM Bereavement:** 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
**Social Justice:** 7:00 PM (Lower Parish Center- Large Rm)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH**  
**DAYTIME Monthly Bereavement:**  
 10:30 AM - Noon (Lower Parish Center - Large Room)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH**  
**EVENING Monthly Bereavement**  
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Lower Parish Center - Large Room)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST**  
**ZOOM New Day Bereavement:** 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
**M.O.S.T. :** 7:30 PM (Lower Parish Center - Large Room)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND**  
**In-Person New Day Bereavement :**  
 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Lower Parish Center - Large Room)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD**  
**Confessions:** 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH**  
**Faith Formation:** 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (Church Hall)

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 (4/16- 4/23) for a Special Intention requested by the Elizabeth Ward.

**Readings for the week of April 17, 2022**

**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

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/ Mt 28:8-15 **Monday within the Octave of Easter St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18 **Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35 **Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48 **Thursday within the Octave of Easter; St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/ Jn 21:1-14 **Friday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day**

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15 **Saturday within the Octave of Easter; St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr**

**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/ Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31 **2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy); St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr**



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## Family Faith Formation

### APRIL Schedule

<b>11</b> Mon	Assembling Easter Charity Bags	4:30p (Church Hall)
<b>24</b> Sun	Session A	4:00-6:30p (Church Hall)
<b>25</b> Mon	Session B	5:30-8:00p (Church Hall)
<b>26</b> Tue	Session C (7th and 8th Grade)	4:30-6:00p (Church Hall)
<b>27</b> Wed	1st Holy Communion Rehearsal	6:00p (Hall & Church)
<b>28</b> Thu	Session C (7th and 8th Grade)	6:30-8:00p (Church Hall)
<b>30</b> Sat	Session D	9:30a-12:00p (Church Hall)
<b>May 1</b> Sun	Children's Liturgy of the Word	At 9:00a Mass and 11:00 Mass

### Family Corner

#### About the Gospel

#### Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Easter Sunday brings joy, hope, and encouragement to all Christians throughout the world. The Risen Jesus appears to the Apostles in the locked room to give them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

#### In Church

At the end of Mass, say,

"Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!"

#### Family Prayer

Jesus, thank you for coming to be our Savior. We praise your goodness and joyfully sing Alleluia at the news of your Resurrection. Amen.

**Question of the Week:** Imagine that you discovered Jesus' empty tomb. How would you feel? What would you do?

**Life Question:** What insight into the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection have you experienced during Holy Week, especially in the liturgies?

**Gospel Question:** In what sense is each of us Mary Magdalene in the Easter Gospel?

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.



## RESURRECTION ROLLS RECIPE

1 Can Pillsbury Crescent Dough  
8 Large Marshmallows  
Cinnamon & Sugar mixed together in a bowl  
Water



*A fun Easter treat that teaches children (and adults!) the real reason behind the holiday of Easter. These resurrection rolls are so easy to make and absolutely delicious!*

1. First, gather the kids together (or your significant other, grandparents, aunts, uncle, whoever). Get your ingredients out and preheat the oven to 375°F. Spray a cookie sheet with cooking spray or line with parchment paper.
2. Unroll the crescent rolls, separating each triangle. **Explain that this is like the cloth they wrapped Jesus in.**
3. Give your child a marshmallow and explain that it represents **Jesus. It's white and pure because He was without sin.**
4. Roll the marshmallow in a small bowl of water. **This symbolizes the embalming oils.**
5. Now, roll the marshmallow in the cinnamon & sugar mixture. **This is like the spices used to prepare his body for burial.**
6. Place marshmallow in the top of the crescent roll and roll into a crescent roll shape, then secure the sides by tucking them under and pinching them closed. **This represents how they wrapped Jesus' body.**
7. Place crescent rolls on cookie sheet and **place in the oven (symbolizing the tomb)** and bake in preheated oven for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown.
8. When the cook time is up, remove rolls from oven. When they're cool enough to handle, let your child(ren) open one and discover what happened to the marshmallow. **It's disappeared! This signifies how Jesus has been resurrected.**

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### Care for the Caregivers Support Group

**In-Person  
Sunday, May 1st**

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

*Reservations Required. No walk-ins accepted.  
Facemasks are suggested.*

RSVP by **4/27/2022**

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



### 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>).



Save  
the  
Date



**FRONT DAY**

### 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](mailto:marciafranko@yahoo.com) to VOLUNTEER or ask a question.

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

It has been over twenty years since the last St. Thomas Census took place, and now we need to update our files! The New Census began in March 2019 with New Census Forms - unfortunately the COVID-19 arrived, preventing some from participating.

Parishioners are now reminded to take the form found in the church vestibule home and return it, by next Sunday, either by mail or in the church vestibule. The new Census form may also be found on our website [www.stthomasoxford.org](http://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!*

We don't want to leave anyone out because:

**"EVERYONE COUNTS AT ST. THOMAS!"**

**DONATE TO THE  
ARCHBISHOP'S  
ANNUAL APPEAL**

### 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.

*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.*



### Pray for Our Troops

*Dear Heavenly Father,  
Hold our troops in your loving hands.  
Protect them as they protect us.  
Bless them and their families  
for the selfless acts they perform  
for us in our time of need.*

Please stop a moment and say a prayer for our troops (land, air, and sea). There is a sheet in the vestibule to sign for your loved one who is in the military.



# AND THEN ... *Everything Changed*

EASTER SUNDAY

“...and Jesus said, “whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, Mary Magdalen said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him away.” And Jesus said to her, “Mary”.....John 20: 15-16

Is this Jesus alive? How do you know? Have you seen him? Why would you believe that someone, after three days in a grave, has been restored to life? We can learn a lesson from Mary of Magdela.

Her life when she met this Jesus, was crowded with demons. And when he drove them out, her emptiness was filled only with him. Her life would never be the same since this encounter. Mary now knew what real love was all about.

But then he was taken from her, put through a sham trial, tortured, and finally executed in front of her eyes, helplessly nailed to a cross. And she felt helpless too. Oh, she must have thought, “He saved me, but I cannot save him.” And then after three hours, it was over - he died -before her eyes.

Three days later, crushed by grief, on the first day of the week she went to the tomb where they had put him. What horror when she peered into the tomb and discovered it was empty- the final indignity – grave robbers.

Jesus asked Mary, “Whom are you looking for?” He asks you and me that same question: “who are you, or I, looking for in our lives?” If it isn’t for a personal relationship with Jesus, then what else or who else will take his place in our hearts? Many have come to ask that question of themselves because of the Covid-19 epidemic.

How does Mary Magdalen come to recognize that he is alive? Because he calls her by her name! So close was she to her savior that immediately when he spoke her name she knew it was him.

For us, following her example, we must so attune the ears of our soul to his voice speaking to us every day that it is like answering our phone, and hearing the voice of someone who truly loves us.

This requires a commitment: to prayer, to living a sacramental life so we can encounter Jesus every time we come to holy Mass, and to surrounding ourselves with others who also are searching to find this Jesus. There will be times when we want to give up, overwhelmed by temptations and distractions and health scares. But he will ALWAYS be there for us, waiting to call us by name!

A very Blessed Easter Season to you!

*Father Tom*

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