



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

MAY 15, 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

LOVE



"Love one another."

JOHN 13:34A

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 15, 2022



Sunday, May 15th
 5:00 PM for Frank Synos
 (requested by Carl and Pat Miller)
 7:30 AM for Donald Martinelli, Jr.
 (requested by Timothy, Melissa and Michael McGowen)
 9:00 AM for Jose Rosa
 (requested by the Martins Family)
 11:00 AM for the families of our 1st Holy Communicants
 12:30 PM **BAPTISM:**
Luca Federowicz and Livie Giordano

Monday, May 16th
 8:00 AM for Donald Barry (2nd Anniversary)
 (requested by Liz Barry)

Tuesday, May 17th
 8:00 AM for the intentions of St. Thomas Parish Family

Wednesday, May 18th
 8:00 AM for Joann Laezzo (1st Anniversary)
 (requested by sisters: Barbara Laezzo,
 and Liz and William Giancarli)

Thursday, May 19th
 8:00 AM For those who suffer domestic violence

Friday, May 20th
 No Liturgy Today

Saturday, May 21st
 5:00 PM for Frank Synos
 (requested by his wife)

Sunday, May 22nd
 7:30 AM for all parishioners living and deceased
 9:00 AM for William E. Fox
 (requested by Mel Turner)
 11:00 AM for Lori and Bryan Marts
 (requested by the Manning Family)

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH
Children's Liturgy of the Word: at 9:00 AM Mass
1st Holy Communion: at 11:00 AM Mass

MONDAY, MAY 16TH
ZOOM Bereavement: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Social Justice: 7:00 PM (Lower Parish Center-Large Room)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18TH
EVENING In-Person Monthly Bereavement:
 6:30 AM - 8:00 PM (Lower Parish Center - Large Room)

SATURDAY, MAY 21ST
Confessions: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM (Church)

SUNDAY, MAY 22ND
Crowning at the Grotto of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue:
 AFTER 11:00 AM Mass for all parishioners.
 St. Thomas' 1st Communion Children will be leading the
 procession and praying the Glorious Mysteries
 of the Holy Rosary.

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.

Vinnie Braza	Susan Manne
John Butwell	Bob Potter
Marge DePalmer	Barbara Rehel
Helene Dykes	Tom Wetmore
Judith Jablonski	

and all those who have died

Please Note:
 Names will appear in the bulletin for 4-weeks and then removed unless their name is resubmitted by calling the parish office. Using this method we can keep names current. Thank you for your cooperation.



Collections as of May 7-8, 2022:
 Needed to Meet Ordinary Operating Expenses

\$8,600.00

Weekly Collection: \$8,644.00

Thank you!

Readings for the week of May 15, 2022

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/
 Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 **5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore**

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; Armed Forces Day

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/
 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29 **6th Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 15, 2022

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

Tuesday, May 24th

10:00 AM

On Comcast Channel 9



**HEALTHY
HEARING
HABITS**



Being able to hear well has benefits well beyond staying connected with loved ones. It helps keep you safe — you need to hear car horns and smoke alarms for them to help. And it improves balance, leading to fewer falls. To help keep your hearing strong, try these tips.

Don't use cotton swabs

You could damage your ear canal or eardrum. If your ears feel too waxy or dirty, or if you think there might be something in your ear, call your doctor.

Keep the volume low

When you're wearing headphones or earbuds, be sure to keep them at a low volume. One way to know if it's too loud: Take them off. If you can still clearly hear what you were listening to, the volume is too high.

Wear earplugs

They help block outdoor noise like lawn mowers and traffic, which can damage hearing. Earplugs work inside, too, for noisy blenders and vacuum cleaners.

Get your hearing checked regularly

The earlier you detect hearing loss, the greater your chances of treating it successfully. Talk to your doctor about how often you should get your hearing.



The Social Justice committee is sponsoring a Diaper Drive between Mother's Day and Father's Day for the Connecticut Partnership for Children (CTPFC).

Items needed are larger diaper sizes (4,5,6) and wipes. Any extra baby items are always appreciated and useful for our families such as diaper cream, baby lotion and soaps. Items may be left in the church vestibule.

Saint Michael Roman Catholic Church,
25 Maple Ave., Beacon Falls, CT, 203-729-2504

Spring Fair & Raffle

Food – Fun – Fellowship

12 CASH PRIZES
TOTALING \$10,000!!
Drawing at 4:00 pm

Ladies' Guild
Baskets

Sunday

May 22, 2022

Food by our
Men's Club

10:00am to 4:00pm

Live entertainment by
Full Circle, and Juke Box
Bingo

Kids'
Zone

Vendors and local
crafters will be selling
their specialties.

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SPRING RAFFLE

First Prize \$5,000
Second-Fourth Prize \$1,000
Fifth-Seventh Prize \$500
Eighth-Twelfth Prize \$100

Ticket Price: \$20 each

Drawing: Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 4:00 PM
In the St. Michael Church Park (next to the church)

Thank you for your support!

**This is our major fundraiser for 2022!!
All proceeds go to St. Michael Church!!**



**Our Weekly
St. Thomas Bulletin**

Do you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive the weekly bulletin? If so, please contact Maryjane in the parish office at 203-888-2382, ext.104.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Anyone wishing to have an event, meeting or any other information in the bulletin, please submit a fully detailed summary of it to the office via email (office@stthomasoxford.org) by the **MONDAY before** the Sunday you want it published. Please do not send it in a PDF file. Please put "BULLETIN" in the subject line and the dates you would like it in the bulletin. Thank you!



Archdiocese of Hartford
Office of Safe Environment
467 Bloomfield Ave.
Bloomfield, CT 06002



**HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE
TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD**

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
kathleen.nowosadko@aoht.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the [Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults](#). This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

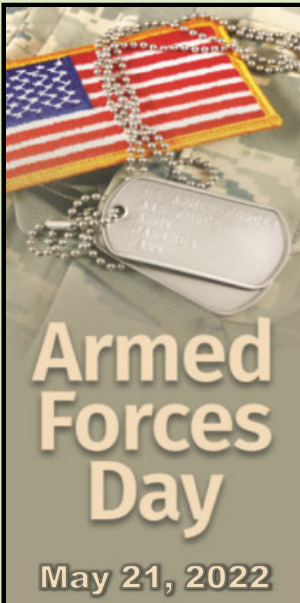
Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:
State Department of Children and Families Care-line
1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:
Connecticut Department of Developmental Services – AID Division
for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:
Department of Social Services for the Elderly
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.



Prayer for Our Armed Forces

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, on this Armed Forces Day, we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess.

We ask you to bless the members of our armed forces.

Give them courage, hope and strength.

May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing.

Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

CROWNING AT THE GROTTO

of the

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY STATUE

Join us on ...

Sunday, May 22nd

after the 11:00AM Mass to honor Mary, the Mother of God, with the St. Thomas the Apostle First Communion Children leading at procession and praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.



DONATE TO THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference.

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.

"NO TIME IS EVER LOST BY PRAYER, FOR THOSE WHO PRAY ARE WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD"
- ST. ISIDORE



LOVE FLOWERS

LOVE GARDENING

LOVE ST. THOMAS PARISH?

As we draw closer to Summer, the parish family invite your gardening gifts by the end of May.

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