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Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday: 10:30am

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Wednesday through Friday 9:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00pm or by appointment

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

Saturday: *5:30pm Sunday: *8:30am & 7pm

Weekday Masses: No weekday Mass until 01-31-22

*=This Mass streamed live

Reconciliation: Sunday 8:00am or by appointment

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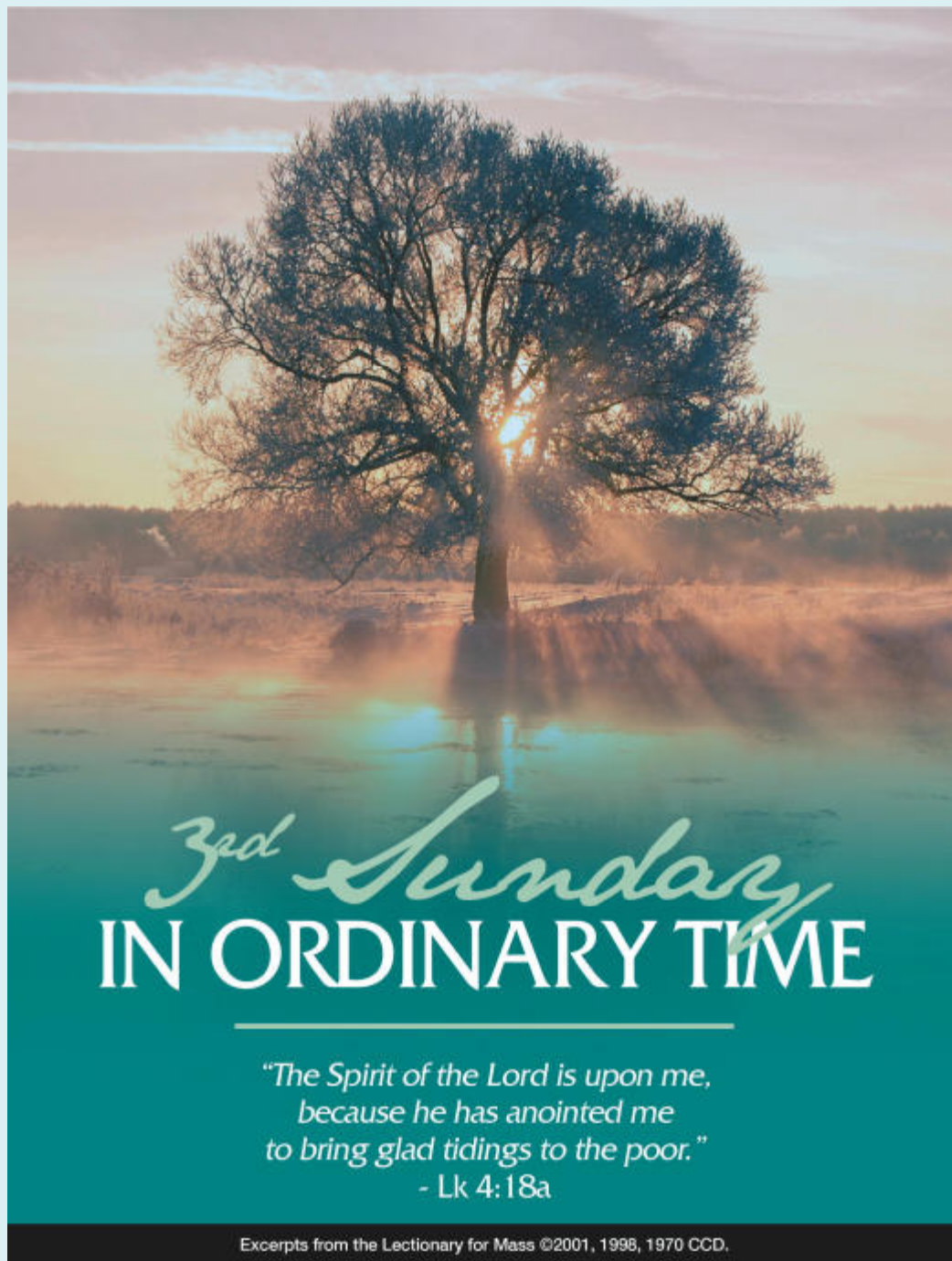
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"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."
- Lk 4:18a

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Our Lady Queen of Peace

... is the Catholic Community comprised of Saint Mary Church in Coventry and Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel in Storrs at the University of Connecticut

We are committed to serving God and His people as we continue our journey of faith.

We are grateful to the Lord for your presence with us and look forward to including you in all areas of our life together.



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Pastor &
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Deadline for bulletin submissions: Monday by 3pm. Send to bulletin@olqop.com

Sacrament Certificates

Sacramental records in the Roman Catholic Church are always recorded at the parish in which you were baptized, regardless of where the other sacraments were conferred.

If you were baptized at Saint Mary or Saint Thomas Aquinas and you need a copy of any of your sacramental certificates (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, etc.) please reach out to Eileen at Saint Mary Church at 860-742-0681 or by email eileen@olqop.com

Engaged Couples

Couples need to reach out to the Parish office at least six months prior to the wedding to begin the preparation process.

New Parents

Congratulations! Now please contact Eileen to register for baptism preparation.

Sanctuary Candle Memorials

The Sanctuary Candles which burn near the Tabernacles at Saint Mary and Saint Thomas are available for one-week memorials, Sunday to Saturday, for \$15.00. Please contact Eileen at Saint Mary or Ernie at Saint Thomas to have the candle lit in remembrance of your beloved deceased.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sharon Albert • Mary Attardo • Craig Barnes • Suzy Bender
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John Oshman • Mary Ann Pawlina • Anthime Pelletier
Celeste Perno • John Riedel Jr. • Barbara Rychilin
Barbara Temm • Marianne Petr-Wall
Henrietta Wood • Victor Zetterstrom Jr.

Homebound: Marilyn Turner

*If you know someone who is sick and in need of prayer,
please let us know*

Prayer Requests

Who do you call when you need prayers for loved ones, friends, or even for your own intentions???

The Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Network!

We are your fellow parishioners who have formed a prayer phone chain to pray along with you through sickness, loss of loved ones, financial problems, and for anything that brings worry or sorrow.

These prayerful petitions are also added to the prayer intentions at First Friday Devotions at 7pm on the First Friday of the month at Saint Mary Church.

To start the prayer network simply call the Church offices either at St. Thomas Aquinas or St. Mary; or call the coordinator Laurie Felix-860-742-9495. You can always leave a message. **If you would like to be one of our Prayer Warriors**, call Laurie Felix.



Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Offering

For January 16, 2022

Weekly	9,874.72
Upkeep	712.00
Other	510.00
TOTAL	11,096.72

Thank you for your generosity

2021 Contribution Statements

If you need a 2021 contribution statement for your tax return, please contact Jennifer at 860-742-0681 ext 202 or at jennifer@olqop.com. Jennifer is in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

New to the Bulletin/Upcoming Events



Knights of Columbus

French Meat Pie Dinner

The St. Jude Council will be hosting a **Take-Out only French Meat Pie Dinner** on **Saturday, January 22nd**, starting at **5:00 PM at St. Mary Church**. The cost for the dinner is \$15.00, and includes French Meat Pie, carrots, Cole slaw, bread and butter, and a dessert. Beverages will not be provided. Orders will be taken from your cars in the parking lot, and food will be delivered to your car. Masks are required. Whole meat pies will be sold after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, 1/23, for \$20.00. To reserve your whole pie, or for more info, contact Dan Garafola at dgarafola.smpc@live.com or Rick Parr at rick.parr@hotmail.com – phone: (860) 742-9818.



— Date Change —

Women's Retreat: *Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist & Everyday Life*

Ladies, join us for this **FREE virtual (Zoom) Women's Retreat** on Saturday, January 29, 2022, from 9am-3:30pm presented by women from **Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Coventry/Storrs**.

Unite for a day of talks, discussion, prayer, reflection, & song. Hear about encountering Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist at Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, & everyday life. Fr. Jonathan Ficara will start us off with a prayer. Hear an engaging presentation by Deacon John Hunt from the archdiocese of Boston plus discussions of personal experiences from women like you. Don't miss this opportunity. **Limited to 50. Register by 1/24/2022.** To register, email Elizabeth Percy at: tiggpercy@hotmail.com



Dangerously Low Blood Supply

Give blood Jan.1 through 31 and you'll be entered for a chance to win an exciting **Super Bowl LVI getaway in LA** for you and a guest!

As an extra thank-you from the Red Cross, those who come to donate by Jan 31 will also be **automatically entered to win a home theater package and a \$500 e-gift card.**

redcrossblood.org

SAVE THE DATE

Our Lady Queen of Peace
2022 Women's ACTS Retreat
May 12-15

Enders Island Retreat Center

Contact Elizabeth at tiggpercy@gmail.com

Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of OLQOP, Catholic Charities of Willimantic was able to provide 130 families with Turkey dinners for Thanksgiving and 121 children received toys for Christmas. Thank you all for your continued support.



Can you help us help new parents who are struggling? Requests for our services continue to be overwhelming and we are quickly running out of resources for our Pregnancy/Parenting program. We are in need of **diapers** especially sizes 5 & 6, **wipes**, **baby bottles**, and **baby toiletries**. If you are in a position to help, you can drop off your donation at our locations in Norwich, New London, and Willimantic, or call 860-889-8346 for more information. Thank you for your prayers and support. Our clients thank you as well!; *"I thank God for you all"*

Temporary Change in Mass Schedule

SAINT MARY

Saturday Vigil: **4pm**

Sunday: **10:30am**

Weekday Masses:

New! Monday 9am

Tuesday **6pm**

Wednesday – Friday **9am**

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

Saturday Vigil: ***5:30pm**

Sunday: ***8:30am & 7:00pm**

** = these Masses are livestreamed*

Weekday Masses:

planned to resume January 31

Are you grieving from an Abortion?

Trust in the mercy of God's love. Consider these words from St. John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion: *"The church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope....The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord."* (Evangelium Vitae, no. 99). Call **Project Rachel**, the church's post-abortion healing program, for a confidential referral to a priest who can help: **860-861-4439**.



WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)



PSALM

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)



SECOND READING

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)



GOSPEL

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

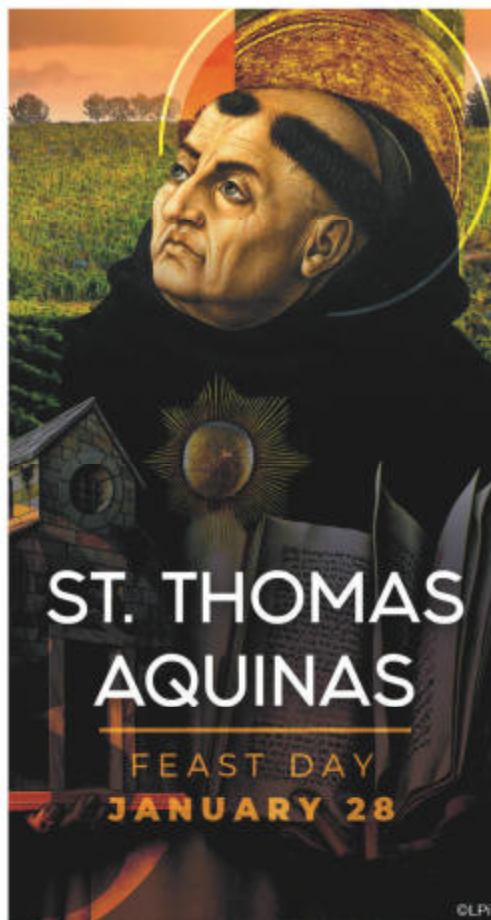
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Monday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Wednesday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Thursday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

Mass Intentions

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY

- 3:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Mary
 4:00pm † **Chick Bowen**, r/b Barbara Koepke
 5:30pm † **Dorothea Mercier**, r/b Jeanne Haas

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

- 8:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Thomas Aquinas
 8:30am † **For Those Who Died In the Pandemic**
 10:30am † **Angela Bowen**, r/b Mike and Mary Cross
 7:00pm **For the People of the Parish**

MONDAY

- 9:00am **Birthday Blessings for Dina Garafola**, r/b Dan
 2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church

TUESDAY

- 2-6pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church
 6:00pm **Barbara Koepke get well soon**, r/b Janice and Denver

WEDNESDAY

- 9:00am **Healing Prayers for Gail Strycharz**, r/b Laurie Felix
 2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church

THURSDAY

- 9:00am **Birthday Blessing for Nancy DeFilippo**, r/b Dina and Dan
 2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church

FRIDAY SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

- 9:00am **For the People of the Parish**
 2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY

- 3:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Mary
 4:00pm † **Clifton LaBrec**, r/b Michelle and Dave
 5:30pm † **Walter Koss**, requested by Colleen & Ernie Golnik

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

- 8:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Thomas Aquinas
 8:30am † **Donald DeAndrea**, r/b John Bruno
 10:30am **For the People of the Parish**
 7:00pm † **Alana Chen**, requested by the OLQOP Parish Family

INTO THE BREACH

A VIRTUAL DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MEN

January 29, 2022, 9am – 3pm

Into the Breach is an apostolic exhortation by Bishop Olmstead of Phoenix which explores the need for men to step into the breach in the battle for the family. The Knights of Columbus has produced a series of 12 videos based on Bishop Olmstead's work.

The Day of Reflection on January 29, 2022, from 9:00am-3:00pm will include prayer, presentations, talks and discussions on topics of Masculinity, Brotherhood and Fatherhood. For additional information and to pre-register contact David Imhof by phone 860 604-4710 or by email to imhofda@aol.com

Weekly Happenings

SATURDAY

- 5:00pm **French Meat Pie Take-Out Dinner**, Saint Mary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

- 12:00nn **AA meeting**, Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel Basement
 9:00am **Faith Formation**, Pre-K & K
 5:00pm **Faith Formation**, Confirmation

MONDAY

- 7:00pm **Rosary and Novena**, Saint Mary Church
 5:00pm **Faith Formation**, Grades 1-4

TUESDAY

- 10:00am Staff Meeting
 5:00pm **Faith Formation**, Grades 5-8
 7:00pm **Haiti Committee**

WEDNESDAY

- 5:30pm **AA Meeting**, Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel Basement
 7:00pm **Legion of Mary**, Saint Mary

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

No Events

SATURDAY

- 9:00am **Ladies Retreat**, (Zoom)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

- 12:00nn **AA meeting**, Saint Thomas Aquinas Chapel Basement

~ All Events planned to be 'live' unless otherwise noted ~

Join us for the

DIOCESAN VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

STREAMING WEDNESDAY NIGHTS,

January 26 to March 2, 2022, from 6:30- 8 PM

We will be reading and discussing

Tobit's Dog

by Michael Nicholas Richard

This is the retelling of the biblical story of Tobit, set in North Carolina during the Depression. It brings life in surprising ways to the beloved Old Testament characters, including the important but often overlooked family dog.

Our book club moderator will be Andrea Hoisl, Director of the Office of Faith Events.

Space is limited, for details and to register Please contact Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or 860-848-2237 ext. 304

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