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Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00p.m. or by appointment

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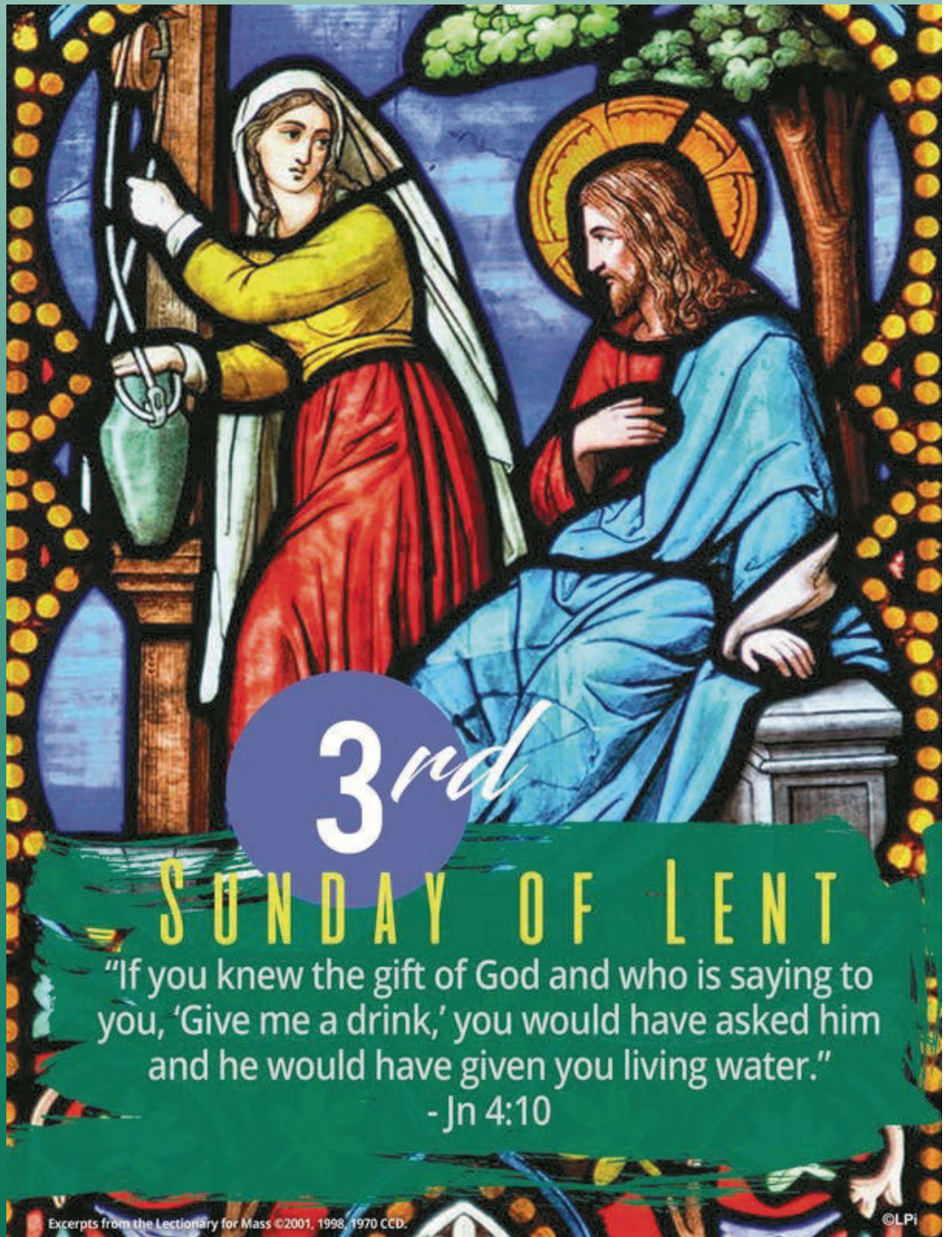
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SUNDAY OF LENT

"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

- Jn 4:10

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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Deadline for bulletin submissions is Monday at noon.

Send to bulletin@olqop.com

Sacrament Certificates

Sacrament 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 St. Mary's or St. Thomas Aquinas and you need a copy of your sacramental certificates (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, etc.) please reach out to Eileen at St. Mary's 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 wedding to begin the preparation process.

New Parents

Congratulations! Now please contact Eileen to register for baptism preparation, which is held monthly.

Sanctuary Candle Memorials

The Sanctuary Candles which burn near the Tabernacles at St. Mary's and St. Thomas Aquinas are available for one-week memorials, Saturday to Friday, for \$15.00.

This week the sanctuary candle burns in memory **of Bob Noble** as requested by Debbie.

Please contact the office to have the candle lit in remembrance of your beloved deceased.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sharon Albert • Mary Attardo • Ted Beebe.

Suzy Bender • Nancy Caye • Andrew Cullen • Norman & Elizabeth Cyr • Gary Demko • Jerome Gasper • Joan Gianelli • Alma Graham •

Trudy Johnson • Paul Jurgelonis • Tom Koepke • Tersea Larsen •

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Mary Ann Pawlina • Anthime Pelletier • Matthew Pelletier

Armand Richard • Steven Robertson • Ronald Roy • Marilyn Turner

Lydia Whitcomb • Sherry Zeno • Juel Moan

Victor Zetterstorm Jr • Patrick Stenglein • Debbie Simons

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

Prayer Requests

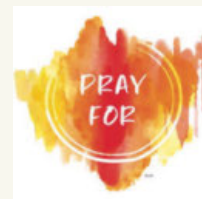
Who do you call when you need prayers for loved ones, friends, or even for your own intentions???

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.



Parish Announcements and Events

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Parish Offering

For March 5, 2023

Weekly	18,635.00
Upkeep	1,835.00
Rice Bowl (Envelope)	294.00
Other	2,436.00
TOTAL	\$23,200.00

Thank you for your generosity!

2022 Contribution Statements

If you need a 2022 contribution statement for your tax return, please contact Jennifer at (860)742-0681 ext 202 or at jennifer@olqop.com

Mass Schedule for this week only (UConn on Spring Break)

Monday 9:00AM
Tuesday 6:00PM
Wednesday 9:00AM
Thursday 9:00AM
Friday 9:00AM

All Masses will be held at Saint Mary's.

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday evening at 7:00pm at St. Mary's & St. Thomas Aquinas.

Opportunities for Confession during Lent

There are additional opportunities for you to receive the sacrament of confession throughout this Lenten season. Schedule will be as follows.

ST MARY'S

Saturdays from 2:15-3:45PM.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS

Fridays from 3:00-4:30PM

Saturdays from 3:45-5:15PM

Sundays from 3:00-4:00PM

During 24 Hours for the Lord, March 17 & 18.

Additionally on March 17 there will be confession at St. Mary's following the 9:00AM Mass - 11:30AM. On March 18 there will be confession at St. Thomas Aquinas from 10:00AM -12 Noon.

Service Project Collection

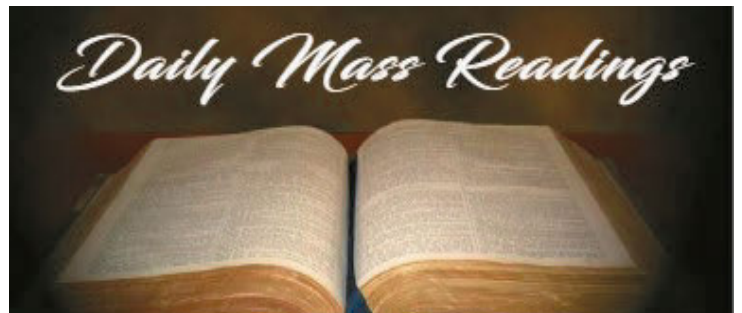
We are in need of people to assist us as part of a service project opportunity for our Confirmation Students, we will be collecting personal care items for Catholic Charities for Lent this year. Most needed items are: Shampoo, conditioner, moisturizers, toothpaste, toothbrushes, chapstick, deodorant, tissue, bar soap, liquid soap. Collection boxes are in the entrances of both churches until April 1st. Thank you!

Easter Collection for Catholic Charities

Please join our Faith Formation classes as we collect items to make Easter Baskets for Catholic Charities. Last year thanks to your generosity we were able to help Catholic Charities distribute Easter Baskets to 29 very happy children! Most needed items are baskets, cellophane bags and bows, candy and small toys. Thank you for your charitable contributions to Catholic Charities, you are making a difference in many lives.

Help Needed

Help is needed to pick up bread at Highland Park Market on the 1st Thursday of the month, after 8:30am and deliver it to the Covenant Soup Kitchen on Valley Street in Willimantic. If you can help with this important ministry, or have any questions please contact Rick Parr at rick.parr@hotmail.com or (860) 742-9818. Thank you!



Monday, Mar 13:	2 Kings 5:1-15ab, Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday, Mar 14:	Daniel 34-43, Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday, Mar 15:	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9, Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday, Mar 16:	Jeremiah 7:23-28, Luke 11:14-23
Friday, Mar 17:	Hosea 14:2-10, Mark 12:28-34
Saturday, Mar 18:	Hosea 6:1-6, Luke 18:9-14
Sunday, Mar 19:	1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

Go to <http://www.usccb.org/> for readings online.

Friday Night Soup & Stations

Your Knights of Columbus Council 4313 invites all parishioners to our annual Soup Before Stations Meal every Friday at 6:00pm during Lent in the St. Mary Church Hall. **Make it one of your Lenten resolutions to join us for Soup and Stations.** Soup of the week will be as follows: 3/17 - Chunky Vegetable. 3/24 - Veggie Tortilla. 3/31 - Clam Chowder

The Chosen... Season 3

Join us at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center to view the third season of The Chosen. We will be watching the following episodes: 1&2 on March 4, 3&4 on March 18, 5&6 on March 25, and 7&8 on April 1. All showings will be starting at 7:00pm.

SAVE THE DATE: April 22, 2023

April 22, 2023 will be the annual wine tasting/food pairing/silent auction to benefit our twinned parish in Les Palmes, Haiti. This event will be held at the St. Mary Hall. Tickets are not sold at the door, information will be given to purchase tickets. We are also looking for items (baskets, gift certificates, items) to be used for the silent auction. If you are willing to donate to the silent auction, please call Lou Friedrich at (860) 872-4189.

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council St Jude 4313 held a membership drive and we might have missed you. Whether you become a individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join today simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our council #4313 for more information. You can join for free online thru June 30 using promo code "blessedmcgivney."

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at (860) 337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.



Pictured above are some of the students in our women's group enjoying a evening of painting and fun! Please continue to pray for all the young people in our community!

Reflection for March 12, 2023 The Third Sunday of Lent

When I became the pastor of a large parish, I soon found myself, for the first time in my life, riddled with anxiety, headaches, difficulty making decisions, and fatigue. I called a therapist friend and told her my symptoms and asked if she thought I needed a serious medical exam. She said, "how much water do you drink?" I told her, "I haven't had time to drink water lately." She responded, "You're chronically dehydrated. Drink eight-five ounces a day and call me in a week." I started guzzling water and in a week all my symptoms went away. I felt great. Like me, the people in the Exodus wanderings were dehydrated. But unlike me, they knew it. Their symptoms were bad. They fight with each other. They accuse God of being a monster who wants them and their children to die of thirst. Their thirst drives them to plot the bloody assassination of the man who rescued them. God responds by using Moses to strike a rock from which rivers of living water flow to quench their thirst for years to come. The Holy Spirit is the living water of love which flows from the pierced side of Jesus, the new Moses. What symptoms in your life suggest you're spiritually dehydrated? Anger at God? Cynicism at your leaders? Bitter rivalry and bickering with others? Don't panic. Of course we have these symptoms. Ask God to provide his water to quench your spiritual thirst, and he will. And all those symptoms will soon disappear. - Father John Muir LPI

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you for your past support of the Annual Catholic Appeal which provides funds for many pastoral, educational, and charitable ministries within the Diocese of Norwich. As we embark on our 2023 ACA, One Faith, One Family, we thank God for the strength and love we have received from him during this past year, when we, relying on our ONE FAITH, have uplifted our brothers and sisters in our ONE FAMILY. The ACA in-pew collection will take place in our parish on March 18/19, 2023. Please give prayerful consideration when contemplating your sacrificial gift to the appeal. The future of our ministries depend on it.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Join us at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Quaker Hill on March 16 at 6:00pm for a Eucharistic Holy Hour led by Bishop Cote as we pray for men to answer the call to be instruments of God's grace as priests and for women to answer the call to consecrated life.

Share-A-Day Event

The Sisters of Charity will be having a Share-A-Day event for girls grade 2,3, and 4 at Holy Family Motherhouse, 54 West Main St, Baltic, CT 06330 on Saturday, March 18th from 10:30am -4:30pm. The theme is on St. Patrick & St. Joseph. No charge and meals are included. This special day includes recreation, talks, activities and prayer with the Sisters. Call 860-822-8241 or email srmaryjacinta@gmail.com.

CT March for Life

At 10am on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, buses sponsored by Connecticut Right to Life will leave the scheduled areas in Eastern CT to attend the CT March for Life in Hartford. Bus fare is \$20 per person. For further information contact Margaret Becotte at 860-822-1362.

Save the Date: June 3, 2023

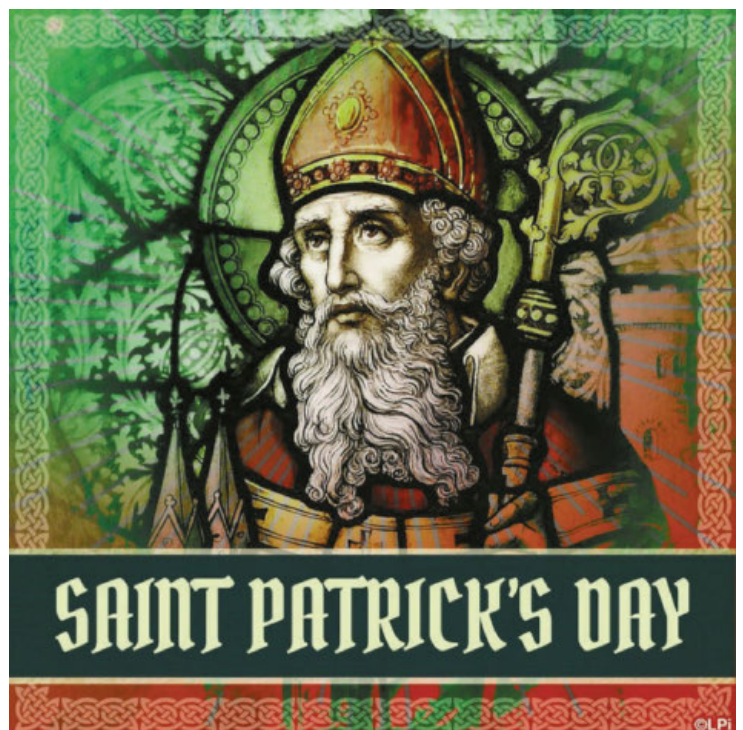
Seminarians Eric Hosmer, Alex Pandolfe & Julian Cuervo will be being Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on June 3, 2023. More details coming soon. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! Let's continue to pray for them as they prepare for their ordination.

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Messiah Before You

If you would have asked me on the morning of my confirmation what the chances were of the Holy Spirit getting into my heart, I would have told you they were about the same as getting water from a stone. My faith was fragile at this time in my life, primary because I viewed it as exactly that— my faith. Something within my possession and subject to my own power. And I hadn't done the things I thought I needed to do in order to be the kind of Christian who knows the truth and lives it. I was waiting to be made stronger. I was waiting to be made more faithful. I was waiting for a transformation. Little did I know, I was like the women at the well, standing around talking about the coming of the Messiah, unaware that he was standing right in front of me. She wasn't ready; she was still living in her sin. She was caught so unaware that she left her water jar at the wall, rushing out to tell what she had seen. When I was anointed with the oil it no longer mattered that I wasn't strong enough to break open the stone that I was convinced encased my heart— God's grace gushed forth through the cracks. While I certainly didn't become a perfect Christian— and never will, in this life— I did learn that when God tells you to strike, it's probably best not to second-guess him. "We boast in the glory of God... and hope does not disappoint." Romans 5:2-5.



Liturgical Life

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

2:15pm Confession @ Saint Mary
3:45pm Confession @ Saint Thomas Aquinas
4:00pm Intentions of Elizabeth Garafola r/b Ama & Papa

***5:30pm Intentions of the people of the parish**

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

8:00am Confession @ Saint Thomas Aquinas
***8:30am †Rev. Izydor Sadowski SDB**
10:30am †Peter Imhof r/b Mary Manton & Dave Imhof
3:00pm Confession @ Saint Thomas Aquinas

MONDAY, MARCH 13

9:00am Intentions of Smith family r/b Laurie & Bob Felix
2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

2-6pm Adoration, Saint Mary
6:00pm †Deceased members of Legion of Mary r/b Legion of Mary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

9:00am Intentions of Cox family r/b Laurie & Bob Felix
2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

9:00am Intentions of Beason family r/b Laurie & Bob Felix
2-7pm Adoration, Saint Mary

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

9:00am †Departed Sisters of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30am Confession @ Saint Mary
2-6pm Adoration, Saint Mary
3:00pm Confession @ Saint Thomas Aquinas

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

10:00am Confession @ Saint Thomas Aquinas
2:15pm Confession @ Saint Mary
4:00pm †Paulita Nespral r/b daughter
***5:30pm Healing for Joanne Buckheit r/b Cade**

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

8:00am Confession @ Saint Thomas Aquinas
***8:30am Intentions of the people of the parish**
10:30am Intentions of Peter Garafola r/b mom & dad
3:00pm Confession @ Saint Thomas Aquinas

Events

- Saint Mary
- Saint Thomas Aquinas

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

12:00pm AA, Saint Thomas Aquinas Basement
5:00pm Faith Formation, Grade 6 - Confirmation

MONDAY, MARCH 13

10:30am Red Cross Blood Drive, Saint Mary
5:00pm Faith Formation, Pre-K - Grade 5
7:00pm Rosary and Novena, Saint Mary

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

7:00pm Bible Study, Saint Mary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

9:00am Foodshare, Saint Mary
5:30pm AA, Saint Thomas Aquinas Basement
7:00pm Legion of Mary, Saint Mary

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

7:30pm Knights of Columbus, Saint Mary

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

6:00pm K of C Lenten Soup Dinner, Saint Mary Hall
7:00pm Stations of the Cross, Saint Mary
7:00pm Stations of the Cross, Saint Thomas Aquinas

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

12:00pm AA, Saint Thomas Aquinas Basement
5:00pm Faith Formation, Grade 6 - Confirmation

Thank you

The Youth Ministry would like to thank all who helped make the Chili and all those who donated to the YM Chili Sales! We raised \$776 to help fund gatherings and events for the youth of our parish to gather together as a faith filled community and grow together! God bless all your generosity, we hope you enjoyed the Chili!



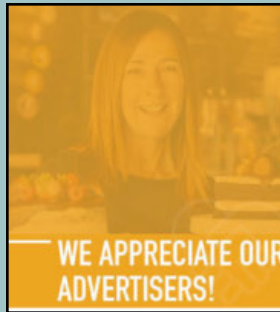
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