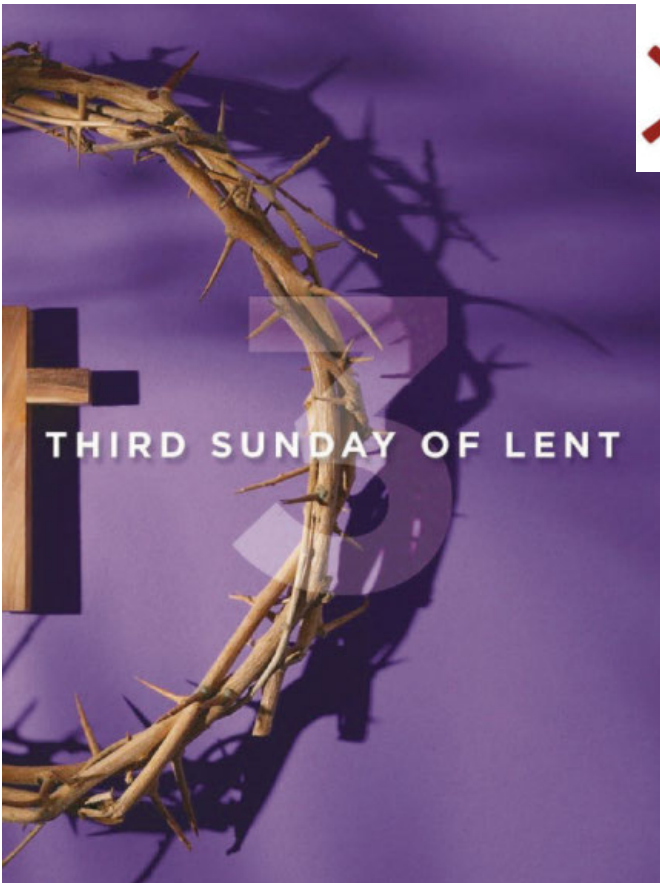


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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil

4:30 pm St. Mary
5:00 pm St. Agnes

Sunday

Saint Mary

8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:30 am & 4:30 pm

Saint Agnes

7:30 am & 10:30 am.

DAILY MASSES

8:00 am St. Mary
9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Benediction and Rosary
Monday @ 7:30 pm St. Mary Church

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
7:00 pm St. Mary

March 12, 2023



Third Sunday of Lent



DAILY HAPPENINGS

- Monday, March 13 **Novena** 7:30 pm
Saint Mary Church
- Tuesday, March 14 **Legion of Mary** 10:30 am
Rectory Basement
- Knitting Group** 10:00 am
St. Agnes classroom
- Ladies Guild Meeting** 7:00 pm
(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall
- Wed, March 15 **Parkinson Support** 1:00 pm
(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall
- Book Club** 3:00 pm
(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall
- Legion of Mary** 6:30 pm
(St. Agnes) double classroom
- K of C** 7:00 pm
(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall
- Thursday, March 16 **Choir Rehearsal** 7:00 pm
St. Mary Church
- Friday, March 17 **Stations of the Cross** 7:30 pm
St. Agnes Church
- Saturday, March 18 **Maggie's Scrapbooking** 10:00a
(St. Agnes) Fr. Callahan Hall
- Sunday, March 19 **Jr. Legion of Mary** 10:00 am
Rectory basement

The St. Joseph Society will sponsor the annual "Lenten Dinner" on Friday, March 24 at 5:30 in Fr. Callahan Hall. The menu will include New England clam chowder, stuffed sole w/lemon sauce, mac & cheese, potato, vegetable, dessert and beverage. Food will be catered by The Plate. Tickets are \$15 per person children 5 and under free. Tickets will be sold after Masses on March 11-12 & 18-19th and the in the rectory during rectory hours. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**



Ladies' Guild

Applications for the Ladies Guild scholarship (awarded to an eight grade girl entering a Catholic HS in the fall) or a grant for girls already attending a Catholic HS are available at the rectory during office hours. Deadline to submit the completed application is April 21st and must be returned to the rectory in a sealed envelope. The scholarship and grants are based on available guild funds. Any questions about the application process can be directed to Suzanne Beliveau, Scholarship Chair by calling 203-214-7923



"The Ladies Guild is holding its annual Palm Cross sale. Order forms are available at both churches (on the bulletin boards and tables), along with an envelope to collect the forms, beginning March 4th. The price is \$10.00 for each cross. Pre-orders will be accepted until Friday, March 17, 2023. We are distributing/selling the crosses on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at St. Agnes Church from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This date is one week before Palm Sunday. Any crosses remaining will be sold after weekend Masses at both churches. If you have any questions please call Margaret at 203-430-5107 or email mmbyrne@att.net."



The Parkinson's support group will begin meeting again on March 15, at 1:00 in the Father Cronin Hall @1:00. Our speaker this month will be Kate Anderson, M.S. from Sacred Heart Univ, Dept. of Communication Disorders. They have received a grant from the Parkinson Voice Project to help individuals with Parkinson's improve their communication skills. All are welcome to attend.

Join us as we follow Jesus along the way of the cross. Fridays, through March 31st at 7:30 pm at St. Agnes Church.



Collection Report
3/5 \$ 15,326

Two collections next Week (March 19)
Weekly & Catholic relief services

THIRD WEEK OF LENT





A Note from Deacon John ...

The gospel this weekend, Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent, is the story of the healing of the man born blind. This is a sign, a miracle, performed by Jesus to show clearly that he is the promised Messiah, and that following Him will lead us all to walk in the light. Unlike the blind man, we cannot look directly into the face of Jesus, but we can recognize Jesus in the face of others. If we use the eyes of faith we can recognize Jesus embodied in: the teacher who sees potential in every student; in the parent who looks at their child with sheer delight; in the child who watches out for others, not just their friends. However, there is another way to notice and a more challenging reality to grapple with. That is, our responsibility for the homeless person, the troubled or troublesome child, the old person who has outlived family and friends. It is on us, as Christians, to be the embodiment of Christ, the 'light of the world', for them.

How will we challenge ourselves to be the ones who lift others up, who serve as their light in the darkness? May we all let the healing light of Christ come to our hearts during this Lenten season, so that we can assist in the work of building His kingdom, letting our light join with our fellow parishioners to build His kingdom together. May our preparation for Easter lead us all to appreciate the light of our Risen Lord in our lives.

Thank you all so much for beginning Lent so well. Our Ash Wednesday collection allowed us to send \$8,883.00 to Beth El Shelter. Our parishioners' generosity is so commendable.

Deacon John



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2023 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need

The Junior branch of the Legion of Mary is inviting all boys & girls aged 10-18 to join this special group of young people. It is a unique way to learn more about Jesus, Mary and the saints. Meetings are held each Sunday morning from 10-11:30 am in the rectory basement of St. Mary Church. For more information please contact Sharon DiNapoli at 203-799-8670



DISPENSATION FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Archbishop Blair has granted all Catholics living within the Archdiocese of Hartford a dispensation from the requirement to abstain from meat for this Friday, March 17, in observance of St. Patrick's Day. He also rightly requests that all who make use of this dispensation abstain from meat on another day this week, thereby being faithful to the penitential season of Lent.



The Legion of Mary is requesting your presence. Our groups meet twice a week either Tuesdays at 10:30 am at St. Mary in the rectory basement or Thursdays at 6:30pm at St. Agnes. The rosary is prayed, spiritual readings & topics are discussed at each meeting. Men and women are encouraged to join us as guests during this Lenten season. For more information please call Sharon DiNapoli (203) 799-8670 (AM Group) or Doreen Steele (203) 876-8472 (PM Group)

Reconciliation

Mondays 6:00—7:00 pm Saint Mary
Saturdays 3:30—4:30 pm Saint Agnes



Mass Intentions



St. Agnes Church

Monday, March 13 Lenten Weekday
9:00 No intention

Tuesday, March 14 Lenten Weekday
9:00 George McGuire by wife

Wednesday, March 15 Lenten Weekday
9:00 No intention

Thursday, March 16 Lenten Weekday
9:00 No intention

Friday, March 17 St. Patrick
9:00 Robert Morgan
by Peggy McGuire and family

Saturday, March 18 (Vigil)
5:00 Kevin Morrissey
by Colleen, Thomas, Tommy & Colin

Sunday, March 19
Fourth Sunday of Lent
7:30 William Genovese by Mary Bissell
10:30 People of Precious Blood Parish

St. Mary Church

Monday, March 13 Lenten Weekday
8:00 Ryan Lynch Phillips by Richetelli family

Tuesday, March 14 Lenten Weekday
8:00 Patricia Connolly by Michele Rempfer

Wednesday, March 15 Lenten Weekday
8:00 Anna Zender by S. Beliveau

Thursday, March 16 Lenten Weekday
8:00 Julian Karvoski by Kathleen Olsen

Friday, March 17 St. Patrick
8:00 Maureen Richetell by family

Saturday, March 18 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem
8:00 Pat Piroh by Joan Havick

4:30 (Vigil Mass)
Albert & Natalie by niece Karen

Sunday, March 19
Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:30 Alfonse & Virginia Monteleone
by Joe & Tatiana Monteleone
10:00 Robert Halstead by family
11:30 Harvey Pond by family
4:30 Robert Leggiandro by Beth & Gary Simpson

The Sanctuary lamp at Saint Mary is
lighted this week in
memory of
James Cassano



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Lent
(March 19, 2022)
1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13b
Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Ephesians 5: 8-14
John 9: 1-41



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