

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017



Lent Is Not Over!

For the rest of this Holy Season, consider some of the following ideas:

1. Identify some penitential practice you can realistically commit to every day. Mark it in your calendar today and be faithful to your commitment.
2. Make time in your daily schedule for private prayer, even if it is only ten minutes. Prayer means reserving time for God.
3. Reduce your daily or weekly soft drink or alcohol intake as a spiritual discipline. Drink water and pray for those who lack access to a safe, reliable source of drinking water.
4. It's become a cliché that people are addicted to communication technologies. "Give up" some of your "screen time" each day, whether it's watching television, constantly checking your phone, or surfing the Web. Put the extra time to use: read a passage from Scripture, call or visit a lonely friend or relative, pray the Rosary.
5. You might try fasting from shopping except for the supermarket and pharmacy. Reflect on what it is like for millions in our world who have little or no discretionary income.
6. Make an extra donation to some charity with the money you save. (See #5)
7. Find a way to reduce your daily home energy consumption. With just five percent of the world's population, people living in the U.S. consume 24% of its available energy. Make it a spiritual exercise.
8. Try to reduce negative thinking. Work on a patient, positive attitude toward others. Catch yourself when judging someone and turn the moment into a prayer for that person.
9. Take Luke 3:11 seriously. Do you have extra clothes languishing in a closet? Take an afternoon to clean a closet, give a "tunic" or two to a good cause.
10. Pray with the Church. Attend an extra Mass during the week or participate in a devotion that inspires you.



MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 3

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

7:00 AM Christopher Gent

12:00 PM Kevin Hanlon

TUESDAY, April 4

Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

7:00 AM Georgine Tulipani

12:00 PM Michael Chelednik-1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, April 5

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

7:00 AM Josephine M. Merante

12:00 PM Mary Ryan

THURSDAY, April 6

Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

7:00 AM Delphine Pierandri

12:00 PM Anna Paoletti

FRIDAY, April 7

Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

7:00 AM Mary Paterniani

9:00 AM Alma Marino

12:00 PM John G. Gilchrist

SATURDAY, April 8

Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

8:00 AM Ann Kavanagh

4:30 PM Michael Kearney

SUNDAY, April 9

Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Church

7:30 AM Parishioners of the Parish

9:15 AM Andy Murphy

11:15 AM The Cullinan Family

Nancy Bossidy Recreation Center

10:30 AM Carol Iamiceli

12:00 PM Alfred Tulipani

5:00 PM Jack Graham -5th Anniversary

Our next Pre-Baptism Class (required for parents who have not had a class within five years and wish to have their child baptized) will be held **Wed., May 10th** from 7:30-8:30pm in the Barn. Please call our Parish Office to register.



MASS INTENTIONS:

The March 2018 calendar for Mass Intentions will open on Monday, April 3rd.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

WEEKLY YEAR-TO-DATE

March 26, 2017	\$23,775	\$295,942
March 27, 2016	\$26,430	\$314,135

Catholic Relief Services

2017	\$4,598
2016	\$5,062

*This week's 2nd collection: Easter Flowers
Next week's 2nd collection: Hospitality House*

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember our sick in your prayers, especially **Theresa Avento, Mary Jo Calamai, Bill Casey, Jeanne Mastandrea, Tom McCarthy, Barbara Ortonowska, Eileen Profeta, Madeleine Rothman, and Pat Ruhl.** For the sake of privacy, only immediate family members may add someone to our prayer list. Individuals will be removed monthly unless we are otherwise notified.



Baptisms

We welcome to the Family of God and our Parish Family, **Caroline Liberti** who was recently baptized in our Church.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are held every Friday evening during Lent at 7:30pm in our Church.

Lenten Regulations

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for all those who are 14 and over.

Loaves and Fishes

"Loaves and Fishes" is a Lenten Campaign to help feed the hungry of Fairfield County. We encourage you to put aside the cost of one meal per week and enclose it in the "Loaves and Fishes" envelope for the poor in our area. Envelopes are available at the Church and Parish Hall entrances and at our Parish Office.

Confession in our Church

Every Saturday at 3:30pm

April 4th – 4:30-6:00pm (come while your kids are in CCD!)

Senior Citizen Lunch

Calling all Senior Citizens! Please join us at our next Luncheon this Tuesday, April 4th. Rosary begins in the Hall at 11:30, followed by Mass at 12:00 and the luncheon. Please call our School Office to RSVP by Monday April 3rd, 203-438-7288.

THANK YOU!!!



Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our Friday Fish Fry last weekend a great success and to all who came to enjoy a fantastic meal and fellowship! Special thanks to our entire team of volunteers!



MARQUETTE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

RAFFLE!!!

This month our council is offering an opportunity to win up to **10 separate all-cash prizes!** Raffle tickets are available in the Parish office at a cost of \$10 each and are available throughout the month of March. **Grand prize: \$5,000. 2nd-\$3,500. 3rd-\$2,000. 4th-\$1,500. 5th-\$1,000. 6th-\$600. 7th- \$500. 8th- \$400. 9th- \$300. & 10th prize is \$200.** Drawing is held by the Ernest Wilson KOC Council on Friday May 5th at the Hartford Marriott. Ticket holders **DO NOT** need to be present to win. Proceeds will go to our Knights of Columbus' charitable works.

PILGRIM VIRGIN

Lent is a time for extra prayer, sacrifice and penance. Our Lady of Fatima's Message to the world: Do penance, amend your life, offend God no more and pray the Rosary daily for world peace and the conversion of sinners. To better prepare ourselves during Lent, invite the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Statue into your home. To schedule a visit call Elma Stoveken at 203-894-1341.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Our Perpetual Adoration Chapel, the oldest one in Connecticut (beginning in 1994), is open 24/7. Stop by anytime or call Bill/Monica @ 914-533-2832 to sign up for a needed hour:

SUN: 2-3am, 3-4am, 4-5am, 1-2pm; MON: 1-2am; WED: 1-2pm; THURS: 1-2am; FRI: 3-4am.

O = permanent or substitute adorer urgently needed.

X = 1 additional adorer needed.

Empty boxes = there are 2 or more adorers.

	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
12M-1am	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1am-2am	X	O	X	X	O	X	X
2am-3am	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
3am-4am	O	X	X	X	X	O	X
4am-5am	O	X	X	X	X	X	X
5am-6am	X	X			X		X
6am-7am	X		X	X	X		X
7am-8am	X		X	X	X	X	X
8am-9am	X	X	X		X		X
9am-10am	X	X		X	X	X	X
10am-11am	X			X		X	X
11am-12N	X						X
12N-1pm	X				X	X	X
1pm-2pm	O	X	X	O	X		X
2pm-3pm	X	X	X	X		X	X
3pm-4pm		X	X	X	X	X	X
4pm-5pm	X		X	X	X		X
5pm-6pm	X		X	X	X		X
6pm-7pm	X			X	X	X	X
7pm-8pm	X					X	X
8pm-9pm						X	X
9pm-10pm	X	X			X	X	X
10pm-11pm			X	X	X	X	X
11pm-12M	X		X		X	X	X

As we enter this fourth week of Lent, let us look forward to the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection while we continue our prayers, fasting & almsgiving. Come to our Adoration Chapel & share your time with Jesus. God bless us all.

EVERY Thursday evening, 7-9pm, in our Adoration Chapel, the Chaplet of Mercy, 7 Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother and 15 decades of the Rosary are sung and prayed. Please join us!



ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY

Lent is an opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Lord. How about spending a weekly hour and half and experience our Men's Ministry on Saturday mornings from 6:30-8:00AM? Think of it as a weekly stop on your Lenten journey - shared with 50 to 60 other like-minded men. Besides having a great and welcoming community, we also serve bagels, coffee & OJ each week to ease the pain of a **very worthwhile wakeup call!**

2017 Wedding Jubilee Mass

On Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 2:30pm at St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull, Bishop Caggiano will be celebrating the 2017 Wedding Jubilee Mass, for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 plus year wedding anniversaries! This will be the only Wedding Jubilee Mass for 2017. Mass will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. To register to attend, please contact our Parish office or visit: <http://x.co/diobpt> Please RSVP before April 24th. Questions contact Kim Quatela at (203) 416-1334 or kquatela@diobpt.org