

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



March 22, 2015

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Schedule for Weekend Mass

Please join us often!

St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday, 4:00 PM
Sunday, 8:30AM, 10:30AM,
7:00PM Brazilian Mass

Weekday Masses:

Monday & Friday, 8:30 AM

Reconciliation:

Saturdays, 3:15PM

St. John the Baptist

Saturday, 4:00PM
Sunday, 8:00AM, 10:00AM,
11:30AM(Spanish), 5:00PM

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Saturday, 6:45AM

Reconciliation:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:30PM

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9 am – 12 pm

Very Rev. John E. MacInnis, V.F.
Pastor

Deacon Chuck Hall
Deacon Simon Valentin
Deacons

Sr. Janelle Sevier, SND
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Mr. Godfrey Musabe
Seminarian

Ms. Regina Matthews
Music Director

Mrs. Eileen Christiansen
Mrs. Robin D'Amico

Ms. Amy Doucette

Mr. Bill Thompson

Mr. Brendan O'Brine

Ms. Anne Waters

Cantors

Mr. Michael Beaulieu
Worship and Praise Band Director


All are welcome in this place



Mass Intentions...

Saturday 4:00PM	Mar 21 Margaret Butler+ Marie Dullea+ Januario Terra +
Sunday 10:30AM	Mar 22 Patricia Murtagh + Joan Colby + Joseph P. Martino +
Saturday 4:00PM	Mar 28 Raymond Businge+ Sam & Rose Spatafore+
Sunday 8:30AM	Mar 29 Deceased Members of Miaskiewicz & Zmijewski Families +


Mass cards are available in the Parish Office after all Sunday Liturgies and during the week Mon.- Fri., 9:00 am-12:00 pm



Stations of the Cross
We invite you to join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7PM in the Church.

Scripture for the week of March 22, 2015


22 SUN	Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
23 Mon	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
24 Tue	Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
25 Wed	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
26 Thu	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
27 Fri	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
28 Sat	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
29 SUN	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



Please remember Lillian Hios, the deceased of our Parish and those who were buried from St. Thomas Parish during the past weeks. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen


Parish Activities

The Fifth Sunday of Lent	
Mar 23	8:30AM Mass—Chapel
Mar 24	6:15pm Girl Scouts Troop#361 7:00PM Finance Committee Mtg
Mar 25	6:00PM Haven from Hunger Mtg- S.L.C. 6:15PM Girl Scouts Troop#233 7:00PM Bible Study—S.L.C.
Mar 27	8:30AM Mass—Chapel 7:00PM Stations of the Cross



Upcoming Dates to Remember

March 21	“Resurrection” Performance— 7:30PM
March 27	Stations of the Cross Dinner— 6PM
April 18	Brazilian Dinner Dance—6PM



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU
CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Light is On For You
On the Wednesdays of Lent from 6:30-8:00 pm, Saint John the Baptist and Saint Thomas the Apostle Parishes and all the parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for individual confession.



COME JOIN US SATURDAY, MARCH 21st!

“Resurrection” will be performed at St Thomas the Apostle Parish at 7:30 PM on Saturday, March 21st.

“Resurrection” the inspirational story of Simon Peter and the forgiveness of Jesus Christ, is a musical cantata/drama which will be presented by a multi-denominational musical group, St Patrick’s Players, from Watertown.

“Resurrection” is a faith-event, and one that is sure touch your heart as you prepare for Easter.
This event will be highly publicized, so be sure to mark your calendar now, and come early, as the Church will fill quickly.

Cantata / Music Drama
By Bryan Jeffery Leech
Performed by the
St. Patrick’s Family Players



This year has been designated by Pope Francis as the "Year of Consecrated Life."

On April 25th, at the 4 o'clock Mass, we will have a special celebration with those women and men religious who have been part of our lives. All parishioners are welcome to invite family members or friends who are consecrated religious to join us for this Mass, and a reception to follow. This is our opportunity to celebrate with them the special way of life they lead in response to God's call and in service to the People of God. Save the date in your calendars and phones now! There are invitations available for you to send to religious you may want to invite. Please see Sr Janelle for copies.



Liturgy Memorials

The Altar wine & hosts have been donated for the month of March for the honor and glory of God in memory of Donald & Hazel Carlin by Paul Carlin.



Holy Week

Attention all Liturgical Ministers and all those who will be involved in the Holy Week services: There will be practice sessions in the Church for these services as follows:

For those involved in the **Holy Thursday Service** (including those to have their feet washed) :

Practice on Monday, March 30th at 6:00PM with Fr. Steven.

For those serving at the **Good Friday Service**:

You are asked to meet in Church at 6:45 PM on Friday, April 3rd.

For those involved with the **Easter Vigil**:

Practice on Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00 PM with Fr. John.



There will be a meeting for those who signed up to help at Haven from Hunger on Wednesday, March 25th, at 6 PM on the 2nd floor of the Fr. Dan Spiritual Life Center. If you

didn't sign up to help, but are interested in knowing more, you are welcome to attend the meeting. Please confirm with Sr Janelle that you will attend. Thank you.

Thrift Shop

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Thrift Shop. We need Jewelry, pots, pans, kitchen wares, small appliances, toys, old tools, rugs, men's toiletries, just about anything you don't need. As usual you can drop things off on Saturdays between 9am to 1pm or call Bob & Sylvia at 978-977-9672 to arrange a time. God's blessing to all of you. Please remember we cannot accept T.V.'s, microwaves, etc.

Upcoming Liturgical Ministers Schedule

March 28-29: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Saturday, 4:00 PM	Sunday, 8:30 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Sophia O'Brien - 1-Plate Millie Moore - 2-Cup Rafael Bautista - 3-Cup	Paul Carlin - 1-Plate Norma Johnson - 2-Cup Christine Capillo - 3-Cup	Pat Laehn - 1-Plate Patricia Cronin - 2-Cup Judith Grondin - 3-Cup
Lector	Mildred Gates- Reading 1, N. Pauline Bautista-Reading 2, V. Sheila Lynch-C.	Eloise Gabriel-Reading 1, N. Pam Gabriel-Reading 2, V. Stephanie Dallaire-C.	Tony Porcello- Reading 1, N. Kevin Shea- Reading 2, V. Maria O'Toole- C.
Altar Server	Bob Burke Thomas Baez	Kaitlyn McLaughlin <i>-volunteer needed</i>	Mark Harrison <i>-volunteer needed</i>



BENEFIT CONCERT SOON!

Tickets will be sold at the door, so join us for a wonderful night of homegrown parish musical talent for all ages. Our biggest fundraiser for our sister parish in the Dominican Republic, the concert will be a fun night for the whole family. Tickets are \$10 each or a family discount for 3 or more. Transportation is provided if needed and there is plenty of parking available. Come to St. Thomas School Gym on APRIL 11, doors open at 6pm. See YOU there!



This week, March 22, 2015

The First collection will be for the parish.

The second collection will be for Fr. Dan Sheehan Spiritual Life Center

- Mar 15th Collection:** \$ 3,085.00
- Snow Removal to date:** \$ 1,093.00
- Easter Flowers to date:** \$ 588.00

Next week the first collection will be for the parish. The Second collection will be for Easter Flowers

Thank you for your generous sacrifice.



All Are Invited

Please join us at The Stations of the Cross Dinner On Friday, March 27th at 6PM In the Fr. Dan Sheehan Spiritual Life Center

Following dinner, we will proceed to the Church for the 7PM Stations of the Cross presented by students in Religious Education.

Please RSVP to Lisa via email or phone by March 23rd
Email: LATrainor@gmail.com
Telephone: 978-531-0224 x 15

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

This year due to the current weather and ground conditions we have decided to not hold the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

All families are invited to join us on March 27th at 6PM for a parish dinner followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7PM.

“Liturgical Memorials”

The following items used at liturgy are available as memorials or commemorations each month at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

Hosts & Wine: to be consecrated at all Liturgies during the month (donation \$25.00).

The Oil used in the altar candles during the month (donation \$25.00).

The Sanctuary Lamp is the candle that burns constantly, except on Good Friday, before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle. Four each month (donation \$30.00).

Flowers before the Main Altar and on the Side Altars for Saturday Vigil and Sunday Liturgies (Not during Lent). Main Altar (donation \$40.00), Side Altars (donation \$30.00).

Donations and donors will be listed in the Bulletin each week of the month.

If you wish to donate any of the above, please call Sheila or Tracy at the parish office Monday-Friday 9AM-12PM.

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner



Thank you to all who helped and all who attended our St. Patrick’s Day Dinner. A great evening was enjoyed by all. We were able to raise \$1,201.60 for our parish. The prize winners are listed below:

Grand Prize: Sally Hayes - 2 Nights Lodging @ Killington Hotel

Raffle Prizes:

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| Laurie Duff | Sylvan St. Grille \$30 Gift Certificate |
| Dolores Silva | Market Basket \$25 Gift Certificate |
| Fran Kaldes | Mr. G’s \$25 Gift Certificate |
| Kim Lignos | Wardhurst \$25 Gift Card |
| Mary Cronin | Petrillo’s \$25 Gift Certificate |
| Janice Survilas | Brodies \$25 Gift Certificate |
| Carra Lee Long | Epicurean Shop \$25 Gift Certificate |
| Joe Piknick | Brother’s \$25 Gift Certificate |
| Kim Lignos | Trader Joe’s \$25 Gift Card |
| Linda Cavallon | Stop & Shop \$20 Gift Certificate |
| Irene Zielski | Treadwell’s \$15 Gift Certificate |

Door Prize: Katie Cavallon

“And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” John 12:32.

The painting of the crucifixion on today’s bulletin cover is called Salvador Dali’s Christ of Saint John of the Cross. It’s quite different. It stirred up a lot of comment when it appeared in 1951. I thought this painting might help us to think about the words in today’s gospel referring to Jesus being “lifted up.” In John’s gospel this expression has two meanings: the crucifixion and the resurrection. Last week I wrote about the cross in our devotions. We are accustomed to seeing images of Jesus nailed in agony on the cross. Some artists, however, have created images of the “risen Christ” on the cross. The point the gospel writer John wants to make with the words “lifted up” is that a Christian cannot separate the cross from the resurrection. Lent does not end on Good Friday but with Easter. And yet, the life of the Christian revolves around the whole paschal mystery, the dying and rising of Christ and of the people who embrace both in their lives.

What’s going on in this unusual painting? It is called the Christ of Saint John of the Cross because Dali, the artist, saw a drawing made by the 16th century mystic, St. John of the Cross.



What Dali did with this perspective was to move from this angle to take the viewer to view Jesus from above, as if we were looking down at Christ from heaven, seeing him on the cross as his Father saw him. The artist perhaps wants us to see Jesus on the cross as bridging the gap between humanity and divinity, between the world of God and our human world. There are no nails; Jesus freely gives himself as a sacrifice for us. One art critic calls attention to the “geometry” of the painting. “This painting, viewed from afar, will take the shape of an hourglass, which could stand for time: an inverted triangle for the crucifix, and an upright one caused by the lighting below. It balances the composition. The Christ and the cross forms the triangle of the Holy Trinity, with Christ's head a circle in the centre of the triangle, extending to mean that He or His act is the centre and meaning of everything in the universe; He is all that you need to realize. The arrow points to earth, meaning that this is God's gift to mankind.”

On next Sunday, Palm Sunday, we will look to Christ crucified as we hear the Passion story as recorded by Saint Mark. All of Mark’s gospel which we are reading this year points to the suffering and death of Jesus, the Son of Man and faithful servant of God whose life and mission culminate with this moment of self-giving in atonement for sin. Yet it is in John’s gospel today that we find these words of Jesus putting further meaning into the words ‘lifted up’ “I am troubled now,” Jesus says. “Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” To which a voice comes from heaven: “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”

When we see Jesus lifted up on the cross, we see God glorified by this extraordinary gift of selfless love. Here is our God willing to undergo the worst possible torture to set us free and deliver us into eternal life. When we behold through belief that Jesus has been lifted in his risen body, God’s glory appears as the transformation of the dead Jesus into the new risen Lord of heaven and earth.

As we approach holy week, I encourage you to pray over this truly amazing event that we are about to recall and enter into liturgically and spiritually. In whatever pain or sorrow you find yourself, or in whatever pain or sorrow you find others ask the Lord Jesus to help you be lifted up with him in acceptance of the Father’s will but with profound hope to be lifted up with him in the glory of the Father. God bless. Fr. John

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Starting March 1st, CatholicTV will now air a weekly Spanish Mass at 8am, 5:30pm & 10pm from the Chapel of Holy Cross.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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HOLY WEEK

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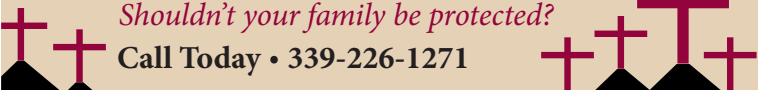
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