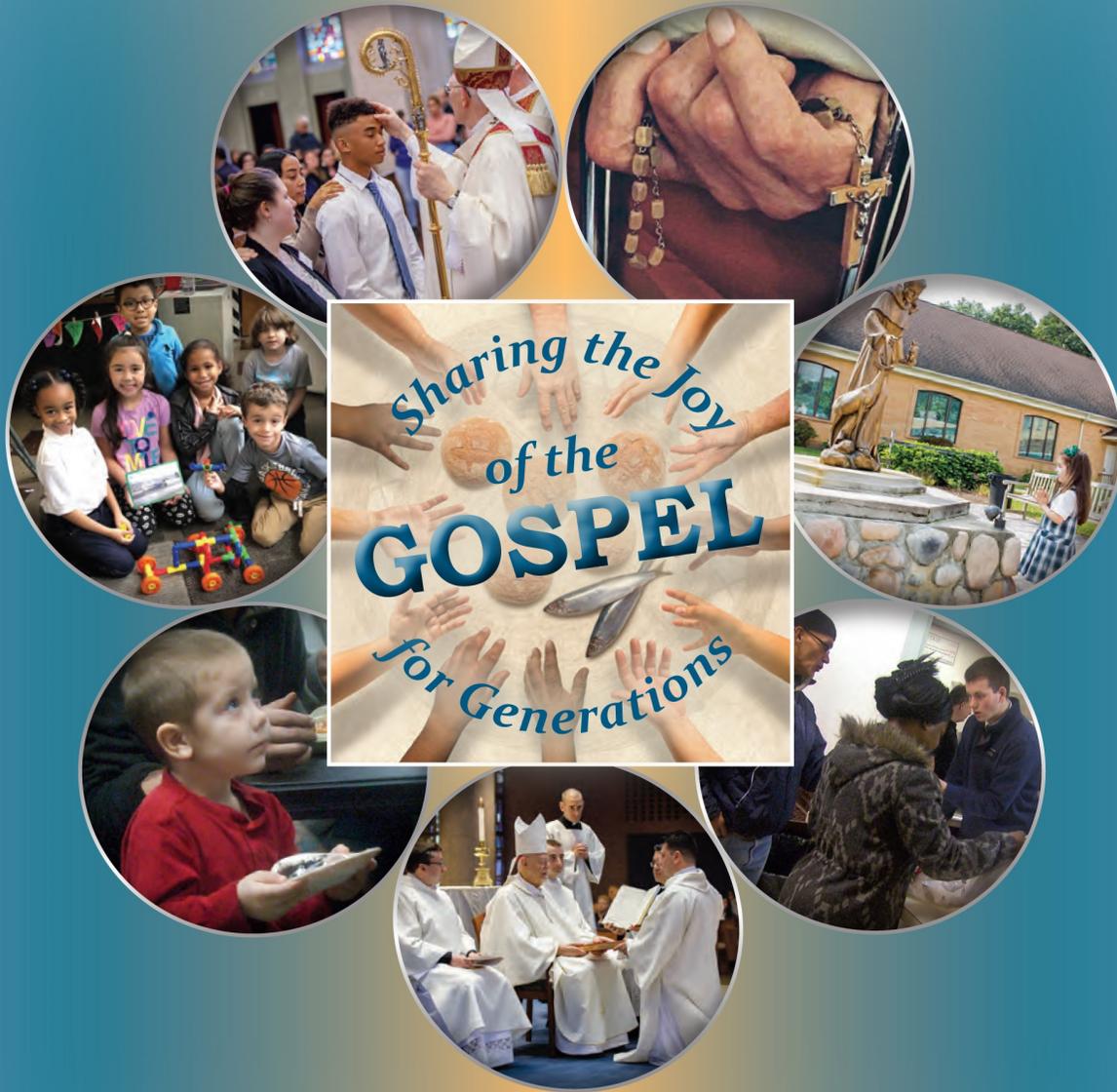


# KICK-OFF WEEKEND



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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS



- Saturday, March 2nd @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Jim Sparkowski, 1st anniversary*, requested by his family;
- Sunday, March 3rd @ 8:00 am Mass for *Keiko Sato Osborne, 4th anniversary*, requested by her family;
- Sunday, March 3rd @ 11:00 am Mass for *Jane Thomas*, requested by Steve & Lisa Cerchia;
- Sunday, March 3rd @ 5:00 pm for *Msgr. Charles W. Daly*, requested by Ed & Pat Pabich;
- Monday, March 4th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *E Merritt McDonough*;
- Tuesday, March 5th @ 8:30 Mass for *Catherine Marie Hourican, birthday remembrance*, requested by her family;
- Tuesday, March 5th @ 9 a.m. *Adoration*;

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### March 6th - ASH WEDNESDAY

7 a.m., Liturgy of the Word with Ashes,

8:30 a.m., Mass for *Special Intention*,

9:00 a.m., *Rosary for Peace*,

12 noon, Liturgy of the Word with Ashes,

3 p.m., Liturgy of the Word with Ashes,

6 p.m. Mass for *the Holy Souls in Purgatory*,

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- Friday, March 8th @ 8:30 a.m. Mass for *Finula Lavery*, requested by Myles & Julia McCabe;
- Friday, March 8th @ 9:00 a.m.; *Stations of the Cross*;
- Friday, March 8th @ 7:00 p.m.; *Mary's Way of the Cross (Stations)*;
- Saturday, March 9th @ 5:00 p.m. Mass for *Eileen Adams, birthday remembrance*, requested by Craig, Nancy & Ryan Taylor;
- Sunday, March 10th @ 8:00 am Mass for *Sr. Eleanor St. John "Gracie" Harkins*, requested by Ann Hurley;
- Sunday, March 10th @ 11:00 am Mass for *Paul C. Jagla, 17th anniversary*, *James F. Farley, 14th anniversary*, requested by their family; and,
- Sunday, March 10th @ 5:00 pm for *Grade 7 Class Mass*.

## Faith Formation News

Confirmation I & II will meet again today, Sunday, March 3rd.

**Confirmation service opportunity** helping with First Communion Family Day on Saturday, March 31st! The hours run from 12:30 pm-4 pm~contact Mrs. Bonner for details or to sign up: [Kathidre@aol.com](mailto:Kathidre@aol.com).

**The Parent Coffee Cafe is open at HJMS today!** Come join your friends for some coffee and treats while your child is in class. Fellowship and hospitality are part of the Gospel message!

**The Grade 7 Class Mass is next Sunday, March 10th.** All 7th Graders should be at the church no later than 4:30 p.m. so we can rehearse together. Please remember to bring a non-perishable item for our food bank. All 7th Graders are expected to attend this Mass.

**Grade 3 Stations preparation begins today!** A letter will be sent home and emailed to each parent for details. The Stations Program will be on Friday, March 15th, 7 pm at the church. All 3rd Graders are expected to be present for this Stations program.

**Grade 8 Living Stations rehearsal begins on Sunday, March 3rd!** Please make sure your 8th grader doesn't miss these important rehearsals unless they are ill. The Living Stations parent letter was emailed with all of the important details!

**ASH WEDNESDAY is March 6th!** In keeping with our tradition, the children in Faith Formation classes (formerly Rel Ed) will be participating in the "Children Making Change" Lenten giving program! A flyer and email have been sent home with the details.

## Offertory Collection

Weekly Collection.	\$11,178.50
Loose Cash/Checks	\$ 1,047.00
Envelopes	\$10,131.50
Cathedraticum*	-\$ 447.14
School Tax*	-\$ 447.14

\*Parish taxes paid to the Archdiocese for services to the parish.

**Annual Donation (one-time) \$10,000.00**

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FROM FATHER MICHAEL...

## *The Boston Mission Trip is Coming! The British Mission Trip is Coming!*



On March 21st our youth ministry Mission Trip team will depart for Boston for their work among the homeless, addicted and needy—a challenging attempt at bringing Christ's love into our world by the "simple" yet powerful act of caring.

This is more than just a one-time activity in order to "build a resume" for college or "tick-off" a list of good deeds, rather it is meant to show in a meaningful and hopefully transformative way that our more than 2,000-year-old faith, given to us by Jesus Christ Himself, is applicable in our contemporary world. The key word here is transformative," as in the making of Christ's disciples for a life time. Let us pray for their success in this important Christian endeavor.

On a practical and administrative note, I would like to take this time to gently remind those who bid on the Mission Trip silent auction items to kindly send in their checks—and to also schedule your services—so that the total cost of this teen-venture of our Church can be fully paid for. Make your checks payable to *St. Catherine of Siena*, and place on the MEMO LINE the words "Youth Mission Trip." On to (Eternal) victory!

## **Bishop Betancourt to visit St. Catherine of Siena**

Just a friendly reminder that next Friday, 8 March at 7 p.m., newly appointed and installed Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt will offer a reflection from the Blessed Mother's perspective on the meaning of the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This will come by way of the Lenten devotional of Mary's Way of the Cross. Join us for the Stations of the Cross, led by the Women's Club Ministry and followed by a Lenten reflection and a lite reception Russell Hall to meet our new Bishop.

This Invitation is open to all members and non-members of our parish!

## **You Are What Is...Inside!**

Just as a bad tree cannot bear any good fruit or polluted wells do not offer any drinkable water, what comes from within us *is*—what we are (and seen by others).

Today's gospel reading uses a number of well-known parables to make a powerful point: that what comes out of us—our words and deeds—is who we are. The Savior of the world then uses these parables to reinforce the point that we cannot correct the wrongs of others when we ourselves are "doing wrong" (the beam in our eye blocks our vision as we try to remove the splinter in another's eye) or that if we are unchristian in our words or

deeds—how can we direct others in the way of the Christian life? The first reading today from the Book of Sirach illustrates that we can measure a person's character by how the person speaks. The gospel reaffirms that thought by saying "every tree is known by its own fruit." In other words, the secrets of the heart are revealed by the words of the mouth and actions of the body.

But of course, it is always easier for us to look outwardly rather than to reflect inwardly—to find the fault in another when our own weaknesses are right before us. It is, I suppose, the power of evil and the call of indifference—directing us to place blame on another rather than to correct our own ill ways. Each day, Catholics are asked to do what is called an examination of conscious, calling us to review the events of our day—in words, deeds, thoughts and interactions with others in light of the core values of our faith. This need take only a brief time—five or ten minutes—it does not have to become a "ritual" unto itself. In doing this, we can then recognize where we have sinned against God as we sin against others during our day and seek His forgiveness in Confession.

The goal of this weekend's Sacred Scriptures and the idea of the examination of conscious is to keep us in right relationship with God through our right relationships with others—just as we hear each time we listen to Eucharistic Prayer II in the words of the priest: "Thank you for counting us worthy to be in Your presence and minister to You." We minister to the unseen God in our daily words and deeds offered to and with others. Keeping in mind, those words and deeds are manifestations of our conscious, heart and soul. Again in another parable, "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher.": Knowing not only what Jesus taught us but *why* He taught us this is the point of our faith (to know and to *accept Truth*). To quote NBC News' tag line, which I rarely do, *The More You Know...* truly applies to our lived-faith experience. Below is a brief examination of conscious from the USSCB and is based on the Ten Commandments:

**I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.** *Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God? You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.* *Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people? Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.* *Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan. 1; the Ascension; Aug. 15; Nov. 1; Dec. 8; Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday? Honor your father and your mother.* *Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have? You shall not kill.* *Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind? You shall not commit adultery.* *Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity*

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# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

**NOTE: NEW EVENTS for late spring and summer are included in this bulletin. More summer events will be published shortly.**

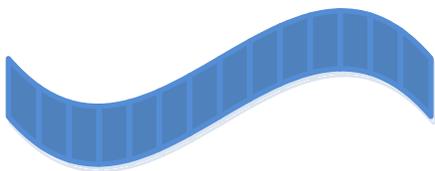
Our **HOODIES FOR THE HOMELESS** collection will be the weekends of March 9/10 and March 16/17. If you have a moment to look through your closets for **gently used sweatshirts and hoodies in men's sizes small-xxx large**, our Mission Trip team will hand them out to the homeless in Boston.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10th-TWO EVENTS, 4:45-6:00 p.m.-BOSTON MISSION TRIP MANDATORY MEETING**-Russell Hall- Chaperones and youth ministry teens participating in our Boston Mission Trip are required to attend this meeting. *Father will bless us at the end of the 5:00 p.m. Mass that evening.* Please arrive promptly. **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**

**6:00-8:15 p.m. (NOTE ENDING TIME CHANGE)-MOVIE NIGHT** - Bring a snack to share and a pillow, and join us for this relaxing evening out. Pizza will be served.

**SAVE THESE TWO DATES - Sunday, April 28, 6:00 p.m. ALL YOUTH MINISTRY IS INVITED** to share in a **DINNER FOR OUR GRADUATING SENIORS-6:00 p.m.** Please join us in this celebration with our Seniors. Dinner will be catered. **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** On **Sunday, May 19**, St. Catherine's Youth Ministry will be participating in the **MS Walk** in West Hartford. Multiple sclerosis is thought to affect more than 2.3 million people worldwide. Please join us for this walk, followed by lunch! **Free t-shirt** to all participants.

**SUMMER MISSION TRIP** permission slips and deposits for our **Warrensburg, NY** trip this summer are due. If you have any questions, or need any paperwork, please contact Mrs. Hanshaw.



## JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us on **Monday, March 4 - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** for a **TREASURE HUNT** - Russell Hall - Pizza will be served. **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**

*Fr. Michael continued.....(from page 3)*

*of others and of myself? You shall not steal. Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another? You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another? You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse. Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love? You shall not covet your neighbor's goods. Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?*

## **Parishioner's Corporal Works of Mercy & Parish Ministry News**

### **Pantry Partners**

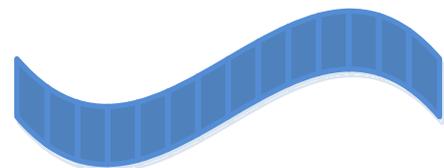
The next monthly distribution for St. Catherine's Pantry Partners is March 16th.



### **FEED THE HUNGRY**

The next Feed the Hungry visit to prepare and serve lunch in Hartford will be **Saturday, March 23rd** leaving St. Catherine at 9:30 a.m. and returning by 1:30 p.m. Sign up in the vestibule to reserve your spot.

**St. Elizabeth House- next service date is March 24th.**



### **Soup Sale**

**Wednesday, March 6**  
**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**



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## Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

### March

- Sun, 3rd—Welcome Event, RH, 9 a.m.
- Sun, 3rd—Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11a.m.
- Sun, 3rd—Welcome Event, RH, 12 Noon
- Sun, 3rd—Contemporary Choir, MR, 4 p.m.
- Sun, 3rd—Confirmation, all rooms, 6:00 p.m.
- Mon, 4th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 4th—Jr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 7 p.m.
- Tues, 5th—Children's Choir Rehearsal, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 5th—RCIA, Library, 7 p.m.
- Tues, 5th—Adult Choir Rehearsal, MR, 7:30 p.m.
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- Wed, 6th— **ASH WEDNESDAY**
  - 7 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
  - 8:30 a.m. Mass with Ashes
  - 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, Library
  - 12 Noon Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
  - 3 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
  - 6:00 p.m. Mass with Ashes
  - 7:00 p.m. Lenten Bread & Soup, RH, 7 p.m.
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- Fri, 8th—Stations of the Cross, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 8th—Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. Bishop Betancourt
- Sat, 9th—Bible Study, RH, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- Sat, 9th/Sun, 10th—Hoodies for the Homeless
- Sun, 10th—Coffee & Donuts, 9 a.m., 12 noon.
- Sun, 10th—Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11 a.m.
- Sun, 10th—Meeting for Youth Stations, Library, 12 noon.
- Sun, 10th—Mission Trip Meeting, RH, 4:45 p.m.
- Sun, 10th—Grade 7 Class Mass, 5 p.m.
- Sun, 10th—Sr. High Youth Ministry, RH, 6 p.m.
- Mon, 11th—Mass at McLean Home, 11 a.m.
- Mon, 11th—Confession, Church, 6 p.m.
- Tues, 12th—Children's Choir Rehearsal, MR, 6:30 p.m.
- Tues, 12th—Adult Choir Rehearsal, MR, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed, 13th—Bible Study, Library, 9:15 am.
- Wed, 13th—Men's Club, RH, 6:00 p.m.
- Fri, 15th—Stations of the Cross, 9 a.m.
- Fri, 15th—Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m.
- Sat, 16th/Sun, 17th—Hoodies for the Homeless

**“YOUTH STATIONS OF THE CROSS”** led by our high school parishioners, **will take place on Friday March 29th, 7pm.** Any high school student/confirmation candidate is invited to a one hour planning meeting on **Sunday March 10th immediately following the 11am Mass in the Church Library.** (We will follow an existing outline which we can revise to our liking. Please come with some ideas!) **Practice is Friday, March 29th at 6pm** before the actual **Stations of the Cross at 7pm** (approximately 25 minutes). Please join us and tell your friends! Email Mrs. Slattery at [bmslattery@comcast.net](mailto:bmslattery@comcast.net) or call 860-658-1250 with any questions. (Confirmation Candidates can receive service hours for this Devotion.) P.S. If you are unable to participate please come pray the Stations with us.

## LENTEN OFFERINGS

1. **Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.** with Kathi Bonner. Please email her at [kathidre@aol.com](mailto:kathidre@aol.com) to register so that there are sufficient materials available. *(March 6th)*
2. **Saturday Mornings, Bible Study, 9 a.m.** with Fr. Michael & Lou Daniels. *(March 8th)*  
*(Both Bible Studies in Russell Hall).*
3. **Annual Lenten Soup & Bread Event** All parishioners are welcome to attend our potluck Lenten Soup & Bread meal immediately following the evening Mass on Ash Wednesday. This potluck event is a time for fellowship and offers some of world's greatest meatless soups prepared by parishioners. Please sign-up in the Atrium or the parish website, [www.stcatherine.info](http://www.stcatherine.info), where you can indicate # of attendees and if you are able to bring soup or bread to share. We especially need soups that can be brought warm or room temperature, in pots or crockpots, to the kitchen before 6 pm Mass. Questions? Contact Anne Davis @ [astudleydavis@gmail.com](mailto:astudleydavis@gmail.com) or 860-651-7391. Given the day of fasting we will not be serving desserts.



### HOODIES for the HOMELESS

On the weekends of **March 9th and March 16th**, Senior High Youth Ministry will be collecting men's **gently used sweatshirts and hoodies in all sizes, small–xxlarge.** We will distribute them to the homeless on our Boston Mission Trip. Please look for our box in the atrium. Thank you in advance! *No children's sizes please.*



### Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

This week it burns for Eileen Adams, birthday remembrance, requested by her family.

# 2019 Lenten Mercy Project

## Weekly Giving Initiatives

(In Brief)

<p><b><i>FEED THE HUNGRY</i></b>  <i>Week 1: March 9 - 10</i>  <b>Gifts of Love - Avon</b></p> <p><b>Items Needed:</b> canned fruits/vegetables, apple sauce, pasta sauce (plastic jars/canned), canned pasta (spaghetti &amp; meatballs, ravioli etc.), canned soup (esp. chicken noodle – no tomato), meal helpers (boxed potatoes/rice, Hamburger Helper, taco dinner kits etc.), beans (dried/canned), jelly.  <b>Critical needs:</b> toothpaste/shampoo/soap (no sample/travel sizes), floss, toothbrushes, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, peanut butter, tuna, boxed cereal</p>	<p><b><i>GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY</i></b>  <i>Week 2: March 16 - 17</i>  <b>Little Sisters of the Poor</b>  <b>St. Joseph's Residence - Enfield</b></p> <p><b>Items Needed:</b> regular and decaf coffee K-cups, regular and decaf tea, chamomile tea (no other flavors), regular and diet ginger ale, apple juice/ apple juice blends, cranberry/cranberry juice blends, 8 oz bottles of water (no other sizes)</p>
<p><b><i>CLOTHE THE NAKED</i></b>  <i>Week 3: March 23 – 24</i>  <b>Social Services - Simsbury</b></p> <p><b>Items Needed:</b> in all sizes, new clothing for men, women and children. Especially needed are socks, t-shirts, briefs, sweatshirts and sweatpants</p>	<p><b><i>SHELTER THE HOMELESS</i></b>  <i>Week 4: March 30 – 31</i>  <b>Mercy Housing and Shelter Corp - Hartford</b></p> <p><b>Items Needed:</b> Soap, shampoo/conditioner, hand/body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, deodorant, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, baby wipes, hairbrushes/combs, laundry detergent, plastic travel containers for soap, towels, twin sheets, blankets</p>
<p><b><i>COMFORT THE SICK</i></b>  <i>Week 5: April 6 - 7</i>  <b>Veterans Home - Rocky Hill</b></p> <p><b>Items Needed:</b> for men - body wash, baby powder, boxers and briefs (sizes M–4X), white crew socks, jeans (all sizes), open leg sweat pants (all sizes), shower shoes (size 8-13)</p>	<p><b><i>RANSOM THE CAPTIVE</i></b>  <i>Week 6: April 13 - 14</i>  <b>Catholic Charities – Migration, Immigration &amp; Refugee Services - Hartford</b></p> <p><b>Items Needed:</b> laundry/dish detergent, sponges, cleaning agents (Lysol, Pinesol etc.), toiletries for men and women (deodorant, soap, shampoo/ conditioner/lotion/powder etc.), small cooking items (baking dishes, pans etc.)</p>

# *Saint Catherine of Siena*

## *Lenten Mercy Project*

*Week 1 ~ March 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>*

### *“Feed the Hungry”*

*Donations are being made to Gifts of Love -Avon, CT. This organization helps meet the basic needs of individuals/families in Central CT experiencing financial crisis so they can achieve/maintain self-sufficiency.*

#### *Items Needed (\* critical need)*

*Canned tuna fish\**

*Cereal\**

*Peanut butter\**

*Toilet Paper\**

*Toiletries (soap/shampoo/toothpaste (no travel sizes), toothbrushes/floss, feminine hygiene products\**

*Canned fruits & vegetables*

*Apple sauce*

*Pasta sauce (plastic jars or canned)*

*Canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs etc.)*

*Canned soup (esp. chicken noodle - no tomato)*

*Beans (dried or canned)*

*Meal helpers (boxed potatoes/rice, Hamburger Helper, taco kits)*

**\*\*\*Please check expiration dates!**

† *Collection bins for the Mercy Project will be located in the vestibule and atrium. Please bring collections to Church by the weekend of March 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>*

† *Monetary donations are also welcome. Envelopes labeled “Lenten Mercy Project” are available on the Mercy Project collection tables and should be placed in one of the Lenten Mercy Project Donation Boxes, also located on the tables. Please do not drop them in the offertory collection. Please make checks payable to St. Catherine of Siena.*

† *Parents...don't forget about our “Children Making Change” Lenten Giving Program. Please remind your children to bring their loose change to Religious Ed. each Sunday! Money collected will be used to purchase toys for CT Children's Medical Center, a 187 bed not-for-profit children's hospital that offers comprehensive, world-class healthcare to children.*

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