

Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions - Week of March 19th

Saturday 4:30pm @ SM	Mar. 18 Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Lent Mary Turpin & her baby, by Brian & Arlene Beer
Sunday 8:00am @ SH 10:30am @ SH	Mar. 19 Third Sunday of Lent Fr. William O'Brien, by Gayle & Mark Lisiecki Francesco Pisano, by M/M Joseph Spadea
Monday 8:00am @ SH	Mar. 20 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary All OLSH Parishioners, living & deceased
Tuesday 8:00am @ SH	Mar. 21 Lenten Weekday Holy Souls from the Nov. 2 nd offering
Wednesday 8:00am @ SH	Mar. 22 Lenten Weekday
Thursday 8:00am @ SH	Mar. 23 Lenten Weekday/St. Turibius
Friday 6:00pm @ SH	Mar. 24 Lenten Weekday/Bl. Oscar Romero Stations of the Cross, followed by Simple Soup Supper
Saturday 4:30pm @ SM	Mar. 25 Vigil of 4th Sunday of Lent Jeremy Hayes, by Brian & Arlene Beer
Sunday 8:00am @ SH 10:30am @ SH	Mar. 26 Fourth Sunday of Lent Simon Sierak, by Lorraine & Milton Whitney David Reardon, by his family

Please pray for our brothers & sisters who have asked for our prayers:



Lisa Marie Berthel, William Boland, Micah Burt, Ann Chaffee, Fr. Dave, Ginger Duhamel, Doris Fenton, Callie Fitzgerald, Jeanne Giguere, Peter Jennette, Deborah Kaplavka, Bernie & Priscilla Kulas, Theresa Lupacchino, Julie Nydam, Rita Pare, Karen Trainor Resseguie, Christy Richard, Janice Smith, Brian Trudeau, Richard Trudeau

We pray for all the deceased members & benefactors of our parish; all those in Military Service; and those suffering from the effects of natural disaster, epidemics, and political strife.

Discernment Retreat with Bishop McManus

Have you thought of a vocation to the priesthood? Come and learn more. The Diocese of Worcester's annual discernment retreat, directed by Bishop McManus, will be held on April 7 & 8. This retreat begins 6pm Friday and ends 6pm Saturday. It is for men high school age, college age, and older. The retreat center is only 30 minutes from Worcester at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, Connecticut. There is no cost, and transportation is provided if needed. Visit worcestervocations.com for more information. Contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at jmazzone@charter.net or by phone at 508-340-5788 to sign up.



Last Weekend's Offertory

General	\$2,832
Monthly Renovation Fund	\$954

Please note: The bank accepts checks written in BLUE or BLACK ink only.

Special Collections	
4/1 & 2	Catholic Relief Services
Easter Flowers Donations throughout Lent Please print names of loved ones clearly.	

~Stewardship~

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."
John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

~Word of Life~

"Life is a gift from God and so is his mercy. May we cherish and promote both!" Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2016-2017 Respect Life Program

Partners in Charity Appeal 2017

"Faith in Action is Love"



This weekend is In Pew Commitment Weekend for the 2017 Partners in Charity Appeal. This weekend every member of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual appeal. **Our parish goal is \$33,000.** Please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge today. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2017 appeal we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!

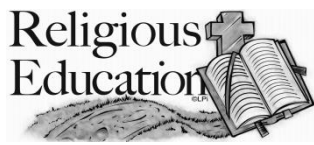
Online Resources for Lenten Inspiration & Reflection

Our Sunday Visitor:

<https://www.osv.com/Article/TabId/493/ArtMID/13569/ArticleID/11461/Your-Guide-To-A-Catholic-Lent.aspx>

Catholic Digest:

<http://www.catholicdigest.com/articles/faith/lent/>



Sunday 3/19 – Regular classes will be held. No Penance Service
 Sunday – 4/9 – Palm Sunday Procession & Mass with Children @
 10:30am



From its earliest days, the Church has urged the Baptized & the Catechumens to observe the threefold discipline of fasting, alms giving, and prayers in preparation for the celebration of Easter, April 16th. Failure to observe any penitential days must be considered serious. During Lent the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass; extra devotions, self-imposed times of fasting & sacrifice; & generosity to local, national, and world-wide programs of giving.

Lenten Way of the Cross

We'll pray the Stations on **Fridays during Lent**, alternating times & locations:

- ✠ March 24 – 6 pm @ SH followed by Soup Supper
- ✠ March 31 – 3 pm @ SM
- ✠ April 7 – 6 pm @ SH followed by Soup Supper

We'll use a different meditation text each week as we pray for about 45 minutes.

Lenten Confessions

In addition to the usual 3:15 to 4 pm on Saturday @ SM in Brookfield, you may receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 pm at SH in W. Brookfield beginning on March 7th.

~An Act of Contrition~

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

Guidelines for Lenten Fast & Abstinence

- Abstinence from meat is observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday (3/1), Good Friday (4/14), & all the Fridays of Lent.
- Fasting is observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. On Fast Days, one full meal and two smaller meals to maintain strength are permitted. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Daily Mass

Throughout Lent, all weekday Masses will be in West Brookfield @ 8am.



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OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Next Regular Meeting Monday, Mar. 27 @ 7pm.

~Sunday Morning Breakfast~



Join us **THIS SUNDAY** in Dugan Hall
between 8 & 11 am.

**Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Sausage, Home fries,
Toast, OJ, Milk, Coffee**

The meal is Free.

(Free will donations will be gratefully accepted.)

Hunger knows no season. There is always a need for food to feed hungry families. Once again this year, the Knights of Columbus Council 11080 is sponsoring

"40 CANS FOR LENT"

Our goal is for each council member and each parishioner to contribute one item of non-perishable food or other household goods per day during the 40 days of Lent. The items can be dropped off at either church on the weekend when you come to Mass

Items will be divided equally between the Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry & the West Brookfield Sharing Cupboard. Thank you and God bless you!

Together, We "CAN" Fight Hunger!

Prayer to St. Joseph – Feast Day March 19

Glorious St. Joseph,

Appointed by the Eternal Father as the guardian and protector of the life of Jesus Christ; the comfort and support of His Holy Mother; and the instrument in His great design for the Redemption of mankind; and who had the happiness of living with Jesus and Mary and of dying in their arms: be moved with the confidence which we place in you and procure for us from The Almighty, the particular favors which we humbly ask through your intercession.

~(Here ask for favors you wish to obtain)~

Pray for us, then, O Great Saint Joseph, and by your love for Jesus and Mary, and by their love for you, obtain for us the supreme happiness of living and dying in the love of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

St. Joseph, pray for us.



- Bible Study 3/20
- Partners in Charity Appeal continues
- Mary & Martha Movie Matinee 4/9