

# SACRED HEART CHURCH, GREENWICH, CT 06830



## Fourth Sunday of Lent-B

March 14, 2021

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**Office Hours**  
9:00 AM— 1:00 PM Monday to Friday

**\*ATTENTION\***  
**PLEASE ADDRESS ALL YOUR MAIL TO**  
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**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)**  
by appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptisms are celebrated on  
Sunday at 12:30 PM.

Please call the parish office in advance  
to schedule a **Baptism**.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**

Should be arranged at least 6 months  
in advance.

Call the parish office for information.

**FOR LIVE STREAMING**  
**OF THE 4:00 PM MASS.**  
**PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE:**  
**[WWW.SACREDHEARTGREENWICH.ORG](http://WWW.SACREDHEARTGREENWICH.ORG)**

### Masses

**Monday through Friday: 7:00 AM in Chapel**  
**Saturday Vigil : 4:00 PM in Church**  
**Sunday Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM**  
**in Church**

### PARISH MINISTRIES

Adults Faith Formation – Carole Wiemer  
Altar Decoration Team– Cecilia Bowers,  
Candace Hammond & Maria Carosella  
Altar Servers - Father Mark D'Silva  
Birthright and Angel Tree - Kathy Wiegand  
Buildings & Grounds – John Ciovacco & Donna Mann  
Care of the Sick – Father Mark D'Silva  
Counters – Liz Williams  
Hospitality – Isabel Santana  
Lay-Rep. of the Parish Corp.– Kevin Burns  
Lay-Rep. of the Parish Corp. – James Vivier  
Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers – Donald Mohr  
Liturgical Music – Jan Gunnip  
Live-Stream - Cecilia Bowers & James Duffy  
Parish Data Input - Cecilia Bowers  
Prayer Ministry – Carole Wiemer  
Prayer Shawl – Minnie Tigano  
Religious Education – Father Mark D'Silva  
Thanksgiving & Easter Baskets – John Innominato  
Parish Council Chairperson – Jan Gunnip  
Finance Council Chairperson – William Dylewsky



**REJOICE, JERUSALEM, AND ALL WHO LOVE HER. BE JOYFUL, ALL WHO WERE IN MOURNING; EXULT AND BE SATISFIED AT HER CONSOLING BREAST.**



**THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF VIOLA LAGRONEGRO FROM DIANE, KYE DMUCHOWSKI & GRANDCHILDEN**



Saturday, March 13  
 4:00 PM †Eugene McEvoy Jr.—Sacred Heart Prayer Group  
 Sunday, March 14  
 7:30 AM †Viola Lagronegro—Diane, Kye Dmuchowski & Grandchildren  
 9:30 AM †Peter Halpin & Brigid Walsh—Mary McNamee  
 11:30 AM †Rose Tammaro—Mary Ann & Ralph Amelio  
 Monday, March 15  
 7:00 AM Parishioners  
 Tuesday, March 16  
 7:00 AM †Souls in Purgatory  
 Wednesday, March 17  
 7:00 AM †John Zuccerella—Alice Neal  
 Thursday, March 18  
 7:00 AM †Sal & Edward Keegan—Alice Neal  
 Friday, March 19  
 7:00 AM †Bona & Laetitia D’Souza—Fr. Mark  
 Saturday, March 20  
 4:00 PM †Mark Sanford—Roseanne & Children  
 Sunday, March 21  
 7:30 AM †Alice McCourt Keegan (65th Anniversary)—Alice Neal  
 9:30 AM †Rose Presto (Birthday)—Parelli Family  
 †11:30 AM †Ethel & Daniel McNeil (Anniversary)—SH Parish  
 Monday, March 22  
 7:00 AM †Jean Hammond (31st Anniversary)—Daughter, Candace  
 Tuesday, March 23  
 7:00 AM XXX  
 Wednesday, March 24  
 7:00 AM †Dan Amelio—Ralph & MaryAnn Amelio  
 Thursday, March 25  
 7:00 AM Parishioners  
 Friday, March 26

**THIS WEEK—CATHOLIC RELIEF FUND  
 NEXT WEEK—MONTHLY COLLECTION  
 March 7—THANK YOU!  
 Weekly Collection—\$2,140.50  
 Second Collection—\$435.00—REGIONAL SCHOOL  
 Miscellaneous—\$793.00**

**The following list is for the most recent availability for Masses:**

**Mar.** 23, 26, 29 & 31. **Apr.** 2, 6, 7, 18, 21, 23, 25, & 29.  
**May** 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 26, 27 & 31..  
**Jun.** 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 28 & 29. **Jul.** 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 25, 27, 28 & 29.

**For Altar Bread & Wine:** Mar. 28. Apr. 11 & 18. May 9, 23 & 30. Jun. 13 & 20,

**For Altar Flowers:** May 30. Jun. 13. July. 18 & 25.

**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT-B**

**The cross defeats sin and death**

The bronze serpent which Moses lifted up in the wilderness points to the cross of Christ which defeats sin and death and obtains everlasting life for those who believe in Jesus Christ. The result of Jesus "being lifted up on the cross" and his rising from the dead, and his exaltation and ascension to the Father's right hand in heaven, is our "new birth in the Spirit" and adoption as sons and daughters of God. God not only frees us from our sins and pardons us, he also fills us with his own divine life through the gift and working of his Spirit who dwells within us.

The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual power and gifts, especially the seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence for God and his ways, and a holy fear in God's presence (see Isaiah 11), to enable us to live in his strength as sons and daughters of God. Do you thirst for the new life which God offers you through the transforming power of his Holy Spirit?

**The proof of God's love for us**

How do we know, beyond a doubt, that God truly loves us and wants us to be united with him forever? For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). God proved his love for us by giving us the best he had to offer - his only begotten Son who freely gave himself as an offering to God for our sake and as the atoning sacrifice for our sin and the sin of the world.

-Don Schwager



**Sacred Heart Parish congratulates and welcomes Mariela Antonia Olaes baptized into God's family on March 7, 2021**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**Saturday, May 1st: Group 1 at 10:30am  
 Group 2 at 12:30pm  
 Sunday, May 2nd: Group 3 at 2:00pm**

**CONFIRMATION**

**Saturday, June 5, 2021  
 Group 1 at 10:00 AM  
 Group 2 at 12:00 PM**

**During the Coronavirus crisis, our donations have and will continue to drop significantly. Won't you please consider helping us continue to pay our bills? Many thanks for your generosity and support!**



**Stations of Cross**

**You can view the Stations of Cross at our website by visiting [www.sacredheartgreenwich.org](http://www.sacredheartgreenwich.org)**

All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for everyone over the age 14. If for some reason you are not able to abstain from meat on a Friday, you are encouraged to perform some other form of penance.

**The Diocesan Novena to Saint Joseph**

On March 19th, Bishop Caggiano will consecrate the Diocese of Bridgeport to the patronage of Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church, at a Pontifical Mass at St. Augustine’s Cathedral in Bridgeport at 7:00pm. To prepare for the consecration, you are cordially invited to participate in a special Novena to Saint Joseph that will seek his intercession upon our diocese during this celebratory year. The Novena will begin on Wednesday, March 10th and end on March 18th, and will take place at 7:00pm every evening via Zoom. You will be able to access the novena through our diocesan website. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this diocesan-wide devotion to the Patron of the Universal Church during the Year to Saint Joseph.

**Please pray for the deceased members of our parish, especially for John Zuccerella 2.20.2021**



**EASTER FOOD DRIVE**

**We had cancelled our Annual Easter Food Basket Drive last year due to Coronavirus, and since the impact of this virus is still upon us, we are distributing \$50.00 gift cards to the beneficiaries this year too.**

**We invite the parishioners to contribute \$10, \$20, \$25 or more gift card of either “ShopRite” or “Stop & Shop” or “Cash Donations”. Please put it in an envelope and drop it off in the Sunday collection baskets or drop it off at the rectory or mail it to 38 Gold St. Greenwich, CT 06830.**

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

If you are new to Greenwich and would like to join Sacred Heart Parish, please visit our website [www.sacredheartgreenwich.org](http://www.sacredheartgreenwich.org) and fill the registration form and submit online or contact the rectory at 203-531-8730 during the office hours, 9 am to 1 pm.

**Ministry to the Homebound**

If you, or someone you know, is homebound and would like our priest visit you, please contact the Rectory at 203-531-8730.

Due to Social distancing, the priest will meet you at the door and administer the sacraments.

**Reflections**

I invite all the faithful of the Parish to reflect on how this pandemic has affected our faith life and call on you to spiritually prepare for the eventual return of in-person worship when it can be done safely.

Cardinal Tobin of Newark, writing in “Returning to Grace: A Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist,” said the inability to receive the body and blood of Christ in holy Communion has left a vacuum in people’s lives.

He expressed hope that people would gratefully return to regular Mass attendance in due time.

“Is it possible that Catholics who have been denied access to this great sacrament — including those who have ‘walked away from it’ over many years — may realize what they are missing and return to experience the loving presence of Christ in this mystery of grace?” he wrote.

The title of the pastoral letter reflects the vital need for Catholics to invite others to “return to full, conscious and active participation in the eucharistic liturgy” and to do so by emphasizing “the graciousness of this great gift and its incomparable beauty,” the letter said.

By receiving the Eucharist, he explained, the faithful are “called to recognize ourselves as true members of the same body and blood of Christ who are intimately united with him and with each other through the miracle” of the mystery of the real presence of Jesus.

“Each time we receive the holy Eucharist, we accept the Lord’s great commission to proclaim his Gospel and to minister to his people in every nation to the ends of the earth,” Cardinal Tobin said.

He compared the inability to receive holy Communion to being unable to visit his mother who now lives in southwestern Ontario, near his hometown of Detroit. When he finally was able to visit and share a cup of tea with her last summer, he said, “I experienced true joy.”

“Millions of Catholics across the world have had a similar experience with their love for Jesus. ... What we receive when we receive holy Communion is the same ‘body of Christ’ that St. Paul tells us we are,” the cardinal said.

“Has absence made our hearts grow fonder?” he asked. “I invite our sisters and brothers to return to full, conscious and active participation in the Eucharistic liturgy” by emphasizing “the graciousness of this great gift and its incomparable beauty.”

-Fr. Mark D’Silva