

# SACRED HEART CHURCH, GREENWICH, CT 06830



## Third Sunday of Lent-B

March 7, 2021

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

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**PLEASE ADDRESS ALL YOUR MAIL TO**  
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**GREENWICH, CT 06830**

**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



**MY EYES ARE ALWAYS ON THE LORD, FOR HE RESCUES MY FEET FROM THE SNARE. TURN TO ME AND HAVE MERCY ON ME, FOR I AM ALONE AND POOR.**



**THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDDIE GUNNIP FROM JAN GUNNIP**



Saturday, March 6  
 4:00 PM Thanksgiving of St. Jude—Smith Family  
 Sunday, March 7  
 7:30 AM †Philomena Kelly—Mary & John Connell  
 9:30 AM †Eddie Gunnip—Jan Gunnip  
 †11:30 AM †John Spadaro (9th Anniversary)—Daughters  
 Monday, March 8  
 7:00 AM Parishioners  
 Tuesday, March 9  
 7:00 AM †John O’Callaghan—Mary & John Connell  
 Wednesday, March 10  
 7:00 AM †Victor D’Silva—Fr. Mark  
 Thursday, March 11  
 7:00 AM †Stanley Masna—Family  
 Friday, March 12  
 7:00 AM †Stephen Catanzaro (Anniversary)—Mom & Dad  
 Saturday, March 13  
 4:00 PM †Eugene McEvoy Jr.—Sacred Heart Prayer Group  
 Sunday, March 14  
 7:30 AM †Viola Lagronegro—Diane, Kye & Grandchildren  
 9:30 AM †Peter Halpin & Brigid Walsh—Mary McNamee  
 11:30 AM †Rose Tamararo—MaryAnn & 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

**THIS WEEK—REGIONAL SCHOOL  
 NEXT WEEK—CATHOLIC RELIEF FUND  
 February 28—THANK YOU!  
 Weekly Collection—\$1,735.00  
 Second Collection—\$851.00—MAINTENANCE PARISH BUILDINGS  
 Miscellaneous—\$137.00  
 Online Giving—\$1,989.34—FEBRUARY**

**The following list is for the most recent availability for Masses:**  
**Mar.** 23, 25, 26, 29 & 31. **Apr.** 2, 6, 7, 11, 18, 21, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29. **May** 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 26, 27 & 31.. **Jun.** 1, 2, 7, 10, 11,13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28 & 29  
**For Altar Bread & Wine:** **Mar.** 28. **Apr.** 11, 18, 25. **May** 2, 9, 23 & 30.  
**For Altar Flowers:** **May** 30. **Jun.** 13 & 27. **July.** 18 & 25.

**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT-B**

**The cleansing of the consumers:**

Those selling animals for sacrifice at the Temple and those exchanging coins had provided necessary services for centuries. Consequently, Jesus’ cleansing of the Temple was puzzling. To understand this, we need to see the Temple as a pre-figurement of the Church, which Jesus loves so much even to the point of laying down His life for her (Eph 5:25). We go to Church; Jesus dies for her. We may see the Church as a group of people or a building. Jesus sees it as His Body (e.g. Eph 1:22-23) and His Bride (see Eph 5:27ff). Jesus’ attitude toward the Church is characterized by zeal and self-sacrifice (see Jn 2:17; Ps 69:10). Jesus was consumed by His love for the Church. As disciples of Jesus, do we have Jesus’ attitude toward His Church? Is the Church our passion, our love, and our joy? Do we do the minimum or the maximum for His Church? Do we relate to the Church as consumers or as those being consumed? Do we look at the Church for value, convenience, and service? Do we “go to the Church of our choice”? Or do we let ourselves be consumed by the Church and her Head, Jesus? In this Lent, join His Church by His standards.  
 —Don Schwager

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

**RECONCILIATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**  
**Grade 2—Saturday, March 6**  
**Group 1 at 1:00 pm**  
**Group 2 at 2:30 pm**  
  
**Older kids—Saturday, March 13**  
**Group 1 at 1:00 pm**  
**Group 2 at 2:30 pm**

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

**ARE YOU MISSING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES?**  
 If you have not receive your set of envelopes please notify the Parish Office at 203-531-8730.



**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.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NEXT WEEKEND.**

**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**

**How Come I Fear Lent?**

I’ve got to admit it: there is something about the liturgical season of Lent that makes me uncomfortable. Why? As best as I can tell, lent brings up in my small soul a sense that I am somehow not good enough. Yes, my resolutions for doing something or avoiding another something are often enough broken *at least* by the middle of the Lent’s third week. What’s wrong with you, anyway!

I am left with the feeling that I failed again! I couldn’t sustain the simple direction that my pre-Lenten decisions led me. Isn’t that what you’re supposed to do? Something nice for God so God will love you better.

Aye, there’s the rub! The premise here is that I’ve got to earn God’s love. What a crock! If God loves me at all, God loves me *totally*. I can’t buy more love from God. God IS love, I know in my mind, but somehow that doesn’t transfer to a time of repentance (like Lent) where my focus gets sidetracked. Somehow, I’m transported back to an earlier time of my life where “doing things for God/Christ” would prove my love for God and vice versa.

The problem is that I can *know* things, but not really to *understand* them, because understanding them calls out a different part of me than “knowing with my *head*.” I need to acknowledge that understanding with my *heart* and acting out of that understanding is the real goal in the spiritual life.

My early training clearly led me to miss this distinction. The more I think about it. God is incredibly patient with me as I am led to a deeper understanding and “feel” for what is most important. The bottom line regarding Lent is that the focus is NOT on me and my little dreams and schemes. Lent’s focus is squarely on God:

- God’s love;
- God’s care for me;
- God’s unique call to me;
- God’s desire that I discover my true self (finding and moving away from my predominately ego-driven self);
- God’s intensely intimate invitation to follow in Jesus’ footsteps in service.

So, my Lenten question becomes, not exhibiting *my* goodness by giving up X or adding X to the upcoming six weeks of my life, but in *focusing on God* in one of all of the above-mentioned ways that God expresses that magnificent desire to be God *for me* and, obviously, for all and each one of us. Just imagine that!

Lent offers the time and space for recognizing more deeply the goodness of God reflected so intimately in the person of Jesus our Lord and redeemer. Nothing is more compelling than consistently *noticing* more profoundly the love of God in Jesus the Christ principally, and in the beauty and challenge of others who love us. Can I look at others and the entire creation of a loving and gracious God and not be overwhelmed by God’s universal presence to me (and of course) to each one and all of us.

So, Lent needs not bring me *fear*, but an intense *joy* at God’s love in Christ and the marvelously created universe. Lent (as all of our life in God) actualizes and makes real to us God/Christ’s personal invitation to hear the call to service and humbly respond as we are (gifted and loved by God).  
—Tom Shanahan, SJ