

SACRED HEART CHURCH, GREENWICH, CT 06830

Fifth Sunday of Lent-B

March 21, 2021



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9:00 AM— 1:00 PM Monday to Friday

ATTENTION
PLEASE ADDRESS ALL YOUR MAIL TO
SACRED HEART CHURCH
38 GOLD ST.
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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

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



**GIVE ME JUSTICE, O GOD, AND
PLEAD MY CAUSE AGAINST A
NATION THAT IS FAITHLESS.
FROM THE DECEITFUL AND
CUNNING RESCUE ME, FOR YOU,
O GOD, ARE MY STRENGTH.**



**THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE ARE IN
LOVING MEMORY OF
JEAN HAMMOND (31ST ANNIVERSARY)
FROM DAUGHTER, CANDACE**



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 & Mary Ann Amelio
Thursday, March 25
7:00 AM Parishioners
Friday, March 26
7:00 AM XXX
Saturday, March 27
4:00 PM †Sofie & John Mucha—Paula Jablonski & Family
Sunday, March 28—**PALM SUNDAY**
7:30 AM Conversion of Sinners
9:30 AM †John Zuccerella—Veda & Joe Fratello
11:30 AM †Liguory & Grace D’Silva—Fr. Mark
Monday, March 29
7:00 AM XXX
Tuesday, March 30
7:00 AM †Pedro Mattos (Anniversary)—Mom, Solange Carneiro
Wednesday, March 31
7:00 AM XXX
Thursday, April 1—**HOLY THURSDAY (NO 7 AM MASS)**
SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
6:30 PM Thanksgiving—Cecilia
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT UNTIL 11:00PM
Friday, April 2—**GOOD FRIDAY (NO 7 AM MASS)**
3:00 PM **PASSION OF THE LORD**
6:00 PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

THIS WEEK—MONTHLY COLLECTION

NEXT WEEK—UTILITY FUND

March 14—THANK YOU!

Weekly Collection—\$2,015.00

Second Collection—\$435.00—CATHOLIC RELIEF FUND

Miscellaneous —\$945.00

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

Mar. 23, 26, 29 & 31. **Apr.** 2, 6, 7, 21, 23, & 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** 23 & 30. **Jun.** 13 & 20,

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

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT-B

"Unless the grain of wheat dies..."

How can I practically "die" to myself so that the Lord Jesus can live in me and transform me into his likeness and holiness? It certainly means that what is contrary to God's will must be "put to death" within me. God gives us grace to say "yes" to his will and the strength we need to reject whatever is contrary to his commands and plan for our lives. The Lord Jesus promises that we will bear much "fruit" for him, if we choose to deny ourselves for his sake and embrace his will for our lives.

Jesus used strong language to describe the kind of self-denial he had in mind for his disciples. "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life" (John 12:25). What did Jesus mean when he said that a follower of Christ must hate himself or herself? The expression to hate something often meant to prefer less. Jesus says that nothing should get in the way of our preferring him and the will of our heavenly Father above all else. Paul the Apostle reminds us that "what is sown in the earth is subject to decay, what rises is incorruptible" (1 Corinthians 15:42). Do you believe in the power and victory of Christ's saving cross and resurrection? And are you ready to reject whatever is contrary to God's commands and to trust him for the strength and joy to embrace his will for your life?



**Sacred Heart Parish
congratulates and welcomes
Ivan Jesus Samano-Vargas
And
Matthew Samano-Vargas
baptized into God’s family on
March 14, 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

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 Catholic Academy of Stamford is now accepting applications for 2021 – 2022. Interested parents, please contact Mary Margarone at 203-322-6505 or info@casct.org. You may also apply online at www.CasCt.org

Virtual Open House
Available 24/7 on our Website
www.CasCt.org

Please pray for the sick and deceased members of our parish



EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Our annual Easter Food Drive concludes this Sunday, March 21st. 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”. It is not too late if you would like to contribute, you can drop it off at the rectory on Monday, March 22nd or Tuesday, March 23rd the latest.

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

Returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Celebrating and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be among the most blessed of human experiences. Yet, there are a number of reasons why we don't take advantage of this Sacrament or we don't celebrate it well. Fear, shame, bad experiences of the past, a long time since the last reception of the Sacrament or bad habits in celebrating it now are all possible reasons for struggles with this Sacrament. The solution is so simple. A simple understanding of the Sacrament and a small encouragement to give it a new try, with a new expectation, can literally change our lives and will certainly renew our faith.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is God's gift to us. In the story of the Prodigal Son, Jesus tries to tell us that God is simply waiting for us to "come home." In the story, the father is not only waiting, he is out by the road longing for the wayward son to return. And when the son begins to give his practiced speech of repentance, the father interrupts him and shouts orders to begin the celebration. Jesus is telling us that this is how God feels about our reconciliation. It isn't about our having to shame ourselves or face being scolded. It is all about letting ourselves receive the merciful and healing love and peace that only God's love can give us.

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to Greenwich and would like to join Sacred Heart Parish, please visit our website 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.