## SACRED HEART CHURCH, GREENWICH, CT 06830





# THE 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 20, 2022

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## **Parish Office**

38 Gold Street Greenwich, CT 06830

**Office Hours** 

9:00 AM— 1:00 PM Monday to Friday Closed on Saturday and Sunday

## **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

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)**

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 PM or by appointment

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 12:30 PM. Please call the parish office in advance to schedule a Baptism. Pre-Baptismal class for the parents is Mandatory; it is held on 3rd Saturday of the month at 12 noon.

## **Sacrament of Matrimony**

Should be arranged at least 6 months in advance. Call the parish office for more information.

FOR LIVE STREAMING
OF THE 4:00 PM MASS,
PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.SACREDHEARTGREENWICH.ORG

## **EASTER FOOD DRIVE**

Our annual Easter Food Drive is in progress. We are collecting non-perishable food donations for Easter baskets. Please leave items at the front or rear entrances of the church each weekend through Sunday, April 3rd.

Suggested items: \$20 Store gift cards (Stop & Shop or Shoprite); canned tuna, chicken or turkey; pasta; stuffing; soups; rice; beans; peanut butter; jelly; powdered milk; cereals; coffee; tea; juice; spaghetti sauce; instant mashed potatoes; macaroni & cheeses; canned fruits and vegetables. Please contact the Rectory if you know someone that could use a food basket. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

## **Confessions for Rel. Ed. Students in the Church During Religion Classes**

Mar 23 - Grade 3 & 5 Mar 30 - Grade 6 April 6 - Grade 7 May 4 - Grade 8

First Reconciliation (First Communion Class) is scheduled on Saturday, April 9 at 10:00 A.M. in the Church.

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.



Saturday, March 19

4:00 PM †Grandpa & OT Together in Heaven—

Barbara O'Toole

Sunday, March 20

7:30 AM †Donna Gasiorowski—Robert Gasiorowski

9:30 AM †John Connell—John Halpin

11:30 AM †Jenny Imbrogno—Barbara O'Toole

Monday, March 21

7:00 AM †Alice McCourt Keegan (Anniversary)—Alice Neal

Tuesday, March 22

7:00 AM †Jean Hammond (Anniversary)—Daughter, Candace

Wednesday, March 23

7:00 AM †Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 24

7:00 AM Spiritual Help

Friday, March 25

7:00 ÅM †Dan Amelio—Ralph & Mary Ann Amelio

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross (In Church)

Saturday, March 26

4:00 PM †Rose Presto (Birthday)—The Parelli Family

Sunday, March 27

7:30 AM †George Pavarini—Fr. Raja

9:30 AM †Edward J. Duff, Sr.—Donna & Mickey Mann

11:30 AM †Ethel & Daniel McNeil (Anniversary)—

Sacred Heart Parish

Monday, March 28

7:00 AM †Anna & Domenick Latella & Daughter,

Joanne Phin-Virginia & Catherine Latella

Tuesday, March 29

7:00 AM Spiritual Help

Wednesday, March 30

7:00 AM †Catherin R. Macri (Birthday)—The Macri Family

Thursday, March 31

7:00 AM †Pedro Mattos & Mozart de Luan Carneiro—

**Solange Carneiro Mattos** 

Friday, April 1

7:00 AM In Blessings—Cecilia Bowers

6:00 PM Adoration (In Church)

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross (In Church)

## IN PEW WEEKEND MARCH 26th & 27th

March 26th & 27th have been designated "In Pew Weekend" for the 2022 Bishop's Appeal-A Bridge Home.

Next weekend all parishioners who are yet to make their gifts are asked to prayerfully consider making their gift or pledge to the Appeal. Support for the Appeal is a tangible way to place a share of our blessings at the service of others, especially those most in need.



THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF FRANK O'TOOLE, SR. & JR., FROM BARBARA O'TOOLE

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Second Collection—\$785.31—CATHOLIC RELIEF SEVICES OF CENTRAL & CENTRAL EUROPE

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Masses are available on following dates:

**May.** 6, 16 & 18 **Jun.** 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26. 27 & 28. **Jul.** 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27 & 31. **Aug.** 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28 & 29

For Altar Bread & Wine:

Apr: 3 & 17. May: 15, 22 & 29. Jun: 26; Jul: 3 & 31.

For Altar Flowers:

May: 22 & 29. Jul: 3 & 31. Aug: 21 & 28.

Please pray for the sick of our Parish.

Please pray also for the
deceased members of our Parish.



## The 3rd Sunday of Lent

### The sign of the barren fig tree

Jesus' parable of the barren fig tree illustrates his warning about the consequences of allowing sin and corruption to take root in our hearts and minds. Fig trees were a common and important source of food for the people of Palestine. A fig tree normally matured within three years, producing plentiful fruit. If it failed, it was cut down to make room for more healthy trees. A decaying fig tree and its bad fruit came to symbolize for the Jews the consequence of spiritual corruption caused by evil deeds and unrepentant sin.

The unfruitful fig tree symbolized the outcome of Israel's indifference and lack of response to God's word of repentance and restoration. The prophets depicted the desolation and calamity of Israel's fall and ruin due to her unfaithfulness to God - as a languishing fig tree. Jeremiah likened good and evil rulers and members of Israel with figs that were either good for eating or rotten and wasteful (Jeremiah 24:2-8). Jesus' parable depicts the patience of God, but it also contains a warning that we should not presume upon God's patience and mercy. God's judgment will come in due course - very soon or later.

-Don Schwager

**Good Friday** and 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.

Good Friday is a day of fasting for all who are 18 years of age, until their 59th birthday. On these days only one full meal is eaten, and two lesser meals may be eaten if needed.

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## Stations of the Cross In the Church in person at 6:30 p.m.

(You may also view the pre-recorded version from home)

www.sacredheartgreenwich.org

### Bishop's Appeal

As of March 17, 2022 we have raised 50 gifts worth \$12,595 from 43 donors bringing the Parish to 34.51% of its \$36,500 goal. Thank you to all who have participated in the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you.

## **CONFIRMATION DATE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022** 

AT 2:00 P.M.

## FOUNDATIONS IN EDUCATION 2022 ANNUAL GALA AT WOODWAY COUNTRY CLUB

Foundations in Education invites you to its Annual Gala on Thursday, May 5, 2022. Join Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano to celebrate our honorees—our own Dr. Steve Cheeseman (Superintendent of Schools), Barbara and Peter Ripp, and Mutual of America. Join us in celebration and support of Catholic education! Proceeds support Foundations in Education, whose mission is to provide hundreds of children from low-and middle-income families with quality education focused on Christian values and character formation. To Purchase tickets and sponsorships or for more information, please call 203-416-1405 or visit www.foundationsineducation.org

My sincere thanks to all who responded generously to assist the victims of war in Ukraine during this critical time. We have been able to raise \$3,148.00. The amount has already been forwarded to the Diocese of Bridgeport. May God bless you and let us continue to pray for peace in the world.

Fr. Mark

## Annual Bishop's Appeal: A Bridge Home

As you all know, it is essential for us to meet our Annual Bishop's Appeal goal. As of now, we have raised \$9,090 (35 gifts) bringing the Parish to 24.90% of our goal from 30 families into the appeal. Our goal is to raise \$36,500 to participate in the charitable works of our Diocese, especially in our neighborhood. Next week we are doing our 'in-pew' weekend for request everyone appeal. wholeheartedly join this effort to raise this goal and complete the appeal as soon as possible. Last year we raised a little above the goal. Thank you for your generous contribution last year.

Let's continue to pray and work towards this goal. May the Almighty God bless every one of us. Amen.

### ARE YOU MISSING OFFERTORY ENVELOPES?

If you have not receive your set of envelopes please notify the Parish Office at 203-531-8730.

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