SACRED HEART CHURCH, GREENWICH, CT 06830





1ST SUNDAY OF LENT **FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

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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

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at 12:45 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

The Sacrament of Matrimony should be arranged at least 6 months in advance.

Call the parish office for more information.

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

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

PARISH MINISTRIES

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

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS IN LOVING MEMORY OF DON KOLOK (BIRTHDAY) FROM FAMILY WHEN HE CALLS ON ME, I WILL ANSWER HIM; I WILL DELIVER HIM AND GIVE GLORY, I WILL GRANT HIM LENGTH OF DAYS. THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF CATHERINE QUARANTA (BIRTHAY) FROM DAUGHTER, MICHELE



Saturday, February 25

4:00 PM †Marla M. Mohr—Carole Wiemer

Sunday, February 26

7:30 AM †Don Kolok (Birthday)—Family

9:30 AM †Kathleen Carlin—Tom & Liz Williams

11:30 AM †Catherine Quaranta (Birthday) —Daughter, Michele

Monday, February 27

7:00 AM All the Members of the Parish

Tuesday, February 28

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

Wednesday, March 1

7:00 AM †Victor D'Silva—Fr. Mark

Thursday, March 2

7:00 AM †Carol Walters—Tim & Karen Johansen

Friday, March 3—Adoration & Stations of the Cross (in Church)

7:00 AM XXX

6:00 PM Adoration

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 4

4:00 PM †Mildred & Matthew O'Brien—Family

Sunday, March 5

7:30 AM In Blessings & Protection for Mariela & Patricia— The Olaes Family

9:30 AM †Minnie Fama (Anniversary)—The Holko Family

11:30 AM †Ed Gunnip—Wife

Monday, March 6

7:00 AM Speedy Recovery for Michael Convey—Counters' Ministry

Tuesday, March 7

7:00 AM XXX

Wednesday, March 8

7:00 AM Conversion of Sinners

Thursday, March 9

7:00 AM XXX

Friday, March 10

7:00 AM XXX

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

Please pray for the sick of our Parish.

Please pray also for the
deceased members of our Parish.



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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next Prayer Shawl meeting date has been changed for March. The new date is Saturday, March 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the school hall. The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to invite parishioners who knit or crochet (or would like to learn) to join us to knit or crochet prayer shawls.

FEBRUARY 19:

Weekly Offertory: \$ 1,581.60 Second Collection: \$ 905.60 Special Collection: \$ 2,410.25 Miscellaneous: \$ 161.00

NEXT WEEK: UTILITIES FUND

Masses are available on following dates:

2023: Mar. 3, 7, 9, 10, 12, 18, 26, 27, & 28. Apr. 2, 3, 4, 12, 17, 18, 25, 28 & 30. May. 6, 7, 10, 18, 19, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29 & 31. Jun. 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18, 19,

THIS WEEK : MAINTENANCE/PARISH BLDGS.

For Altar Bread & Wine, the dates available are:

2023: Apr. 2, 9 & 16. May. 14.

For Altar Flowers, the dates available are:

2023: Apr. 23. **Jun.** 25. **Jul.** 2, 16, 23 & 30. **Aug.** 20.

For Sanctuary candles, the dates available are:

2023: Apr. 16; **Jun.** 4 & 25; **Jul.** 2, 16 & 30

1st Sunday of Lent

Lent is the 40-day period of prayer, penance, and spiritual endeavor in preparation for Easter. Lent is not an end in itself; it is a means to lead to the paschal feast and so can be rightly understood only in the light of Easter. Easter gives meaning to Lent and shows it for what it is: the great paschal retreat of the Church.

Lent is unquestionably a time of penance, of asceticism, of spiritual discipline. However, making these things ends in themselves can obscure the real purpose of Lent. The Christian tradition in this regard shows without any doubt that the real aim of Lent is, above all else, to prepare Christians for the celebration of the death and RESURRECTION OF CHRIST. This celebration is not a matter only of commemorating the historical fact of the redemption of the human race, but even more of a reliving the mystery of Redemption in all its fullness.

Consequently, the better the preparation, the more effective the celebration will be. One can effectively relive the mystery only with purified mind and heart. The purpose of Lent is to provide that purification by weaning all of humanity from sin and selfishness through self-denial and prayer, by creating in them the desire to do God's will and to make His kingdom come by making it come first of all in their hearts.

Twenty-Seventh Annual Mass For Catholic Healthcare Workers

Mass is on Sunday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Augustine Cathedral, 399 Washington Avenue, Bridgeport.

For more information, please visit our website: www.sacredheartgreenwich.org

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 also 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.



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

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

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We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every first Friday of the month. It concludes with Benediction. Please come and pray with us this Friday, March 3 in the Church at 6 p.m. before stations of the Cross.

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Reflection booklets for Lent are available in the vestibule. Please take one per family.

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal Your gifts at work

The Respect Life Ministry supports the Diocese's efforts to promote and uphold the Church's teaching on the dignity of human life in all its stages. It assists parish efforts to educate the laity on life issues, which include Catholic teaching, legislative initiatives and public policies that impact the dignity and respect of the human person.

It strengthens parish efforts to promote peaceful prayer initiatives in the public square, which include the 40 Days for Life Campaign as well as Holy Hours and Rosary Rallies throughout the year. Pastoral care is provided through Project Rachel Ministry and addresses the wounds of abortion. Days of Prayer and Healing are held throughout the year with monthly gatherings for individuals suffering from past abortion experiences. The Ministry will expand its pastoral reach to mothers in need by providing resources to pregnant and parenting mothers.

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Our annual Easter Food Drive begins on next weekend. 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, March 26.



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.

Substitute Teachers

We are looking for a couple of substitute teachers: one or more to cover 1st Grade to 5th Grade and one or more to cover 6th Grade to 8th Grade. Their responsibility will be to come in and cover the class only when a teacher is absent due to ill-health or other valid reasons. Please contact the office for more details at 203-531-8730.

We Need more counters

Please consider volunteering. If you are interested, please contact Liz Williams at 203-531-6233.

Connecticut March for Life 2023 - Join the Connecticut March for Life on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 in Hartford. Speaker rally will begin at 12pm and the march will proceed at 1pm around Bushnell Park. Round-trip bus rides from locations throughout Connecticut are available. Please visit https://rally.co/ct-march-for-life to find buses in your area. Contact Maureen Ciardiello, Coordinator of Respect Life Ministry for the Diocese of Bridgeport at mciardiello@diobpt.org or 203-416-1445.

The Catholic Bridge A Diocese Mentorship Program

Are you interested in participating in a Diocesan-wide mentorship program?

Please visit www.FormationReimaginedorg/Bridge.
For more information, please contact the Coordinator, Cindy Egloff, at CEgloff@diobpt.org

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, Monday thru Friday, 9 am to 1 pm.

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