

Welcome!

If you are new to the community, **Welcome!** We are grateful to the Lord for your presence with us and look forward to including you in all areas of our life together. Please take a moment to fill out a registration card – they are in the foyers of the Chapel and Aquinas Center – and introduce yourself to one of the priests, the members of the Parish Council, or the Liturgical Ministers. If you are not registered, it is more difficult to provide documentation such as a certificate for sponsoring a child for Baptism or Confirmation, or to arrange for a wedding here. So, please register.

Remember

In Your Prayers

In your prayers, please remember: Grace Allaire, William Bannon, Audrey Barberet, Denise Beaudoin, Bill Bierce, Charles Boivin, Joan Campbell, Greg Cariglia, Patrick Corrigan, May & Guy Crasto, Caitlyn Daley, Stephanie Davis, Jeannette Desmarais, Jane Diaz, Jeanette Doiron, Carol Doyle, Celia Doyle, Emily Dudzic, Barbara Dziedzic, Mary Ertel, Tom Estes, Erica Fitzin, Larry Flynn, John Grunigen, Jeanne Heckerd, Michelle Heimall, Gail Hunter, John Jackman, Kathy Jambeck, Raymond Keaveney, H. J. Keenan, Mary King, Alcide Lange, Anne Lange, Christine Lee, Jeanne Lucci, Linda Malloy, Phillip Mercier, Daniel Morytko, Bob Murphy, Anna Nestor, Jay Nichols, Jean Puma, the Roghani family, Sofio Salemi, Michael Sangree, William Servedio, Frances Sikand, Carol Jean Smith, J.R. Trauger, Mary Trauger, Evelyn Vegiard, Frank Velky, Janice Walencewicz, Joshua Walsh, Loraine West, Marvin Wild, Vivian Wild, and all those who are ill. Please let us know of any member of the parish who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or who might enjoy a home visit.

Emergency Contact Number

Should someone be in need of an emergency anointing while the office is closed, please call 860-336-9179. If the emergency is at the hospital/emergency room, please have the hospital call us at this number.

Church Support

Weekly goal for Ordinary.....	\$5,308.00
Last weekend's actual collection for Ordinary	\$4,441.00
Goal for year to date Ordinary.....	\$159,000.00
Actual Year to date Ordinary	\$174,886.39
Actual year to date.....	*\$15,886.39
Weekly Goal for Upkeep.....	\$576.92
Goal for year to date Upkeep.....	\$17,307.60
Actual year to date Upkeep	\$12,666.50
Actual Year to date deficit.....	-\$4,641.10

**The above year to date figures are reflective of our severe budget cuts made as of July 1, 2011.*

Parish News & Events



Catholic Schools Week

January 29 - February 5, 2012

This weekend, January 28 & 29, 2012, a Diocesan Collection will be taken to benefit the 15 Catholic elementary schools of the Diocese. Our Catholic schools are an important part of the mission of the Catholic Church. Your contribution will help support a Christ-centered and academically excellent Catholic education.



Knights of Columbus Pill Bottle Collection

The Knights of Columbus are still collecting used, label-less* medicine bottles for use in Haiti. There is a collection box for recycling these "pill" bottles in the Aquinas Center.

*please try to mark the name with an indelible marker or remove it all together.

Gregorian Chant Vespers

The Gregorian Chant group will meet on Mondays, 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel Basement to read through the music for the Vespers, and at 8:30 p.m. we will move to the Chapel to sing through the service. Anyone is welcome to join us, either to sing or listen. Contact Jane Frogley at jfrogley@att.net for more information.

No Freeze Shelter Needs Help

Recognizing our covenant and a need to help our neighbors during this cold time of year, St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel and St. Mark's are joining together to collect items for the Windham Area No Freeze Hospitality Center. There is information posted in the Chapel and the Center. The Hospitality Center needs hats, gloves, scarves, socks, paper towels, toilet paper, razors, shaving cream, decaf coffee, cleaning supplies and volunteers. Bins will set out to collect items. Please consider making a donation to help a neighbor in need. If you would like more information, please call 860-450-1436.

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Our Parish Library Needs Your Help

New and gently used spiritual or religious books are welcomed as gifts to our parish library. Please put them in the book return box in the library. The library's loan period is a very generous three months and all are welcome and encouraged to use the library. However, please remember to return the books as well. Thank you! Any questions contact Kathy McKee, Parish Librarian at 860-423-0743 or kmckee@snet.net.



*Let it Snow,
Let it Snow,
Let it Snow!*

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Immaculata Retreats

Jesus of Scripture:

Beginning on Wednesday, February 22, and continuing through March 28, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., this five session course on the images of Jesus in the Gospels will be facilitated by Father John Hanley, OMI. This videotape course with discussion and questions will be presented by the noted American Catholic Scripture scholar, Father Donald Senior, CP. Topics covered include: Jesus, the Healer, the Teacher, the Prophet, the Christ, and the Passion, Death and Resurrection. A free-will offering of \$10 per session or \$45 for the five sessions is requested. Register by calling Immaculata at (860) 423-8484.

Lenten Retreat:

The Oblate Preaching Team will present its Lenten Retreat for Men and Women from March 8-11, 2012. The theme for the retreat is "Speak, Lord, I am Ready to Listen." The Lord speaks to us in powerful ways each and every day but do we listen? The donation for the retreat is \$190.00 per person. Register by calling Immaculata at (860) 423-8484.

Thoughts for Sharing

The Covenant Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry are in desperate need of cereal, tuna, and one-can meals such as ravioli, beef stew, and salad dressing. Also, clean reusable containers and plastic grocery bags would be greatly appreciated. Please leave donations in the collection containers in the Aquinas Center next to the kitchen door. Many thanks for your commitment to this ministry.



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Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration At St. Mary Church, in Coventry

Open 24/7 in our Adoration Chapel located in the back of the Church. Prayerfully consider becoming an Adorer by choosing from the hours where help is needed: Sunday's 6:00 a.m., Sunday's at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday's at 1:00 a.m., Wednesday's at midnight, Wednesday's at 1:00 a.m., Thursday's at 2:00 p.m., Friday's at 1:00 a.m. Call Dan Digiulio at 860-742-1403 or the Rectory at 860-742-0681 to sign up or complete a sign-up sheet found in the Chapel hallway.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Consecrated Life

On Sunday, February 5, the Fifteenth Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. All are invited to join Bishop Cote in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers, and religious priests who enrich the Church and build up God's Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment. The homilist will be Very Reverend James Carini, Dean of the Vernon Deanery and Pastor of Saint Matthew Parish in Tolland. All are invited to participate in the Mass.



You Are Invited!

The Knights of Columbus are cordially inviting the members of St Thomas Aquinas to an *almost free* spaghetti dinner on Saturday, February 18, at 6:15 p.m. This is our way of saying "Thank You" for your support of our parish events: by supporting our pancake

breakfasts, buying raffle tickets, Christmas trees, yule logs, and making our "A Cappella" concert truly a success. The monies raised from these events help the Knights in their charitable outreach. The cost of the meal will be \$2.00 per person and the meal includes a salad, spaghetti with a meat sauce, desserts and drinks plus much more. So save the date. Abbondanza!

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10:15 Liturgical Minister Schedule

Sign-up lists are available in the Aquinas Center Sacristy for the liturgical ministries for the 10:15 a.m. Mass for the months of February through May. Continuing ministers should sign up to indicate dates they are not available. People who are not currently ministers are encouraged to prayerfully consider serving the parish community in this vital way. No experience is necessary. We will train you. We are especially in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers and one additional Liturgical Team Leader (LTL).



Happy Winter!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 28,

5:00 p.m. + Michael Merchant, req. by R.E. 3rd Grade Class

Sunday, January 29,

8:15 a.m. + Richard Miller

10:15 a.m. + Alice Attardo, req. by Mary Attardo

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, January 30,

12:20 p.m. + Rev. Robert W. Cronin, req. by Fr. John

Tuesday, January 31,

12:20 p.m. + Rev. Thomas Plathottam, CST, req. by Fr. John

Wednesday, February 1,

12:20 p.m. + Siobhan Capshaw, req. by Betty Ann Marsland

Thursday, February 2,

12:20 p.m. Marie Piela, req. by Mary Jo Tryba & Joe Piela

Friday, February 3, First Friday

12:20 p.m. + Bob Gouldsbrough, req. by Sabina Gouldsbrough

Saturday, February 4,

5:00 p.m. + Verna Elizabeth Lund, req. by Lee Keating

Sunday, February 5,

8:15 a.m. + Lucia Grassi, req. by Gregory Turner

10:15 a.m. + Bev Palmer, req. by Joan & Dave Palmer

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

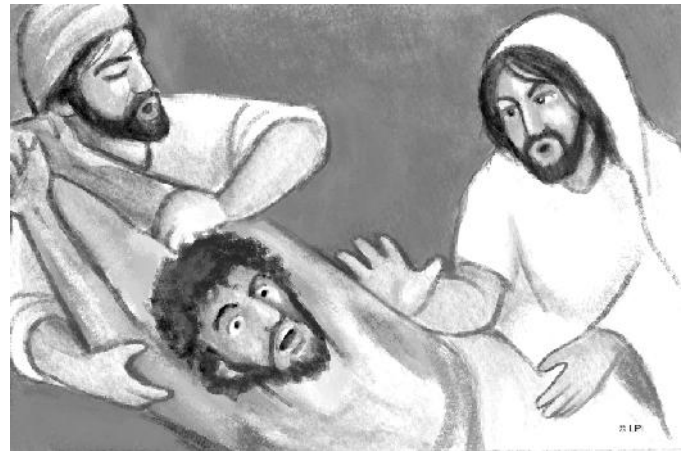
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The Rosary

Come join us for a moment with God and pray the Rosary with us each Monday, at 12:50 p.m., in the Chapel, after the 12:20 p.m. Mass and Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Faith Sharing Group

The Faith Sharing group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 in the Library. We are currently using the material from "Breaking Open the Word" which is a reflection on the scriptures. This process is modeled after small Christian communities of Central and Latin America where ordinary people gather to share their insights on the message of Jesus in the Gospels. In addition we are reading and discussing two books, *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr and *In Search Of Belief* by Joan Chittister. Our meetings are open to all and very welcoming. It is a wonderful opportunity to share our faith and to deepen our relationship with God and with each other.



In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2012

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



Sanctuary Lamp

January 29 – February 4

In Memory

Elizabeth Ashe

Req. by Anonymous

Sanctuary Light Sponsorship

If you would like the sanctuary light to burn in memory of a loved one or for a special intention you can sponsor the light for a week. The requested donation is \$15 and envelopes are available in the sanctuary area.

Parish Calendar

Jan 29 – AA, 12:00 p.m., Basement

Jan 29 – Religious Education, grades 7-10, 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Aquinas Center

Jan 29 – TLC, Pasta Supper, 5:00 p.m., Aquinas Center

Jan 30 – Chant, 8:00 p.m., Chapel Basement/Chapel

Jan 31 – AA, 1:30 p.m., Chapel Basement

Jan 31 – TLC Team Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Library

Jan 31 – Religious Education Grade K-6, 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Aquinas Center

Jan 31 – Choir, 8:00 p.m., Basement

Feb 1 – A.A., 5:30 p.m., Basement

Feb 2 – Holy Hour at 8:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 9:00 p.m., Chapel

Feb 2 – Liturgy Committee, 5:30 p.m., Lobby

Feb 3 – Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Library

Feb 3 – TLC Soup Kitchen, 3:30 p.m., Off Campus

Feb 3 – ICF, 5:30 p.m., Chapel Basement

Feb 4 – TLC, MCNR at 1:30 p.m.

Feb 5 – Pastoral Council, 11:15 a.m., Library

Feb 5 – AA, 12:00 p.m., Basement

Feb 5 – Religious Education, grades 7-10, 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Aquinas Center