



Third Sunday of Lent

ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC

Sunday, March 15, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, March 15:

8:00 am: Pro populo

10:00 am: + Joseph Rudnansky

5:00 pm: + Raymond Spurgas & + John Spurgas

Tues, March 17: 12:15 pm Mass:
+ George Flaherty Jr.

Wed, March 18: 12:15 pm Mass:
For an increase in vocations to
the priesthood

Thurs, March 19: 12:15 pm Mass:
Intentions of the celebrant

Fri, March 20: 12:15 pm Mass:
+ Kathleen Bender

Sunday, March 22:

8:00 am: + Aquedo Luna

10:00 am: Special Intention

5:00 pm: Pro populo

Congratulations to Donna Domizio who was awarded the Saint Joseph Archdiocesan Medal of Appreciation for Saint Francis of Assisi Parish. The award ceremony will be held on Sunday March 22 at 3 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford.

THE SECOND COLLECTION next Sunday, March 22 will be the Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support for displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Learn more at www.uscc.org/catholic-relief.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent
at 7:00 pm

MEDITATIONS ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent
at 5:00 pm during Holy Hour.

INTO THE DEEP

Finding Peace through Prayer

St. Francis Catholic Church
Saturday, March 21, 2020 | 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Mass at 8:00 AM



Dan Burke

Do you want to transform your prayer life? Speaker and writer, Dan Burke is coming to St. Francis Catholic Church! Dan provides three powerful talks on the secrets of the saints and how to deepen your prayer life. Join us for a life-changing event! Register online at Avila-Institute.org/Events.

Giving - March 8th

Weekly donations.....\$3,192.13
(includes basket and online donations)
Special Donation.....\$1,000.00
Votive Candles.....\$316.00

To foster intentional giving, we are encouraging all wage earners to donate at least one hour's wages per week

How is the Archdiocese of Hartford handling the Coronavirus?

As concern grows about the spread of the Coronavirus, Archbishop Blair has requested the following precautionary measures for parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford:



SIGN OF PEACE

The sign of peace should be exchanged without physical contact like hand-shaking; or else the call to exchange a sign of peace should simply be omitted.



BLOOD OF CHRIST

The distribution of Holy Communion via the chalice should be suspended; concelebrants and assisting deacons should receive only by intinction.



BODY OF CHRIST

Communion on the tongue should be strongly discouraged.



COLLECTION BASKET

There should be minimal handling of collection baskets, by ushers only.



HOLY WATER FONTS

Holy Water fonts should be emptied.



GOOD HYGIENE

All clergy and Eucharistic ministers are urged to practice good hygiene, washing their hands before Mass, or even using hand sanitizer before and after distributing Holy Communion.



MASS ATTENDANCE

The faithful are reminded that if they are sick or experiencing symptoms of sickness, they are not obliged to attend Mass, and that out of charity, they ought not to attend.

PETITIONS FOR THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

→ For those who are suffering in the current outbreak of infectious disease, that they might be healed, and for the happy repose of all who have died from this illness in recent weeks...

→ For scientists, health professionals, public officials, and all who are serving the common good in this challenging and uncertain time, that they will be filled with insight, wisdom and success in their efforts...

→ That in times of illness our heavenly Father will strengthen our faith and trust in his goodness, mercy and providential love...

→ That our compassionate Father in heaven will grant healing and peace to all those affected by the current outbreak with infectious disease...

...Let us pray to the Lord.