

**The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 22, 2017**



Saturday	January 21
8:00 AM	John Kukla
4:00 PM	Joseph Esposito ^{††}
Sunday	January 22
8:30 AM	Elsie R. Bosco ^{††} —9 th Anniversary
10:30 AM	Rob Neal ^{††} —10 th Anniversary
Monday	January 23
7:30 AM	James Davis ^{††}
Tuesday	January 24
7:30 AM	Jodie Carey ^{††}
Wednesday	January 25
7:30 AM	Francis Carey ^{††}
Thursday	January 26
7:30 AM	William O'Connor ^{††}
Friday	January 27
7:30 AM	Peggy Walsh Sitarz ^{††} —1 st Anniversary
Saturday	January 28
8:00 AM	Richard Smith ^{††} —1 st Anniversary
4:00 PM	Leo ^{††} and Clara ^{††} LaBrie
Sunday	January 29
8:30 AM	John ^{††} and Vera ^{††} Ritoli
10:30 AM	Frank Safryn ^{††} —2 nd Anniversary

Readings and Hymns for January 21st and 22nd, 2017		
Readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 1098		
Processional:	All Are Welcome	#850
Gloria:	Missa Pacem	#271
Offertory:	The Summons	#790
Holy, Holy:	Missa Pacem	#273
Communion:	Lord, When You Came You Are All We Have	#781 #586
Recessional:	Lift Up Your Hearts	#624

January 26, 2017, is the feast day of St. Timothy and Titus. The Relic of St. Timothy will be available for veneration during the recital of the Rosary and morning Mass, for anyone wishing to ask for the intercession of St. Timothy. Students from St. Timothy Middle School will join the veneration from 8:15am-9am.

The Parish Office is open Monday thru Thursday from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm: Staff meetings take place on Wednesdays from 10:00 am – 11 am.

Welcome **New to the Parish?** Welcome! Please introduce yourself to one of the staff members after Mass. You may **register** in person at the rectory, or by picking up a Census Card (located in one of the boxes on the wall at the front entrances to the Church) to be filled out and mailed or dropped off at the Church office. Please stop by or call the office: 860-233-5131. And, you can also register directly on-line at: www.sttimothywesthartford.com. We look forward to meeting you!

THANK YOU	
Results of last weekend's offertory: January 14th and 15th and Online Giving through 01/18/2017	
Offertory Goal (weekly): \$8,000.00	\$ 5,331.00 (at Mass—01/15) 2,285.90 (on-line giving—01/18) \$ <u>7,616.90</u> (total offertory 01/18)
Monthly Outreach:	\$ <u>10.00</u> (on-line giving 01/18)
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ <u>65.00</u> (at Mass—01/15) <i>Thank you all <u>so much</u> for your incredible generosity week after week</i>

 Online Giving We offer Online Giving! Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parish. This convenient new system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or to make changes. You can use any of your checking or savings accounts and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account.

Go to www.sttimothywesthartford.com to get started.

2nd Collection TODAY! The annual Archdiocesan High School Collection takes place *this* weekend and we ask for your participation in helping them reach their goal of \$250,000. Your investment will yield significant results, since our Catholic high schools offer students exceptional academics, a true spirit of service, an understanding of faith, and the Gospel message. We deeply value your support of Catholic school education as we continue to form another generation in faith.

January Hospitality Sunday—TODAY!



Come join us for post-holiday catch-up time with fellow parishioners, coffee and apple juice and those wonderful donuts and donut holes! Coloring craft table will be there, too, for the little ones. We look forward to seeing you in O'Connell Hall following the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses.



Knights of Columbus—TODAY!: The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Basketball Free Throw Competition *TODAY*, Sunday, January 22 after both the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses. The competition is open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14, as of January 1, 2017. Winners in each category will qualify for the District competition in February. Join us for this joint Basket Ball Free Throw Competition/Hospitality Sunday.



Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wednesday 8AM to 6PM: Oh, mighty Lord, I pray that you will be my shield as I do battle against ignorance, cruelty and injustice. (Contemporary prayer)

In Case of Snowstorms and Severe Weather:



For weekday morning Masses, please follow the information regarding delays or cancellations of the West Hartford School system. If there is a delay or cancellation of school, there will be NO morning Mass.



From the Desk of Our Pastoral Associate

3rd Sunday in O.T.

The liturgy of our church makes a rich and varied use of color. The color of the stole and chasuble, worn by the priest, changes according to the feast and season. The variety of color signifies the different ways in which we are touched by God's grace in the liturgy.

Violet, signifying longing and penance, is used in Advent and Lent. Rose-colored vestments, a sign of anticipation and joy are used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent. White, the color of purity and glory, is used during Christmas, Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday as well as on certain feasts of the Lord, Mary and many saints. Gold and silver may be used on great solemnities. Red recalls the blood of Christ, the martyrs, and the fire of the Holy Spirit. For Masses of the Dead and funerals, violet, white or black vestments may be worn.

Green, a symbol of growth, fruitfulness and hope, is worn on Sundays and weekdays during our present season, the thirty four weeks of non-festal time named Ordinary Time. It is called "ordinary" because we do not celebrate a particular saving event (such as Christmas, Pentecost) but celebrate the whole mystery of Christ. Making up the longest liturgical season of the year, this is the Church's teaching time, the time when, Sunday after Sunday, we walk with Jesus through a gospel and learn what it means to be his followers. In today's gospel, Peter lays down his nets to follow Jesus. Perhaps a good question we might ask ourselves on this the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, is what do we still need to "lay down" so we can be authentic followers of Jesus?

Attention Parents: Have you recently had a baby baptized? Has your child recently received their First Holy Communion, your teen, the Sacrament of Confirmation? Are you aware more than ever of the awesome task of raising a child in the Catholic faith? Sometimes parents, for one reason or another, have neglected their own faith life, the life that is passed on from one generation to the next. Is it time for you to consider becoming a catholic, or becoming more fully initiated into the Catholic Church by your reception of First Holy Communion or Confirmation? For more information, call Pat Piano, Pastoral Associate, at the rectory, 860-232-8594.

Baptism Preparation: All those having first babies baptized are asked to attend an informational class held on the first Monday night of the month at 6:00 pm. Our next class will be held Monday, February 6th in St. Timothy Middle School. For more information, please contact Pat Piano 860-232-8594; or patriciaannpiano@comcast.net.

RCIA: What does it mean to be a Catholic? Have you or someone you know ever asked that question? Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? We welcome inquiry and are happy to meet with anyone to offer suggestions about how those questions can become reality. Call Pat Piano at 860-798-1986.

Pastoral Care: If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion at home or while in the hospital, please call Pat Piano at the rectory, 860-232-8594. We have a team of care givers who are most willing to be of service.

Lectionary Scripture Study: Each Tuesday morning at 8:00 am, we offer an opportunity to share in a discussion of the scripture readings for the upcoming weekend. No prior understanding of scripture is needed. Come meet thoughtful people sharing their life and faith. Everyone is welcome!!!

Outreach Committee Mercy Moment

Opportunities:

The Year of Mercy may be done.... But Mercy Needs Continue!

January Monthly: No Monthly Drive (a brief respite for us all).

Weekly: Toiletries for Shelters, Socks for Shelters, Food for Catholic Worker House (CWH).

Next Month Look Ahead: Shelter Needs 2/11&12, Weekly Collections as above.

Descriptions: February Shelter Needs Drive 2/11&12 (*bedding, blankets, towels*) for four Hartford Shelters.

Weekly: Toiletries for the homeless, Men's Socks for the homeless, Food (*non-perishable*) for people in the CWH neighborhood. *Thank you for considering these Opportunities to be Merciful as the Father is Merciful.*

Outreach Committee Request: If you or someone you know could benefit from any of our outreach drives or activities, or have a need that our drives do not address, we respectfully request that you let the need be known by contacting Barbara Carpenter at 860-371-7170 or barbaracarpenter@mac.com. All requests will be kept in strictest confidence. Please help enable us to "*Be Merciful as the Father is Merciful*" and bring the works of Mercy to life within St Timothy's parish.

Men's Parish Retreat: As always, our Men's Retreat will take place again at Holy Family Monastery in West Hartford. The theme this year is "The Light of Simplicity". It will be a weekend of peace and reflection in an exploration of simplicity. In an age of stress, distraction and technology, we sometimes overlook the simple and transformative message at the heart of Jesus' teaching. Discover how simplicity can shine a light on what is really essential and important in our lives. Exploration of what it means to live a simple life so that we can discover true freedom and joy. Be renewed and inspired by the paradox of simplicity and the gift of faith. The date of the Men's retreat weekend is February 3 - 5, 2017. You can go online for more information: www.holyfamilyretreat.org or there are brochures and registration forms in the wall boxes at the front doors of the church. Hope you will make some time for yourself to attend this special weekend. Our parish rep is Paul Travers.

Marriage help: - If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love. The program is offered locally three times a year. For information, call confidentially [1-800-470-2230](tel:1-800-470-2230), email helds4marriage@gmail.com, or visit our website www.helpourmarriage.com.





Youth Group schedule:

- **Monday, February 6** Hearts for the Homeless 6:30-8 pm (Valentines Card Making) in the Art Room; there will be a snack.
- **Monday, March 6** Fickle Friendships 6:30-8 pm in the Art Room; there will be a snack.
- **Saturday, March 18** Spring Project for Shut-ins 9:30-11 am Art Room
- **Sunday, April 9** Making Shelter Easter Baskets 6:30-8 pm Art room Bring candy and small treats; there will be a snack.
- **Sunday, May 7** Pot Luck Dinner 6:30-8 pm Details to follow.

Refer to bulletin for additional volunteer opportunities
For questions/comments, please contact Mrs. Whittemore
whittemorediane@yahoo.com or 860-913-0241.

Faith Formation

10th Grade Confirmation Updates:

Please add these important dates to your calendar!

- **Mandatory Parent Confirmation informational Meeting-** Sunday, February 12 9:30 am Media Center
- **Rite Of Election Mass:** Sunday, March 12 at 10:30 am
- **Confirmation Rehearsal:** Monday, May 15 7 pm
- **Confirmation:** Friday May 19 7 pm.

Super Bowl Bake Sale Saturday, Feb 4th and Sunday Feb 5th, after all Masses. Sponsored by our 9th and 10th grade Confirmation students. Let us do the baking for the Super Bowl, stop by and pick up a few fresh and delicious items for your gathering. All proceeds will benefit the "St. Martin De Porres Development Project", Springs, Gauteng in South Africa. This is a Dominican run organization that makes a positive difference in the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children and assists them in reaching their highest potential. For further information, please contact Diane Whittemore at whittemorediane@yahoo.com.

Family Pasta Dinner/Game Night will take place on Saturday, February 25 following the 4 pm Mass. Join us for an evening of fun and games. Our Confirmation students will host carnival style games for your children to enjoy. All are welcome. Pasta, salad, drinks and dessert will be served. Cost is \$20.00 per family or \$6. per person. Please RSVP no later than Sunday February 19th. Please e-mail Diane Whittemore at whittemorediane@yahoo.com

From the Town of West Hartford:

Parents of the West Hartford Public School Kindergarten Class of 2017-18 are encouraged to attend Off to Kindergarten – West Hartford’s annual Kindergarten Transition Meeting on Monday, January 30th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall (snow date: Monday, February 6th). At the meeting, parents will learn more about kindergarten in West Hartford, the registration process, and ways to help your family prepare for kindergarten. Free on-site childcare will be available by reservation on a first come, first served basis.



Archdiocese of Hartford Pastoral Planning update: January 2017

The Pastoral Planning Committee will be meeting on January 24th to continue fine-tuning the current draft design of pastorates in preparation for a final round of deanery discussions with pastors, administrators and parish leaders. The current draft recommends re-naming the 3 vicariates, redefining deanery boundaries (from 17 to 8 deaneries) and 112 pastorates.

A New Catholic Transcript for a New Year!

In late January 2017, all registered Catholic households in the Archdiocese of Hartford’s family of faith will receive the *Catholic Transcript* transformed from a newspaper into a full-color magazine.

While it has been challenging to raise the bar of excellence on an award-winning publication that readers have loved since 1829, the archdiocese has integrated the invaluable input from the *Your Voice Counts* Survey and Focus Groups conducted last year by the Office of Pastoral Planning. In doing so, we have preserved the most popular elements of the *Catholic Transcript* newspaper, while honoring the request for the publication to be more purposefully evangelical and catechetical.

Mindful of the ways in which young adults converse and interact within digital “social communities,” the new *Catholic Transcript* magazine will include an interconnection with social media, incorporating a myParish app that will soon be available for free to every parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford. The new magazine will also be an essential instrument for education and accurate information regarding archdiocesan-wide pastoral planning. In fact, you can expect to see pastoral planning news, best-practices, profiles and interviews woven into the very fabric of the publication.

A revamped *Catholic Transcript* is just part of a broader effort that our local Church is making to revitalize, with God’s grace, our practice of the faith and witness to the Gospel that we are called to give to one another and to the wider community. In the words of Archbishop Blair: **“I hope and pray that the Catholic Transcript magazine will be an important source of spiritual enrichment for you, and an instrument that draws many more sheep into the loving embrace of Christ the Good Shepherd.”**

NOTE: If you would like to recommend topics for future articles in the Catholic Transcript, please send your requests to: info@catholictranscript.org

Vocation Bulletin Reflection: The Lord Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. We need, in our own time, to proclaim that same message. Are we bold enough to reform our lives and proclaim the Good News? If you are, call **Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti**, Vocation Director, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel. 860-242-5573, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.



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Gospel Today

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus began His ministry by the sea. There He called His first disciples, brothers Simon (Peter) and Andrew as they were casting their nets. Brothers James and John were fishing when Jesus called them next, saying, "Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men".

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Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

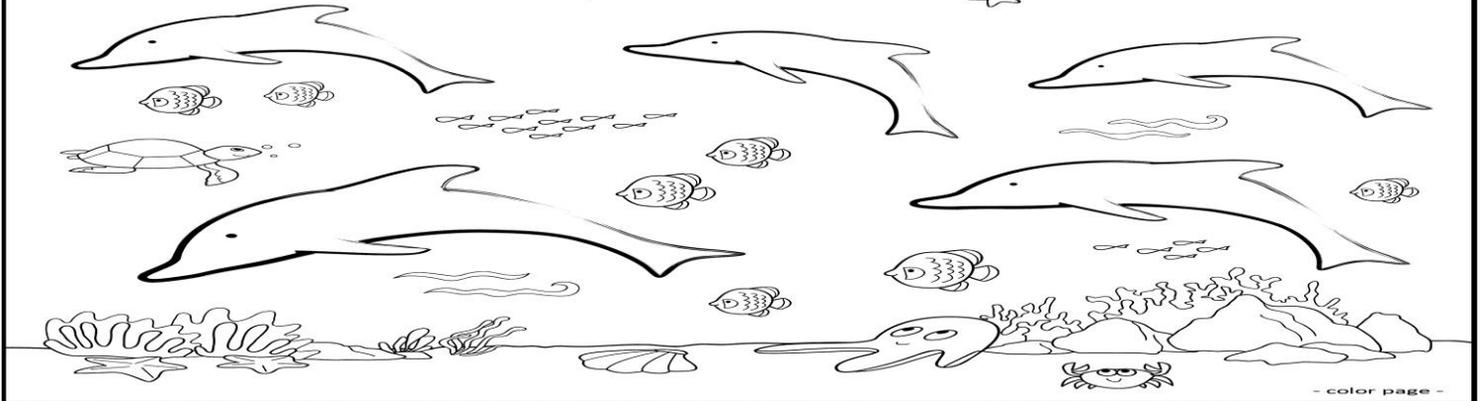
Matthew 4:17

PORPOISE WITH A PURPOSE

This school of fish (porpoise) wants to help you be a good disciple and teach others about God's Good News. Write some ways of being a good Catholic on the fish below, as they swim along the sea, for all to see!

Use these words or write your own...

- Help
- Share
- Kind
- Pray
- Love
- Give



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The Church of St. Timothy is pleased to present to you

The current "happenings" in our middle school this past week...Catholic education at its finest!



St. Timothy Middle School News
Check here each week for the latest news!



Why I Love St. Timothy Middle School

Why do I love St. Timothy Middle School? It is a tough question, but if I had to choose, it would be the three "C's". Christ, Community and Compassion. Those are the three things I think of when I hear the name St. Tim's.

We take time to put others before ourselves, something that doesn't always happen in the real world. So by instilling that kindness in us before we become adults, it can stay with us for the rest of our lives. A whole new generation that truly cares about others.

Our close knit community helps us trust one another deeply, our faith in God pushes us to believe we can achieve our goals, and the importance for compassion towards others is instilled in us at this critical stage in life. That is why I love St. Timothy Middle School. – Current 6th grader

Prospective Student Open House

Do you know of any students and families who may be interested in learning more about the fantastic opportunities available at St. Timothy Middle School? Please recommend that they attend our **Prospective Student Open House on Thursday, January 26th at 7pm**. We do have spaces for all grades 6th-8th. For more information please visit our website at stmswh.org or call us at (860) 236-0614.



MLK Basketball Tournament

Congratulations to our Boys' Varsity Basketball team for winning the MLK tournament held this past weekend at St. Paul Kensington. They showed exemplary team work and sportsmanship. Special congratulations to Miles Bryant for receiving the "Heart of the Lion" award for his tournament play.

Social Media

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