

**The First Sunday of Lent  
March 5, 2017**



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| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>March 4</b>                                           |
| 8:00 AM          | Morning Mass                                             |
| 4:00 PM          | Patricia Cain                                            |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>March 5</b>                                           |
| 8:30 AM          | Frank De Lucco <sup>†</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary |
| 10:30 AM         | J. Richard Bancroft <sup>†</sup>                         |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>March 6</b>                                           |
| 7:30 AM          | Morning Mass                                             |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>March 7</b>                                           |
| 7:30 AM          | Morning Mass                                             |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>March 8</b>                                           |
| 7:30 AM          | Joe Alissi <sup>†</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary      |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>March 9</b>                                           |
| 7:30 AM          | Morning Mass                                             |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>March 10</b>                                          |
| 7:30 AM          | Morning Mass                                             |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>March 11</b>                                          |
| 8:00 AM          | Mary E. Crotty <sup>†</sup>                              |
| 4:00 PM          | John Krawshuk 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>March 12</b>                                          |
| 8:30 AM          | Joseph <sup>†</sup> and Susan <sup>†</sup> Perotta       |
| 10:30 AM         | Robert McGoldrick <sup>†</sup>                           |

| <b>Readings and Hymns for March 4 &amp; 5 2017</b>    |                                                                  |               |
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| Readings for this weekend's Masses begin on page 1016 |                                                                  |               |
| <b>Processional:</b>                                  | Prelude: Rest Now in Me<br>Lord, Who Throughout These<br>40 Days | #711<br>#479  |
| <b>Offertory:</b>                                     | Hosea                                                            | #484          |
| <b>Holy, Holy:</b>                                    | Mass of Creation<br>Agnus Dei chant                              | #198<br>#312B |
| <b>Communion:</b>                                     | On Eagles Wings<br>Change Our Hearts                             | #691<br>#493  |
| <b>Recessional:</b>                                   | Lift High the Cross                                              | #881          |

**The Parish Office** is open Monday through 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](http://www.sttimothywesthartford.com). We look forward to meeting you!

**TODAY is Hospitality Sunday** – join us after 8:30am and 10:30am Mass in O'Connell Hall! Coffee, donuts and fellowship.



**Results of last weekend's offertory: February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Online Giving through 03/01/2017:**

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| <b>Offertory Goal (weekly):</b><br>\$8,000.00 | \$5791.55 (at Mass)<br>1562.19 (on-line giving)<br><b>\$7390.74 (total offertory)</b>          |
| <b>Monthly Outreach:</b>                      | \$ 37.00<br><i>Thank you all <u>so much</u> for your incredible generosity week after week</i> |



Our Online Giving system provides you the opportunity to give to our special collections (holydays, Archdiocesan collections, OUTREACH...) in addition to regular offerings. You can choose to do a One Time Gift or a special remembrance, or you can set up regularly scheduled contributions that are withdrawn on the date you specify in the system. Even if you typically use your offering envelopes, you may wish to contribute online to a particular collection. It's easy and it's convenient! Go to our parish website at [www.sttimothywesthartford.com](http://www.sttimothywesthartford.com).



**Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wednesday 8AM to 6PM**

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**—LENT 2017 INFORMATION BOX—**

**Lenten Fast and Abstinence:**

- ❖ **All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence; that is, days on which no meat is to be eaten.**
- ❖ **Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.**
- ❖ **Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal. Two light meals are allowed, but no solid food should be taken between meals.**
- ❖ **Fasting binds those between the ages of 18 and 59; those who have reached the age of 14 are bound by abstinence**

**Reconciliation:** Every Saturday 3:00 – 3:45 P.M. and every Monday Night: 6-7 P.M.

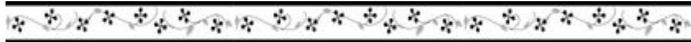
**Eucharistic Adoration:** On March 8<sup>th</sup> Adoration will close with Benediction at 6PM. We invite all to participate in Adoration at the end of the day and stay for the Closing and Benediction.

**St. Timothy Lenten Presentation:** "The Price and Promise of Easter" presented by Bill Walsh from Holy Family Monastery. Same presentation, two different times:

- **Sunday, March 5, 2017 in Milligan Hall 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**
- **Monday, March 6, 2017 in Milligan Hall 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

Refreshments will be served by the St. Timothy Confirmation Class.

**Stations of the Cross:** This week St. Thomas the Apostle will host the Stations on Friday Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.



## From the Desk of Our Pastoral Associate

### First Sunday of Lent 2017

The word Lent (of Lenten), is derived from the Old English *Lencten*, which means "spring," a time associated with new life and renewal. Just as in nature, the transformation from winter to spring is not instantaneous, so our conversion and growth in the life of Christ requires work and time. While not numerically accurate, the common reference to Lent as the Forty Days underscores its spiritual character.

The number 40 calls to mind our biblical ancestors who spent 40 days or 40 years wandering, searching, waiting and listening for God. On this the First Sunday of Lent, the First Reading from the book of Genesis, attempts to tell us of the origin of sin and how man first became alienated from God. The Gospel for this Sunday speaks of the Spirit driving Jesus into the desert, where he will be for 40 days. The number 40 is significant in that it reminds us that the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years before they arrived in the Promised Land, and how the prophet Elijah walked for 40 days and nights before he encountered God in the still, small voice on Mount Horeb.

The 40 days of Lent that we enter now in 2017 provide for us a kind of extended retreat. For those preparing to be baptized (Samantha Troy) and those desiring to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church (Carol Carnegie), this is a time of more intense preparation. But for all of us, it is a time of interior "spring cleaning" so that when we renew our baptismal promises at Easter we will do it with renewed commitment and faith in the life and promises of Jesus Christ through his Church.

Through our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving we not only join those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, we also recognize our need for healing as individuals and collectively as a society. This is an important clarification for many people tend to focus on Lent as a strictly penitential time, and thus miss its potential to bring life and healing to our wounded world. As is often pointed out, the observance of Lent is not for God's sake, but for ours.

This year the Liturgy Committee is asking the community of St. Timothy to join them and focus on all those attitudes and actions that pull us away from a firm practice of our faith and belief in God. The banners we place on our Lenten Cross will be accompanied by a prayer that will be in the bulletin each week. We hope it will be food for thought, food for conversion.

Additionally, during this season watch for opportunities to do something extra for your own faith growth. This Sunday from 3:00 – 4:30 P.M. and Monday from 6:30-8:00 P.M. we are offering an evening of reflection on the meaning of this most sacred season that culminates at Easter. Bill Walsh who is part of the team at Holy Family Retreat center will be our speaker. Let us join together this Lent as we unpack once again the scriptures, fast from those desires that keep us from being all God has called us to be and healing our broken world by our generous acts of kindness.

### Prayer at the Lenten Cross for the First Sunday of Lent

**Gracious God,** we know we live in a culture driven by the values of fame, power and wealth, and are often caught in the entanglements of our powerful consumer society.

We buy more than we need and measure ourselves and others by the criteria of the Kingdoms of this world.

On this First Sunday of Lent, 2017, we remember Jesus' steadfast response against these temptations, and repent of our sins of pride.

Placing this royal blue band on your cross, we confess our belief in the saving grace of Christ leading us to the blessings of genuine human fulfillment. **Amen**

**A Lenten Thought:** You will find two opportunities for your involvement in the entryways of the church.

**#1.** A little reflection book to be used for or in conjunction with your prayer each day of Lent.

**#2.** The CRS Rice Bowl.

The CRS Rice Bowl wants to accompany you throughout these forty days with stories, prayers, reflections and faith formation. Get started now by [downloading our app](#) and setting a daily reminder to pray with it each day.

**DOWNLOAD THE APP >**

**Closed Circuit TV:** Occasionally, there will be times when, for some reason, (e.g., baby not consolable) we will need to leave the body of the church. Please know that there is a closed circuit TV located in the music room of St. Timothy School for anyone who would like to use it. You may find that space thru the double doors near the sacristy.

**Eucharistic Adoration Intentions:** Intentions will be accepted and prayed for as part of Eucharistic Adoration each Wednesday. There will be a basket at the foot of the altar on Wednesday mornings for people to place written intentions in that day. These intentions will be prayed for all during that day's Eucharistic Adoration and at Mass the next day. We welcome your intentions.

**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!

**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. Our next class will be held on Monday, March 6 at 6:00 P.M. in St. Timothy Middle School. For more information, please contact Pat Piano 860-232-8594; or [patriciaanpiano@comcast.net](mailto:patriciaanpiano@comcast.net)

**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 come to your home.

**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 860-232-8594.

**The Knights of Columbus:** The March meeting for the Knights will be this Monday, March 6 @7:30pm in the Music Room of STMS

# Faith Formation

## 10th Grade Confirmation Updates:

Please add these important dates to your calendar!

- **Rite Of Election Mass:** Sunday, **March 26<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 am
- **Confirmation Rehearsal:** Monday, May 15 7 pm
- **Confirmation Mass** Friday May 19 7 pm.



### 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.

## Outreach Committee Mercy Moment

### Opportunities:

*The Year of Mercy may be done.... But Can You Still Show Mercy?*

**February Monthly:** February Shelter Needs Drive – **DONE! THANK YOU For your generosity!**

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

**Next Month Look Ahead:** Shoes Collection 3/4&5 for Footwear with Care, Sandwich Sunday 3/19, and Weekly Collections as above

**Descriptions:** Weekly: Toiletries for the homeless, Men's Socks for the homeless, Food (*non-perishable*) for families in the CWH neighborhood.

*Thank you for considering these Opportunities to show Mercy.*

**Update from Catholic Worker House on 2/13:** "Thank you to St. Timothy's for the lovely Valentine's Day baggies, they were awesome!"



### Youth Group schedule:

- **Sunday March 5** 6:30-8 pm Fickle Friendships Spanish Room snack
- **Saturday March 25** 9:30-11 am Project for Shut-ins (ribbon Wreaths) Art Room snack
- **Sunday April 2** 4:45-6:15pm Making Shelter Easter Baskets (please bring candy and small basket treats) Dinner served
- **Monday May 1** 3:15-4:30 pm Ice Cream Social for 1st Reconciliation students Meet in the art room
- **Sunday May 21 6:30-8 pm** End of Year BBQ details will follow

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

**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 [hels4marriage@gmail.com](mailto:hels4marriage@gmail.com), or visit our website [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

**Lenten Reflection Event:** "The Price and Promise of Easter" will be here at St. Timothy's

- **Sunday March 5, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Milligan Hall or**
- **Monday March 6 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in Milligan Hall**

The cross is one of the earliest and most widely used images of Christianity. It's also one of the most misunderstood. We hang crosses on our walls and even wear crucifixes as jewelry, but what is the significance of the cross in our age and in our lives? As we begin another Lenten season in preparation for Easter, we'll examine why Jesus died and how Jesus' passion, death and resurrection can bring healing and hope in our world. We'll also explore how our own struggles relate to Christ's resurrection as we examine what the cross reveals about God and God's relationship with humanity.

**Presenter:** Bill Walsh from the Holy Family Retreat Center Refreshments provided by the Saint Timothy's Confirmation Students.

### Sisters of Mercy showing of *Before the Flood*:

In response to the Encyclical by Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, the CT Earth Mercy Committee, invites you to view the recent film on climate change and sustainability, *Before the Flood* with Leonardo DeCaprio at St. Mary's Home Auditorium, Steele Rd. entrance, West Hartford on March 19, 2017 at 2PM. No charge. If possible, RSVP by March 12<sup>th</sup> at 860-232-7723 or [carmelagarofalo26@gmail.com](mailto:carmelagarofalo26@gmail.com)

### 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal:

The 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward.

We hope you can help us meet our parish goal of \$135,000. Kindly mail in your pledge card, if you would like to make a gift. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at [archdioceseofhartford.org](http://archdioceseofhartford.org) or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow the donor to best use the monthly payment plan.



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



### Student of the Week (Feb 27<sup>th</sup>-Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Accepting the challenge! There are many times in life where we are faced with challenges.

Imagine that you are new to a school and you do not know anyone. Some of you experienced that feeling when you arrived here in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The expectations at St. Timothy were different from your previous school. You asked yourself will I be able to meet these expectations, perhaps even exceed them? Will I be able to fit into this environment? Will I be able to make friends? Will I be happy?

Challenges like these are part of the fabric of life. It is how we respond to these challenges that begin to define who we really are as individuals. It takes courage to face the challenges head on and to see the challenges as opportunities for growth.

Now imagine that you are coming to St. Timothy as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Your classmates have already established friendships and have adapted to the school culture. You are behind, almost like an outsider. Not a good feeling and you have only nine months to graduation.

Then imagine you have to quickly learn and adapt to the customs and norms of a new country in an election year. That's mind boggling – talk about a challenge.

Yet this week's Student of the Week rose to the challenge. She has quickly established her place in our community. I am most pleased and proud to announce that my choice for Student of the Week is Anna Robinson.

Mr. Tom Driscoll – History Teacher grade 8, Athletic Director

### A Twist on Words with Friends

*This article appeared in the West Hartford Patch on Friday,  
Feb 24<sup>th</sup>*

West Hartford, CT – Last week the boys basketball teams from St. Timothy Middle School and the American School for the Deaf (ASD) competed in a game of basketball but learned skills that will serve them far beyond the court. The game was arranged between Mr. Thomas Driscoll, Athletic Director and History Teacher at STMS and Mr. Lou Volpintesta, Athletic Director for the ASD because they felt the teams could learn lessons that both schools teach as part of their missions.

The game provided a fantastic opportunity for the students from St. Timothy to learn from their hearing impaired counterparts. One student, Chase Collyer from STMS said after the game "I never realized how much I rely on my hearing during a game. It is so much more than whistles and buzzers. I can tell when running down the court where the ball is behind me or if an opponent is approaching from behind to block my shot. I can't believe how well these guys can play without that sense".

After the game the boys all enjoyed a dinner together and really took a new twist to communicating. Without any prompting they all took out their phones and started sending each other notes and texts. In today's world they were able to bond over the love of the game and the technology made it easy for them. Gio Cuevas, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at STMS said "The whole night made me really grateful to have my hearing but when playing basketball, we all forgot that and just enjoyed the game!"

"Before my students left for the game", Principal Tara Bellefleur of St. Timothy said, "I taught them enough sign language to be functional and conversational. However, to my surprise, they found their own more efficient solution, as children often do, using their cell phones to text each other and friend each other, in methods that would last long after this game was over. We are always telling our children to put away their cell phones. Yet, in this case, their cellphones were instrumental in providing a wonderful way to communicate. I have never been so happy to see my students communicating on their cell phones as I was at this after game celebration."

Mr. Driscoll commented "What a wonderful way to broaden the experiences of not only our boys, but also the boys from ASD. The special moment for me was meeting Lou and seeing in his eyes the joy and satisfaction that we were able to pull this off."

We are currently accepting applications for grades 6, 7, 8. Contact the office or visit our website for more information. <http://stmswh.org/admissions/>. We are looking to fill our school with wonderful students!

You Are Cordially Invited To The

## St. Timothy Middle School **TIGER BALL**

Dancing  Auction  Food & Drink

**Featuring Mark The Shark**

Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 7-11:00 pm

St. Thomas Seminary  
467 Bloomfield Avenue Bloomfield, CT

Please RSVP by March 13, 2017  
to RSVP & Purchase Tickets follow this link

<http://stmswh.org/tiger-ball/>

### Please Join us for the Annual Tiger Ball

The Tiger Ball is the biggest fundraiser of the year for St. Timothy Middle School and is a wonderful event to attend. This year we will have "Mark the Shark" as our DJ and auctioneer, plus a dinner, silent and live auctions, drinks and fun for all! Please visit our website [www.stmswh.org](http://www.stmswh.org) to learn more about this great event and purchase tickets! All are welcome!

Ways you can help-buy tickets and attend the Tiger Ball-invite your extended family to buy tickets and attend-invite your friends and neighbors to attend the Tiger Ball and join in the fun-donate one or more auction items (ex: use of a vacation home, sports tickets, theater tickets, works of art, crafts, gift baskets, coupons, a fun activity hosted by your family... and pretty much anything else you can think of)-bid generously on auction items-make a direct monetary donation