

December 10, 2017



**Second Sunday
of Advent**

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Advent**

Mass Intentions

Saturday	December 9th
8:00 AM	† Mary E. Crotty
4:00 PM	† Linda Wowak
Sunday	December 10th
8:30 AM	† Ricardo P. Diegor and † Paz M. Diegor
10:30 AM	† Catherine Brandon Birthday Remembrance
Monday	December 11th
7:30 AM	† Gerald Brady
Tuesday	December 12th
7:30 AM	† Doris Davis
Wednesday	December 13th
7:30 AM	The Living and Deceased Members of St. Timothy Parish
Thursday	December 14th
7:30 AM	† Germaine Brouillard Birthday Remembrance
Friday	December 15th
7:30 AM	The Living and Deceased Members of St. Timothy Parish
Saturday	December 16nd
8:00 AM	† Midge Redden Anniversary Remembrance
4:00 PM	† Gerald Brady
Sunday	December 17th
8:30 AM	† John and Vera Ritoli and † Robert and Mary McGurgan
10:30 AM	† Francis T. Curis

The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



Please Notice This **Parish Bulletin** input for the **December 24th** and **December 31st** bulletins must be received by Monday December 18th at 12 Noon by Michelle Harris, the Parish Secretary, at rectory@sttimothywesthartford.com



**The Offertory for the December 3rd weekend
Including Online Giving through 12/07/2017:**

Offertory Goal (weekly):	\$ 5,929.50 (at Mass)
\$8,000.00	2,012.19 (on-line)
All Saints:	10.00 (at Mass)
Immaculate Conception:	10.00 (at Mass)
	\$ 7,941.69
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 550.00 (at Mass)
	10.00 (on-line)
	\$ 560.00
Outreach:	\$ 70.00 (on-line)
Saint Timothy Annual Collection:	\$ 911.25 (on-line)
Campaign for Human Development:	\$ 50.00 (at Mass)

*Thank you for your continued generosity to
The Church of Saint Timothy Parish!*

**Second Collection
Retirement Fund for Religious**

Help religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

Eucharistic Adoration  **Eucharistic Adoration** will be held **every Wednesday at The Church of Saint Timothy from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

It is impossible for the Church to remain on its feet if it doesn't get on its knees.

Mission by Mark Link S.J., pg. 331



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

† **David Michael Gosselin**
Son of Florence Gosselin and
Brother of Gregory Gosselin

May God grant peace and consolation to
David's family and friends

From the Desk of Our Pastoral Associate:

Researchers report that the more we welcome change into our lives, the healthier our brains remain and the younger we feel. Enthusiasm about new things is a characteristic of the young and the young-at-heart. So we were encouraged to take up a new hobby, learn a language, take a class, travel – anything to keep the brain cells alert and open to life.

How do you feel about change? Do you resist, especially when change involves old and dear rituals, customs and practices? Sometimes we love change. Sometimes we don't. But whether it's welcome and expected or sudden and unasked-for, change is a reality of life. In fact, it's the one thing we can count on.

On this Second Sunday of Advent, the comforting words of the Prophet Isaiah tells us God is about to do something new. Change is in the air. The landscape is about to be transformed. Clear the way so the glory of God can shine through. Obstacles need to be removed, highways straightened, valleys filled, mountains and hills brought low. Nothing should impede this new time from coming about.

For sure, the gospel writers used valleys and mountains not simply as topographic descriptions but as metaphors for the gaps and blocks that hinder this change from taking place. In our time, what are the things that need to be cleared away so that God can change/transform us and our world into the fullness of God's desire for us? Is it fear, negative past experiences, prejudice, mistrust, judgments that break down and hinder our relationships?

Advent is a time to prepare for all that needs to happen so that God's creation will be a place "where all righteousness dwells." Yet, for many of us, it is overwhelmingly a time of preparing for the material giving and receiving of gifts during this season. That is not bad but surely there is a bigger invitation here. Let us recall that Advent is a time of remembering

... that Jesus is God's Son and
came more than 2,000 years ago;
He is our savior.

... that Jesus will come again at the end of time.
...and, as we live this year 2017, the beautiful season of
Advent is yet another opportunity for us to prepare our
hearts for His coming again more fully into our lives
today.

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 assistance.



Communion for those are unable to come forward to the altar

If you or a family member is unable to come to the altar in the communion line, may we suggest you or your loved one sit close to the front so we can bring the Eucharist to you.

It is also helpful if someone from the family or an aide could come to the Sacristy and let us know where you are before Mass begins.



Baptism Preparation: All those having first babies baptized are asked to attend an informational class. **Our next class will be held on Monday, February 5th, at 6:00 p.m. in Saint Timothy Middle School.** For more information, please contact Pat Piano at 860-232-8594 or via e-mail at patriciaannpiano@comcast.net

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.

Also, If you have a child in the 4th Grade or up, and would like them to be Baptized, be prepared to receive the Eucharist (Holy Communion), now is the time to move forward. We are starting a new formation process for younger (ages 9-teen years) children. For more information, call Pat Piano, Pastoral Associate, at the Rectory at 860-232-8594.



Sunday Readings, Study and Conversation:

Every Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. in the Rectory there is a group who look at the readings for the upcoming weekend, study them and discuss how they relate to daily life in 2017. We are not scripture scholars, and everyone is welcome. Consider joining us for a very lively and informative hour.

For more information call Pat Piano at the Rectory at 860-232-8594 or 860-798-1986 on her cell phone.



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.



Notes of Thanks

Father LeBlanc;

Please extend thanks to your wonderful parishioners for the generous donation to the students of Fred P. Wish School. Your sharing assures us that many of our students will have a better winter.

Dr. Katherine Wood
Instructional Coach
Fred D. Wish School

The Church of Saint Timothy,

Thank you for your recent contribution of gently used coats. Your generosity and continued support help us to improve the lives of those we serve.

South Park Inn,
Hartford Connecticut

December Advent and Christmas Calendar

- ⇒ Wednesday, December 13th: **Eucharistic Adoration** from 8:00 a.m. until 6 :00 p.m.
- ⇒ Saturday December 16th: **Christmas Confessions** will be heard from 11 a.m.—12 p.m and 2:30 p.m. through 3:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Sunday, December 17th: **Children's Christmas Pageant** at 4:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 20th: **Eucharistic Adoration** from 8:00 a.m until 6 :00 p.m.
- ⇒ Saturday December 23rd: **Christmas Confessions** will be heard from 11 a.m.—12 p.m and 2:30 p.m. through 3:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Saturday, December 23rd: **Fourth Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass** at 4:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Sunday, December 24th: **Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass** celebrated at 10:30 a.m. **ONLY — NO 8:30 a.m. Mass**
- ⇒ Sunday, December 24th: **Christmas Eve Masses** celebrated at 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Monday, December 25th: **Christmas Day Mass** celebrated at 10:30 a.m. **ONLY — NO 7:30 a.m. Morning Mass**
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 27th: **Eucharistic Adoration** from 8:00 a.m until 6 :00 p.m.
- ⇒ Saturday, December 30th: **Confessions** will be heard from 2:30 p.m. through 3:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Saturday, December 30th: **Vigil Mass** celebrated at 4:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Sunday, December 31st: **Masses** celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- ⇒ Monday, January 1st: **The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God Mass** celebrated at **9:00 a.m.**



Holy Hour for Vocations

Join us to pray for an increase in *Vocations to the Priesthood* around the world, and in our Archdiocese.

The Holy Hour begins at 7:00 p.m. and a light "coffee and" reception follows!

Please join us on, **Tuesday, December 19th** at **Saint Peter Parish, 160 Main Street in Hartford.**

The Church of Saint Timothy Annual Appeal

Dear Parishioners,

I am very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our Annual Collection. As of **Tuesday, November 28th**, **199 of our 884 parishioners (21.51%) have pledged \$145,788.05 towards our goal of \$200,000.**

Thank you for your generosity!

Yours in Christ,
Reverend Alvin J. LeBlanc

Outreach Committee

December:

- **Monthly:** December Boots for the Homeless and Needy December 16th & 17th
- **Weekly:** Toiletries for Shelters, Socks for Shelters, Food for Catholic Worker House (CWH)

Next Month Look Ahead: January Shelter Drive for blankets, sheets, towels on January 20th & 21st

Descriptions:

Monthly:

- **December:** Collecting gently used boots (men, women and children's) and/or money for Footwear with Care to purchase boots to give to the homeless and needy in Hartford.

Weekly: Toiletries for the Homeless, Socks for the Homeless (Men, Women and Children), Food (*non-perishable*) for the Catholic Worker House.

Outreach Committee Footwear Drive: We can help Hartford's homeless this winter by donating to Footwear with Care next weekend, December 16th and 17th **or** by donating gently used boots (men's, women's or children's). The basic needs of decent shoes and foot care are often overlooked among the homeless. Please consider donating next weekend, December 16th and 17th after Mass to Footwear with Care, which helps homeless children and adults in Hartford. Every \$35 helps buy a great pair of new, walking-friendly, weatherproof boots for a homeless person; \$20 helps a homeless child. Donations also can be made out to Footwear with Care at Community Partners in Action or made online at <https://www.cpa-ct.org/footwear-with-care/>. **Thank you** for considering this request for help.

Laudato Si' (LS): On Care for Our Common Home:

Point to Ponder: LS 25. "There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation."

What You Can Do: As we enter the Season of Advent – consider the Christmas Story. Groups such as Catholic Relief Services (<https://www.crs.org>) can help make sure that refugee families receive the care they need.



The Giving Tree Gifts

The unwrapped Giving Trees gifts are **due this weekend, December 9th/10th.**

Thank you for helping to spread joy to many in need!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will again meet on Thursday, December 14th. Please note a change in the date, due to the busy schedule of all in December. All are welcome.

Any questions, please call Jane Brady at 860-242-4430.



Respect Life! "If you know someone who has had an abortion, express your sympathy for her loss. Assure her of God's unconditional love, and encourage her to seek healing and forgiveness."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



Archdiocese of Hartford
Transfer of Securities for Charitable Gift

The Archdiocese of Hartford and its parishes gratefully accept gifts of appreciated securities as payment for contributions.

The Archdiocese has established a brokerage account for the use of donors making gifts to parishes, so that parishes may liquidate these gifts without having to open and maintain their own brokerage account. Although the account is under the name of the Archdiocese, your donation will be processed as a gift directly and wholly to the parish you specify, and your parish will receive the FULL amount of the proceeds.

To contribute a gift of securities to your parish, please direct your broker to transfer/deliver the securities to the following account of the Hartford Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation (The Archdiocese of Hartford), **specifying the parish name and town** to receive your donation.

Merrill Lynch City Place II, Hartford, CT 06103
Contact Person: Caesar R. Rossitto
Telephone: 1-860-728-3503 Toll Free: 1-800-637-7455
Email: Caesar.r.rossitto@ml.com

DTC Number: 8862 Account Number 814-04095 (donations to parishes only)

In addition, please prepare a letter of instruction of the gift specifying the donation details and the specific parish name and town receiving the donation and mail or scan to:

Ryan B. Jason
RE: Stock Donation
134 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT 06105
860) 541-6491 x 113
Ryan.jason@aohct.org

If you have questions regarding liquidating stock donations, please contact Mr. Rossitto or Mr. Ryan Jason.



Saint Timothy Middle School News



Student of the Week

Starting a new school is never easy; starting a new middle school is even tougher! A change in schools means that a young person has to navigate different teachers, academic expectations, and a brand new social scene. The task of successfully transitioning into middle school can be daunting and doing so in the 7th grade can be overwhelming. However, the student I have chosen as this week's Student of the Week makes the formidable task of starting a new school look incredibly easy. In her first three months at Saint Timothy Middle School, this young lady has gained the notice of her teachers by her quiet confidence, her kind demeanor in and out of the classroom, her bright smile and positive attitude. In the classroom, this student is consistently prepared, focused, and eager to participate whether reading aloud in class, giving thoughtful answers, or asking intelligent questions during discussions. Outside the classroom, this student has immersed herself in the Saint Timothy Middle School community by getting involved in our extracurricular offerings. She has shown her willingness to get involved, try new experiences and bond with her classmates through participation in Ms. Feddor's Wednesday Cultural Club. In a short period of time, this student has made a seamless and successful transition into the St. Timothy Middle School community. I look forward to watching her continue to grow into a model STMS student. For all these reasons, it is my honor to award **Emily Castro** Student of the Week.

Ms. Brooke O'Donnell—6th and 7th Grade Religion Teacher

The Eighth Grade Class is selling Save Around Coupon Books

For just \$25, you can save thousands! It's the perfect tool for shopping with Christmas right around the corner. 60% off, \$10 off, and Buy One Get One are some of the hundreds of opportunities to save money. There is something for everyone! It's a great way to save money, while supporting the eighth grade!

Here are a few of the many stores that are participating:

Barnes and Noble

Dick's Sporting Goods

Moe's

Dunkin Donuts

If you would like a book, please make checks out to Saint Timothy Middle School and stop by the school office any day between 9 a.m.-2 p.m. until Friday, December 15th. Also, please remember that not all store locations are participating. Thank you for your consideration! The Eighth Grade Class