

MASS  **SCHEDULE**

- Saturday, March 6**
8:00 AM Memorial: David Smith & Elizabeth Pericolosi
4:30 PM 2nd Anniversary: Stephen Paul Dunn
- Sunday, March 7**
8:00 AM Memorial: Stephen Lennox
10:00 AM For the People of St. Peter Claver
11:30 AM Memorial: Denis Collins
- Monday, March 8**
6:30 AM Mass
- Tuesday, March 9**
6:30 AM For the People of St. Peter Claver
- Wednesday, March 10**
6:30 AM Mass
- Thursday, March 11**
6:30 AM Memorial: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Murtagh
- Friday, March 12**
6:30 AM Memorial: Lee McQueen
- Saturday, March 13**
8:00 AM Mass
4:30 PM Memorial: Maureen Ellis
- Sunday, March 14**
8:00 AM For the People of St. Peter Claver
10:00 AM 25th Anniversary: Paul Liner
11:30 AM Memorial: Fred & Nora O'Brien

 **THE WEEK AHEAD**

- Tuesday, March 9**
9:00 AM Bible Study
- Wednesday, March 10**
7:00 PM Lectio Divina ~ Finding God in the Practice of Art: Praying With Images
7:00 PM CT Walk for Haiti Meeting ~ Choir Room
- Thursday, March 11**
7:00 PM Haitian Ministry Meeting ~ Parish Hall
- Saturday, March 13**
1:00 PM 1st Eucharist Retreat ~ Grade 2
- Sunday, March 14**
5:00 PM St. Patrick's Day Dinner ~ Parish Hall

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

A town-wide Lenten Communal Penance Service has been scheduled for **Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 pm** at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. For your convenience several priests will be available for the sacrament. This would be a good opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The owner of the orchard in today's gospel was disappointed with the fig tree and ordered it cut down. When others disappoint us today's gospel tells us to imitate the gardener. Don't cut them out of your life by silence or ignoring them. Rather give them more time and assistance. Families don't give up on each other. When others reject, family accepts!



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who I am."

Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 14

- First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Religious Education Notes

REGISTRATION 2010 ~ YES, it is that time of year!

Registration forms for Religious Education have been mailed out. **PLEASE return by April 11!** Last year many registrations were received just as classes were beginning or after they were already in session. This made for an unnecessarily chaotic and stressful beginning for many teachers and students as it necessitated reassigning children to balance classes and also required teacher recruitment at the last moment. Much planning takes place to make this a successful program. Please help by registering your child/children on time. If you have not received yours, please contact Janine Cote ASAP at 860-521-2904. THANK YOU!

AMARCORD CONCERT

The internationally renowned German choral ensemble, Amarcord, will perform **Sunday, March 21 at 4:00 pm** here at St. Peter Claver. This concert is made possible with the help of the Richard P. Garmany fund at Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Suggested donation: \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets will be available after all masses beginning March 6 and also at the Rectory Office Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS
IN OUR PARISH

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Please join us on **Sunday, March 14 at 5:00 pm** for a traditional Irish dinner. Tickets are \$10 and will be available after all Masses or by contacting Joe Cassano at 521-5986.

ST. PETER CLAVER WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Women's Retreat for our parish begins on **Friday, March 19** at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton Rd., Farmington, CT. Give yourself the gift of quiet time to "hear God's voice." This year's theme is "**Drawn into Mystery**". For additional information contact Ilse Nigro at 860-561-2254.

EASTER EGG HUNT



The St. Peter Claver Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Palm Sunday, March 28 at 1:00 pm**. All children thru 8 years of age are invited to join us on the Church grounds in search of those elusive eggs and candy bags. Three categories will be available to accommodate all ages in order that everyone has a chance at the grand prizes.

10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY BREAKFAST

ALL ARE INVITED! The Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools (FACS) will be hosting its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Archbishop's St. Patrick's Day Breakfast on Wednesday, **March 17 from 7:30 - 9:00 am** at the CT Convention Center. Proceeds from this event provide scholarships and support for the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford. The breakfast features great food and Irish themed entertainment by students from our Catholic Schools. Admiral William J. Fallon USN, Ret. is our guest speaker. Admiral Fallon retired from the U.S. Navy after a distinguished 40 year career of military and strategic leadership. To purchase tickets or for information regarding sponsorship opportunities, email Shirley Ziolkowski at [Sziolkowski@facshartford.org](mailto:Sziolkowski@facshartford.org) or 860-761-7499. **You don't have to be Irish to join the fun!**

ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ~ March 1 to April 16

**Help us Help** Saint Francis Hospital and its patients by becoming a member of the Women's Auxiliary. For 84 years the Auxiliary has been supporting and complementing services for patients. For more information see the flyer/application found at the entrances of the Church, by calling the Auxiliary office at 860-714-4558 or on the website [www.stfranciscare.org/auxiliary](http://www.stfranciscare.org/auxiliary).

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

LITURGY NEWS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross at  
St. Helena Church next  
Friday, March 12 at 7:00 pm

NEWLY BAPTIZED

We wish to welcome **Adrian Mark Brancieri son of Francis and Lauren Brancieri** who will be baptized this weekend. We congratulate his family and give thanks that our extended parish family is growing. As a parish family we pray that he will grow into the faith into which he has been baptized.

BAPTISMAL CATECHESIS PROGRAM

The next presentation of the Baptismal Catechesis Program will be held on **Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 pm** in the Music Room of the Parish Center. Parents anticipating the Baptism of a child at St. Peter Claver during the months of **April and May** should call the Rectory Office at 561-4235 to sign-up for the workshop. Godparents are also encouraged to participate. Parents must be registered members of St. Peter Claver Parish and regularly attending Sunday Mass in order to have their child baptized in our parish. The selection of godparents should be done with careful thought.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Please plan to visit St. Thomas the Apostle School on **Sunday, March 14, 11:30 am through 1:00 pm**. Tour their building, meet their fantastic teachers, and talk with parents of current students about the many benefits of Catholic education at St. Thomas the Apostle. For more information, or to register for the Open House, contact Diane Klingman at 860-236-6257

LENTEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY – 2010

For **March 6/7** our '**WORK**' will be **GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY**. A collection of coffee, tea, juice and hot cocoa for Immaculate Conception Men's Shelter would be appreciated. For **March 13/14**, our '**WORK**' will be **SHELTER THE HOMELESS**. Items to be donated to the Friendship Center Soup Kitchen at Mercy Housing. Suggested items: paper goods and cleaning supplies, such as paper towels, napkins, soaps, and other household cleaners. Thank You!

"SPIRITUALITY IN A WORLD OF CHANGE"

Sister Miriam Therese Winter, Medical Mission Sister and renowned composer, author, and musician will discuss "Spirituality in a World of Change" on **March 24 at 7:00 pm** in the Convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph in West Hartford. Proceeds to benefit Jubilee House Adult Ed Center a non-profit ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph. For additional info or to reserve tickets call (860) 247-3030 by March 19.