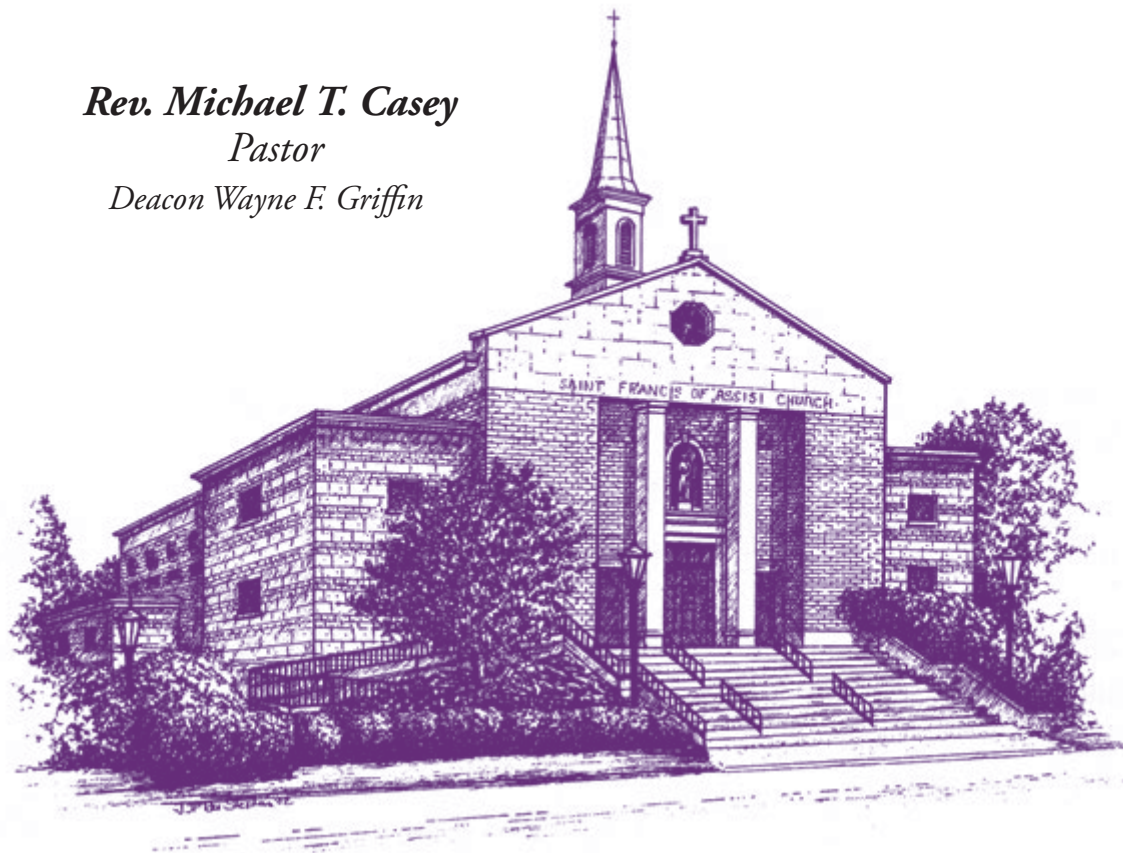


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Pastor
Deacon Wayne F. Griffin



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00am

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Friday: 7:00am
Saturday: 8:00am

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Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm
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Fax: 225-2315
Paula Boyer, Secretary

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Monika Krajewska

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00pm
or by appointment

MARRIAGE

Contact the Friary at
least 6 months before
the desired date to set up
schedule of premarital
conferences.

REGISTRATION

New parishioners should
register as soon as possible.
Please notify the
Friary of any change of
address or telephone
number.

BAPTISM

Pre-sacramental instruction
required. Call the Friary for
further instruction.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Please call the Friary if someone
you know is hospitalized or
homebound and would like to
receive the Sacraments.

PRAYER LINE

We pray for anyone in need of
prayer. Names are not necessary,
simply tell us your intention.
Contact Maureen at 224-2397
or Marjorie at 357-3853

BULLETIN DEADLINE

All copy should be submitted in
writing to the Friary office by
12 Noon on Monday.

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Saturday, February 17 – Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

4:30PM †Jamie Montez req. by Jose Rodriguez

Sunday, February 18 – First Sunday of Lent

8:00AM For Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

10:00AM †John Spurgas req. by Family

Monday, February 19

7:00AM For an Increase in Vocations to Priesthood

6:00 – 7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, February 20

7:00AM For an End to Abortions

Wednesday, February 21

7:00AM Intentions of the Celebrant

Thursday, February 22 – The Chair of St. Peter

7:00AM †Robert Walker req. by Fran Walker

Friday, February 23

7:00AM Intentions of the Celebrant

7:00PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24

8:00AM †Nicholas Salza req. by Mario & Family

Saturday, February 24 – Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

4:30PM †Carmen H. Podlasck req. by Rita Dubois

Sunday, February 25 – Second Sunday of Lent

8:00AM For Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

10:00AM †John H. Fox req. by Family

Please Pray for...

Our Sick, Homebound and those in Nursing Homes:

Anna Auguscik, Carl Bienkowski, Gladys Cloukey, Raymond Guerard, Leonard Guzzi, Phyllis Hary, Lee Labianca, Marita O’Neill, Richard Picerno, Stephen Sen and Helen Tomassetti.

Our Deceased: Lois Bridgett.

This week the Sanctuary lamps will burn in memory of:



Blessed Sacrament

John Spurgas

Blessed Mother

John Spurgas

Saint Joseph

John Spurgas

Memorial candles are available for \$5.00 each. Please call Paula at 860-225-6449 for details.



Church Support

February 10 & 11

Weekly Collection	\$2,189.91
Children’s Envelopes.....	\$4.00
Monthly Collection	\$906.00
Fuel Collection	\$300.00
Online Donations	\$197.00

Thank you for your support.

Today’s Music

- E: The Glory of These Forty Days # 138
- O: Forty Days and Forty Nights # 134
- C: Jesus Remember Me # 401/Jesus Walked this Lones Valley (Sheet Music)
- R: Again We Keep This Solemn Fast # 128

Ash Wednesday’s Music

- E: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days # 133
- O: Forty Days and Forty Nights # 134
- C: Jesus, Remember Me # 401/From the Depths (Sheet Music)
- R: Again We Keep This Solemn Fast # 128

Stations of the Cross

Join us as we walk with Jesus along the way to Calvary every Friday night during Lent at 7:00PM. Stations will continue on Friday evenings through Friday, March 23, 2018.

Pro-Life Thought of the Week

Our task, then, is not to encourage our suffering loved ones to commit suicide – but rather to accompany them as they carry the Cross with our Lord, filled with hope that He is making them fruitful and beautiful.

Check out: thecatholicthing@frinstitute.org for a daily thoughtful article on the faith.

Encounter Lent with CRS Rice Bowl

In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more.

Meatless Meal: Pescado Horno – Philipines

4 Tilapia Fillets, 6 oz.	1 tsp lemon juice
Salt & ground pepper to taste	1/3 cup olive oil
1 onion, finely minced	1 Tbsp. parsley, finely minced
1 ½ Cups chopped tomato	½ cup red bell pepper cut into strips

Preheat oven to 350°F. Season tilapia with lemon juice, salt and pepper. Place in a shallow glass pan and set aside. Heat olive oil in a medium skillet and sauté onions, tomatoes, and pepper until soft. Pour over fish. Sprinkle with parsley. Bake for 25 minutes and serve with rice. Makes 4 servings.

Confession Mondays

The Archdiocese will once again sponsor its Lenten Confession Campaign, although with some modification of past practice.

Monday will be “confession day” in every parish throughout the Archdiocese, but visit www.ConfessionMondays.com to look up parish locations and times.

Maximilian, Saint of Auschwitz

The moving, live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at Torp Theatre in New Britain on Saturday, March 10 at 7:00PM.

Experience firsthand the story of this heroic priest, Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, who courageously fought the forces of evil, and offered his life for a family man in the concentration camp of Auschwitz during World War II. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 10 and up. Admission will be a free-will offering. For additional information, contact Fr. Nadolny at 860-335-2342.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The original health care federal mandate tried to force faith-based employers – including religious charities, schools, and pro-life advocacy organizations such as the March for Life – to facilitate the coverage of drugs and contraception devices that go against our religious beliefs. When changing the mandate, let us pray that the administration safeguards religious freedom.

Our Vocation Corner

This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand. Let us reform our lives and believe in the Good News. Consider becoming an instrument of God’s Good News through the ministry of priesthood. Call **Fr. Michael Casey**, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Telephone # 860-761-7457, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

Phone Fast Fridays during Lent

Shut off your phone and let God call your heart. #PFF. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Hartford. www.archdioceseofhartford.org.

Calendar of Meetings and Events

Religion Classes: Grades 1 – 5: Saturday mornings, 8:45 AM – 9:45AM, Feb. 24, in the school.

Religion Classes: Grades 6, 7, 8, 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation: Sunday evenings, 4 – 6PM, Feb. 25, in the school.

Men’s Rosary League: Wed., Feb. 21 at **11:00AM** in Church. Social Hour follows. All men are invited. This time change will be in effect for the Winter months.

Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: First Friday of each month. Next date: Friday, March. 2, 7:30AM to 3:00PM.

Visitation of the Sick: First Friday of each month. Next date: Friday, March 2. Please call 860-225-6449 if you would like to be visited & receive Communion.

Come and Pray – February – April, 2018 Holy Hours for Vocations to the Priesthood

There will be monthly special Holy Hours led by Fr. Michael Casey, Vocational Director, around the Archdiocese this winter. Please join us to pray to the Master of the Harvest to send more laborers into the harvest.

**Wednesday, February 21st @
7:00PM**
Most Holy Trinity Parish
68 N. Colony Rd., Wallingford

Tuesday, March 13th @ 7:00PM
Our Lady of the Angels Convent
Chapel
1315 Enfield St., Enfield

Monday, April 16th @ 7:00PM
St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
1 East Main St., Thomaston

Scholarships Offered

The Walter J. Kenney Scholarship will award a scholarship annually to a student who has been accepted into an accredited college or university that offers an engineering degree and who has demonstrated an intention to pursue a course of study in engineering OR a student who has been accepted as a candidate for the priesthood by a bishop of a Roman Catholic Archdiocese or Diocese or a religious community of the Roman Catholic Church and who will attend a college or university in furtherance of that candidacy. The applicant must be a resident of New Britain but there is no requirement that the applicant must attend school in New Britain. The deadline for applying is March 1, 2018. Application forms are available in our church office.

The Robert T. Kenney Scholarship Program at the American Savings Foundation will award scholarships to nearly 400 students attending community colleges, 4—year colleges or universities, or accredited vocational programs. Robert T. Kenney Scholars not only receive financial assistance, but also recognition, encouragement, and support to help them become future leaders in their chosen fields of study. Most of our scholars receive support for all four years of college. The American Savings Foundation is an independent nonprofit organization serving 64 towns in Connecticut. Application Deadline: March 31, 2018. For more information and to apply online visit www.asfdn.org or call 860-827-2556.

The Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, Inc. will award three scholarships of \$2,000 each to Catholic students who are high school seniors and who plan to attend a four year college in the fall of 2018. The applicant must reside in Hartford County.

Information can be obtained by contacting guidance counselors or principles in area high schools. If the local school does not have this information available, it may be obtained at the following web site: www.catholicgraduatesct.org. Scholarship application deadline is March 15, 2018.

“Sermon on the Mount performed by Frank Runyeon

Saturday, March 3 at 7:00PM – St. Mary’s Church, East Hartford

Attend this one-man drama at St Mary’s Church, 15 Maplewood Ave., E. Hartford. Frank Runyeon has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts over the past 20 years. He will perform “Sermon on the Mount” followed by “Hollywood vs Faith”. This performance is for all ages. Invite your family and friends. Entrance fee: \$10/person or \$25/family (3 or more). Call 860-289-7916 for details.

A Weekend Life in the Spirit Retreat

My Father’s House, 39 North Moodus Road, Moodus, CT
Friday, March 9th at 7:00PM to Sunday, March 11th at 2:00PM

An opportunity – A Chance of a Lifetime to Deepen or Renew – and Experience an Intimate, Personal Relationship with Jesus! A Healing Service on Saturday evening with the Baptism presented by Fr. Ray Introvigne, Mrs. Judith Hughes and Fr. Bill McCarthy. Cost: \$150 per person. Register at www.myfathershousect.org or call My Father’s House at 860-873-1906.

Ladies' Guild Lenten Prayer Service & Lasagna Supper

Wednesday, March 14th at 6:00PM in Church

Ladies we invite you to join us in church at 6:00PM as Fr. Casey leads us through a Lenten Prayer Service. Immediately following the Prayer Service we will return to the Church Hall for a Lenten Supper of Salad, Lasagna, and Dessert with Coffee or Tea. After dinner we will have a short business meeting and raffle. There will be a special raffle for an author signed copy of "Freeing the Magician" by Dawn Leger. Reservations are required for the dinner. There is a \$6.00 per person charge for the dinner. Reservation flyers are available at all entrances to the Church. Please call Paula at 860-225-6449 if you wish to attend the dinner but don't have a reservation flyer.

Ladies' Guild Cakeless Cake Sale Begins

You should have already received our mailing for our annual Cakeless Cake Sale. This is the Guild's major fundraiser for the year. We thank you for your support and generosity.

Lenten Retreat at Holy Family

Retreat Theme: *Grace Enough* – Join Holy Family's retreat team for a weekend of peace and reflection on the power of God's grace in our lives. Discover anew how God's grace is our greatest source of strength and courage to meet the ever-present challenges in our lives. Together we'll reflect on how living in God's grace guides us to make wise choices, leading to true happiness and peace.

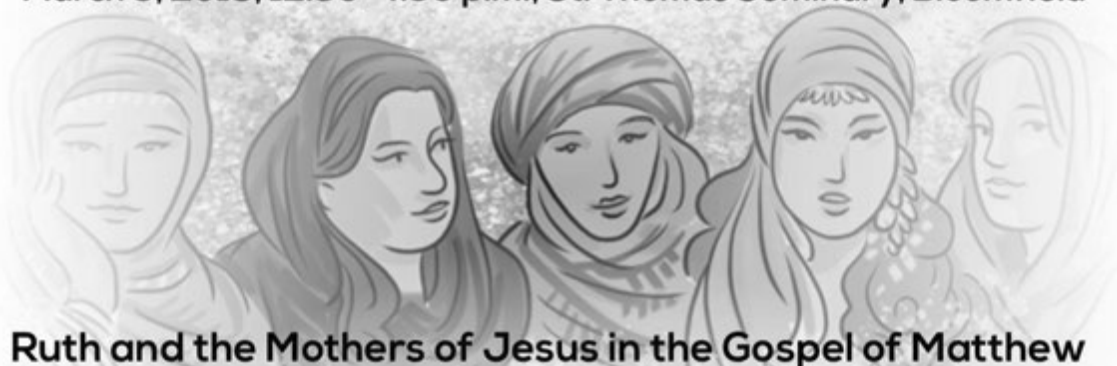
The retreat includes: home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time, and workshops. The retreat begins with dinner at 6:00PM on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon. Register at www.holyfamilyretreat.org/graceenough or call Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT at 860-760-9705 for more info.

Men's Retreat Date: Friday, March 16 – Sunday, March 18, 2018

Women's Retreat Dates: Friday, March 2 – Sunday, March 4, 2018, or April 20 – 22, and June 1 -3

A Celebration of Sacred Scripture

March 3, 2018, 12:30-4:30 p.m., St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield



Ruth and the Mothers of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew

The Gospel of Matthew opens with a long genealogy of Jesus that we stumble over once a year at the Christmas Vigil Mass. This genealogy serves as the link between the Hebrew Scriptures and the legitimation of Jesus the Messiah. There is perhaps no better time to enter into this genealogy than during the Lenten season, as we reflect upon the cycle of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

There is no charge to attend; but registration is necessary. To register call Jill Costa at 860-242-5573, ext. 2670 by February 28th (deadline extended) or go on the web at www.catholicdaohct.org.

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