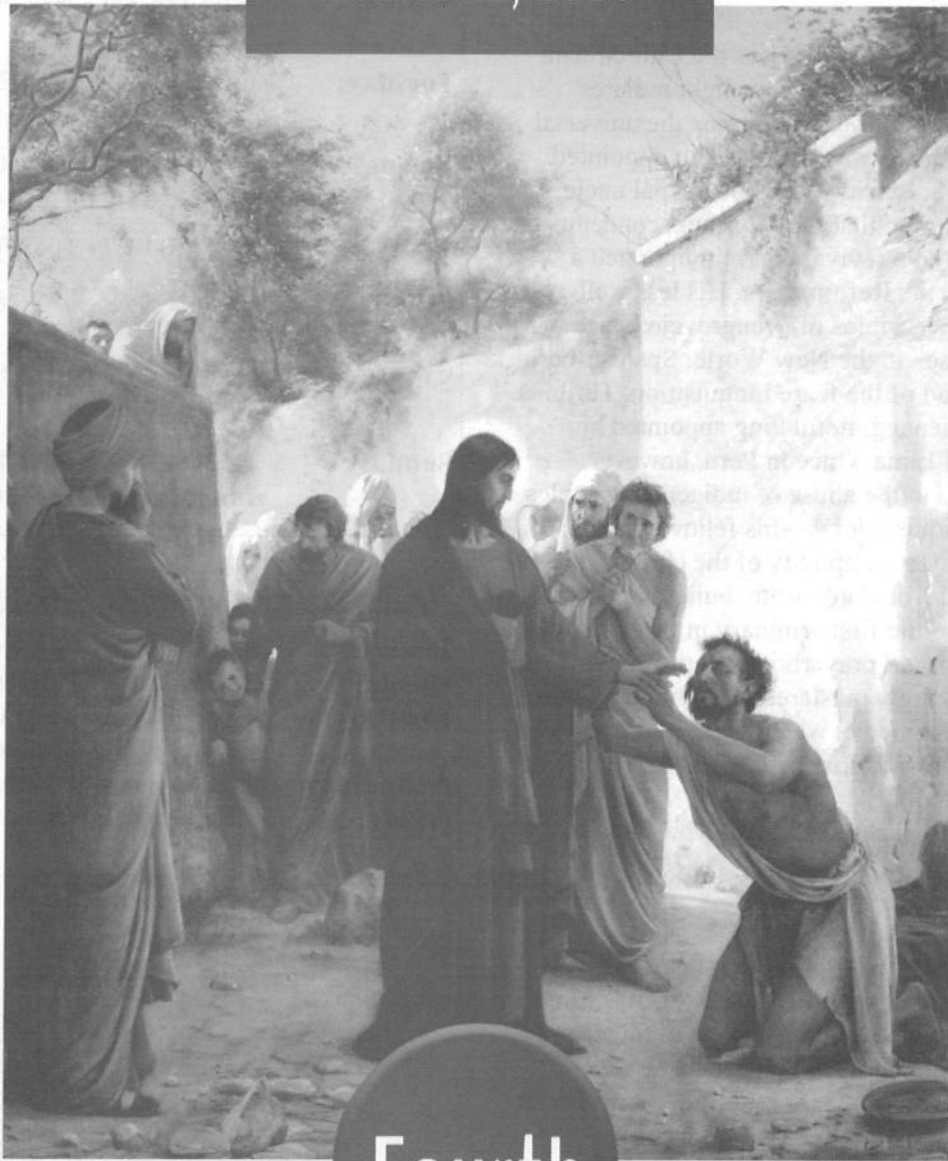


March 22, 2020



Fourth

Sunday of Lent

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment,
so that those who do not see might see,
and those who do see might become blind."

John 9:39

Mass Intentions for the Week

While our churches are closed for the celebration of Mass, Father John is celebrating Mass alone each day for the intentions noted below.

Saturday, March 21

✠ **André Charron**
(Wife)

Sunday, March 22

✠ **Deceased Members of the
Buccheri & Ierna Families**
(Sebby Buccheri & Family)
(Bill & Camilla Carpentieri & Family)

Sunday, March 22

✠ **Joseph Riley**
In Remembrance of His Birthday
(Family)

Monday, March 23

✠ **Dinis Leonardo**
(Wife & Family)

Tuesday, March 24

✠ **Regina Aszklar & Frank Wroniak**
(Family)

Wednesday, March 25

✠ **Diane Olinatz**
(Family)

Thursday, March 26

✠ **José Andrade**
(Tony & Maria Sousa)

Saturday, March 28

✠ **Gary D'Alesandro ~ 12th Anniversary**
(Wife Mary & Family)

Sunday, March 29

For the People of the Parish (*Missa pro populo*)

Sunday, March 29

✠ **Concetto Miano ~ 1st Anniversary**
(Family)

PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (March 15): \$ 4,534*

*Includes \$695 received through our Online Giving program and \$525 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!

Thank you also to those of you who are mailing in your offertory envelopes. Your continuing financial support of the parish is crucial for its ongoing operation and the obligations to employees, etc.

ONLINE GIVING

Are you interested in supporting our parish through the convenience of Online Giving? If so, please visit our secure Online Giving website for more info and to register: www.osvonlinegiving.com/1754

CONFESSIONS

Father John is hearing Confessions on the following Monday evenings from 6:00-7:00 pm: March 23, 30, April 6 and on Saturdays at 3:00 pm. Confessions will be heard through the privacy screen rather than face to face.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

Keep up to date on how the coronavirus is affecting our schedule of Masses and parish events by visiting our website at stedmundcampionparish.org or by calling the parish office at 860-568-5240 to hear a recorded message. View Archdiocesan updates by visiting archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The lamps beside the tabernacles in our churches remind us of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



✠ The light at the Our Lady of Peace Church
burns this week

For a Quick End to the Coronavirus Battle

✠ The candle at the Saint Christopher Church
burns this week

In Loving Memory of André Charron
(Wife & Family)

Please call the parish office to schedule a Sanctuary Lamp dedication. Suggested offering is \$15.

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

(1538-1606)

March 23

In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ's light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mongrovejo, was God's "saintly surprise" in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying conquistadores—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives' devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayerbooks in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked "the shining example of San Toribio."

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Charity

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire.

—St. Vincent Ferrer

Light

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have "fallen asleep" along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today's Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim "Christ our Light" as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Tuesday:	World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights Violations
Wednesday:	The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday:	Abstinence



Today's Readings

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Prayer to End Coronavirus Pandemic

Pope Francis

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that,
as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious
and blessed Virgin.

Dated 3/15/2020



Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

Healing For Community

It is helpful to observe that our Gospel passage from John, the healing of the blind man, is the first part of a longer episode. When Jesus' words end Chapter 9 in today's passage, he goes on speaking in the discourse on the Good Shepherd in Chapter 10. The healing of the blind man was not only a demonstration of God's power, giving him the physical capacity of sight. It was even more than the awakening of the man's personal faith in Jesus. The image of the Good Shepherd confirms that the man was liberated from the social isolation of his blindness and became a member of Jesus' flock. All of Jesus' powerful actions of healing were intended as gifts,

not only to individuals, but for the building up of the community of faith.

Humility And Action

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the LORD looks into the heart." In our first reading, Samuel draws conclusions about who God will choose as king based on his assumptions of what a proper king looks like. But God sees a deeper reality. How easy it is to miss our own blindness. How frequently we are unaware of our own flawed assumptions about others and about ourselves. We often need a deeper humility about the limitations of our perceptions and our convictions.

Yet, as the letter to the Ephesians encourages, there are times to expose the "fruitless works of darkness", to speak out, especially when persons or groups are suffering from abuse or oppression. We are called to live within a tension that these scripture passages convey. We are to seek God's guidance in prayer with genuine openness. We are then to speak and act forcefully against wrongdoing, even as we maintain humility about how much we know, or what is the best action to take. We are called to bring God's wisdom and mercy to all.

Today's Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

FINDaPARISH.com

Check It Out Today!

**The Most Complete
Online National
Directory of
Catholic Parishes**

www.sciwindows.com
Steve Czerwinski
I.N.C.O.R.P.O.R.A.T.E.D.
Replacement Windows • Roofing
Retractable Awnings • Vinyl Siding
860-568-2063

FULLY INSURED
(LIC. # 555050)
HARVEY ELITE DEALER
HARVEY WINDOWS
Email: steve@sciwindows.com
Fax: 860-568-5419

\$1.⁰⁰ OFF 1 Dozen Donuts
2751 Main Street, Glastonbury, CT
DUNKIN' DONUTS®
Putnam Bridge Plaza, East Hartford, CT
141 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury, CT

Walter A. Twachtman, Jr.
Attorney at Law
Elder Law & Estate Planning
Boscarino, Grasso &
Twachtman, LLP
41C New London Tpk #4
Glastonbury
860-659-5657
We are a debt relief agency. We help people file for bankruptcy relief under the Bankruptcy Code.



Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will.
For further information, please call the Parish Office.

Farley-Sullivan FUNERAL HOME
50 NAUBUC AVENUE
GLASTONBURY, CT
860-633-2521

If You Live Alone You Need MDMedAlert!

24 Hour Protection at HOME and AWAY!
✓ Ambulance Solutions as Low as \$19.⁹⁵ a month
✓ Police ✓ Fire
✓ Friends/Family FREE Shipping
FREE Activation NO Long Term Contracts
CALL NOW! **800.809.3352**
GPS Tracking w/Fall Detection Nationwide, No Land Line Needed EASY Set-up, NO Contract 24/7 365 Monitoring in the USA
MDMedAlert
Safe-Guarding America's Seniors Nationwide!



Felix DuVerger, ABR, CRS, GRI
East Hartford's
#1 Real Estate Agent
860-652-5967
Call For Your Free Market Analysis

"BROTHERS BEATS THE OTHERS"
BROTHERS OIL COMPANY, INC.
Full Service & Low Prices
289-9468 • 289-6292

AUTO • HOME • COMMERCIAL • LIFE
THE FITZGERALD AGENCY
1009 Main St., East Hartford **860-568-2955**
Nationalwide® On Your Side **Paul Fitzgerald**
NATIONWIDE INSURANCE

Advanced Planning Handicapped Accessible
Monuments Inscriptions

Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home
860-528-4135 • www.newkirkandwhitney.com

Benjamin J. Callahan Funeral Home
860-289-0209 • www.callahanfuneral.com

318 Burnside Avenue • East Hartford, CT 06108
Richard J. Bowden Alfredo Camargo Jonathan E. Raymon
Janice Freschlin Angela Drouin Jennifer Ryan

catholicmatch® Connecticut

Protecting Seniors Nationwide
Medical Alert System

Grow Your Business, Advertise Here.
Support Your Church & Bulletin.
Free professional ad design & my help!
email: sales@jspaluch.com
www.jspaluch.com

CatholicMatch.com/myCT
Catholic Cruises and Tours and The Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America
Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY.
Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com
www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com

\$29.95/Mo. billed quarterly
• One Free Month
• No Long-Term Contract
• Price Guarantee
• Easy Self Installation
Call Today! Toll Free 1.877.801.8608

For Information ... Call
800.524.0263

ASPHALT PAVING Industrial • Commercial • Residential
Cut-out Patching • Seal Coating
Hot Crack Filling • Line Painting
CENTRAL SEALING Co., Inc.
860-289-7900
Lic # 0549065 FREE ESTIMATES • FULLY INSURED

Kevin G. Keena • Carol A. Keena • Kristopher J. Keena
K.G. KEENA MEMORIALS, INC.
Monuments • Markers • Cemetery Lettering
1375 Silver Lane, E. Hartford, CT 06118
(860) 569-3125

Barbara C. Tierney Thomas J. Tierney
Daniel R. Troiano Thomas F. Tierney
Family Owned & Operated
John F. Tierney Funeral Home Inc.
Serving the Community for Fifty Years.
219 West Center Street • Manchester, CT 06040 (860) 643-1222

Serving the community for over 100 years

D'ESOPO
EAST HARTFORD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
30 Carter Street • East Hartford, CT 06118
(860) 568-9420 www.desopo.com
Lionel Lessard, Jr. George D'Esopo Michael J. Klett

ONE PARISH
Grow in your faith, find a Mass, and connect with your Catholic Community with OneParish!

Download Our Free App or Visit **MY.ONEPARISH.COM**

DO YOU HAVE SALES EXPERIENCE? ARE YOU WELL NETWORKED IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?
J.S. PALUCH COMPANY
NATIONAL PUBLISHER OF CHURCH BULLETINS
• Full Time Positions Available with Excellent Earning Potential!
• Medical Benefits, 401K, Life & AD&D Insurance Available
• Excellent Commission Compensation Program
Interested? Call Kay Leane **1.800.621.5197 x2823**
or Email Resume to **RECRUITING@JSPALUCH.COM**
www.jspaluch.com
EARN MONEY! DO GOOD! MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT!