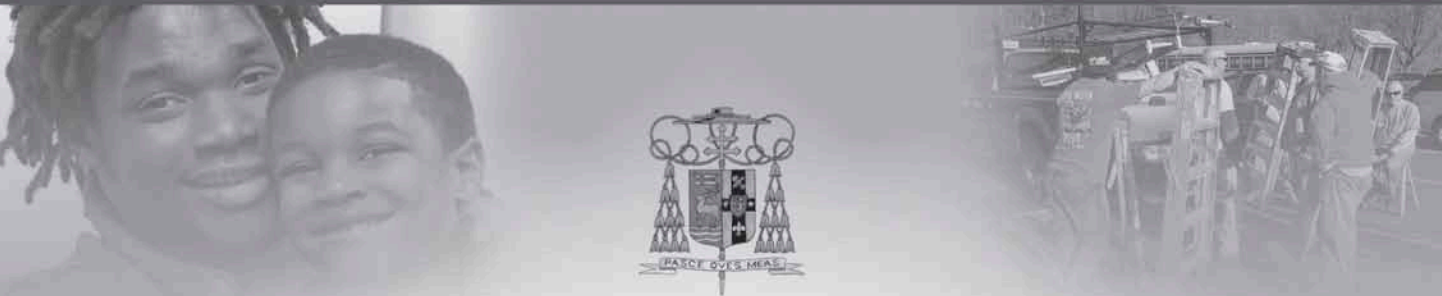


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**2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
Kick-Off Weekend**



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March 5 – First Sunday of Lent

MONDAY

8:00AM

March 6

Deceased Members of the Deschais Family

Req. Deacon Robert & Regina Berube

TUESDAY

8:00AM

March 7

Maria Cianchetti

Req. Gino Cianchetti

WEDNESDAY

8:00AM

March 8

No Mass

THURSDAY

8:00AM

March 9

Pierrette Plourde

Req. Tom Vollmer

FRIDAY

8:00AM

March 10

Al Kazokas

Req. Joe, Marie & Ashley Raynock

SATURDAY

8:00AM

March 11

**Grazia Ettore – Month Anniv.
Arthur Canzonetti – Month Anniv.
Robert Miliski – Month Anniv.**

4:00PM

Anna & John Kelly

Req. Family

SUNDAY

8:30AM

March 12 – Second Sunday of Lent

Parishioners

10:30AM

Raymond Tyminski

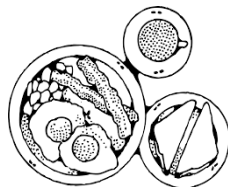
Req. Wife Sandi

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Regular	\$4,638.00
Monthly	323.00
Catch Up	118.00
Cathedraticum	- 279.34
SSP	- 279.34
Total	\$4,520.32

The Second Collection Next Weekend is the Monthly Collection.

OLM BREAKFAST...is next Sunday from 8 – 10:30AM. Eat dinner and breakfast next weekend at OLM and let someone else do the dishes!!



2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL...starts this weekend in our parish. If you haven't already, you will receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. Together we can change the lives of thousands of God's people. The "Good Works" performed by our Church in the areas of social services, healthcare, and pastoral services are critical for so many in need.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER 2017...The Parish Life

Committee of the Pastoral Council will be sponsoring our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday March 11th at 5pm in the Parish Center. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. A hot dog and chips plate will also be available for \$1.50. Tickets will be available for purchase in the gathering room before and after Masses this weekend. You may also purchase tickets at the Parish Office now until Wednesday, March 8th. Tickets **will not** be sold at the door. Volunteers are needed at 9AM for set up and at 6:30PM for cleanup. Please call Don at 203-910-9624. Please join us for some local parish talent and an evening of great food, fellowship and fun. Confirmation students may acquire hours by helping to set up for the dinner or by helping clean up from the dinner.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE PRAYED EVERY FRIDAY AT 7 PM DURING LENT. COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH OUR LORD.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MARCH 6 – 6 – 8PM - Karate
- MARCH 7 – 6:30 – 7:30 Middle School
- MARCH 8 – 4 – 5PM – Reconciliation Class
- MARCH 8 – 5 – 5:45PM – Older Children Sacrament Prep.
- MARCH 8 – 7PM - Confirmation Exam Year II
- MARCH 8 – 7PM – NA – Room 107
- MARCH 9 – 1PM – St. Anthony Society Meeting – Room 106
- MARCH 9 – 1 – 2:30PM - Atrium
- MARCH 9 – 4 – 5PM – Eucharist Class
- MARCH 9 – 6 – 9PM – Amera Group BB – Gym
- MARCH 10 – 7PM – Stations of the Cross
- MARCH 11 – 9:15 – 10:15AM – K, 1, 4, 5 and Reconciliation Classes
- MARCH 11 – 10:15 – 11:15AM – Eucharist Class
- MARCH 11 – 5PM – St. Patrick's Day Dinner – Gym
- MARCH 12 – 8 – 10:30AM – OLM Breakfast - Gym
- MARCH 12– 10:30AM - 12:30PM – Men's AA – Room 107

LENTEN CONFESSIONS...will take place every Monday during Lent, from 6 – 7PM in the church in addition to Noon on Saturdays. If you would like to refresh yourself on how to partake of this sacrament, please visit: www.lightforyou.today or our new parish app!



OLM BLOOD DRIVE...is Monday, March 13

from 1 – 6PM in the Parish Center. To make it easier to donate blood, please visit redcross.org to set up an appointment and on the day of the blood drive before you have your blood drawn visit



redcrossblood.org/RapidPass. What a wonderful way to give of ourselves during this Lenten Season by helping our brothers and sisters in Christ! Did you know that every two seconds someone in the United States needs a blood transfusion and your blood donation may help save as many as three lives? The American Red Cross asks healthy people to give blood regularly to help meet the need for blood throughout the year because it is perishable and must be continuously replenished. Those who can donate blood must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health.

4 WEEK LENTEN SERIES...St. Gregory in Bristol will present a Series entitled: "The Commandments of God according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church". The series will begin on Thursday, March 16, 7PM in Rosary Hall and will continue until Thursday, April 6. Georgianna Roy will be the presenter. No registration is necessary. Join us this Lent. Everyone is welcomed.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS AND GRIEF IN THE LIGHT OF FAITH...This insightful

presentation will be offered by Chaplain Geri Cappabianca on March 11, 10:30AM, McGivney Hall, 25 Prospect St., Waterbury. The event will conclude with the 12:10PM Mass at the Basilica.



Based on the bestselling book, "Good Grief," this presentation will lead one to understand how to use grief as an opportunity to develop spiritually and grow through the experience of loss. For information contact Jason at 203.910.2234 or iccpastoraldi-rector@gmail.com.

LENTEN TOILETRY COLLECTION...Again this Lent OLM will be collecting toiletries of any size along with slightly used handbags and backpacks for the Friendship Center in New Britain. There is a bin located in the Gathering Space. This enables us as a community to help the homeless and those in need. If anyone is interested in sorting the items that are collected, please contact Jo-Ann in the Parish Office.

COMMUNAL WORSHIP... such as attending Mass, prefigures our place together in heaven around God. Can we pray to hasten the reign of God upon Earth, so that the transition between the here and the hereafter, will not be so jarring to us. The 'Season of Lent' is a great blessing upon the Church. This season, which begins with the solemn yet simple ceremonies and fasting on 'Ash Wednesday', culminates in our heart's desire: the hoped-for promise of eternal life with God through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is no more potent drama on Earth than the one participated in through the liturgies and disciplines of Lent. During this time, we may commit ourselves to many personal goals, but the Church especially points to one—the moral conversion of believers. During the Ash Wednesday service, the priest says this: "Father in heaven, the light of your truth bestows sight to the darkness of sinful eyes. May this season of repentance bring us the blessing of your forgiveness and the gift of your light." This is the opening prayer in the Book of Blessings on Ash Wednesday Mass. We are also reminded by the reception of ashes, with the words, **'Repent and believe in the Gospel'**. The goal of the Church's call to moral conversion is the joy of living in virtue, a virtue both worked for and received in the mysterious relationship we have with God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, the goal of moral conversion truly is our heart's desire, the desire to live our true identity as loved and forgiven children of God. The season of Lent is full of the graces needed to see that such a tragic failure of mortal sin will never be known by any of us. May we enter this season with our hearts wide open and may God continue to bless us.

GIFT PROGRAM

NOTICE!...As you may have heard, Jerusalem Road is coming to OLM on Sunday, March 19th, 10AM, to present a program on "I am the resurrection and the Life". Due to this great opportunity to have them with us, we are combining the Friday and Sunday GIFT programs into this one session. The March Friday GIFT program will shift to Sunday the 19th at 9:30AM, following the 8:30AM Mass. We'll start with breakfast, with the program to follow ending at 11:30AM. We look forward to having everyone there! The Parish is also invited to this presentation beginning at 10AM!





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