

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

4:00 Leonard Cotugno, req. by Joann Cotugno

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

7:30 John Babon, req. by his wife and children  
9:30 George Casale, req. by Evelyn Casale and family  
11:00 Michelle Doyon (living) Birthday, req. by her mother

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8**      **St. Jerome Emiliani and  
St. Josephine Bakhita**

7:30 Parishioners of Saint Thomas

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

7:30 The deceased members of The Gowitt Family, req. by  
Phyllis Gowitt

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**      **Our Lady of Lourdes**

12:10 Parishioners whose funerals were in January: Antoinette  
Testa, William Vance, Thomas Sullivan, Diane Spain,  
Richard Kenefick, and Romayne Reading

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

12:10 Lincoln Mongillo, req. by his children

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

8:00 Frank Fojtik, req. by his wife and family  
4:00 Michael Siemiakowski, req. by his wife

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

7:30 Vincenzo, Catherine and James Meola and Loretta  
Palmieri, req. by William and Diane Meola  
9:30 Joseph N. Melo, req. by Saint Thomas Ladies' Guild  
11:00 Luigi and Benito Perone, req. by their family

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS**

Welcome! We are delighted to have you join our parish. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Nick after Mass. Parish registration forms are available in the sacristy after Mass or at the rectory office during the week.

**BULLETIN**

All bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing by Tuesday for publication in the next weekend's bulletin.

**MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND**

St. Thomas Parish offers Ministry to the homebound and shut-ins. If you know of someone who would like to receive the Eucharist on a monthly or weekly basis please contact Carmel at 628-6751.

**CANTORS NEEDED**

Got a good voice? Will you be willing to share it with others? Cantors or leaders of song are needed to help at the weekend Masses. If you would like to share your talents by leading the congregation in song, please contact Emil Kopcha, Music Director, for information at 860-621-0637. Thanks

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Saint Thomas Pastoral Council will take place on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. Please contact one of the members of the Pastoral Council if you have any questions or input: Daniel Valente, 860-384-3987, Larry O'Neal, 860-426-0431, Janice Lautier, 860-621-7644, Marie Forgione, 860-628-6823, Terry Bouchard, 860-628-2981, Carl Nadeau, 860-621-4606, Carmel Avitabile, 860-628-6751, or Bill Welch, 860-276-0231.

**MINISTRY SIGN-UPS**

Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, and Altar Servers are needed for Ash Wednesday. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the sacristy.

**CELEBRATION OF SACRED SCRIPTURE**

Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. Speaker Dr. Mary C. Boys, SNJM, topic: *The Passion and Death of Jesus*. Free will offering requested at the event. Pre-registration required before March 12<sup>th</sup>, send name, email, parish, and phone number to: B.J. Daly Horell, Office of Religious Education, 467 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002. or [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org) 860-243-9465.

**PASSION PLAY NEWS**

The Passion Play is in need of an experienced sound person to run the sound equipment this year. We have the equipment we just need someone with the knowledge. If you can help please contact Bonnie Peterson, 860-621-7005.

**DOMINICAN ASSOCIATES**

The monthly meeting of the Dominican Associates of Peace will be held on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> in the church basement at 7:00 p.m. Associates are men and women seeking to grow in a spiritual life through prayer, study, community, and service. We welcome you to join us to see who we are and what we do. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month. For more information please contact Carmel at 860-628-6751.

**THE MYSTERY OF FAITH**

**A Study of the Structural Elements of the Order of the Mass**  
**Breaking of Bread:** Conforming to the rite of the Passover meal, Christ took bread into his hands, pronounced the prayer of praise, and then broke the bread. This gesture was soon seen as a sign of unity: participating in the one bread which is broken, all from one body in Christ. The Eucharist itself was once called “the breaking of the bread.”

Today, the priest breaks the Eucharistic Bread, assisted by the deacon. Christ's gesture of breaking bread at the Last Supper signifies that the many faithful are made one body by receiving Communion for the one Bread of Life which is Christ, who died and rose for the salvation of the world. The breaking of the bread is begun after the sign of peace and is carried out with proper reverence. This rite is reserved to the priest and deacon.

The classic explanation of the breaking and sharing of the one bread is given by Saint Paul: “The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.”

Presented by members of the Liturgy Committee



We wish to congratulate the parents of the following children who were baptized last Sunday:

**AVA ROSE GAGNON  
ANDREW GINO VECCHIO**

**M.O.M.'S CIRCLE**

You are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Saint Thomas M.O.M's (Mothers of Mary) Circle. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the convent. Please note the change from the usual second Monday of the month. For information call Sr. Marie at the convent, 621-1904.



The Church Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of John Babon, requested by his wife and children.

The Chapel Sanctuary Candle is offered this week in memory of Christine Ingriselli, requested by Pam Aldi.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

There will be a combined meeting of all Assembly and Council members on February 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas School Cafeteria. A supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by the business meeting at 7:00 p.m. Remember to carry your membership card with you. To become a member contact Dan Valente at 384-5097.

**PROJECT LINUS**

With hundreds of local chapters across the United States the mission of Project Linus is to provide warmth and comfort to children in need through the gift of new handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers". The blankets are donated to local hospitals, (NICU, pediatrics, labor and delivery), and social service agencies. On February 20<sup>th</sup>, the SW Connecticut Chapter is again participating in National Make-a-Blanket Day supporting Project Linus. Donation boxes will be available at the entrances of the church to collect fleece pieces (1.5 to 2 yards) or gift cards to JoAnn Fabrics. If you would like to make a monetary donation or volunteer to help that day, please contact Julie Gianesini at 860-543-1797.

**HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER**

Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Day of Reflection 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Evening of Reflection 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. "Finding God Again: A Lenten Exploration" Presenter: Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P. Both the day and evening will include presentation, a meal and conclude with Mass and the distribution of ashes. Program offering \$30. Send name, address, and offering to Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford 06107 or register online [www/holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www/holyfamilyretreat.org). 860-521-0440.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

The Office of Black Catholic Ministries will sponsor a Mass in Honor of Black History Month on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. An authentic Afro-centric liturgy with the Archdiocesan Gospel Choir. All are invited.

<b>ST. THOMAS ANNUAL REPORT – 2009</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>	
Weekly	361,121
Monthly/Holy Days	53,132
Investment Income	42,001
Fees: Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals	7,700
Gifts, Donations, Bequest	9,140
Society and Events	11,144
Religious Education	8,820
Miscellaneous	16,423
	<b>509,481</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Payroll	160,720
Benefits	40,765
Contracted Services	35,375
Utilities	31,026
Insurance	17,392
Repairs and Maintenance	31,108
Rectory	6,660
Office	4,969
Parish Envelopes, Capital Campaign	4,957
Sacrament and Liturgy	14,158
Education	10,354
Ministry/Evangelization	23,506
Charity	3,600
School Subsidy	120,000
Diocesan Assessments	23,834
Miscellaneous	862
	<b>529,286</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(19,805)</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Capital Campaign	59,997
Unrealized Investment Gain (Loss)	270,025
<b>Expense</b>	
Church Interior Painting	59,871
Depreciation Expense	9,320
Net Other Income	(9,194)
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(28,998)</b>
<b>Diocesan Collections</b>	<b>23,530</b>

<b>Readings for the Week of February 7, 2010</b>	
Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26