

Where do you get  
living Water?



### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ March 19, 2017

Sunday Scripture Meditation: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

When Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman about her sin, she didn't respond in fear. Instead she ran to her neighbors and told them all about Him. **Jesus is ready to fill us with the living water of the Holy Spirit today. Ask Him to fill your heart and change your life.**

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#### CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

- Sat. Mar 18 4:30 PM +JOHN MINO, *Anniversary ~ Rosemarie Scioletti*
- Sun. Mar 19 7:30 AM +MARION and +JOSEPH GRESKO ~ *Bob and Anne Wargo*  
9:00 AM +JULIETTE BRETON ~ *Beverly Lofthouse-Howarth*  
11:00 AM +MARY and +EDWARD JABLONSKI ~ *The Silhavey Family*
- Mon. Mar 20 7:30 AM +JOSEPH GRESKO ~ *The Children*
- Tues. Mar 21 7:30 AM GOD'S BLESSING and GUIDANCE for our PRESIDENT and PEACE IN THE WORLD ~ *Flor Soto*
- Wed. Mar 22 7:30 AM +BETTY KARCSINSKI ~ *Bill Miklos*  
*Convent Chapel* 12:00 PM +MSGR. MICHAEL J. CARNICKE
- Thurs. Mar 23 7:30 AM +PHILLIP CARUSO ~ *Caterina Caruso and Family*
- Fri. Mar 24 7:30 AM HEALTH AND GOD'S BLESSINGS on ANNA CEDENO and SON ~ *Barbara Sanchez*  
7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- Sat. Mar 25 The Annunciation of the Lord  
8:00 AM +ROBERT DELORENZO ~ *Wife and Daughters*  
4:30 PM +FLORENCE RADER, *Anniversary ~ Son, Charles and Wife, Marion*
- Sun. Mar 26 7:30 AM +JOHN KOKINDA ~ *Marge and Joseph Goda*  
9:00 AM +JEAN and +EUGENE CURNOW ~ *The Family*  
11:00 AM +JOHN MINO, *Anniversary ~ Wife, Helen*



#### FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH ~ WEEK OF 3-12-2017

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ----	\$9,975
Sunday Collection .....	\$ 4,613
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day...	\$ 1,276
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME.....	\$ 5,894
SHORTFALL	\$ 4,081

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE OVERVIEW Operating Costs Year to Date \$9,975 x 37.....\$ 369,075  
Actual Weekly Income Year to date \$ 351,111 Shortfall \$ 17,964



**PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering, those in ongoing treatment and/or rehabilitation and those whose lives are heavily burdened. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who would like to be included in the Prayer Corner, please call the parish office at 203-375-5815. Please pray for the good health of:**

**Jay Behan, Betty Jane Berchem, Ted Bielen, Caterina Caruso, William Charney, Mark Charney, Ray Clarkson, Frank Masso, Glen Masso, Fr. Robert Maty, Richard Miller, Dottie Millo, Helen Mino, Michael Nevells, Janet Onze, Peter Panicali, Jo-Ann Petreycik, Charles Rader, T.J. Recupido, Roger Silhavey, Jennie Tesla**



Thank you to everyone who contributed Rosaries to the Catholic War Veterans drive. We received over 50 rosaries.



+++++++It is our privilege to give everything we have to the One who gave us everything on the Cross. +++++++



We extend our sympathy and assurance of prayer to the family of **+Helena Marcin** who was buried from our church last week.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - March 19** ~ Religious Education Classes/ Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8. Confirmation Class in Convent. **March 26:** Religious Education Classes /Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8 **The Confirmation retreat takes place Sunday, March 26 at Our Lady of Grace Church with Mass at 10:00 AM followed by the retreat till 2:30 PM.**



**Youth Choir News:** Rehearsal is held on Wednesday from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM in the church choir loft. **++Update++** The Youth Choir will sing at the Sunday, 9:00 AM Mass on **APRIL 2.** Please join us.

**If you or a family member are homebound** and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call our parish office at 203-375-5815.

**\*\* Orders for the Annual Easter Bake Sale \*\***  
**ARE NOW CLOSED. Orders must be**  
**picked up on Sunday, March 26**  
 between 10:00AM-12:00 Noon in the parish hall.  
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**LENTEN SCHEDULE: On Wednesday afternoons**  
 during Lent, Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 Noon in  
 the Convent Chapel. **Friday nights in Lent – Stations**  
**of the Cross** are held at 7:00PM in the church.

We invite you to join together to  
 Pray as a parish family the Stations  
 of The Cross followed by Benediction.  
**Why Pray the Stations of the Cross? 8 Reasons**

**from Pope Francis, (continued) 3. They Remind Us**  
**That Jesus Suffers with Us** “The Cross of Christ bears  
 the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own.  
 Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on his  
 shoulders our crosses and saying to us: ‘**Have courage!**  
**You do not carry your cross alone! I carry it with**  
**you.** I have overcome death and I have come to give you  
 hope, to give you life’ (cf. Jn 3:16).” **4. They Compel**  
**Us to Action** “But the Cross of Christ invites us also to  
 allow ourselves to be smitten by his love, **teaching us**  
**always to look upon others with mercy and**  
**tenderness, especially those who suffer, who are in**  
**need of help, who need a word or a concrete action.”**  
*World Youth Day 2013 focusoncampus.org More to*  
*follow.*

**SLOVAK ALLIANCE of Great Bridgeport – The next**  
**General Membership Meeting will be on Thursday,**  
**March 30 at 7:00 PM in the School Meeting Room.** For  
 more information please call Marta Suychak 203-377-  
 1874 or Monique Antonelli 203-878-2214

**HNJ Tag Sale – June 10 & 11. Currently we are**  
**looking for donations of JEWELRY.** If you have  
**jewelry items** to donate, please place them in the box  
 located in the sacristy hallway. Other items will be  
 collected at the end of May. Watch the bulletin for future  
 updates on donations.

**Loaves and Fishes envelopes are available at the**  
**church entrances.** 100% of the proceeds go directly to  
 provide breakfast, lunch and dinner to the  
 hungry throughout Fairfield County.  
 Just \$10 makes a big difference and when  
 that is multiplied it makes an even bigger  
 difference— just as Christ’s multiplication of  
 the loaves and fishes fed thousands of hungry people.  
 Thank you for your generosity.



**Next weekend, March 26, the Second Collection** will  
 be for Catholic Relief Services and Aid to the  
 Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Funds  
 from this collection help provide food to the  
 hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ’s love  
 and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next  
 week, please give generously to the CRSC and help *Jesus*  
***in disguise.*** Learn more at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)



**EVANGELIZATION CORNER** Jewish and Christian  
 traditions of spirituality speak of the Word of God as the  
 living water whereby the spirit is cleansed and  
 refreshed. A quick sip is better than no water at  
 all, but roots that grow deep draw the water of  
 life by frequent prayer. This living water  
 produces a healthy tree that gives fruit to all  
 who come.



**Life Line Screening will be offering preventive**  
**health screenings on Monday, March 27, 2017.**

**\*\*If you are age 21-80 learn your risk for developing 6**  
**different chronic diseases \*\* \$3 out of every \$4 spent**  
**on healthcare is for treatment of chronic**  
**disease\*\*Better lifestyle habits can help prevent 80%**  
**of heart disease and 90% of type 2 diabetes. The 6 for**  
**Life Health Assessment measures your risk of**  
**developing 6 chronic diseases, including heart disease,**  
**congestive heart failure, stroke, diabetes, COPD and**  
**lung cancer. A customized report will determine**  
**which risk factors contribute most to your disease risk**  
**and are within your control to change. Finger-stick**  
**blood tests along with biometric measurements are**  
**included with this assessment. Protect your health by**  
**registering today for the 6 for Life Health Assessment**  
**for \$79. Call 1-888-653-6441 or text the word *circle* to**  
**797979 or [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)**  
**to schedule your appointment. Take control of your**  
**health - knowledge is empowering.**

**Men of the parish! Come join us for**  
**a weekend of peace and reflection in**  
**an exploration of simplicity. The**  
**HNJ Parish Men’s Retreat is March**

**31 to April 2 at the Passionist Retreat Center in West**  
**Hartford.** Enjoy dynamic conferences, home-cooked  
 meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time to  
 rest and walk the labyrinth and workshops. The retreat  
 begins with a buffet dinner from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Friday  
 evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon.

**Contact Paul Scioletti 203.377.2397**  
*Come celebrate with Paul who will be celebrating his*  
*25th Retreat Anniversary! Don’t let finances hold you*  
*back! The motto is “pay more if you can, less if you*  
*can’t.” Visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org)*

**The Holy Name Men’s Society Meeting has**  
**been re-scheduled to Thursday, April 6 at**  
**6:30 PM in the parish Hall.**

**The Holy Name Men’s Society is sponsoring a**  
**PIEROGI and POTATO PANCAKE DINNER on**  
**Friday, April 7 from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the**  
**parish Hall** featuring Pierogi, Potato Pancakes,  
 Applesauce, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Soda. Free-Will  
 Donations gratefully accepted. **Take-Out Dinners are**  
**\$6.00 and Frozen Pirogi \$4.00 a dozen.** Questions,  
 please call Paul Scioletti at 203-377-2397.

