



*Saint Martin of Tours Parish*  
*February 28<sup>th</sup> - March 8<sup>th</sup>*  
*The Second Sunday of Lent*

**SATURDAY, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

CANAAN 2:30-3:30 pm  
 CANAAN 4:00 pm

**Confessions**

**For Families to Grow in Faith**

**SUNDAY, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

LAKEVILLE 9:00 am  
 NORFOLK 11:00 am

**Dr. Paul E. Farmer † ~ Shelly**  
**For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life**

**WEDNESDAY, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

CANAAN 5-5:45 pm  
 CANAAN 6:00 pm

**Confessions**

**Dena Solan † ~ Patrice & Neil Luban**

**THURSDAY, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

NORFOLK 8:00 am

**Dorothy Satherlie † ~ Fanelli Family**

**FRIDAY, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

LAKEVILLE 8:00 am  
 CANAAN 7:00 pm

**For Families Struggling to Provide Necessities**  
**Stations of the Cross**

**SATURDAY, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

CANAAN 8:00 am  
 CANAAN 2:30-3:30 pm  
 CANAAN 4:00 pm

**In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
**Confessions**

**Deceased Members of the Godburn Family †**  
**~ Donna Imelio**

**SUNDAY, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

LAKEVILLE 9:00 am  
 NORFOLK 11:00 am

**For World Peace**  
**For the Volunteers of Our Parish**



***WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE BLESS YOU. BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.***



**7:00pm on Fridays during Lent**

- March 6<sup>th</sup> Saint Joseph
- March 13<sup>th</sup> Saint Mary
- March 20<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception
- March 27<sup>th</sup> Saint Joseph **7:30pm\***

\*Live Presentation of the Stations



**Being Good Stewards**

We are grateful to the many parishioners who continue to support the parish week after week. Though you may attend Mass at another church, or even in another state, please remember that Saint Martin of Tours still relies on your support! You can mail or drop off your envelopes, or give on-line at:  
<https://www.osvhub.com/stmartinoftoursct/giving/funds>

<b>Needed</b>	<b>\$8690.00</b>
<b>Weekly &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>\$6562.00</b>
<b>Annual Appeal</b>	<b>\$1545.00</b>

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**MASS READINGS FOR  
The Third Sunday of Lent  
March 8, 2026**

First Reading	Exodus 17:3-7
Responsorial	Psalm 95
Second Reading	Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel	John 4:5-42



**Confessions during Lent will be heard at St. Joseph's Church on Wednesdays from 5:00pm to 5:45pm and on**

**Saturdays from 2:30pm – 3:30pm**

**Second Collection March 7, 2026  
is for Snow Removal**

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>Daughters of Isabella</b>	No Meetings Until April
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dinner & Meeting 6:00pm ~ Bittermann Center
<b>Catholic Men's Club</b>	March 8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting 9:30am ~ Klauer Hall
<b>Catholic Women's Club</b>	March 8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting 9:30am ~ Klauer

**On the weekend of March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 The Sisters of Life will be speaking at all Masses at St. Martin Of Tours Parish. Religious Education students and families are requested to attend a special reception to meet and greet the Sisters of Life directly following the 4 PM Mass in the church basement at St. Joseph Church. This is a rare opportunity for students to learn about the religious vocation of the Sisters of Life.

**Please contact our office if you would like an IRS statement for your 2025 contributions to St. Martin of Tours Parish.  
Thank you for your generosity and support!**



**COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday ~ Norfolk**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday ~ Lakeville**

Everyone is invited! This is a great chance to meet and make new friends while enjoying coffee and treats!

The 2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford will be carried forward.

**Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in You.**



**Bingo will be on Thursdays during Lent**

**Doors open at 5:15 pm  
Come and enjoy an evening of Fun!**



**CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER!**  
**Immaculate Conception**  
**All are Welcome!**  
**Wear Your Green!**

The Men's and Women's Clubs will be sponsoring a delicious dinner in the Klauer Hall on **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** serving from 5 pm – 6pm. Corned Beef & Cabbage, potato, bread, dessert, and beverage! Dinners will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10 years of age. **Come and be a part of the festivities with Irish Music and laughter! On this day Confessions will be from 2:30-3:30pm and the 4:00pm Vigil Mass will be at Immaculate Conception. The 11:00am Mass on Sunday will be at St. Joseph.**



**FREE BUS RIDE!** Bus leaves from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Harwinton at 10:30am. Call 860-379-5215 to reserve your seat. Donations are accepted. **March for Life!**



A huge "Thank You," to our Advertisers who help to fund the printing of our Bulletin! Please see their ads published on our new bulletin cover and support them whenever you can. We wish them Success with their Businesses!

Our Parish will continue to support those who are in need in our Northwest Corner. We will be leaving boxes in all three churches for non-perishable food to help our local food pantries during these difficult times. Food will be distributed to:  
**Corner Food Pantry 80 Sharon Rd., Lakeville**  
**Fishes & Loaves Pantry 30 Granite Ave., Canaan**  
**Norfolk Food Pantry 12 Village Green, Norfolk**



**Ending Hunger with CRS Rice Bowls.**  
 This Lent, our Parish will participate with the

CRS Rice Bowl—connecting our prayers, fasting and almsgiving to encounter God through our global family. Your donations will be for families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Visit: [www.csricebowl.org](http://www.csricebowl.org) to learn more.

**Please pray for the health and wholeness in body, mind, and soul of:** Catie Aakjar, Gary Allard, Ron Arambasick, Barbara Lynn, Ruth B., Lana Barges, David Barrett, Orson Benedict, Patricia Boyce, Daniele Braham, Ginger Brayer, Maureen Broderick, Deirdre Broderick, James & Jennifer Buck, Melanie C., Benny Camardi, Betsy Case, George Catrambone, Suzanne Christofferson, Ellen Ciccarelli, Rachel Clasemann, Mary Corbo, Richard Cousins, Helen Curtiss, Kelsey Cyr, N.D., Ginny Dawson, Lorraine Dubay, Eugene Dube, Laura Fabula, A.E.H., Todd Faedi, Tony H., Dennis Hannafin, Gingras, Raphael Gonzalez, Debbie Griffin, Dee La Bonne, Denise Littlefield, Stephen M., McGraw, Arielle McLaughlin, Allyson Martin, Family, Peg Michaud, Jennifer Michalak, Beverly Michaelowski, Peter Mieras, Kristie Miller, Joseph N., Kay Naderite, Linda Neary, Cindy Newell, James Nivolo, Leah Newton, Margo O'Connor, John O'Hara, John O'Neil, Dixie Palmer, Marjorie Palmer, Carmen Parisi, Holly Peppe, Colton Poley, Denise Rice, George Rivera, Jr., Irene Redford, C.A.R., Jonathan Routhier Jr., Sally S., Marie Sanford, Rosa M. Santos, James Seitz, Mireille Smith, Spencer Robert Smith, Brian Stanley, Sophia Sterling, Carol Sterling, Carol Stevens, Kylan Stewart, Alyssa Stone, Eileen Sullivan, Adam Tedesco, Liz Thomson, A. L. Torres, Anita Turner, Linda Valenti, Doris VanDeusen, Tad W., Fr. Josh Wilbur, Drew Wilkinson, Brooks William, Michele Markey Witowski, Heidi Whitney, and Petey Z.





## Confession Provides Many Graces Beyond Absolution of Sins

*While the primary benefit of confession is the absolution of your sins, the sacrament also strengthens us in keyways through additional graces received.* While this is certainly the primary grace of the sacrament, there are many more graces that are given if we are open to them.

### Strengthened in faith

St. Francis de Sales explains some of these additional graces in his book, *Introduction to the Devout Life*:

In confession you do not only receive absolution for your...sins, but you also receive great **strength to help you in avoiding them** henceforth, **clearer light** to discover your failings, and abundant grace to make up whatever loss you have incurred through those faults. You exercise the graces of **humility, obedience, simplicity and love**, and by this one act of confession you practice more virtue than in any other.

This is one of the reasons why some people choose to go to confession on a regular basis, even if they do not have mortal sins on their soul. Certainly, God will forgive any venial sins, but he will also provide those extra graces in hopes of preventing future sin from occurring.

The "*Catechism of the Catholic Church*," also provides a list of additional spiritual benefits: Reconciliation with God is thus the purpose and effect of this sacrament. For those who receive the sacrament of Penance with contrite heart and religious disposition, reconciliation "is usually followed by **peace and serenity** of conscience with strong spiritual consolation." Indeed, the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true "**spiritual resurrection**," restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God.

While Catholics are only required to go to confession at least once a year, or when conscious of mortal sin, frequent use of this sacrament can bolster our faith in a powerful way.