



Saint Martin of Tours Parish

March 21st ~ March 29th
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, March 21st

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

Confessions
For World Peace

SUNDAY, March 22nd

LAKEVILLE 9:00 am
NORFOLK 11:00 am

For Our Faith to Deepen During Lent
Gerry Brodnitzki † ~ Bill

WEDNESDAY, March 25th

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

Confessions
Teresa Solan † ~ Remembrance 5th Anniversary
Terry, Peter, and Richard

THURSDAY, March 26th

NORFOLK 8:00 am

Josephine M. Schmitt † ~ Daughter Margo

FRIDAY, March 27th

LAKEVILLE 8:00 am
CANAAN 7:30 pm

For the Conversion of Sinners
Living Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 28th

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

Confessions
For Those Who Suffer from Abuse

SUNDAY, March 29th

LAKEVILLE 9:00 am
NORFOLK 11:00 am

Bleau and Steffens † ~ Shelly Rice
Edward (Red) and Linda Cattey † ~
Richard and Madeleine



*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever Believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.*



There is an opening for a part-time secretarial position at St. Joseph's Church in Winsted. Wednesday through Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Perfect for a mom with school-age children or someone who is retired and looking to fill their time. Please contact the St. Joseph Parish Office at 860-379-3369 if interested in more details.

Congratulations to Charles Ferris who is this year's recipient from our Parish for the annual St. Joseph Medal Award, presented to him at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford on March 15th. "Charlie" is an amazing landscaper who has used his talents and donated his time to transform our flower beds and gardens of St. Martin of Tours Parish. He very humbly offers his time and labor to help to keep our church grounds looking beautiful! Charlie also assists our Priest during the week as an Altar Server when needed and is a member of our Finance Council.

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

CHRISM MASS ~ TUESDAY, MARCH 31st

The annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 11:00am at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. At this special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Coyne, the Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the priests within the Archdiocese of Hartford recommit themselves to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Those priests who are celebrating milestone anniversaries of their priestly ordination this year are especially recognized at this Mass.



Join us at St. Joseph's church on March 27th at 7:30pm for a live presentation of the Stations of the Cross. You do not want to miss this Inspiring, Theatrical, Still-Frame Interpretation of Christ's Passion presented by

our youth of St. Martin of Tours Parish!



We can use your help at St. Joseph's church on Holy Saturday, April 4th at 9:30am. We will be removing all the Lenten drapes and setting up for Easter.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Please pray for the health and wholeness in body, mind, and soul of: Catie Aakjar, Gary Allard, 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 & Rich 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, Todd Faedi, Tony H., Dennis Hannafin, K.M.G., Darlene Gerace, Debbie Griffin, Mary Justin Hornish, Dilma & Littlefield, J.M., Stephen M., Betty Maddock, McLaughlin, Allyson Martin, Deb Martin, 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, 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, Heidi Whitney, and Petey Z.





Veils over sacred images and statues keep our minds on the promise of Easter and produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday.

It seems strange that during the most sacred time of year **Catholics cover everything that is beautiful in their churches, even the crucifix**. Shouldn't we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday?

Veiling of statues and images

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to **heighten our senses** and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that should not only be carried out in our local parish but can also be a fruitful activity for the “domestic church” to practice.

The rubrics can guide us. In the *Roman Missal* we find the instruction, “**In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed**. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.”

This is the current practice of the Church, but veiling from the **Fifth Sunday of Lent** onward is minuscule compared to what was once practiced. For example, in Germany there was a tradition to veil the altar from view throughout all of Lent.

Families are also encouraged to imitate this practice and **veil prominent religious images in their homes**. It helps us to participate in the liturgical season, especially if we are prevented from going to Mass during the week. Otherwise, we only see the veiled images in church once or twice before Easter and it has a minor effect on us. It is also a beautiful tradition to pass down to our children, who will be intrigued by it, and it will make this time of year truly special for them. We go through great lengths to decorate our homes for Easter, so why not prepare for the great feast by using veils?

Why cover up something beautiful?

But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

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<https://aleteia.org/2016/03/19/why-do-we-cover-crucifixes-and-statues-during-lent/>