

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – March 2, 2025 – Year C



8:00am Tuesday, March 4, 2025

† Francis Albert DeSantis

8:00am Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Intentions of Clinton Barretto

8:00am Thursday, March 6, 2025

Intentions of Fr. Joe Durkaz

8:00am Friday, March 7, 2025

Intentions of Michael & Melanie White

5:00pm Saturday, March 8, 2025

† MaryAnn Eckert

† Maria & Frances Bruno

† Albert Bochsler

9:00am Sunday, March 9, 2025

Intentions of the People -

of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

11:30am Sunday, March 9, 2025

† Jeanette St. Jules & Peter Morettin

† Kamil Szmurlo



A note of sincere gratitude is extended to Brian White for painting Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women League rooms as well as the Kitchen hallway.

Thank you, Brian, for the beautiful job.

God bless you and your family!

SEASON OF LENT

Wednesday, March 5 is the beginning of the Season of Lent. We begin these 40 days by receiving the mark of the ashes on our foreheads as a sign of repentance and renewal. It is a season that calls us to fast, pray and give alms.

Lenten programs/

Celebrations at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

Ash Wednesday, March 5: Masses at 8:00 am and 7:00pm.

Communal celebration of the *Stations of the Cross* will be held on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00pm beginning Friday, March 7.

Rite of Election will be celebrated by Bishop Crosby at the Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, March 9 at 1:30pm. We have 14 candidates preparing to be baptized and received into the Church at Easter Vigil. May God continue to bless their faith journey.

Confessions/Sacrament of Reconciliation: Every Saturday from 4:00pm to 4:30pm and Saturday, April 12 from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon and from 2:30pm to 4:30pm or by appointment anytime. Lent is a wonderful time to celebrate and experience God's merciful love.

Palm Sunday: April 12 and 13, Masses as usual.

Chrism Mass: Monday, April 14 at 2:00pm at the Cathedral Basilica

Holy Thursday, April 17, Mass at 7:00pm, followed by Adoration until 10pm.

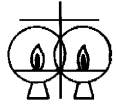
Good Friday, April 18: Good Friday Liturgy with Children at 12:00 noon and Solemn Good Friday Liturgy at 3:00pm

Blessing of Easter Baskets: April 19 at 12:00 noon.

Easter Vigil: April 19 at 8:00 pm (14 candidates will be baptized and received in the Church)

Easter Sunday: April 20 Masses at 9:00am and 11:30am. Blessing as you journey in this beautiful and grace filled Season of Lent.

First Sunday of Lent – March 9, 2025 – Year C



MASS INTENTIONS

8:00am Tuesday, March 11, 2025

† Laura Soares

8:00am Wednesday, March 12, 2025

† Maria & Frances Bruno

8:00am Thursday, March 13, 2025

Intentions of Thecla Barretto

8:00am Friday, March 14, 2025

† Kruno Penavic

† George Sheldon

5:00pm Saturday, March 15, 2025

Intentions of the Couture family

Intentions of Brian White

† Zlatica Leskovar

† Arlene VanVeen

9:00am Sunday, March 16, 2025

Intentions of the People -

of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

11:30am Sunday, March 16, 2025

† Roman Rapala

Thanksgiving Mass – Maureen Angelus



Please consider helping us!



Parish is seeking volunteers for the following ministries:

1. Children Liturgy
2. Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
3. Kitchen Team (Cooks, Organizers and helpers)
4. Ushers, especially for 11:30 am Mass

If you feel called to serve in any of these ministries, please talk or email Fr. Francis (fnoronha@hamiltondiocese.com)

Thank you for choosing to serve at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

MARCH PRAYER: HEROES OF HOPE

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism,
you have given us new life in Christ
and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those
who have responded to your call
to respond to the needs of the poor,
who provide shelter for the homeless,
food for those who hunger, counsel to the unemployed,
and support to those who live
with mental and physical disabilities.

Through their varied ministries,
may they touch the hearts of all in our community
who long for the hope,
born of our Christian faith,
that never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH #167 Parents are the most influential people in their children's lives. They watch every move, take in every word and see how you navigate the world - then they become the mini version of you, their parents. All the traits they take in become part of who they are for life! Help them to be the best people they can be by looking inward and asking yourself if you are doing enough to raise them to be the adult you would like them to be. If not, change how you interact and help them grow strong in mind, body and spirit. (Family Ministry Office)

OPENING THE HOLY DOOR: SPRING BOOK CLUB The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring the new book by Joan Watson, *“Opening the Holy Door.”* Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **March 18-April 8, 2025.** Together we will reflect on the beautiful images of mercy and hope found on the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, open to pilgrims and visitors throughout the Jubilee Year. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

St. Vincent de Paul store on Barton Street needs volunteers. Please note the new hours of 10 to 4 on Wednesday to Friday. The store needs twin and double sheet sets and blankets of all sizes. They could also use workable, small appliances and furniture donations. Please email ssvdpwaterdown@gmail.com

Please contact the SSVDP for tickets to:

- **16th Annual Dinner Dance And Auction, Friday, May 16th 2025, Michaelangelo's Banquet Centre**

- **Lottery** – Draw will be on May 16th during the Dinner/Dance. **Last year our Parish sold a winning ticket for \$500.00!!**

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 PRIZES include... 1st prize - \$2000.00 2nd prize - \$1000.00 3rd - 6th prize - \$500.00