



# Welcome to Saints Aedan & Brendan Parish

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sun, Apr 8</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>
4:30 p.m. Sat.	Deacon Edward Taddei & Angelina Rosselli Taddei Requested by Their Children
9:30 a.m.	Ray Ayala Requested by James Bamberg
11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
<b>Mon, Apr 9</b>	<b>The Annunciation of The Lord</b>
7:30 a.m.	Fr. McCann
<b>Tues, Apr 10</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
7:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the William Fitzgibbons Family
<b>Wed, Apr 11</b>	<b>St. Stanislaus Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>
7:30 a.m.	Ray Ayala Requested by Wife
<b>Thurs, Apr 12</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>
7:30 a.m.	Salvatore & Anne Vinci Requested by Family
<b>Sat, April 14</b>	<b>Vigil for Sunday</b>
4:30 p.m.	Donna Marino Requested by Husband
<b>Sun, Apr 15</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>
9:30 a.m.	Ray Ayala Requested by Family
11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish

### Weekly Financial Summary:

March 19, 2018 - March 25, 2018

Weekly Offertory: \$3390.00

March 26, 2018 - April 1, 2018

Weekly Offertory: \$2222.00

### It Takes a Village to Help a Village

Together by acting on our instincts of kindness and compassion, the Village of Westville and its surrounding neighbors helped Marycare build a Health Center for the Village of Ejemekwuru in Nigeria. Without your support, we would not have been able to break ground, lay the foundation, finish the physical structure and officially open this Life-Saving Health Center.

But our work is not finished. The Marycare Health Center is only a building if we cannot fund the staffing, and medical supplies to treat the sick, educate moms-to-be and dispense nutritional advice. So, I am appealing to the best part of you as a child of God and humanity to help us keep Anne Bate's Legacy alive - Touching Hearts, Changing Lives and Creating Opportunities. Come out and support Marycare Annual Fundraiser on Friday April 13, 2018 at St. Thomas More's Golden Center Hall, New Haven, from 5 - 9PM.

May God reward you abundantly as you give!

Fr. Emmanuel, President Marycare Inc.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Divine Mercy Celebrations with Archbishop Blair:

Sunday, April 8, 3:00 p.m. St. Rita, Hamden

### Nominations for Parish Council Open:

This Weekend and Next (See bottom of next page)

### Book Club:

Wednesday, April 11, 7:00 p.m., Lower Church

### Knights of Columbus Meeting:

Wednesday, April 11, 7:00 pm., Knights Chambers

### Parish Council Meeting:

Monday, April 16, 7:00 p.m., Lower Church

### Social Action Committee:

Wednesday, April 18, 7:00 p.m., Lower Church

### Liturgy Meeting:

Monday, April 23, 7:00 p.m., Lower Church

### Archbishop's Annual Appeal Underway

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference.



## Catholic Academy of New Haven

*A STREAM Model & Heritage School of  
St. Aedan & St. Brendan Schools*

### Tell your family and friends, neighbors and coworkers!

Learn more about the transformation of St. Aedan-St. Brendan School into the Catholic Academy of New Haven. This new STREAM School is exciting for our parish and our city.

Call the school and speak with our principal, Mrs. Taryn Duncan to learn more. 203-387-5693

## An Invitation to You on Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday, the second Sunday of Easter (April 8) is Divine Mercy Sunday and everyone is invited to the Divine Mercy Celebration with Archbishop Blair in Hamden. There will be a procession from St. Stephen Church at 2 p.m. and devotions at 3 p.m. at St. Rita Church. Confession will be available from 1 p.m. at St. Stephen Church and 2 p.m. at St. Rita Church.

The story of the origin and dissemination of the Divine Mercy message and devotion throughout the world makes for great reading—extraordinary visions and revelations, miraculous answers to prayer, a dramatic escape from war-torn Poland, a temporary ban by the Church, and then strong support from St. Pope John Paul II.

The writings about the divine mercy of Jesus are from St. Faustina Kowalska, (born 1905) an uneducated Polish nun from the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland. In the 1930's, in obedience to her spiritual director, St. Faustina wrote a diary of some 600 pages recording the revelations she was receiving about God's mercy.

Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy as revealed in her diary had begun to spread. Devotion to The Divine Mercy involves a total commitment to God as mercy. It is a decision to trust completely in Him, to accept His mercy with thanksgiving, and to be merciful as He is merciful.

The Divine Mercy image is Jesus clothed in a white garment and his right hand raised in blessing. His left hand is touching his garment in the area of the heart, from where two large rays extend, one red and the other pale. St. Faustina was directed by Jesus himself to have the image painted and promoted throughout the world to remind people of Jesus' divine mercy.

The diary, simply written and filled with amazing personal accounts of encounters with Jesus is a "must-read" for everyone seeking to understand the mysteries of Jesus better. There is copy of the diary in the lending library or you can ask Fr. Morgewicz to borrow the diary on CD. Consider visiting the National Shrine located 70 miles away in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

## Easter Eggs and the Easter Bunny

The egg has become a popular Easter symbol. Creation myths of many ancient peoples center in a cosmogenic egg from which the universe is born. The egg, therefore, is a natural symbol, not only of creation, but also of re-creation and resurrection.

In ancient Egypt and Persia friends exchanged decorated eggs at the spring equinox, the beginning of the new year. These eggs were a symbol of fertility for them because the coming forth of a live creature from an egg was so surprising to people of ancient times. Christians in the Near East adopted this tradition, and the Easter egg became a religious symbol. It represented the tomb from which Jesus came forth to new life. Because the eggs were one time forbidden by the Church's Lenten discipline of fasting and abstinence, they were a precious Easter food.

Another popular Easter tradition is the Easter Bunny. Rabbits are part of pre-Christian fertility symbolism because of their reputation to reproduce rapidly. Their association with Easter eggs goes back several hundred years to vague legends in Germany. It was in Germany where the custom of making candy rabbits originated. The Easter Bunny never had a religious meaning.

From the tradition of the Easter Egg and the Easter Bunny we get a better idea of the fertility theme that is tied to Easter. The "new life" of the Jesus' resurrection is obvious but the "new life" or fertility theme is also seen because from the very early time in the Church baptism of new Christians took place during the celebration of Easter.

We who are baptized have been given a new life in Christ. Our baptism was a dying to sin seen in the plunging of the baptismal water and rising to new life in Christ. May our prayer today be that we keep this new life in Christ we have been given in our minds each and every day of this glorious Easter season.

The above was taken from Catholic Customs and Traditions by Greg Dues, Twenty-Third Publications, 2004.

## Nominations for Parish Council are Now Open!

As you already know, the Parish Council has adopted new bylaws and we are now accepting nominations for election. The qualifications for this ministry are: 1. The individual be a person of prayer, of personal growth in Christ and a living sign of Christ. 2. Be willing to become involved in the parish (attend parish functions and events) and willing to set a direction for the parish. 3. Offer a talent, skill, or knowledge to Council ministry and 4. Be a registered member of the parish over 18.

Nominations for candidates will take place this and next weekend. Please consider nominating someone or suggest yourself to serve in this Parish leadership position by completing the tear off below. The completed tear off may be placed in any collection basket or hand delivered to Fr. Morgewicz. Deadline is next Sunday after the 11:30 Mass.

The election to the Parish Council will be held on the weekend of May 20, 2018. Consider giving leadership to this parish ministry by nominating yourself or think of others who you believe will be good in this important role in our parish.

I nominate the following registered parishioners to run in the May 20, 2018, election: (Name and, if known, Phone Number)

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

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