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• THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD •

**MY EYES  
HAVE SEEN YOUR  
SALVATION.**

February 2, 2025

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 2</b> <b>The Presentation of the Lord</b> <b>(World Day for Consecrated Life)</b> Souls of Purgatory, I Pray for My Health requested by Angelica Rivera  8:30 AM  9:30 AM 11:00 AM †Silvia Osuna requested by Marisa Bravo & Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 3 - St. Blaise, St. Ansgar</b> available 7:30 AM 12:10 PM †Anita Ennis requested by Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 4</b> †Claire Bergin requested by Family 7:30 AM 12:10 PM For all those dealing with extreme conditions in California
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 5 - St. Agatha</b> In honor of St. Joseph requested by Bogumila 7:30 AM 12:10 PM †Michael Conard requested by Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 6 - St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b> For Children in Our World to Feel Safe & Be Safe 7:30 AM 12:10 PM Mass of Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest requested by Bogumila
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 7</b> available 7:30 AM 12:10 PM †Thomas, Elizabeth & Michael Welch requested by Mary Anne & Michael Moffatt
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 8</b> †Alice Bockholt requested by Marian Flanders 9:00 AM
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 9</b> <b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>(World Marriage Day)</b> For Our Parishioners & Guests 8:30 AM 11:00 AM †Deceased Members of the Moffatt Family requested by Mary Anne & Michael Moffatt



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**Schedule of Masses**

**Sunday:** 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM  
**Daily Mass:** Monday through Friday: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and Saturday: 9:00 AM  
**Virtual Masses:** Sunday, 11:00 AM Mass livestreamed on the Parish Website, Cathedral Facebook and YouTube Channel  
**Holy Day Masses:** 7:30 AM & 12:10 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday, 9:30 AM  
**Adoration:** Wednesday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
**Rosary:** Saturday, 9:30 AM



**Prayers & Blessings Requested**



Please remember those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially, **Anne I. Lana, victims of the Washington D.C. helicopter/plane crash, and those in California, Ukraine, Middle Eastern Countries and Myanmar.** We continue to pray for those being held hostage, our homebound parishioners, and those dealing with illness or recuperating from surgeries or treatments.

We pray for our country and its new leadership.

## Offertory

January 26, 2025

Weekly: \$ 3,325  
Online Giving: \$ 849  
Total: \$ 4,174

**Upcoming Collections**  
February 9: Monthly

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## Healing Our Blindness

The value of stewardship living is difficult to see unless we are experiencing that way of life for ourselves. You can read 100 Everyday Stewardship reflections and go to church every Sunday, but unless you are actively growing in faith and trying to live a life of generous stewardship, you cannot see the power of such a lifestyle. Like most things, we need direct, purposeful experiences to really understand.

I worked in a stewardship parish for over 20 years, but it was only after I started treating all I have as God's, and began to actively offer all I am to Him for His glory, that I really got the message. That doesn't mean I am a perfect steward. Far from it! However, the stress and anxiety that comes with life has greatly diminished because all is in God's hands. I choose to act more generously than before, which provides me with a sense of fulfillment and joy. How I act towards my family, friends, and even people I meet daily has changed. Now I am more mindful of their presence, and I seek to give them a part of me that just might change their day and bring them a little closer to Christ. I am transforming into a disciple who seeks to use all I have been given to transform all that is around me.

It would be a shame to be blind to the important things for an entire life. Today, consider taking a path of life-changing stewardship. Give it all to God. In the midst of all you have been given, you just might find God in a profound way. You may even find the real person God created you to be.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will burn the week of February 2nd through February 8th for the Glory of God and for

**JACQUELINE DAWSON**

Celebration of Life and Good Health



We welcome into our parish family through the sacrament of baptism

**Josephine Ann Ozak**

daughter of  
Jeffrey & Rachel Ozak

**Abel James Dizon**

son of  
Adrian & Vy-Thao Thuy Dizon



May the grace of God they received at their rebirth remain with them always and may they grow in the love and friendship of our loving Father.

## What is World day for consecrated life?

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated this Sunday, February 2, 2025. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. **There are 4 types of consecrated lives: Religious brothers, sisters, and priests; hermits/anchorites/virgins; members of Societies of Apostolic Life and Secular Institutes.**

May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." — Lk 2:34-35



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Friday, February 7 at 6:00 PM**

*Mass of Healing · St. John Paul the Great Parish, St. Peter Church, 99 East Main St., Torrington*  
In these challenging times, many of us carry burdens – be it physical ailments like cancer and kidney disease, emotional struggles like depression, anxiety, PTSD and grief, or spiritual battles. YOU'RE NOT ALONE. Reconnect, find solace, and embrace the healing powers of our divine physician, Jesus Christ.

The evening begins at 6:00 pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed immediately by the Healing Mass. Let's come together, share our stories, and experience the transformative power of faith. Remember, Jesus is still in the business of healing.

**Friday, February 7 - 9**

*Rachel's Vineyard Weekend for Healing After Abortion · Litchfield*  
If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend February 7-9, 2025 in Litchfield, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

**Friday, February 28 at 4:00 PM & Saturday, March 1 at 9:00 AM**

*Annual Used Book Sale · Church of Saint Ann, 289 Arch Road, Avon*  
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Friday, February 28, from 4-7 p.m. with a \$5 admission fee and Saturday, March 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and no admission fee.

**Friday, February 14 at 6:00 PM**

*St. Valentine's Day Youth Social (Ages 14 - 17) · Our Lady of Loreto Church, 12 Ardsley Road, Waterbury*  
Father Jeff Gubbiotti is a skilled magician and juggler who uses his talents for the Glory of God. He will be entertaining us with his skills and guiding us to deepen our relationship with Jesus! Swing dance lessons, fellowship and more! Invite your friends!

**SAVE THE DATE!  
October 19 - 29, 2025**

Fr. Joe MacNeill will be leading a group of parishioners on a pilgrimage to Italy on October 19 - 29, 2025 that includes 5 days in Rome, 2 days in Assisi, and 2 days in Florence. For more details please contact Immacula Didier at [macci64@gmail.com](mailto:macci64@gmail.com).

**Weekly Events**

**Malta House of Care**

Monday–Thursday, 9am–3:30pm: Call 860-725-0171 for information & appointments.

**1st Reconciliation**

Sunday, 9:30am February 2, 2025

**Food Pantry**

Thursdays, 9:00 am–11:45am:  
February 6 & February 13, 2025

**CT Food Share**

11:30am–12:15pm: Every other Wednesday (next date) February 5

**Clothing Pantry**

Fridays, 10:00am–1:00pm: February 7 & February 14, 2025



**Souper Bowl of Caring COLLECTION**

after 8:30am & 11:00am Masses

**February 9th**

All proceeds will go to the Cathedral Food Pantry.

Here is a link with information about the organization and the event <https://tacklehunger.org/>



**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

**TAX TIME** - A statement of parish contributions will be mailed as soon as possible to those who request one. Please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office (140 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105) place the form in the collection basket or email [martha.erickson@sjcct.org](mailto:martha.erickson@sjcct.org).

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# Branches on the Vine

News from the Archdiocese of Hartford · February 1 - 7, 2025



## 2025 RESPECT LIFE MASSES AND MARCHES UNDERWAY



*Fr. Michael Ruminski offers a pro-life reflection on Jan. 20 to attendees at a Mass for Life at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Windsor Locks.*

For those who recognize the value of all life, the early months of the year offer many opportunities to publicly declare the sanctity and dignity of every human person.

On Jan. 19, Archbishop Coyne was the main celebrant for a Pro-Life Mass & Baby Shower Collection at St. Mary Church in New Haven, part of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the Mass provided time for prayer and the chance to donate baby items for the Connecticut Pregnancy Resource Centers.

Mary, Gate of Heaven Parish hosted a Mass for Life on Jan. 20 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Windsor Locks. Father Michael Ruminski, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Bloomfield, was the main celebrant and offered a reflection after the Mass. Prior to the Mass, pro-life advocates recited the rosary for life.

The 2025 National March for Life, set for Friday, Jan. 24 in Washington, D.C., is billed as the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world.

Although *Roe v. Wade* was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, Sister Suzanne Gross, program coordinator for the archdiocese's Respect Life Ministry, says it's important to keep marching. "We've changed the law but we haven't changed the hearts and minds of people," she says. "We'll still be making a statement. So that's why we go."

The Archdiocese of Hartford pilgrims leave from the Franciscan Life Center in Meriden on Jan. 23 to attend the Vigil Mass for Life at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Next day, they will enjoy a Mass at the Washington Plaza; a concert by the Christian band Unspoken at 11 a.m.; the rally at noon on the National Mall with keynote speaker Bethany Hamilton, a professional surfer who persevered despite her disability; and the March for Life at 1 p.m. to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Closer to home, the 2025 Connecticut March for Life is slated for March 19, and there's still plenty of time to register and sign up for buses.

The rally begins at noon at the Connecticut State Capitol, located at 210 Capitol Ave. in Hartford, followed by the march around Bushnell Memorial Park and along Main Street at 1 p.m. The Connecticut Pregnancy Care Coalition will also host a student sign-making contest between 11 and 11:45 a.m.

"The March shows the importance of what prayerful witness is all about. We're marching for the unborn, who cannot speak for themselves, and for humanity and the dignity of every human person," says Father Glen Dmytryszyn, director of the archdiocese's Respect Life Ministry. "With the inception of human life, all other rights follow. What else can we march for?"

Christopher Healy, executive director for the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, strongly recommends participating in the Connecticut March for Life. "Your attendance," he says, "will help send the message to lawmakers that we will not allow laws to be passed that do not respect God's greatest gift to us all."

**Before You Go:** For more details about the Connecticut March for Life, including a map, parking, buses from local parishes, and other events that day, visit [marchforlife.org/Connecticut](http://marchforlife.org/Connecticut). For more information on legislative matters from the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, visit [ctcatholicpac.org](http://ctcatholicpac.org).

The 2025 Connecticut March for Life is sponsored by the National March for Life, the Connecticut Catholic Conference and the Family Institute of Connecticut.

*Story by Shelley Wolf*



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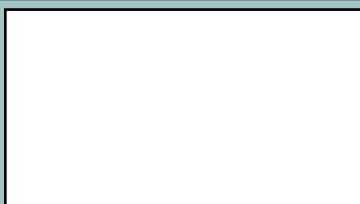
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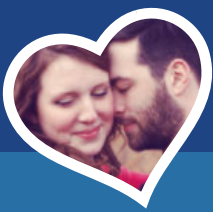
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