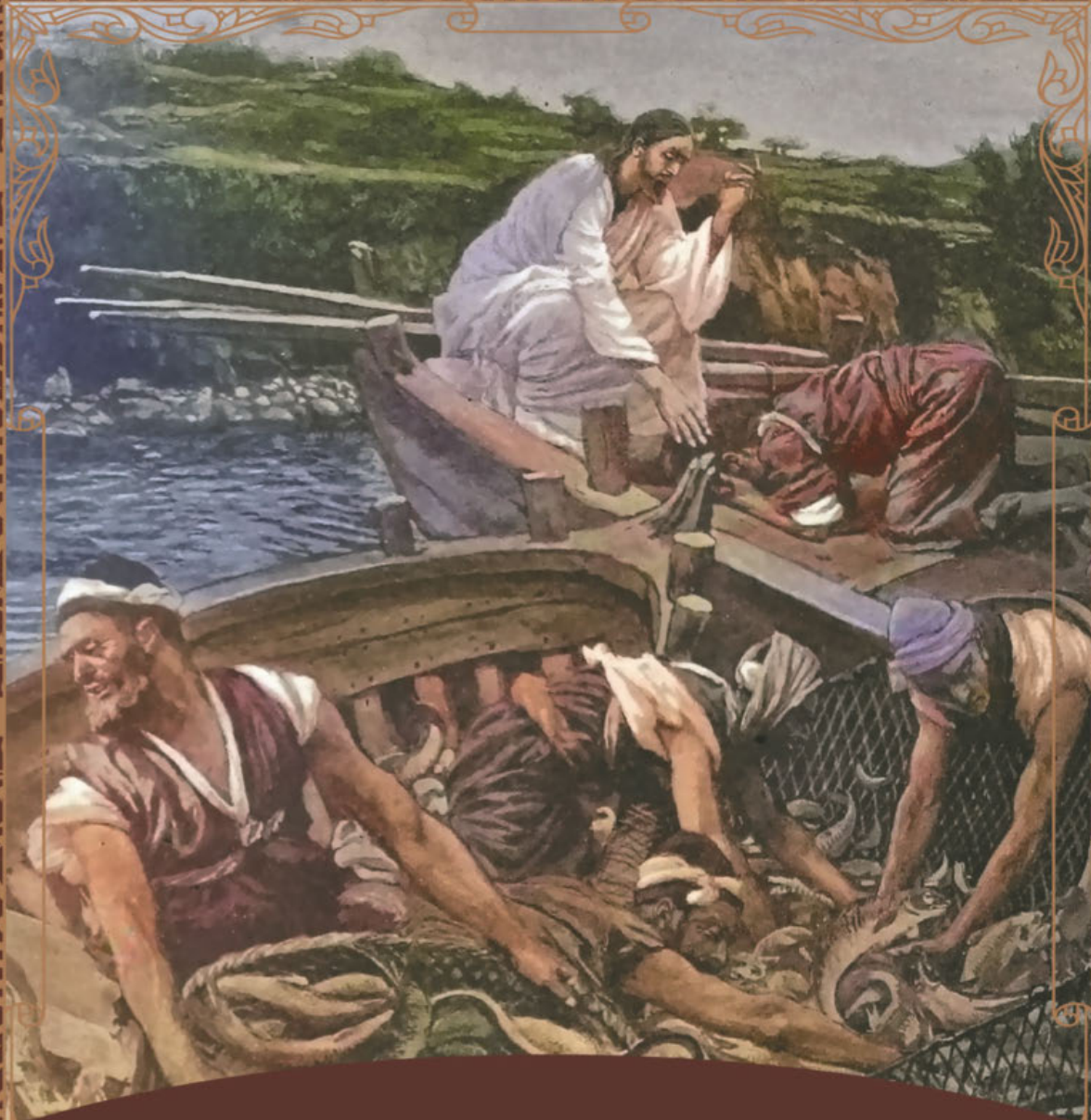


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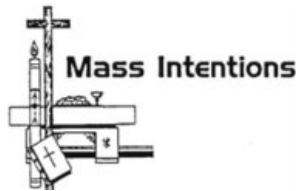


• 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

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February 9, 2025

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 9</b> <b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>(World Marriage Day)</b> 8:30 AM For Our Parishioners & Guests 11:00 AM †Deceased Members of the Moffatt Family requested by Mary Anne & Michael Moffatt
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 10 - St. Scholastica</b> 7:30 AM †Agnes Ngo Manyo requested by Gerard Yengue 12:10 PM †Lula Gilliam requested by Alpha Nicholson
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 11 - Our Lady Of Lourdes</b> 7:30 AM †Timothy & Kimberly Guerrette requested by Mary Anne & Michael Moffatt 12:10 PM †Roger Madeux requested by Maureen Madeux
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 12 (Lincoln's Birthday)</b> 7:30 AM †Deceased Members of the Toyokura Family requested by Kay Saur 12:10 PM †Melissa Cote requested by Lisa Costello
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 13</b> 7:30 AM †Anita Ennis requested by Family 12:10 PM †Gabriel Yengue requested by Gerard Yengue
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 14 - Sts. Cyril &amp; Methodius</b> 7:30 AM †Claire Bergin requested by Family 12:10 PM available
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 15</b> 9:00 AM †Jennifer Fitzgerald requested by The Fitzgerald Family 4:00 PM Wedding Anniversary Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 16</b> <b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8:30 AM Obumneme Iloeje, Birthday Blessings requested by Munachiso Iloeje 11:00 AM †Mathias Sahossi requested by Paul Sahossi and Family



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The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne  
Archbishop of Hartford

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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



*Prayer*

Please remember those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially, victims of the Philadelphia plane crash, Ohio shootings 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

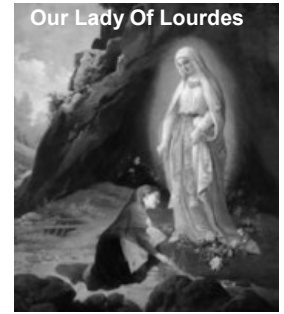
The Sanctuary Candle will burn the week of February 9th through February 15th for the Glory of God and

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“O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted. You know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me. I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. Through gratitude for your favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues. Amen”



Offertory

February 2, 2025

Weekly: \$ 2,616
Online Giving: \$ 569
Total: \$ 3,185

Upcoming Collections
February 9: Monthly

Your support to the Cathedral of Saint Joseph is appreciated as it allows the continuation of worship and your participation in various ministries. Please call the parish office if you feel you would like to become a lector or Eucharistic Minister, as well as join in Adoration every Wednesday morning.

Readings for the week of February 9, 2025

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

The Catch

I love today’s Gospel passage, and not just because I love a good fish fry.

I love it because I am Peter. Over and over again, I am Peter, standing here exhausted because I relied on my own abilities, and it got me nowhere. I’m ready to call it quits. I’m ready to say it’s too hard. And here comes Jesus, asking me to lower my net. To keep trying.

And I try to talk sense into him. “It’s not going to work, God,” I insist. “I’ve been trying.”

“You’ve been trying,” Jesus agrees. “But you haven’t asked for my help yet.”

What does it mean to lower your net? It sounds so simple and so easy, but it takes a great deal of humility and trust. I think I’m the expert on my own life, the captain of my own ship. Peter probably thought so, too — he was the fisherman, after all. Why would a fisherman listen to a carpenter on matters of fishing?

Lowering your net means giving God control and letting yourself be changed by what He chooses to show you.

It means to listen to God’s instructions, even when you don’t understand them, even when you find them frustrating. It means to keep trying the hard thing that you know is the right thing, even when it hasn’t born much fruit. It means to keep loving the person who is making life hard on you, even when all you want to do is give into feelings of bitterness and distrust.

If we would only lower our nets, the catch would astound us.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Souper Bowl of Caring COLLECTION**  
after the 8:30am & 11:00am Masses on 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/>



FEBRUARY 9th

**Mark your Calendars**

**Malta House of Care**

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

**Food Pantry**

Thursdays, 9:00 am–11:45am: February 13 & February 20, 2025

**CT Food Share**

11:30am–12:15pm: Every other Wednesday (next date) February 19

**Clothing Pantry**

Fridays, 10:00am–1:00pm: February 14 & February 21, 2025

**Upcoming Events**



02/09 SUNDAY 7PM  
**YOUNG ADULT MASS W/ ARCHBISHOP COYNE**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Church,  
46 Eagleville Rd, Storrs

All young adults, ages 18-39 are invited to attend the 7th annual Mass and reception.



02/12 WEDNESDAY 9AM  
**PRAYER SHAWL & BABY BLANKET MINISTRY**  
St. Mary, Church Hall, 731 Main St, Branford

Prayer Shawl and Baby Blanket Ministry will resume meeting on the second Wednesday of every month from 9AM to noon. For more information, call Maria Batick at 203-488-7426.



02/13 THURSDAY 7PM  
**"WHAT DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE & WHY?" STUDY GROUP**  
Our Lady of the Assumption, Church Hall,  
81 Center Rd, Woodbridge

Fr. Glen will lead a 6 week session covering the basic understanding of our faith. Join these one hour sessions to dive deeper into your faith! (Ends March 3rd)



02/12 - 3/19 WEDNESDAYS 10AM  
**SPIRITUAL BOOK STUDY**  
Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center  
194 Candlewood Hill Rd, Higganum

Have you wished to make Lent more meaningful? Brennan Manning in his book "The Signature of Jesus" challenges us to live Christianity radically. Find out what it means to truly be a follower of Jesus. This is a powerful journey where only love can move us to change. (Six Sessions, Wednesdays 10-11:30 AM)  
To register either call Sr. Patricia at 203-606-4830 or Email: [cigrandpatricia@gmail.com](mailto:cigrandpatricia@gmail.com) or online at- [www.sacredheartontheLake.org](http://www.sacredheartontheLake.org)  
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FEB. - MAY. 6:30PM  
**DISCERNING HEARTS**  
Hosted by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hosting several opportunities for women ages 18-35 who are discerning a call to consecrated life to meet the sisters at a tea, followed by a hour of adoration at several of the Archdiocese's parishes.

Feb. 19, Avila House, Newington  
Mar. 19, St. Mary, New Haven  
May 21, St. Francis, New Britain  
Questions? Contact Sr. Colleen at 203-506-4653

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Presents:  
**An 8-Day Pilgrimage & Mission to the Dominican Republic!**  
Led by Ivo Jaquez with Fr. Daniel Hackenjos as Chaplain  
May 31 - June 7, 2025

**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Ground transportation to NYC airport
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- Round trip airfare
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- Lodging
- Daily Mass
- Sightseeing
- Breakfast and dinners

**TRIP DETAILS**

Four Day Mission includes:

- Visit to Puerto Plata
- Restoring a station of the Cross Trail
- Visiting Santiago & Cathedral of St. James

Four Day Pilgrimage includes:

- Visiting the first & oldest city in the West
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- Christopher Columbus Mansion & Family Chapel

**COST FOR PARISHIONERS: \$1,482.00    COST FOR GENERAL PUBLIC: \$1,625.00**

Join us for an informational session Saturday, February 8,  
11:00 am at St. Jerome Church Hall or contact  
Ivo Jaquez at [ivo@stfranciscatholic.org](mailto:ivo@stfranciscatholic.org)

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**PAULINE BIBLE STUDY**

Study the Letters of St. Paul with Fr. Joe MacNeill!

WEDNESDAYS AT 1PM  
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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

Having you ever participated in various trust exercises, where you have to place your faith in others around you? Maybe it was falling backwards with your eyes closed while the person's voice speaking to you seemed to drift further away. Maybe it was jumping from a height into people's arms that didn't seem strong enough to catch you. These activities were supposed to show you the meaning of trust and help grow that trust in you for your comrades. Sometimes it worked. Other times, some prankster would actually let you fall, and then you learned to trust no one. So much for building up our ability to trust.

Trust is important, especially in our relationship with Jesus. He calls us all the time and asks for us to trust. However, because of doubt or a desire to follow our own will, we choose to disregard his request. After objecting to Jesus' request to lower his net into the water, Peter was humbled when he caught so much fish that the net began to tear. Peter was a fisherman by trade. Surely he knew what the catch was probably going to be that day. But Jesus asked him to follow his will. Peter realized that his trust from then on should be in the Lord.

Do you sometimes think your generosity will bear little fruit?

Do you wonder if your surrender to God in stewardship living really amounts to much at all?

Trust in Jesus, the one who calls you to this life. His word is truth, and he would never let you fall.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



# Branches on the Vine

FEBRUARY 8 - 14, 2025



## PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS AND DEACONS

Monthly calendar helps people develop ongoing prayers for men who answer God's call.

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile

Anna Maria Dias calls herself a "prayer warrior" and welcomes others to join her.

For the past 10 years, she has designed prayer calendars which includes the names of priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford. In addition, she designs a separate calendar each month for the deacons of the archdiocese. The calendars are distributed through email.

"I never heard of anyone saying they pray for priests," Dias says. "The thought of praying for priests was foreign to me."

The goal of the calendars, she says, is to keep the ministry of the priesthood and diaconate in everyone's heart and mind. "They see the struggles and everything the people deal with every day," Dias says. "It's a lot of burden to carry."

For the priest's calendar, a different name is printed in a square for each day of the month, with two squares always devoted to Pope Francis and Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne.

After some Connecticut parishioners heard about the Springfield prayer calendar, they contacted Dias and asked if she could produce one for priests within the Archdiocese of Hartford. She began the local calendar here in 2015. Shortly afterward, a calendar for deacons followed.

At the top of the calendar each month, Dias prints a prayer which expresses gratitude to God for priests who have answered the call to ministry. The February prayer reads:

*"We thank you God, our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love, lead them to new powerful consolation of the Holy Spirit. Increase their profound faith in the sacraments they administer. Grant that your priests may inspire us to strive for holiness by their good example. Heavenly Father, guard your tender care upon these chosen ones, so dear to your infinitely considerate heart."*

A message from Father Gerald Fitzgerald, who founded the community of Handmaids of the Precious Blood in 1947, is also included on the bottom of the calendar.

His current message is: "Be not afraid! When the brief moment of your life is over, the great high priest will come to you and let you take your place in his heart; for what you did for his priests was done for him."

Father Anthony Federico, director of Vocations and Seminarians for the Archdiocese of Hartford, receives the priest calendar each month. "It's a beautiful gesture to take ownership of promoting vocations in the Church," he says.

The Archdiocese of Hartford, he adds, is seeing an increase in vocations through several efforts including parish vocations committees, praying the Prayer for Priestly Vocations, parish holy hours and rosaries, the St. John Vianney Vocation Prayer Society and the priestly prayer calendar.

Dias says she is looking for more prayer warriors. "The more prayers warriors, the better," she adds.

To be placed on the distribution list for the monthly prayer calendars for priests and deacons, email Dias at [faithfirst@1791.com](mailto:faithfirst@1791.com).

"Doing the calendar gives me peace to know I'm trying to help the priests with prayers," she says. "It keeps my mind focused."


Download the February calendars at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org/catholictranscript](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/catholictranscript).



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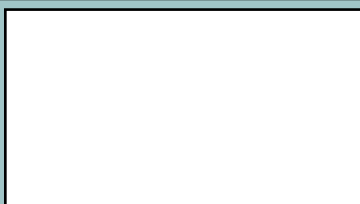
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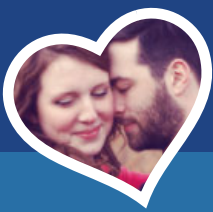
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