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• 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**BLESSED ARE YOU
WHO ARE POOR.**

February 16, 2025

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*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Sunday	February 16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Obumneme Iloeje, Birthday Blessings requested by Munachiso Iloeje 11:00 AM †Mathias Sahossi requested by Paul Sahossi and Family
Monday	February 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order 7:30 AM available 12:10 PM †Marie McMinn, Birthday Remembrance requested by Her Sister
Tuesday	February 18 7:30 AM †Claire Bergin requested by Family 12:10 PM †Jessica Mullen requested by Her Family
Wednesday	February 19 7:30 AM †Anita Ennis requested by Family 12:10 PM For Our Country
Thursday	February 20 7:30 AM available 12:10 PM For Bookkeepers & Accountants
Friday	February 21 - St. Peter Damian 7:30 AM available 12:10 PM For our Parishioners & Guests
Saturday	February 22 9:00 AM For the Homeless in our Community
Sunday	February 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM For All who Serve to Maintain the Cathedral & Pastoral Center 11:00 AM †For the Souls: Augustine Udeh & †Chukwuma Nebo requested by Munachiso Iloeje



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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, those in 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

February 9, 2025

Weekly: \$ 2,510
Online Giving: \$ 558
Total: \$ 3,068

Monthly: \$ 251
Online Giving: \$ 510
Total: \$ 761

Thank you for your support of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph and its ministries.



We are currently seeking individuals to assist with the offertory count. This would require you to come to the parish office on Monday mornings or on some occasions, Tuesday mornings. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please call the parish office to offer your contact information.



If you are new to our parish family, we extend a warm welcome and hope you will find our Church family a community where your faith will be nourished. Your presence, your talents, your time, and above all, your prayers are most cherished.

Registration forms may be found at the church doorways or please call or email the parish office.

At this time we would like to welcome the following new parishioners to the Cathedral of Saint Joseph: **Wayne Walters, Esther Gna Ma & Family, Marcelino Meza, Ellen Frenning, Frederick Good, Jack Good, The Acosta Family, Thomas Flanagan, Jonathan Stone, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones, Elizabeth Taylor, Carmen Cecelia, Eric Abreu, The Jàquez Family, Anastasia Mock and The Sahossi Family.**

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

The seven founders, jointly canonized in 1888, are: Bonifilius, Bonajuncta, Amadeus, Hugh, Manettus, Sostene, and Alexis. Alexis, who out of modesty refused ordination, served the order in various ways as a lay brother; he outlived the other founders and reportedly died at age 110

How they became the Servite Order:

- The seven men were wealthy cloth merchants in Florence in the 13th century.
- They were devoted to the Virgin Mary and experienced visions of her.
- They left their homes and businesses to live in solitude for prayer and penance.
- They formed a community outside of Florence and took the name Servants of Mary.
- They adopted a religious habit similar to the Dominican habit.

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": "Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of" (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the purpose of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

Father John Muir



*"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh." — Lk 6:21*

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 20 & February 27, 2025

CT Food Share

11:30am–12:15pm: Every other

Wednesday (next date) February 19

Clothing Pantry

Fridays, 10:00am–1:00pm:

February 21 & February 28, 2025

Due to Last Week's Snowstorm...

Souper Bowl of Caring COLLECTION
after the 8:30am & 11:00am Masses on February 16th

All proceeds will go to the Cathedral Food Pantry. Here is a link with information about the organization and the event <https://tacklehunger.org/>



Current Needs
for the Clothing Pantry:
Gently used or new towels

Upcoming Events



2/16 SUNDAY 12PM
ZITI WITH YOUR SWEETIE DINNER
St. Anthony, Parish Center,
70 Washington Ave, New Haven

\$15 per person, \$5 for children under 10 years old.
For information, menu, or to make a reservation,
please call Sandy at 203-710-6582 or 203-387-1935



02/22 SATURDAY 6PM
THREE TO THRIVE | POST CANA EVENING
St. Mary, Church Hall, 731 Main St,
Branford

An event for young couples (married 1 month - 5 years). Laying the groundwork: Why praying together as a couple is important. RSVP or for more info call: Anne: 985-790-1054 Darryl: 985-790-1053



03/6 - 05/15 THURSDAYS 9:45AM
THE NEW DAY SEMINAR
Church of St. Ann, 289 Arch Rd, Avon

Are you, or someone you know, grieving the loss of a loved one? Seminar sessions are focused on different facets of grief, guided by the New Day Journal. A typical meeting begins with prayers followed by reflection and voluntary sharing. If interested, please contact the parish office at 860-673-9858 ext. 221



03/19 WEDNESDAY 10:30AM
MASS FOR THE CT MARCH FOR LIFE
Cathedral of Saint Joseph,
140 Farmington Ave, Hartford

Join us for Mass at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph before the Connecticut March for Life! After Mass, head to the rally at 210 Capitol Ave, Hartford at noon, followed by the 1 PM march.



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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS

AT ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH

Every Sunday in February
accompanying the 10:00 AM Mass

Sunday, February 2
Liturgical Praise Dancer

Sunday, February 9
The Raasaan Langley Project

Sunday, February 16
Honorable Robin L. Wilson

Sunday, February 23
St. Martin de Porres Gospel Choir
& Naomi Wharry, Yale Trombonist

136 Dixwell Ave, New Haven CT



Open House

The New England Catholic Biblical School (NECBS) invites you to come visit an in-person or virtual class to see how studying all 73 books of the Bible can change your life!

Come visit a class any time between January 27 - April 30! Scan the QR code or visit: NewEnglandCatholicBiblicalSchool.com or contact Judy K at 860.242.5573



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Saturday

April 26, 2025

at Dunkin Park

More details to follow in upcoming bulletins

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March 14th

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Branches on the Vine

FEBRUARY 15 - 21, 2025



OLD PIPE ORGAN FINDS NEW HOME AT PASTORAL CENTER

- Story by Shelley Wolf

An old pipe organ that fell silent in Enfield is now living a new life in Bloomfield, where it is captivating Catholic music-lovers once again.

Having served parishioners for many years at St. Adalbert Church in Enfield, the pipe organ is now providing music for the liturgies at St. Thomas Chapel at the Pastoral Center in Bloomfield, where it is being enjoyed by archdiocesan employees and invited guests.

The organ from St. Adalbert Church was built in 1986 by J. W. Walker & Sons, currently located in Devizes, Wiltshire, England, and it was installed at St. Adalbert that same year.

"It's rare because Walker only built about eight in America," says Stephan Maier, owner of Stephan Maier Tracker Organs in Orange, Mass., who services organs throughout New England. Maier honed his specialized craft, learning to repair and tune organs in his homeland of Germany.

The organ, which served the St. Adalbert community, became available after the community was merged into St. Jeanne Jugan Parish in 2022 and the church was subsequently closed in 2024.

Maier's work on the organ began last September. "An instrument like this is not like a piano. You can't just roll it into a truck, and then roll it into a new place," Maier says. "You completely dismantle it, and then you completely reassemble it and, in the process, we check all the pieces and we refurbish what needs to be refurbished."

"Every instrument is unique," he adds. Working on each pipe organ is "like building a house."

After reassembly and repairs, Maier's team returned in January to complete the job. "We make some adjustments to the sound of the organ, what we call voicing, the tonal work," he explains, "because that needs to be adjusted to the building now that the organ is at St. Thomas Chapel."

According to the Pipe Organ Database of the Organ Historical Society, the pipe organ from St. Adalbert was built in a traditional design, with hinged doors that enclose the keyboards. It is a classic "mechanical stop action" instrument with two manuals (keyboards) and 24 stops (knobs that indirectly control the air flow over the pipes), with draw knobs in vertical rows and a concave radiating pedalboard.

Pipe organs produce sound by driving pressurized air through the organ pipes as directed from the keyboard. This organ is known as a "tracker organ" because it uses "trackers," or thin strips of wood, to create a pulling motion that links the key or pedal pressed by the organist to the valve that allows air to flow into the pipes.

"In the genre of pipe organs, there are mechanical organs and organs that are still pipe organs but they have an electric action. This one has a mechanical action path. And therefore, it's called a tracker organ," Maier says. "So, the only electric part in this instrument is actually the blower that generates what we call the wind, or the air pressure for the organ."

"But everything else is strictly mechanical and, in that sense, it is a little more complicated than, say, an electric action organ, where you just have a bunch of wires and contacts and magnets," he explains.

"And essentially this [mechanical] type of organ is what Bach and Mendelssohn played on," Maier notes, "because in those days there wasn't electricity, so it was all mechanical."



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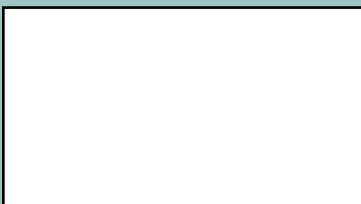
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