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KICKOFF WEEKEND: MARCH 1-2, 2025
2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



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Sunday	March 2 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM †Deborah Cornock & †Joseph T. Simcic requested by Family 11:00 AM All Confirmandi awaiting to be confirmed this Spring
Monday	March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel 7:30 AM †Nora McIntyre - Birthday Remembrance requested by Joseph & Maria Cezus 12:10 PM †Bradford J. Ward requested by Family
Tuesday	March 4 - St. Casimir 7:30 AM †Anita Ennis requested by Family 12:10 PM †Claire Bergin requested by Family
Wednesday	March 5 - Ash Wednesday 7:30 AM In honor of Saint Joseph requested by Bogumila 12:10 PM †Thomas Varghese, 26th Anniversary requested by the Mancheril Family
Thursday	March 6 7:30 AM Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest requested by Bogumila 12:10 PM †Vincenza Serrantino requested by Patty & Bill Rotatori
Friday	March 7 - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity 7:30 AM Thomas Schickel - Healing requested by Catherine Saur 11:30 AM Stations of the Cross 12:10 PM †Robert N. Reynolds, Jr. requested by The Stanton Family
Saturday No Mass	March 8 10:00 AM Confirmation
Sunday	March 9 First Sunday of Lent 8:30 AM †Rev. William Harty, 4th & 6th Rector of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph 11:00 AM †Emilia Gaetani requested by Family 2:00 PM Rite of Election



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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



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 the passengers on the smoky Delta flight, in thanksgiving for their safe return. And we pray for our country and its new leadership.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes distributed throughout the day
March 5th | 7:30am—7:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays | 11:30am

MONDAY CONFESSIONS

Mondays | 5:00pm

Those ages 18-59, in reasonable health, are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those 14 and older must abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent. Canon Law does mention that for young children not fasting, parents should still communicate the meaning and penance.

THREE PILLARS OF
LENT



PRAYER

Prayer opens the channels of communication with the Lord, fostering a deep relationship with God.



FASTING

Fasting beyond abstaining from physical indulgence, is a practice of self discipline, redirecting our focus towards spiritual nourishment.



ALMSGIVING

Almsgiving, an act of selfless generosity, extends our love and compassion to those in need, embodying the teachings of Christ.



Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

February 23, 2025

Weekly: \$ 3,797
Online Giving: \$ 698
Total: \$ 4,495

Upcoming Collections

March 2: Parish Monthly

March 9: Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

We thank you for your support of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph and its special collections.

There is still an opportunity to assist in counting the weekly offertory. 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.



ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



This weekend marks the start of the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. If you haven't already, you will soon receive a letter from Archbishop Coyne seeking your support. As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we can have a profound impact on our local communities not only spiritually, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services and many charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church.

We hope you can help us meet our parish goal of \$105,000. If you would like to make a gift, please mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/> No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025



THANK YOU!!!
Together we raised
\$1,243.85

All donations will go to the
Cathedral Food Pantry

Malta House of Care: Monday–Thursday, 9am–3:30pm:

Call 860-725-0171 for information & appointments.

Food Pantry

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

CT Food Share

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

Clothing Pantry

Fraturdays, 10:00am–1:00pm: March 7 & March 14, 2025

Confirmations: Saturday, 10:00am: March 8, 2025

Holy Infant, Orange; St. Luke, Southington; St. Damien of Molokai, Windsor.

Rite of Election: Sunday, 2:00pm: March 9, 2025

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Upcoming Events



03/4 WEDNESDAY 10AM - 2PM
PRAYER: ABIDING WITH GOD, WITH FR. DAVID CINQUEGRANI, C.P.
Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford

When you pray, go to your room and pray in secret, then God, who sees in secret, will reward you. (Matthew 6:6) We hear these words from Matthew's Gospel each year on Ash Wednesday, but what is Jesus asking of us during this season of prayer?

The day program includes a conference, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, and the distribution of ashes. \$50, includes lunch or dinner. 860-760-9705. (Option of 10AM-2PM in person or 6-9PM in person or online)



03/7 - 03/9 FRI - SUN
MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT: "IN MY LOVE, ABIDE"
Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford

Come quiet your mind and nourish your spirit as you learn ways to maintain the sacred connection to God through Christ. Dynamic teaching, home-cooked meals, and uplifting music. \$350. For more information, please call: 860-760-9705.



03/8 SATURDAY 1 - 3:30PM
SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS AND LOVERS OF THE EUCHARIST
St. Teresa of Avila Church, Woodbury

Begin your Lenten journey with a beautiful afternoon of adoration, prayer, and fellowship with scripture-based learning about the Eucharist and the sacred ministry of distributing Holy Communion to the faithful.

Registration Required - Limited Space
Suggested Free Will Offering \$10
Call 203-263-2008 to Register



03/14 - 03/16 FRIDAY 1PM
NATIONAL VOCATION SUMMIT
Legionaries of Christ Novitiate and College of Humanities, 475 Oak Ave, Cheshire

Join religious, diocesan and lay vocation leaders for the 2025 National Vocation Summit. The annual summit provides a unique opportunity to collaborate with leaders from every state of life with speakers, testimonies and workshops focused on formation, strategic planning and team building. Topics include Discernment, Building your Vocation Team, and becoming a Vocation Apostle.

A limited number of scholarships are available. For more information, please contact Corinne Murphy at Coordinator@NationalVocationSummit.org, or visit NationalVocationSummit.org

LENTEN SMALL GROUP
For Miscarriage, Infant Loss, and Infertility

A mix of in-person and Zoom gatherings, using the "Grief" devotional on the Hallow app by Laura Kelly Fanucci. For more information and registration, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/grieflentsmallgroup. With questions, email Emily Naylor at info@newhavencatholic.org.
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Branches on the Vine

MARCH 1 - 7, 2025

LENTEN MISSION TO HIGHLIGHT **BELOVED SAINT** FOR LOST CAUSES

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile



A relic, an arm bone of St. Jude's right hand, can be venerated during a special mission from March 10 to 12 at Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles Parish in Derby. Credit: Submitted by the Dominican Shrine of St. Jude

A special mission at a Derby parish will include veneration of a first-class relic of St. Jude Thaddeus, one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ.

The relic, an arm bone of St. Jude's right hand, can be venerated during the "St. Jude Mission, Mass and Veneration" from March 10 to 12 at St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Church, part of Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles Parish.

Born around the year 5 A.D., St. Jude is venerated as the patron saint of lost causes and desperate situations. His intercessions have inspired devotions for centuries. If people pray to St. Jude in times of distress, it is said he will intercede and help them find the strength to continue.

The mission will mark the beginning of Lent and celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 designated by Pope Francis. The event will also honor the patron saint of the former St. Jude Church, now part of Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles Parish.

"I feel like the Holy Spirit brought this together for us in the Jubilee Year and for people to come together and deepen their friendship with Christ and with the Holy Spirit, who is the well-spring of hope and is fueled by the work of the apostles, like St. Jude," says Father Jeffrey Gubbiotti, pastor.

The St. Jude mission will be conducted by Father Michail P. Ford, O.P., director of the Dominican Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus in Chicago. He travels throughout the United States, teaching on a myriad of topics including Catholic devotions.

As the universal Church embraces the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Shrine of St. Jude continues to serve as a powerful symbol of faith and perseverance. "It reminds the faithful that even in the most desperate situations, hope prevails," Father Ford says. "St. Jude is the apostle of seemingly impossible situations."

After his martyrdom, St. Jude's body was buried in Iraq, formerly known as Mesopotamia. It was later moved to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome where it rests with other apostles.

Centuries ago, a small relic from St. Jude's forearm was encased into a silver reliquary and preserved for many years in three different locations: Armenia, Turkey and Turin, Italy. In 1949, the Dominicans in Turin presented the relic to the Dominican Shrine of St. Jude on its 20th anniversary dedication.

Mission preaching, oil blessings, confessions, a prayer service with music and veneration of the relic will begin at 7 p.m. on March 10 and 11 at St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Church, 212 Elizabeth St., Derby. The mission will conclude with a St. Jude Mass and veneration at 7 p.m. on March 12, at the Church. Father Ford will also speak at all Masses in the parish during the weekend of March 8 and 9.


For more information about the St. Jude mission, visit Our Lady, Queen of the Angels Parish at olqaderby.org or call 203.735.3341. All are welcome to attend.

"The true impact of these missions lies in the powerful faith-filled stories we hear," Father Ford says. "At a recent mission, a young woman tearfully shared how her faith in St. Jude's intercession never wavered when her husband was on the brink of death. Now, though not yet fully recovered, he stood beside her, a living testament to faith and hope."

Prayer request can be placed on the Dominican Shrine of St. Jude website, the-shrine.org, or by calling the prayer line, 385.330.9005. A friar at the shrine regularly listens to these requests and prays for the requestor's intentions.



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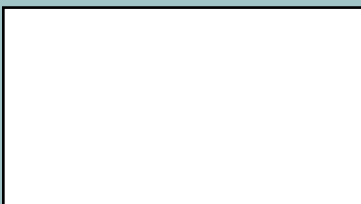
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