

Cathedral of Saint Joseph

Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Hartford



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 2025

Mass Intentions

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
Monday	March 10 7:30 AM †Claire Bergin requested by Family 12:10 PM Healing Mass for Pope Francis 5:00 PM Monday Confessions
Tuesday	March 11 7:30 AM †Anita Ennis requested by Family 12:10 PM available
Wednesday	March 12 7:30 AM †Jennifer Fitzgerald requested by The Fitzgerald Family 12:10 PM †Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	March 13 7:30 AM All College Graduates 12:10 PM available
Friday	March 14 7:30 AM People of the Parish 11:30 AM Stations of the Cross 12:10 PM Our Seminarians
Saturday	March 15 9:00 AM †Jennifer Fitzgerald requested by The Fitzgerald Family
Sunday	March 16 Second Sunday of Lent 8:30 AM available 11:00 AM †Dolores Bentley requested by Ernie & Kay Teixeira



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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, **Dolores Bentley, Leonila Remicio, 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 neighborhoods enduring wildfires in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. And we pray for our country and its new leadership.

OFFERTORY

March 2, 2025

Weekly: \$ 3,976
Online Giving: \$ 1,331
Total: \$ 5,307

Monthly: \$ 1,831
Online Giving: \$ 90
Total: \$ 1,921

Upcoming Collections

March 9

Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Your generous support to the Cathedral of Saint Joseph allows for all that is necessary to carry on our daily Masses and special services and events. Thank you!



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.



The 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Our goal is to engage our entire parish family in this year's Appeal and to pray for the success of the Appeal, both here in our parish and across the three counties of the Archdiocese.

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.

Please respond as generously as your means allow.

Dear Parishioners,



I am pleased to announce that this year's Saint Joseph Medal of Appreciation will be awarded to Phillippia Fletcher Denovellis. Phillippia directs the Cathedral Clothing pantry which operates every Friday. She could not be more passionate and dedicated in assisting those in need. This combined with her humility ensures the success of this important parish ministry. Please join me in congratulating her on this well deserved recognition. Everyone is welcome to attend the prayer service led by Archbishop Coyne on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 2pm.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Very Rev. John P. Melnick
Rector

We welcome into our parish family through the sacrament of baptism



Victor Santino Coto Ruiz

son of Crystal & Victor

May the grace of God he received at his rebirth remain with him always and may he grow in the love and friendship of our loving Father.

What is the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Project?



Every Lent, Catholics in the United States do something amazing. Their prayers, fasting and almsgiving become lifesaving aid for millions of individuals living in conditions of poverty around the world. The hungry are fed; the thirsty are given drink; the homeless find shelter. And this has been going on for more than 40 years. That's the impact of CRS Rice Bowl. That's how what you give up for Lent can change lives.

As a tool for your Lenten journey, please take with you the rice bowl box as it encompasses the entire liturgical season, Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, concluding on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.

Please take one box home with you today!

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

Call 860-725-0171 for information & appointments.

Food Pantry: Thursdays, 9:00am–11:45am: March 13 & March 20, 2025

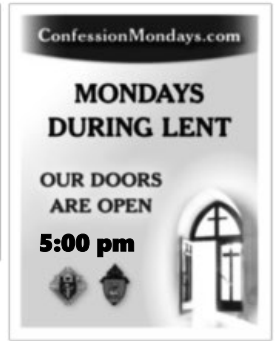
CT Food Share: 11:30am–12:15pm: Every other Wednesday (next date) March 19

Clothing Pantry: Fridays, 10:00am–1:00pm: March 14 & March 21, 2025

St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation: Sunday, 2:00pm: March 16, 2025



Fridays: 11:30 am during Lent



Upcoming Events



03/13 THURSDAY 10AM - 4PM
**LENTEN BAKING RETREAT:
 MEDITERRANEAN BRAIDED LOAFS, WITH
 PAM HARDIMAN**
 Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd,
 West Hartford

Join us in making a braided Easter loaf decorated with colored eggs, found in Italy, Greece, and around the Mediterranean. In keeping with the egg theme, we will make egg cards decorated with Pam's hand painted silk scraps. \$75, includes lunch. 860-760-9705.



03/9 SUNDAY 3PM - 4PM
HOLY HOUR OF HOPE
 Mount Sacred Heart Chapel,
 295 Benham Street, Hamden

Join the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for prayer and meditation on the theme of hope. Evening will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, chaplet of Divine Mercy, a reflection from Pope Francis, and a reading from a letter by Blessed Clelia Merloni (foundress of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). All are welcome! No RSVP required. For questions, call 203-248-4225.



03/22 - 03/27
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03/24 St. Patrick's Cathedral School,
 211 Broadway, Norwich 10AM

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Branches on the Vine

MARCH 8 - 14, 2025



Yale trombonist Naomi Wharry plays an unexpectedly quiet instrumental meditation piece, accompanied by parishioner Leonardo Melendez on the drums. **Photo by Shelley Wolf**

NEW HAVEN PARISHIONERS CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN MUSICAL STYLE

- Story by Shelley Wolf

There was no yawning in the pews at the 10 a.m. Mass on Sun., Feb. 23 at St. Martin de Porres Church in New Haven, as the parishioners of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish came together to celebrate the fourth week of Black History Month.

In addition to a full Mass celebrated by their parochial vicar, Father Joseph MacNeill, parishioners were treated to lively hymns by the St. Martin de Porres Gospel Choir as well as trombone accompaniment and a solo by Naomi Wharry, who is currently pursuing a classical trombone degree at Yale.

"I Found It All in the Word of God," sung by the choir during the collection, had parishioners swaying in their seats to the rousing gospel hymn. Later, Wharry mesmerized the congregation with an unexpectedly quiet and reflective instrumental meditation on the trombone.

Prior to the close of the Mass, parishioner Patricia Mason lauded a number of accomplished members of the St. Martin de Porres Church community.

Wharry, the guest trombonist, is an Oklahoma native who grew up in a family of eight. In addition to studying classical music at Yale, she plays in a professional jazz quartet.

Nelson Tamakloe, who directs the choir and accompanies on organ and piano, studied music theory at Yale and is the former director of the Yale Gospel Choir. According to Mason, Nelson, who lives in Massachusetts and had car trouble one day, took the train to New Haven and walked to St. Martin de Porres Church rather than miss a rehearsal days before the choir's Christmas Eve performance.

Calling him "committed, enthusiastic, faithful and devoted," Mason said, "You are a quintessential example of dedication."

Mason also praised the drummer, longtime parishioner Leonardo Melendez, who was baptized in the parish and attended St. Martin de Porres School. Known for bringing his own drum set wherever he plays, he drummed away at the special event, accompanying the choir and trombonist.

"It's wonderful," Father MacNeill said, "to be able to celebrate two of our parish musicians."

During the Mass, Father MacNeill delivered a homily on the weekly readings, offering spiritual and practical advice on Jesus' challenge of loving one's enemies. He advised the use of "tough love" when necessary, and at other times "killing them with kindness."

In his reflection he recommended using kindness, mercy and compassion to turn the tables on those who express hate; blessing one's enemies; and praying for a conversion of heart for those who mistreat us.

"Only then can we truly say we are doing our best every day to be good and faithful Christians," the priest said. During the prayer intentions, Father MacNeill also asked the congregation to pray for Pope Francis.



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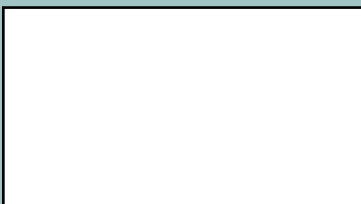
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