

Cathedral of Saint Joseph

Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Hartford



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16, 2025



Mass Intentions

Sunday	March 16 Second Sunday of Lent Parishioners & Guests of our Parish 8:30 AM 11:00 AM †Dolores Bentley requested by Ernie & Kay Teixeira 2:00 PM St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation
Monday	March 17 - St. Patrick 7:30 AM †Helen & Patrick Fanning, Jr. requested by Their Children 12:10 PM †Michael Conard requested by Family 5:00 PM Monday Confessions
Tuesday	March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem 7:30 AM †Claire Bergin requested by Family 12:10 PM available
Wednesday	March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:30 AM †Joseph & Josephine DeBenedetto requested by Daughter 10:30 AM Connecticut March for Life Mass 12:10 PM †Elizabeth McKone Seigle requested by Her Children
Thursday	March 20 7:30 AM †Judy Horan requested by Glenn Tapawan 12:10 PM †Joe Bockholt, Birthday Remembrance requested by Marian Flanders
Friday	March 21 7:30 AM †Anita Ennis requested by Family 11:30 AM Stations of the Cross 12:10 PM †Leo Zawatski & Anne Zawatski requested by Pattilynn & Frederick Conard
Saturday	March 22 9:00 AM available
Sunday	March 23 Third Sunday of Lent 8:30 AM †Armando Molinaro requested by Wife & Family 11:00 AM †Generosa Marinelli requested by Family



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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, Julia Rios-Franco, Teresa Bilbraut, 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 leadership.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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.

OFFERTORY

March 9, 2025

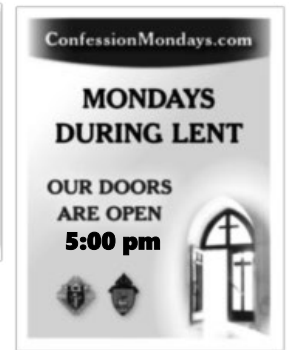
Weekly: \$ 3,544
Online Giving: \$ 628
Total: \$ 4,172

Central & Eastern Europe: \$ 1,285
Online Giving: \$ 50
Total: \$ 1,335

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**Fridays: 11:30 am
during Lent**



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the unhoused, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2025 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

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.

March 17

St. Patrick's Breastplate, Explained St. Patrick's Breastplate (sometimes called *The Lorica of St. Patrick*) is an ancient Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick. The prayer first appears in the *Liber Hymnorum*, an 11th-century collection of Irish and Latin hymns, where it is said that Patrick sang these words when he was besieged by the anti-Christian chieftain Lóegaire.

In the *Irish (Hiberno-Scottish) monastic* tradition, a *lorica* is a prayer recited for protection. It is essentially a 'protection prayer' in which the petitioner invokes all the power of God as a safeguard against evil in its many forms.

The prayer's most famous excerpt contains an invocation that Christ be "with me, before me, behind me, beneath me, above me, on my right, on my left, when I lie down, when I sit down, in the heart of every man who thinks of me, in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, in the eye that sees me, in the ear that hears me." The prayer's complete version can be divided into eleven sections, each calling upon different elements of divine protection, binding those who recite it to the strength of the Trinity.

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Please take one box home with you today!

St. Joseph Feast Day

March 19

There are actually two days noted for St. Joseph: The first, on March 19, celebrates Joseph as the husband of Mary and the second, on May 1, celebrates St. Joseph the Worker.

St. Joseph's Day, March 19th, is celebrated in both Italian and Polish cultures, particularly in Southern Italy, especially Sicily, and by Polish communities, with traditions like St. Joseph's Tables and feasts of religious significance.

March 19th is, in Italy, also Father's Day—which isn't at all surprising, as St. Joseph was, of course, the foster father of Jesus. This celebration is a symbolic "thank you" and a renewal of the Sicilian people's devotion to Saint Joseph.

Our Lady of Sorrows Presents

Saturday, March 22 @ 10am-5pm &

Sunday, March 23 @ 8am-2pm

Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles

March 22 @ 10:15 am

Talk on Eucharistic Miracles & Blessed Carlo Acutis

March 22 @ 12:30 pm

Talk on St. Manuel González García

More info on flyers near our bulletins

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

Call 860-725-0171 for information & appointments.

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

Food Pantry: Thursdays, 9:00am-11:45am: March 20 & March 27, 2025

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

Clothing Pantry: Fridays, 10:00am-1:00pm: March 21 & March 28, 2025

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Upcoming Events



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WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT: "IN MY LOVE, ABIDE"

Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford

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03/24 - 04/14 MONDAYS 1PM

SOULCORE

Church of Saint Ann, Fr. Bennett Hall, 289 Arch Rd, Avon

Join SoulCore Leader Diana, to nourish body, mind & soul with SoulCore - a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the Rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. No fitness level or experience required. All are welcome! Visit www.soulcore.com for more information.

For planning purposes, please email: familyministrystann@gmail.com if you are planning to attend! NO COST but a free will offering is welcome for those who are able.



03/23 SUNDAY 6PM

DANIEL OBERREUTER - LENT PARISH MISSION CONCERT

St. Joseph Church, 33 Queen St, Bristol

Daniel Oberreuter, the lead singer of the Catholic band *The Thirsting*, will be offering a *Come Hold My Son Parish Mission Concert*. He will share his personal testimony and a powerful message on the Rosary, the Eucharist, and Confession.

Daniel has performed at World Youth Day 2016 and at hundreds of churches across the nation. Bring your family and friends to experience this opportunity for evangelization within your community. For more info, visit comeholdmyson.com.



03/24 MONDAY 6PM
24 HOURS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Most Holy Trinity Church, 68 N. Colony St, Wallingford

Join Most Holy Trinity Parish in Wallingford for 24 hours of Eucharist Adoration this Lent. Adoration will begin at 6pm on Monday, March 24th and conclude at 6pm on Tuesday, March 25th. Confessions will be heard from 6-7pm on Monday, March 24th and Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 25th for the Solemnity of the Annunciation. All will take place at Most Holy Trinity Church (68 N. Colony St., Wallingford, CT, 06492). For more information, call the Parish Center at 203-269-8791 or visit www.mhtwallingford.org

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Branches on the Vine

MARCH 15 - 21, 2025



The new Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart traveling pilgrim icon was on display for veneration before the Jan. 3 Mass at St. Mary Church, part of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. **Photo by Paul Haring**

NEW PILGRIM ICON DEPICTS IMAGE OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile

A reproduction image of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is making its way around the world and may be viewed in parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford this year.

This reproduction is one of more than 300 icons, each bearing the Apostolic Blessing of Pope Francis. It is the most recent addition to the Knights of Columbus traveling pilgrim icon program. The icons are currently traveling around the world as part of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim icon program.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus pilgrim icon program was launched by the Knights of Columbus on Jan. 3 at St. Mary Church, part of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in New Haven. During that prayer service, an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus -- painted by Pompeo Batoni in 1767 and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome -- was displayed for veneration. It bears the blessing of Pope Francis through the Papal Almoner.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus pilgrim icon program also coincides with the 350th anniversary of the visions of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque,

a French Catholic nun who gave the Church the Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart and the First Friday devotions.

In one of the apparitions, Jesus Christ told Alacoque: "Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify its love." This quote is central to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic devotion. The heart refers to Jesus' physical heart and his boundless love for mankind.

Pope Clement XIII officially recognized and approved the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1765, some 75 years after St. Alacoque's death. In 1920, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was canonized by Pope Benedict XV. Today, she is recognized as the patron saint of people who suffer from polio, the loss of a parent and those who devote themselves to the Sacred Heart.

The publication of the fourth encyclical of Pope Francis, *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us), is devoted to the Sacred Heart. "In many ways, *Dilexit Nos* can serve as a mission statement for the Knights of Columbus in today's world," Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly says.

"The pope observes that we live in a fragmented and divided society, but the heart of Christ is a unifying center. It is the source of truth and goodness that we all need."


Archdiocese of Hartford priest and Knights' founder Blessed Michael J. McGivney was deeply devoted to the Sacred Heart. His family displayed an ornate devotional plaque of the Sacred Heart in their Waterbury home. The plaque is still in the Knights' possession and is on display in the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the 20th traveling pilgrim icon venerated through the Knights' program since its formation in 1979. Our Lady of Guadalupe was the first pilgrim icon. Since then, the program has enabled more than 23 million people to honor Our Lord, Our Lady and the saints.

Parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford should contact their local Knights of Columbus council to host the icon for veneration and schedule a Sacred Heart holy hour. For more information about the Knights of Columbus pilgrim icon program, visit kofc.org/sacredheart.



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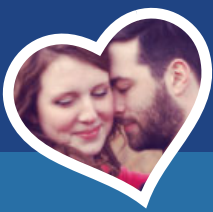
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