

# Cathedral of Saint Joseph

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 30, 2025



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 30</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> For the Safety of All School Children †Paolo, Francesca, Tina & Sebastiano Panebianco requested by Family <b>Confirmation</b>
8:30 AM	
11:00 AM	
2:00 PM	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 31</b> †Anita Ennis requested by Family available <b>Monday Confessions</b>
7:30 AM	
12:10 PM	
5:00 PM	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 1</b> †Claire Bergin requested by Family available
7:30 AM	
12:10 PM	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 2 - St. Francis of Paola</b> In honor of Saint Joseph requested by Bogumila To make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary requested by Bogumila
7:30 AM	
12:10 PM	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 3</b> Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest requested by Bogumila †Coke Gilliam requested by Alpha Nicholson
7:30 AM	
12:10 PM	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 4 - St. Isidore</b> †Francis Ahern, Jr. requested by Catherine Saur <b>Stations of the Cross</b> †Francis Ahern, Jr., Birthday Remembrance requested by Patty & Bill Rotatori
7:30 AM	
11:30 AM	
12:10 PM	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 5</b> <b>No 9:00 AM Mass</b> <b>Confirmation</b> <b>Confirmation</b>
10:00 AM	
1:30 PM	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 6</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> †Melissa Corning requested by Filomena Marinelli †Michael Conard requested by Family <b>Confirmation</b>
8:30 AM	
11:00 AM	
2:00 PM	

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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, Lorie Wrazien, 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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Upcoming Collections

Catholic Relief Services: March 30  
Easter Flower : April 6  
Monthly: April 13  
Easter: April 20  
Mother's Day: April 27

### Offertory March 23, 2025

Weekly: \$ 3,521  
Online Giving: \$ 696  
Total: \$ 4,217

Looks as though someone may have borrowed 3 of the Wadsworth Religious Art pieces that were displayed by the elevator. The Knights of Columbus would appreciate them returned as they are responsible for them, Thanks!

We are all stewards of God's gifts. May we continue to use them wisely in very productive ways to serve others as well as ourselves.



Monday Confessions 5:00pm

Friday Stations of the Cross 11:30am



During the 40 days of Lent, let us journey together through CRS Rice Bowl to assist people in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition.

### Can you help adorn the cathedral of Saint Joseph for the Easter season?

Julie Mullen, our Cathedral beautification specialist, is seeking your assistance in decorating the Cathedral for Easter. She will guide you with what she needs and there will be no excessive lifting. Please call the parish office with your contact information and she will reach out to you with dates and times.



To view some of the wonderful things accomplished through your generosity, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is continuing the web-series called, The Appeal at Work. The season premiere will be airing on **Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** on all Archdiocesan Social Media sites as well as the Archbishop's Annual Appeal webpage. **New episodes will also air the first week of May & June.** Episodes will highlight some of the wonderful ministries supported by the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, Trust in the Lord. By going to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Website, <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/> you will find a link for each episode. **Please tune in Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> for the season premiere.**

The word **novena** comes from the Latin word, novem, for nine. A novena is a nine-day period of private or public prayer. There are four basic categories of novenas — novenas of preparation, of mourning, of prayer, and of indulgence.

The nine days of prayer format comes directly from scripture where we read in the book of Acts that it was nine days after the Ascension that the Holy Spirit descended onto the Apostles. During that time, the faithful men and women "devoted themselves to constant prayer," (Acts 1:12-14) waiting for the Lord.

Today, Catholics can find hundreds of novenas to pray about a plethora of topics. Many Catholics pray novenas in times of need or in devotion to a specific saint. Although a saint's novena may traditionally begin or end on the saint's feast day, while others, like the "Novena for Adopted Children" or the "Novena for Vocations," can be prayed any time of the year, there is flexibility here for those wanting to pray. The faithful may choose to pray a private novena on any topic at any time! Want to pray a novena to St. Francis but it's not his feast day? Go ahead.



This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

# Upcoming Events



03/29 SATURDAY 1PM  
**FACES OF HOMELESSNESS**  
St. Augustine Church, 55 Hopewell Rd.,  
South Glastonbury

You are invited to a FREE program called Faces of Homelessness, sponsored by SS. Isidore and Maria Parish and Hands On Hartford. We'll hear from two individuals who have experienced homelessness, sharing their journeys, struggles, and triumphs. Visit [www.isidoreandmaria.org/faceshomelessness](http://www.isidoreandmaria.org/faceshomelessness) to register.



04/4 FRIDAY 6:30PM  
**HEALING MASS AT ST. ANTHONY CHURCH OF PROSPECT**  
St. Anthony Church, 4 Union City Rd,  
Prospect

This Mass is for everyone who would like to experience spiritual, physical or emotion healing. God is doing the healing; we are the instruments used to make a prayerful environment. In addition to the beautiful Celebration of the Eucharist, the powerful rites of the Anointing of the Sick and the Laying on of Hands will also be offered. All are welcome!



04/4 - 04/6 WEEKEND  
**SAINT BRIDGET DRAMA CLUB PERFORMANCE OF ALADDIN JR.**  
Saint Bridget School, 74 Main Street  
Manchester

Come to Agrabah where a genie grants your wishes and carpets fly! Buy your tickets for Disney's Aladdin Jr. performance to be held on April 4th, 5th and 6th. This is a show you don't want to miss!

Tickets are \$8. Scan the QR code to purchase or send payment to the school office with a note of how many tickets you would like for which show.

04/4 Friday 7PM  
04/5 Saturday 7PM  
04/6 Sunday 2PM



04/6 SUNDAY 3PM  
**LENTEN REFLECTIONS CONCERT**  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 785  
Highland Avenue, Waterbury  
Handicap accessible elevator  
(America Street entrance)

Elm Street Brass (Yale University students)  
The concert will feature music written by Palestrina, Tallis, Victoria, Allegri, Bruckner, Brahms, Pergolesi, Dubois, and more. Free-will donation

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## Our Lady of Sorrows Church Raffle

Drawing: May 11, 2025

**1st prize:**  
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(valued at \$25,000.00)



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Tickets are available for \$50 per ticket.

Please stop by the Cathedral Parish Office to purchase.

The Clothing Pantry is currently in need of pots and pans; new or gently used donations accepted and appreciated! Thank you



### SAVE THE DATE

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

Call 860-725-0171 for information & appointments.

**Food Pantry:** Thursdays, 9:00am–11:45am: April 3 & April 10, 2025

**CT Food Share:** 11:30am–12:15pm: Every other Wednesday (next date) April 2

**Clothing Pantry:** Fridays, 10:00am–1:00pm: April 4 & April 11, 2025

**Confirmation:** Saturday, April 5, 10am - St. Peter Claver, West Hartford; St. Isaac Jogues Ghanaian, East Hartford, Christ the King, Wethersfield; St. Dunstan, Glastonbury; SS. Isidore & Maria, Glastonbury; St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, North Haven; St. Patrick/ St. Anthony, Hartford.

**Saturday, April 5, 1:30pm** - St. Therese, Granby; Blessed Michael McGivney, New Haven; St. George, Guilford; Precious Blood, Milford.

**Sunday, April 6, 2:00pm** - St. Bridget of Sweden, Cheshire; St. Junipero Serra, South Windsor; St. Margaret, Madison, Precious Blood, Milford.

All proceeds benefit The Cathedral of St. Joseph Food Pantry

**Handbag**

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



# Branches on the Vine

MARCH 29 - APRIL 4, 2025



From left, Barbara Ciotti and Jackie Roe of St. Margaret Church and Sue Croce of St. George Church at the Little Miracles warehouse in North Branford. Photo courtesy of Joe Pisani

## PUTTING A SMILE ON THE FACES OF CHILDREN

### LITTLE MIRACLES MINISTRY PROVIDES ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES.

- Story by Joe Pisani

At Christmas time, Barbara Ciotti called 20 families whose children probably wouldn't find toys from Santa under the tree. Then, she and her volunteers from the Little Miracles ministry of St. Margaret Church in Madison and St. George Church in Guilford performed a little miracle of their own.

They scoured their warehouse, taking toys and stuffed animals off the shelves, and delivered them to the families in time for the holiday.

"If we hadn't done that, they probably would've had nothing to celebrate at Christmas," says Ciotti, coordinator of the respect-life ministry, which for almost 30 years has helped needy families and single parents with young children by providing diapers, clothing, car seats, strollers, toys and other baby items donated by parishioners and community members.

"We distribute them to people in about seven towns from West Haven to Westbrook," she says at their Branford storage facility, where volunteers unpack donations and prepare them for delivery. "We take in donations and give out donations to anyone who needs them, and the need is great."

People drop off things at the parish center or come to the warehouse. Social service agencies often refer their clients to Little Miracles.

At Christmas, clients receive a Walmart gift card; at Thanksgiving, St. George Church supplies turkeys; and at Easter, holiday baskets are passed out to families.

Little Miracles assists some 100 families a year with children usually up to 6 years old.

"I recently got a call from a social service agency about a woman who has five children, and were probably living in a shelter," Ciotti says. "They all needed something. We try to make it better so the kids can smile."

She recalls a woman Little Miracles has helped from the time she had her first baby. Now, she has four children, three who are suffering medical issues, and no husband. She also lost her housing.

"She is a wonderful person and a great mom who has had terrible luck," Ciotti says. "Those of us who have money often don't realize the need. It's hard to look the other way."

Little Miracles was started in 1996 by a group of women led by the late Lily Molloy. Ciotti has volunteered for 18 years and been coordinator for 15.

"We store a lot of these items in a small warehouse space that has been donated to us," Ciotti says. "But we need to move again and are looking for a space approximately 1,000 to 1,500 square feet in the Guilford-Branford area that can be our 'forever home.'"

The volunteers are kind-hearted people who want to do their part, Ciotti adds, but more are needed. Also, a new coordinator is needed for one day a week.

Sue Croce, who began volunteering at Thanksgiving, says, "I'm a grandmother who has a soft spot in my heart for babies, and I wanted to give back."

Her colleague, Jackie Roe, has been with the ministry a year and describes the work as "pure fun." Volunteers also include Fran Aquarulo, Judy Shauk, Margaret Healy and Paula Filippone.

*(Little Miracles volunteers meet on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at a storage area in Branford to organize donations and package items for distribution. For information about making donations or volunteering, contact Barbara Ciotti at 203.464.2644.)*





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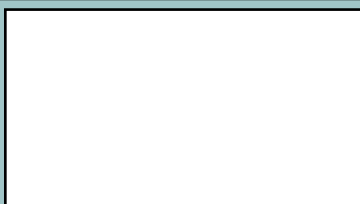
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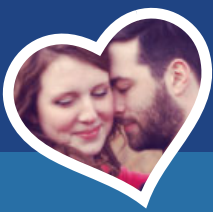
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