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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm Vigil

Sunday: 8:30 am & 11 am

Daily Masses

Monday-Friday:

7:30 am & 12:10 pm

Saturday: 9 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 11:30 am-12 pm

Saturday: 2:30-3:30 pm

Sunday: 10-10:30 am

Baptisms

Please call the Rectory Office
in advance for arrangements.

Marriages

Please call one of our parish
priests at least six months
in advance.

Devotions

Saturday: Scriptural Rosary
9:30-10:30 am

First Saturday of the Month:
Holy Hour with Exposition,
Rosary, and Meditation
9:30-10:30 am

Rectory Office

Monday-Friday:

9:30 am-5:30 pm

Claude-Evelyne Odiaka
Secretary

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 For our parish community: May the Holy Spirit reveal to each of us how we are called to share the Gospel of life with joy. We pray to the Lord.

 *The Sanctuary Candle is lit in prayer for Hayley Mullins*

40 Days for Life Thank You! 641 lives were saved during this year's campaign! Anne Boers, Coordinator of the 2017 campaign, and the Pro-Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford, want to thank you for your participation. You stood as public witness in prayer and devotion to the cause of life!

Schedule for November 28th & 29th: Due to a Priest Convocation, the Cathedral will not have Masses on Tuesday, November 28th and Wednesday, November 29th.

Announcements

<p><u>Sunday, November 19th</u> First World Day for the Poor Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection Thanksgiving Food Collection at Entrances before & after Masses Adult Choir Rehearsal in Bishop's Hall 9-10:30 am Youth Choir Rehearsal in Music Room 9-11 am RCIA Meeting in Rectory 9:30-10:30 am Religious Education Class in Lower Church 9:30-10:45 am Confession 10-10:30 am Thanksgiving Food Bagging in Food Pantry 12 pm Life Teen Youth Ministry in Bishop's Hall 6:30-8 pm <u>Monday, November 20th</u> Funeral Mass for Michael Long 10 am Food Pantry Thanksgiving Distribution 1:30-2:30 pm <u>Tuesday, November 21st</u> The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Our Lady of Peace Malta House of Care Van 2-6 pm <u>Wednesday, November 22nd</u> St. Cecilia Rosary Prayer Committee 7-7:30 am Malta House of Care Van 11 am-4 pm Confession 11:30 am-12 pm Foodshare Mobile Truck 11:30 am-12:15 pm Bible Study Group in Lower Church 2 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday, November 23rd</u> Thanksgiving Day St. Clement I 9 am Mass only (No 7:30 am or 12:10 pm Masses) Rectory Office & Food Pantry Closed <u>Friday, November 24th</u> St. Andrew Dung-Lac 9 am Mass only (No 7:30 am or 12:10 pm Masses) Rectory Office Closed <u>Saturday, November 25th</u> St. Catherine of Alexandria Rosary Prayer Committee 9:30-10:30 am Confession 2:30-3:30 pm <u>Sunday, November 26th</u> Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians Adult Choir Rehearsal in Bishop's Hall 9-10:30 am Youth Choir Rehearsal in Music Room 9-11 am RCIA Meeting in Rectory 9:30-10:30 am Religious Education Class in Lower Church 9:30-10:45 am Confession 10-10:30 am Life Teen Youth Ministry in Bishop's Hall 6:30-8 pm</p>
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 Please silence your cell phones at all Masses and events at the Cathedral!
 Please bring in your empty drink cans & bottles that can be redeemed in CT.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 18, 2017
 9:00 Special Intention
 10:00 Special Intention
 4:00 Norman Morse †
 Requested by the Morse Family

Sunday, November 19, 2017
 8:30 John Paul Marion †
 Requested by the Marion Family
 11:00 Michael F. Conard †
 Requested by the Family

Monday, November 20, 2017
 7:30 Anthony C. Okolo †
 Requested by Emmanuella Hart
 12:10 Anthony C. Okolo †
 Requested by Emmanuella Hart

Tuesday, November 21, 2017
 7:30 Special Intention
 12:10 For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, November 22, 2017
 7:30 Special Intention
 12:10 Rev. John C. Blackall †
 Requested by the Blanchfield Family

Thursday, November 23, 2017
 9:00 Special Intention

Friday, November 24, 2017
 9:00 Anthony, Sebastian and Elizabeth Lucy Okolo
 Requested by Emmanuella Hart

Saturday, November 25, 2017
 9:00 Special Intention
 4:00 Special Intention

Sunday, November 26, 2017
 8:30 Special Intention
 11:00 God's Blessings for Magda and Ola
 Requested by the Family

Readings for the Week of November 19th

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/
1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6,
8b, 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/
Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/
Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3,5-6/
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Malta House of Care Van Schedule Change:

If you don't have health insurance and need the attention of a primary health care professional, you can visit the Malta House of Care Van! This free mobile medical clinic comes to the Cathedral every Tuesday from 2-6 pm. For a limited time, it will also be at the Cathedral on Wednesdays instead of St. Peter's Church. This week, the Malta Van will be here on Wednesday, November 22nd from 11 am-4 pm. Thereafter, the van will be here on Wednesdays from 12-5 pm. The waiting room is in Bishop's Hall. Please arrive as early as possible because people are seen on a first come, first serve basis. No appointments. For more information, visit maltahouseofcare.org.



Parish Death: Please keep in your prayers the repose of the soul of Michael Long, the beloved husband of Joan Long. He passed away on Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.



Religious Vocations: To those who have, much will be given. Count your blessings. Give them away as God calls you. To respond to God's blessing in your life as a priest or religious, call Fr. Jeffrey Gubbiotti, Director of Vocations, at 860-242-5573 or email vocations@aohct.org. You can also visit hartfordpriest.com.

Christmas Flowers Envelopes: Every year, we decorate the Cathedral during the Christmas season with flowers donated in memory of your deceased loved ones. Instead of filling out order forms at church, we are mailing you Christmas flower offertory envelopes to complete and put in the collection basket.

Decorating Committee Volunteers Needed! Are you interested in helping us decorate the Cathedral for the Christmas season? Please call the Rectory Office at 860-249-8431 as soon as possible to lend a hand. We hope to finalize our list of volunteers for the Decorating Committee by December 3rd, the First Sunday of Advent.

People of Faith: New Venue! New Time! New Day! On the 2nd Monday of each month at 5 pm, all women and men are welcome to come to the Bishop's Hall (old school) (parking behind Chancery and Rectory buildings) to reflect and share the Scriptures for the following weekend. The experience of those who have participated is that the Word of God proclaimed and preached has taken on a deeper personal spiritual meaning. Come join us! Bishop's Hall, 5 pm, Monday, December 11, 2017. More information contact Sr. Ann Marie 860-578-1432 sranmariecd@snet.net. ~Sr. Ann Marie Strileckis

Foodshare Donations: As the food bank for Hartford and Tolland counties, we at Foodshare know that Thanksgiving can be an especially painful time for people who are already struggling. One of our partner food pantries shared this story about a family who got help last Thanksgiving: "George had been coming to get food for himself and then came one day with his grandkids too. He is taking care of them now and can't afford everything. I called him at Thanksgiving to tell him we had a turkey to give him and he started yelling, he was so happy! He kept saying, 'Thank you, thank you so much!'" We're not asking you to do everything, but you can do something. Please donate today- whatever amount is right for you. Even just \$10 makes a big difference. Your gift truly means that families who might otherwise go without can look forward to a hearty, healthy Thanksgiving meal and know that someone cares." ~Jason Jakubowski President and CEO, Foodshare

To donate, please contact Foodshare at 860-286-9999. You can also donate online and get more information at foodshare.org.

Defending Our Religious Liberty: This Thanksgiving, let us pray that our most cherished right of freedom of religion is restored in the revision of the federal healthcare mandate.

Prayer for Persecuted Christians: In observance of the Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians on Sunday, November 26th, we ask that you take a moment to pray for our brothers and sisters around the globe who are punished for practicing their faith.

*O God of all the nations, the One God who is and was and always will be,
in your providence you willed that your Church be united to the suffering of your Son.*

Look with mercy on your servants who are persecuted for their faith in you.

Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ.


Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples.

May your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will, that we may live in harmony.

Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom, and to always seek your will in our lives.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

~Prayer composed by Abp. William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain, Knights of Columbus



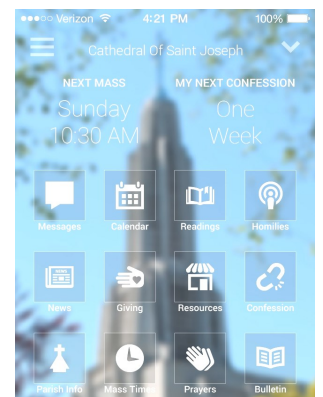
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This Tuesday, November 21st, we celebrate the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast day began as a commemoration of the dedication of the basilica of St. Mary's the New in Jerusalem in 543. Today, it celebrates Mary as a temple, where God dwelt in a special way through her role as Mother of Jesus. Pray for us dear Mother Mary, so that we may receive your humility and modesty.

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Lourdes of Litchfield Christmas Festival Weekend: On December 2nd & 3rd, you are invited to take part in the annual Christmas Festival Weekend at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield! On Saturday, December 2nd, Gingerbread Nativity Making will happen from 10 am-12 pm in Pilgrim Hall. Each Nativity is \$30. Space is limited. To make a reservation, please call 860-567-1041 or email lourdesshrinect@gmail.com. The Candlelight Carol Sing will begin at 7 pm in Pilgrim Hall and process to the Grotto. It will be followed by cookies & hot chocolate served in the hall. On Sunday, December 3rd, The Living Nativity, a re-enactment of the Nativity with live animals, little angels, shepherds, choristers & a real baby Jesus, will take place at 3 pm in the Grotto. Cookies & hot chocolate will again be served in Pilgrim Hall. A suggested \$5 donation will be greatly appreciated.

Safety, Security and Access: The new entrance and elevator are now fully functional, so you may park in the Asylum avenue lot and enter the Cathedral through the west entrance. This makes access to the Cathedral much easier.

So that everyone who comes to the Cathedral may pray and worship in peace, we each need to do our part. Obviously we abide by the norm, "If you see something, say something!"

As a parish located in the city and with our doors (literally) open to all, extra vigilance is needed. Should you be approached by someone asking for money, please tell one of the priests, one of the two security guards, Peter our Sacristan or one of the ushers or other liturgical ministers. We have procedures in place for assisting those in need or those who might just be "panhandling." It normally is not a good idea to give cash and please do not agree to give anyone you do not know a ride in your car. Also parents are asked NOT to allow children to go the bathrooms by themselves. They must be accompanied by an adult.

Now with the new and much-needed addition, containing an elevator and restrooms, it will be more difficult to know who is actually in the Cathedral at a given moment. Do not leave items unattended in the pews when you go forward to receive Holy Communion.

Thanksgiving Mass: Please join us on Thanksgiving Day to give thanks as a spiritual family for all of God's blessings! On Thursday, November 23rd at 9 am, Fr. Michael Casey will celebrate our Thanksgiving Mass at the Cathedral. The special Thanksgiving bread will be distributed after Mass.

Gracious and generous God, we come before you today with grateful hearts.

*In the beauty and bounty of creation we see the work of your hand;
in the loving faces around us we know your own love for us.*

*May this meal nourish us and strengthen us, so others may know your plenty in our kindness,
and see your care and concern in our witness. Let us live true lives of gratitude,
as we pray in thanks to you, our God who lives forever and ever. Amen.*

Thanksgiving Volunteers Needed: Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Food Pantry for Thanksgiving! Today, Sunday, November 19th after the 11 am Mass, we will be sorting and bagging Thanksgiving meals in the Food Pantry. Please stop by and lend a helping hand. The Food Pantry will be open this Monday, November 20th from 1:30-2:30 pm to distribute these Thanksgiving meals to the less fortunate in our community. May God bless!



Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection:

Please be generous in the second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development this weekend, November 18th & 19th. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds collected will remain in our archdiocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. For more information about this collection, please visit usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Coats for Kids Drive: When families struggle to clothe their children with warm coats in the winter, Knights of Columbus councils help meet this basic need with the Coats for Kids program. Since the program's launching in 2009, more than 310,000 coats have been distributed. This year, the Knights of Columbus will distribute new winter coats to children during the Annual Coats for Kids Drive on Friday, November 24th from 9 am-1 pm at St. Joseph Church School located at 29 Edson St. in New Britain. Please note that kids must be present to be properly sized for their new coat and accompanied by an adult. For more information, please contact Chris Gonzalez at 860-543-0886 or send an email to san2chrax@gmail.com.

First World Day for the Poor: At the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy message, Pope Francis announced the World Day for the Poor to be celebrated annually on the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, a week before the Solemnity of Christ the King. Today, Sunday, November 19, 2017, "Let us love, not with words but with deeds." Pope Francis said, "'Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth' (1 Jn 3:18). These words of the Apostle John voice an imperative that no Christian may disregard. The seriousness with which the 'beloved disciple' hands down Jesus' command to our own day is made even clearer by the contrast between the empty words so frequently on our lips and the concrete deeds against which we are called to measure ourselves. Love has no alibi. Whenever we set out to love as Jesus loved, we have to take the Lord as our example; especially when it comes to loving the poor. The Son of God's way of loving is well-known, and John spells it out clearly. It stands on two pillars: God loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:10.19), and he loved us by giving completely of himself, even to laying down his life (cf. 1 Jn 3:16). Such love cannot go unanswered. Even though offered unconditionally, asking nothing in return, it so sets hearts on fire that all who experience it are led to love back, despite their limitations and sins. Yet this can only happen if we welcome God's grace, his merciful charity, as fully as possible into our hearts, so that our will and even our emotions are drawn to love both God and neighbour. In this way, the mercy that wells up - as it were - from the heart of the Trinity can shape our lives and bring forth compassion and works of mercy for the benefit of our brothers and sisters in need..."

