

# Cathedral of Saint Joseph



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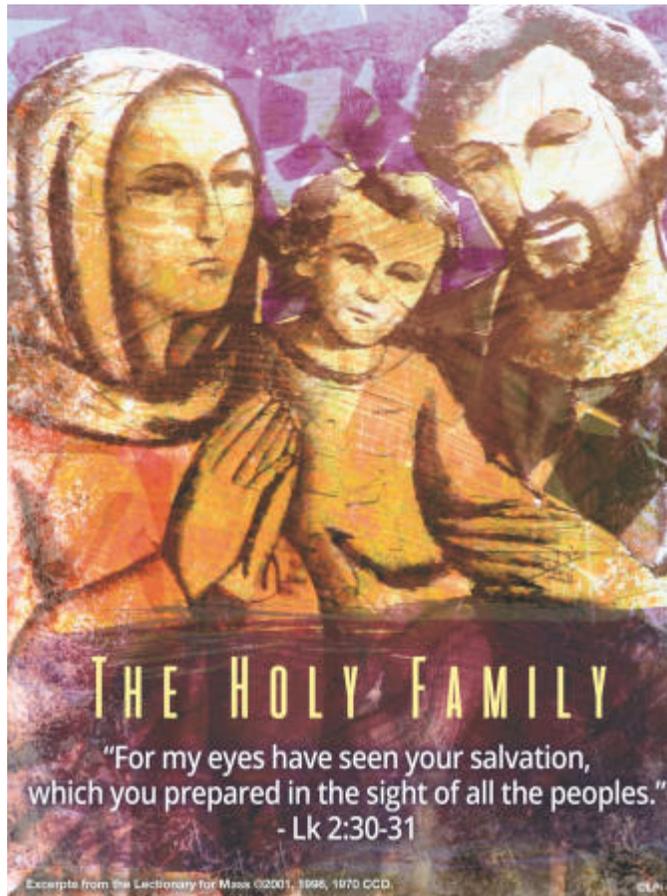
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**Sacristan**



#### **Parish Schedule**

##### **Weekend Masses**

Sunday 8:30 & 11 am;  
Saturday Vigil 4 pm

##### **Daily Masses**

Monday-Friday  
7:30 am & 12:10 pm;  
Saturday 9 am

##### **Confession**

Saturday 3-3:30 pm

##### **Devotions**

Saturday 9:30-10:30  
am; Holy Hour on first  
Saturday of each month

##### **Virtual Masses**

Sunday Mass  
livestreamed  
on parish website

##### **ORTV Masses**

Televised on WCCT &  
WCTX; More options on  
ORTV.org & WJMJ Radio

##### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday-Friday  
9:30 am-5:30 pm

Claude-Evelyne Odiaka  
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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

For all families: That as the domestic Church they may seek to pursue holiness, pass on the faith, and persevere in love. We pray to the Lord.



*Bless our families.  
Be they formed by blood  
or by circumstance, make them holy.  
As you reveal yourself to us in three persons:  
Father, Son, and Spirit,  
and in the relationship  
that flows among the three,  
May we find you in our relationships.  
In our marriages, in our families  
In our households, in our communities  
In our global humanity.  
May we look across all that divides us  
And see family  
And embrace as a family does.  
And love as a family ought to.  
For where two or three gather in your name  
There are you in the midst.  
There indeed are you,  
The one for whom we long so deeply.  
Amen.*

## Collections

### December 5 & 6

Weekly Collection \$2,276.00

### December 12 & 13

Weekly Collection \$3,500.72

Monthly Collection \$1,096.00

Retirement Fund for Religious \$3,136.45

### December 19 & 20

Weekly Collection \$2,982.00



Many thanks for your continued generosity! As our world becomes increasingly digital, we realize that it makes sense for many parishioners to offer their support to the church not through the traditional envelopes or offertory baskets at Mass but online. We have online giving available on our parish website.

## MASST INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 26, 2020

9:00 am Rev. Salvatore J. Rosa †  
Requested by a friend

4:00 pm Americo Troy †  
Requested by the family

### Sunday, December 27, 2020

8:30 am The Felician Sisters of Our Lady of Angels Convent in Enfield  
Requested by Patricia

11:00 am Marie Deristel †  
Requested by the family

### Monday, December 28, 2020

7:30 am John Mitsou †  
Requested by Donna Morales & Luanne Gagliardi

12:10 pm William V. & Jane Fischetti †  
Requested by the Fischetti Family

### Tuesday, December 29, 2020

7:30 am The People of the Parish  
12:10 pm Rev. Salvatore J. Rosa †  
Requested by a friend

### Wednesday, December 30, 2020

7:30 am No Mass Intention  
12:10 pm Rev. Salvatore J. Rosa †  
Requested by a friend

### Thursday, December 31, 2020

7:30 am In Thanksgiving to God  
Requested by Chantal Denyo  
12:10 pm John J. Mysliwicz †  
Requested by his wife Pia and children

### Friday, January 1, 2021

9:00 am In Honor of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

### Saturday, January 2, 2021

9:00 am In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Requested by Bogumila

4:00 pm Monalita (Nolly) Romasanta †  
Requested by the family

### Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:30 am God's Blessings for the New Year  
Requested by Chantal Denyo

11:00 am Patricia M. Conran †  
Requested by a friend of the family



**Sanctuary Candle**  
is lit in prayer for  
John Mitsou



Sunday, December 27

*The Holy Family*

MASSES 8:30 am & 11 am

Monday, December 28

*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

MASSES 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

Food Pantry Special Distribution 10 am-12 pm

Tuesday, December 29

*St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr*

MASSES 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

Malta House of Care Mobile Clinic 11 am-4 pm

Wednesday, December 30

Rosary Prayer Committee 7-7:30 am

MASSES 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

Mobile Foodshare 11:30 am-12:15 pm

Malta House of Care Mobile Clinic 12-4 pm

 Please always silence your cell phones!

 Please register at our parish website before attending our weekend Masses.

Thursday, December 31

*St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve*

MASSES 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

Food Pantry Closed (reopens on January 14 for regular food distribution on Thursdays)

Friday, January 1

*Mary, the Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace*

Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass 9 am  
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, January 2

*Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*

Mass 9 am & Vigil Mass 4 pm

Holy Hour 9:30-10:30 am

Confession 3-3:30 pm

Sunday, January 3

*The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week*

MASSES 8:30 am & 11 am

**Religious Vocations:** Share an expression of gratitude for the gift of your family today. Pray for wholeness and holiness for all members of the family of God. If a member of your family is considering becoming a priest, deacon, brother, or sister, please have them contact Father Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, at 860-761-7456 or send an email to [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org). Learn more at [hartfordpriest.com](http://hartfordpriest.com).

**Director of Nursing Employment Opportunity:** Continuing the work of St. Jeanne Jugan, the Little Sisters of the Poor's mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family, and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself. They contribute to the Culture of Life by nurturing communities where each

person is valued, the solidarity of the human family and the wisdom of age are celebrated, and the compassionate love of Christ is shared with all. The Little Sisters of CT have an opening for a full-time experienced Registered Nurse. Applicants must have at least five years of recent experience as a Director of Nursing or Assistant Director of Nursing in a long-term care facility and live within a reasonable distance of the residence in Enfield, CT. Interested applicants may call Emy at 860-741-0791 for more information or email a letter of interest and updated resume to: [enhumanresources@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:enhumanresources@littlesistersofthepoor.org).

**Live the Liturgy- Weekly Inspiration:** While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In additional to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.



*Readings*  *of the Week*

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2,3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

**First Reading:**

The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 15:5)

**Psalm:**

Th Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

**Second Reading:**

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. (Heb 11:8)

**Gospel:**

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

**Friday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

***In Thanksgiving for Countless Unknown Blessings in 2020***

*God our protector, God our hope,  
We turn to you in times of hardship,  
But in our struggles and fears,  
We often forget to thank you for the grace  
you have given us to overcome hardship.  
For countless unknown blessings,  
... we give you thanks.  
For walking with us as we have prepared  
for storms and for sharing our joy  
when disaster is averted.  
... we give you thanks.  
For wars that never happened, where tempers  
flared but reason and mercy prevailed.  
... we give you thanks.  
For the crops that have flourished, and the  
child who now knows nothing of hunger.  
... we give you thanks.  
For all the nights we spent in fear, but by  
your grace saw mornings filled with hope.  
... we give you thanks.  
For all the joys of this year, the moments  
when light shone through the darkness  
When angels stood triumphant  
When we saw past our sin and strife  
And glimpsed beyond the veil  
at what the kingdom of God truly could be.  
... we give you thanks.  
Amen.*

**Everyday Stewardship - The Gift of Family:**

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us. Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. ... The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people." When God gave the world His only Son, ... He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation? As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son. ~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# Thank You!

*A heartfelt thank you to one and all who helped to make our celebrations so beautiful and prayerful for this Christmas season. For all who worked behind the scenes in planning, promoting, decorating, and practicing the logistics of dealing with our visitors in this time of COVID-19, it has been a great challenge. I think that we gave it our very best to accommodate so many, given the restrictions imposed by the governor and other agencies. Special thanks to all who served as ministers of the Eucharist, as lectors, and as greeters at the door, helping in the Masses both upstairs and downstairs.*

*We are truly blessed to have such diverse, talented musicians and singers under the direction of Dr. Ezequiel Menéndez. He has done a great job of recruiting and incorporating wonderful blends of instruments, voices, and diversity of styles. With such a keen sense of liturgy, he has the great ability to make our worship flow smoothly and seamlessly.*

*We would also like to thank Peter Turczanik, our Sacristan, and Eufemio Vasquez, our Assistant Sacristan, as well as Julie Mullen, Rick & Pattilynn Conard, and all of their crew for so beautifully decorating such a huge space that is our Cathedral. They have such a great eye in how best to make our church a beautiful and prayerful setting for our liturgies this season. We thank Marianne Moline for her work on the website and Mass registrations. Once again, thanks to all of our volunteers and staff for a warm and welcoming Christmas season.*

*Personally, I thank you one and all for your prayers and support since my arrival back in February just as the world shut down. You have all made me feel right at home, and I am comforted and encouraged that there is such a remarkable parish community working with me to bring God to our families, our loved ones, and our community, by both prayer and deed.*

*With my Blessings to you all in the Season of Christmas and in the New Year,*

*Father Dan McLearen  
Rector*



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