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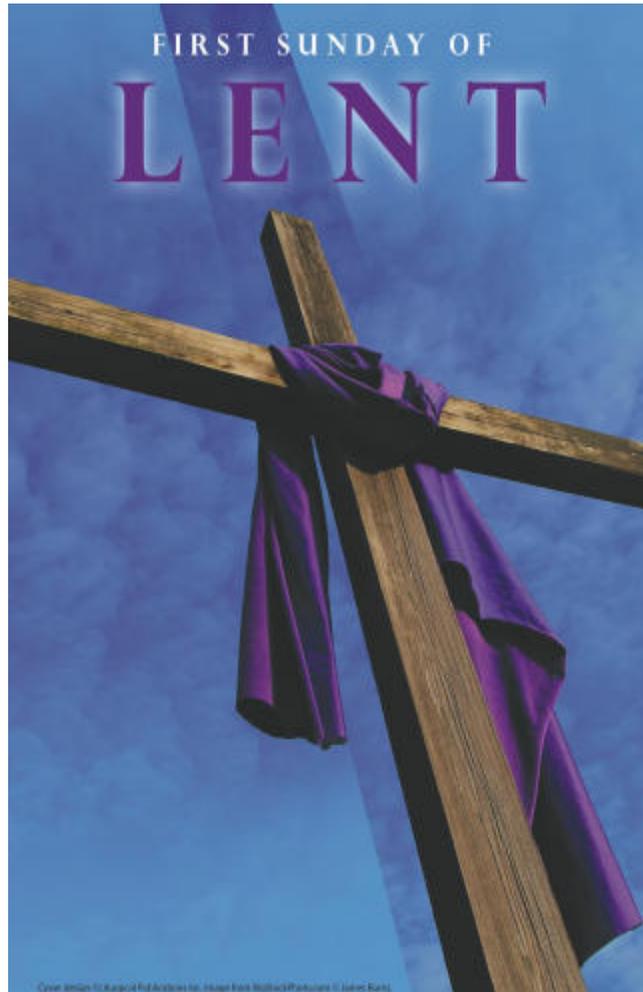
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**Parish Schedule
Weekend Masses**
Saturday Vigil 4 pm;
Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

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
Parish Secretary

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First Sunday of Lent

May all who have participated in abortion and doubt in the Lord's mercy know He desires to grant pardon and peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We pray to the Lord.

Easter Memorial Flowers: Every year the Cathedral is decorated with Easter memorial flowers honoring our loved ones and adding beauty to the liturgy. Parish families should have received Easter flower envelopes that may be used to indicate the intention of a flower in memory of a loved one or as a gift. The offering is \$10 per plant. Extra Easter memorial flowers forms are available in the east & west wings if needed. You may also use the online giving system on our parish website for donations. Thank you!

Take Action Against Assisted Suicide Legislation: Politicians in Hartford are again considering assisted suicide legislation. The Public Health Committee of the CT General Assembly is considering legalizing a form of suicide in our state commonly referred to as "aid-in-dying" or "physician-assisted suicide." The Committee has raised House Bill 6425 called "An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients." Read more on the issue at ctstopsuicide.org and then sign the online petition there to stop the legalization of assisted suicide in Connecticut.



Weekly Collections

February 6-7: \$3,389.94

February 13-14: \$2,762.00

Monthly Collection

February 13-14: \$791.00

Souper Bowl of Caring Collection

February 6-14: \$322.00

Souper Bowl of Caring Thank You! Our Faith Formation students & teachers thank everyone who donated to the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit our Food Pantry. Your generosity helps so many in need!

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a powerful youth-led movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Through this mission, young people learn to make a positive difference in the world by showing caring in their local communities.

MASST INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 20, 2021

9:00 am Barbara Surrell Hinks †
Requested by her son Peter Hinks

4:00 pm Rev. John Bennett †
Requested by the Phelan family

Sunday, February 21, 2021

8:30 am Marceline Agba †
Requested by the family

11:00 am Sal Andreoli †
Requested by Peter and Maria Turczanik

Monday, February 22, 2021

7:30 am No Mass Intention

12:10 pm Michael F. Conard †
Requested by the family

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

7:30 am No Mass Intention

12:10 pm Rev. John C. Blackall †
Requested by the Blanchfield family

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

7:30 am No Mass Intention

12:10 pm The People of the Parish

Thursday, February 25, 2021

7:30 am No Mass Intention

12:10 pm No Mass Intention

Friday, February 26, 2021

7:30 am In Remembrance of Rev. Robert B. Vargo's † Ordination to the Priesthood

12:10 pm Rev. Monsignor Charles W. Daly †
Requested by Margaret Daly

Saturday, February 27, 2021

9:00 am Healing for Anne LaRussa
Requested by Catherine Saur

4:00 pm Kenneth G. Phelan †
Requested by the Phelan family

Sunday, February 28, 2021

8:30 am Osacar Alberto Lupi †

Requested by Dr. Ezequiel Menéndez

11:00 am Patricia J. Sexton †

Requested by Sheila Keenan



Pray for both the living and the dead, for none should be excluded from our charity. Please call the Parish Office to offer a Mass intention.



Sanctuary Candle

is lit in prayer for
Lenore Schoen



Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 21

First Sunday of Lent

CRS Rice Bowls available at exits

Masses 8:30 am & 11 am

Monday, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Masses 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

Lenten Confession and Holy Hour 5-6 pm

Tuesday, February 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Masses 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

Malta House of Care Mobile Clinic

11 am-4 pm

Wednesday, February 24

Rosary Prayer Committee 7-7:30 am

Masses 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

Mobile Foodshare Truck 11:30 am-12:15 pm

Malta House of Care Mobile Clinic 12-4 pm

Thursday, February 25

Masses 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

Food Pantry Food Distribution 10 am-12 pm

Friday, February 26

Day of Abstinence

Masses 7:30 am & 12:10 pm

Stations of the Cross 7 pm

Saturday, February 27

Mass 9 am & Vigil Mass 4 pm

Rosary Prayer Committee 9:30-10:30 am

Confession 3-3:30 pm

Sunday, February 28

Second Sunday of Lent

Masses 8:30 am & 11 am



Please always silence your cell phones!



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

Lenten Confession: In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called Confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in Him. In this sacrament, He prepares us to receive Him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. Beginning on February 22nd, the Cathedral of Saint Joseph will be open every Monday of Lent from 5-6 pm for Confession and Holy Hour! This is in addition to our Confession time on Saturdays from 3-3:30 pm. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, may we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion!

As the world continues to grapple with the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, Pope Francis discussed the importance of the theological virtue of hope and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in his 2021 Lenten message. The Holy Father wrote:

“In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to



God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 32-33; 43-44). Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: ‘Be reconciled to God’ (2 Cor 5:20). By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain. God’s forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an Easter of fraternity.

In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with ‘speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn’ (Fratelli Tutti, 223). In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be ‘willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference’ (ibid., 224).

Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission. Hence the need to pray (cf. Mt 6:6) and, in secret, to encounter the Father of tender love.

To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is ‘making all things new’ (cf. Rev 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being ‘prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls [us] to account for the hope that is in [us]’ (1 Pet 3:15).”

Readings of the Week

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

First Reading:

I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth. (Gn 9:11)

Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)

Gospel:

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for 40 days, tempted by Satan. (Mk 1:12-13)

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



Religious Vocations: *This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand.*

Let us reform our lives and believe in the Good News. Consider becoming an instrument of God's Good News through the ministry of priesthood. Please call Father Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, at 860-761-7456. You can also email vocations@aohct.org or visit hartfordpriest.com for more information.

Virtual The ABCs of Annulment: Father John Dietrich, Pastor of Saint Matthews Parish, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, Judicial Vicar from the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, will host the second virtual "The ABCs of Annulment" via the Zoom platform on Saturday, March 20th from 10 am-12 pm. Brother Larry Lussier C.S.C. and Jim Tottenham of the Annulment Team will discuss an update of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as updates made in the Archdiocese of Hartford. A complete review of the Archdiocesan Application Form or Petition will be included.

Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, "The ABCs of Annulment" is open to all. Please RSVP and register at form.jotform.com/202895486375167. Potential applicants also need to download the application form from the Archdiocesan website, which you can find when you go to the link to register. After the workshop, participants can sign up for one-on-one virtual assistance at their convenience with Br. Larry Lussier or James Tottenham. Please contact Br. Larry at 475-221-8464 or larlus300@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Live the Liturgy! Lenten Inspiration: Throughout history God has given His people signs.



Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey

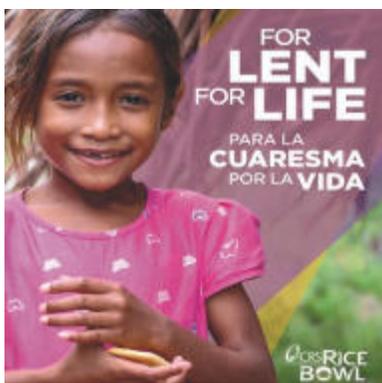
of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!



Cathedral Parking: As you may have noticed, major construction has now begun on the former Cathedral School building. Until this work is finished, parking and foot traffic behind the chancery building will be prohibited. For your convenience, additional parking may be found in the east lot that lies between the chancery building and Webster Bank or behind the Cathedral in the lot that faces Asylum Avenue.

We are very pleased and excited about this next phase of the repurposing of the old school structure. When completed, we will have a new permanent home for the Malta House of Care as well as a new home for our Cathedral Food Pantry and clothing distribution. We are most grateful to the Hartford Bishop's Foundation which is funding this transformation. This will be an important and appropriate addition to Cathedral Green affordable housing that already occupies a portion of the previous school structure.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and we appreciate you avoiding this area for your safety and for the safety of others. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

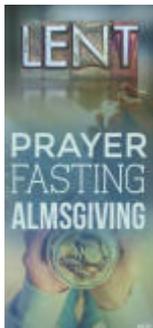


CRS Rice Bowl Program: *Hunger in our world.* Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger— it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world?

We invite you to join our faith community and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the exits of the Cathedral this weekend, February 20th & 21st. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Lenten Charity: In his message for Lent 2021, Pope Francis encouraged Catholics to practice charity during Lent this year by caring for those affected by the pandemic especially the poor. He explained, "To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord's word to his Servant, 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you' (Isaiah 43:1). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters."



Pope Francis emphasized that even a small amount of almsgiving when offered with "joy and simplicity" can multiply, as did "the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd." The Holy Father continued, "Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness."

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