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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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Seventh Sunday of Easter
For all Christians: That our example may give witness to the precious gift of human life in this world and the invitation to eternal life in the next. We pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 15, 2021
9:00 am Tiffany Victoria Wronski †
4:00 pm Downie Gordon Walker †
Requested by Dcn. Norris & Veronica Taylor
Sunday, May 16, 2021
8:30 am Josh Kovner †
Requested by Alaine Griffin
11:00 am John (Jack) Egan †
Requested by Mark and Gayle Brick
Monday, May 17, 2021
7:30 am The People of the Parish
12:10 pm Carolyn Blouin †
Requested by Mae Blouin
Tuesday, May 18, 2021
7:30 am No Mass Intention
12:10 pm Luciano Morales
Requested by Joe Morales and family
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
7:30 am A Special Intention
Requested by Catherine Saur
12:10 pm Rev. John C. Blackall †
Requested by the Blanchfield family
Thursday, May 20, 2021
7:30 am Catherine Carrier †
Requested by the family
12:10 pm Paul, Laura, and Stanley Tabol †
Requested by the family
Friday, May 21, 2021
7:30 am No Mass Intention
12:10 pm Mrs. Margaret Brimmer †
Requested by Maura McNulty
Saturday, May 22, 2021
9:00 am No Mass Intention
4:00 pm Melissa Corning †
Requested by Filomena Corning
Sunday, May 23, 2021
8:30 am Sidney T. McLearen †
11:00 am Marzena Skrzynska † for the 2nd Anniversary of her Death
Requested by her parents, sister, & children

Sanctuary Candle
is lit in prayer for
Mrs. Margaret Brimmer

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 16
7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day; Catholic Communication Campaign Collection
Masses 8:30 am & 11 am
Baptism: Milena Sofia Costa 12 pm
Monday, May 17
Masses 7:30 am & 12:10 pm
Tuesday, May 18
St. John I, Pope and Martyr
Masses 7:30 am & 12:10 pm
Malta House of Care Mobile Clinic 11 am-4 pm
Wednesday, May 19
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
Thursday, May 20
St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Masses 7:30 am & 12:10 pm
Food Pantry Food Distribution 10 am-12 pm
Friday, May 21
St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Masses 7:30 am & 12:10 pm
East Catholic High School Graduation Rehearsal 9:30-11:30 am
Saturday, May 22
St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Mass 9 am & Vigil Mass 4 pm
Rosary Prayer Committee 9:30-10:30 am
Confession 3-3:30 pm
Sunday, May 23
Pentecost Sunday
Masses 8:30 am & 11 am

Thank you!

Weekly Collections:	Monthly Collection:
May 1-2 | $3,342.50	May 8-9 | $974.00
May 8-9 | $3,050.00	

Scripture Study Group at the Cathedral

"The Gospel According to John"

Scripture Study, Prayers, and Small Group Fellowship with Facilitator Lisa Day Costello, Disciple of Christ, BA PSY.

(Face masks required and social distancing accommodations.)

For registration and more information, please call the Parish Office at 860-249-8431.

Readings of the Week

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/ Jn 17:11b-19

First Reading:
Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles. (Acts1:26)

Psalm:
The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Ps 103) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:
Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. (1 Jn 4:11)

Gospel:
"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." (Jn 17:11b)

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

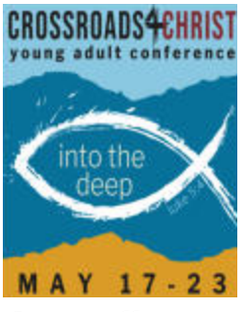
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning*- Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: *Vigil*- Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. *Extended Vigil*- Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/ Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39. *Day*- Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Little Sisters of the Poor Employment Opportunities: The Little Sisters of CT have job openings at St. Joseph's Residence for a part-time registered nurse, night shift, including every other weekend and a per diem C.N.A. including every other weekend. For more information, please contact Emy at 860-741-0791. Applicants may apply at: St. Joseph's Residence, 1365 Enfield St., Enfield, CT 06082 or at: enhumanresources@littlesistersofthepoor.org.



Crossroads 4 Christ: Please join Crossroads 4 Christ for the Second Annual Young Adult Conference from May 17th–23rd! This year's theme "Into the Deep" promises to bring you deeper into the abundant life Jesus offers us, a life lived with Him and in His Church. Throughout the week you will be invited to listen to local & national speakers like Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagiza, and Sr. Marie Veritas of the Sisters of Life give inspiring online talks and virtual Q&As. You will also be able to join the C4C community for select in-person events such as a Faith on Tap and a Pentecost Vigil Mass with Archbishop Blair! FREE registration is open to all young adults, ages 18-39, and anyone interested in learning about young adult evangelization and the abundant life Jesus offers us. For registration and more information, please visit c4cconference.org.

Laudato Si'– Praise be to you: In commemoration of the Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis, Laudato Si', which was released in 2015, you are encouraged to visit a site of creation and nature, and care for our common home, in the following quotation:

"LS 76. In the Judeo-Christian tradition, the word "creation" has a broader meaning than "nature", for it has to do with God's Loving plan in which every creature has its own value and significance. Nature is usually seen as a system which can be studied, understood and controlled, whereas creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a realty illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion."

What you can do: Consider spending some time with family and friends, exploring and enjoying God's wonderful creation. Connecticut has many wonderful state parks where you can plan your outdoor activity, whether that be picnicking, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, tubing, swimming, or biking. Check out ct.visit.com/interest/parks-forests for more information.

A Mother's Journey

The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is this the long way?" she asked. And the guide said: "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed them in the clear streams, and the sun shone on them, and the young Mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

2021 Mother's Day celebrated by Father Dan McLearen

Then the night came, and the storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come."

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary. But at all times she said to the children," A little patience and we are there."

So, the children climbed, and when they reached the top they said, "Mother, we would not have done it without you."

And the mother, when she lay down at night looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today, I have given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth, clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the mother said: "Look up. Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting glory, and it guided them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

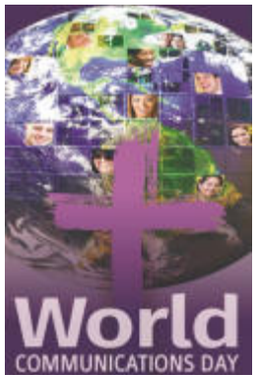
And the days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew old and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong and walked with courage. And when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather. And at last they came to a hill, and beyond they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide. And the mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates." And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence… "

Your Mother is always with you...
She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street;
she's the smell of bleach in your freshly laundered socks;
she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not well.
Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every tear drop.
She's the place you came from, your first home;
and she's the map you follow with every step you take.
She's your first love and your first heartbreak,
and nothing on earth can separate you.
Not time, not space… not even death!

World Communications Day: Today, we celebrate World Communications Day for which Pope Francis has chosen to reflect on the theme *"Come and See" (Jn 1:46). Communicating by Encountering People Where and as They Are."* This theme recalls the Gospel account of the first disciples' initial encounters with Jesus, who invited them to "Come and see," to enter into relationship with Him. Later, one of those disciples, Saint Philip, speaking to his friend Nathaniel, invited him to "Come and see" the Messiah whom he had found.

In his message for World Communications Day, Pope Francis says, "I would like to devote this Message to the invitation to 'come and see', which can serve as an inspiration for all communication that strives to be clear and honest, in the press, on the internet, in the Church's daily preaching and in political or social communication… That is how Christian faith begins, and how it is communicated: as direct knowledge, born of experience, and not of hearsay." He reminds us that "the Gospel comes alive in our own day, whenever we accept the compelling witness of people whose lives have been changed by their encounter with Jesus. For two millennia, a chain of such encounters has communicated the attractiveness of the Christian adventure. The challenge that awaits us, then, is to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are."



Pope's Prayer for Communications

Lord, teach us to move beyond ourselves,
and to set out in search of truth.
Teach us to go out and see, teach us to listen,
not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions.
Teach us to go where no one else will go,
to take the time needed to understand,
to pay attention to the essentials,
not to be distracted by the superfluous,
to distinguish deceptive appearances from the truth.
Grant us the grace to recognize your dwelling places in our world
and the honesty needed to tell others what we have seen.

Catholic Communication Campaign Collection: This weekend, May 15th & 16th, we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Archdiocese of Hartford to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, please visit usccb.org/ccc.

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