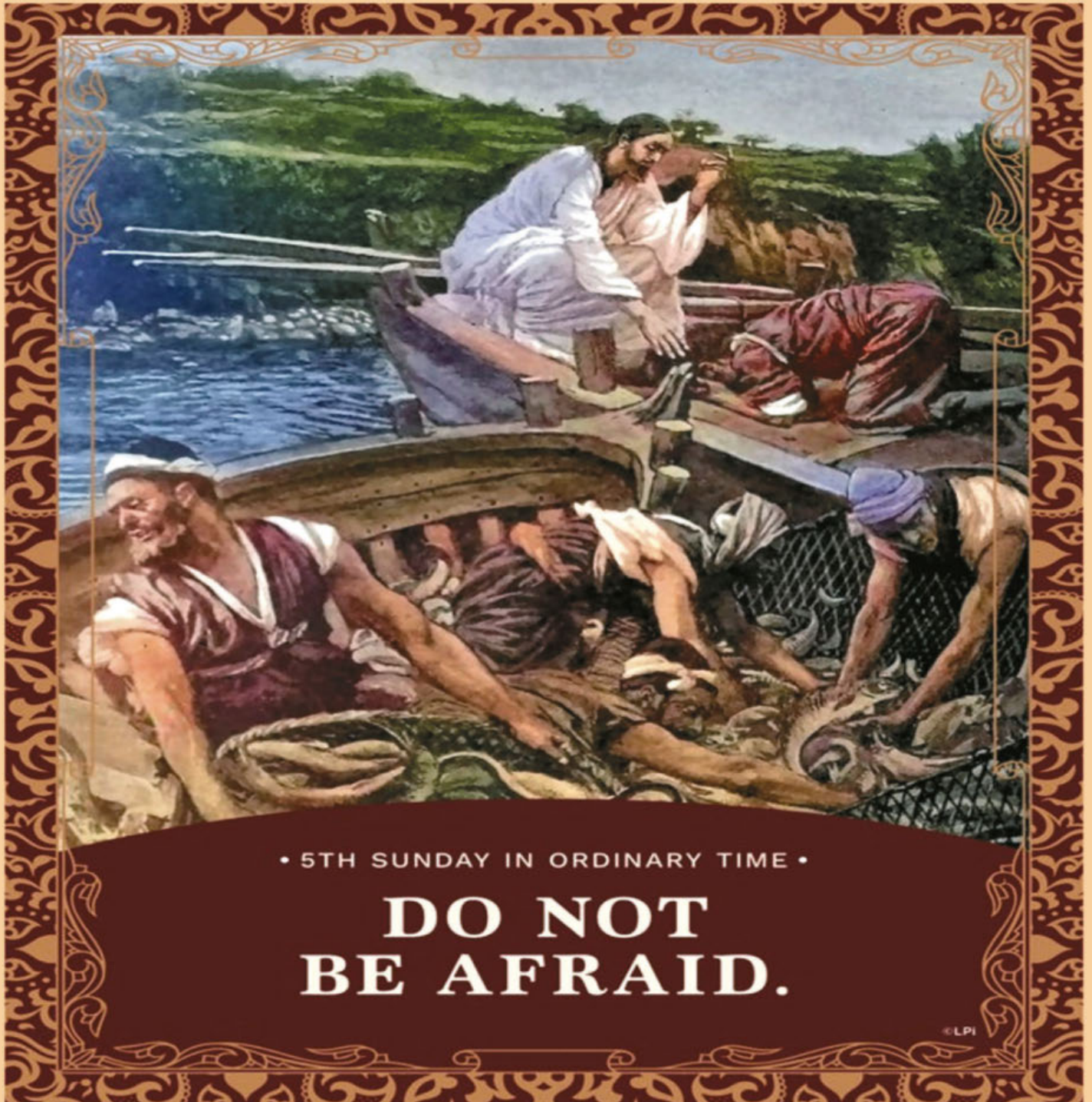


# Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church

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• 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

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# Welcome to Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church

On this Sunday we'll be celebrating the 5th Week of Ordinary Time as well as World Marriage day!

Let us Keep in Prayer all visitors, new and existing parishioners, and all those called to the vocation of Marriage.

## Administrator

Very Rev. John Melnick

## Priest in Residence

Rev. Francis Snell

## Pianist

Jason Phillips

## Cantor

Elizabeth Nanomaker

## Director of Music

Cihan Yucel

## Administrative Assistant, Sacristan

Nathaniel Mullen

## Mass Times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

12:05 pm

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm

Sunday

9:00 am (Lithuanian/English)

10:30 am

## Confessions

Wednesday

3:00 pm (and by appointment)

## Office Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 am— 2:00 pm

## In Memoriam

Sister Mary Louise Rouleau, CSJ (1941– 2018)

George Petkaitis (1928-2018)



## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

V Eilinis Sekmadienis

World Marriage Day

## Saturday and Sunday, February 8, 9, 2025

All Masses — All those in the union of Matrimony in our Faith community

## Monday February 10, 2025

12:05 pm — Mass intention available

## Tuesday February 11, 2025

12:05 pm — Mass intention available

## Thursday February 13, 2025

12:05 pm — Mass intention available

## Friday February 14, 2025

12:05 pm — Mass intention available

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

VI Eilinis Sekmadienis

## Saturday February 15, 2025

4:00 pm — deceased members of the Holland and Ryan Families

## Sunday February 16, 2025

9:00 am — Mass intention available

10:30 am — Mass intention available

**Archdiocese statement to the parishioners of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Parish**  
**Addressed by Very Rev. John Melnick**

I have difficult news to share with you.

Last week the Archdiocese of Hartford received information regarding possible financial improprieties by one of our priests, Father Charles Jacobs. Father Jacobs has since advised us that he has taken an undisclosed amount of money from the parish for his unauthorized and personal uses. As a result, Father Jacobs has been placed on administrative leave while the Archdiocese conducts an investigation into the parish's finances. Father Jacobs is cooperating with that investigation.

This, of course, is shocking and disappointing news to us all. We ask that you understand the seriousness of the allegations and allow the investigative process to take its course.

An important consideration during the pendency of any investigation is to preserve the reputation and integrity of the person involved. Because we are in the early stages of this investigation, providing any further details at this time would be speculative. When the results of the investigation are known, they will be shared with you. We ask for your patience, as these issues often take time to resolve.

In the interim, please be assured:

That your church is financially stable;

That it is able to pay its bills; and

That weekend Masses will continue as usual.

As many of you know, Holy Trinity Parish is canonically a mission of the Cathedral parish and I serve as rector of the Cathedral. Archbishop Coyne has appointed me to serve as the administrator of Holy Trinity to ensure that the parish has stability during this time. In the coming weeks, Rev. Francis Snell will be assigned to us to assist in the pastoral care of Holy Trinity.

I now ask that you join me in prayer for the parish, for the Archdiocese, and for Father Jacobs.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



# Branches on the Vine

FEBRUARY 8 - 14, 2025



## PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS AND DEACONS

Monthly calendar helps people develop ongoing prayers for men who answer God's call.

Story by Karen A. Avitabile

Anna Maria Dias calls herself a "prayer warrior" and welcomes others to join her.

For the past 10 years, she has designed prayer calendars which includes the names of priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford. In addition, she designs a separate calendar each month for the deacons of the archdiocese. The calendars are distributed through email.

"I never heard of anyone saying they pray for priests," Dias says. "The thought of praying for priests was foreign to me."

The goal of the calendars, she says, is to keep the ministry of the priesthood and diaconate in everyone's heart and mind. "They see the struggles and everything the people deal with every day," Dias says. "It's a lot of burden to carry."

For the priest's calendar, a different name is printed in a square for each day of the month, with two squares always devoted to Pope Francis and Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne.

After some Connecticut parishioners heard about the Springfield prayer calendar, they contacted Dias and asked if she could produce one for priests within the Archdiocese of Hartford. She began the local calendar here in 2015. Shortly afterward, a calendar for deacons followed.

At the top of the calendar each month, Dias prints a prayer which expresses gratitude to God for priests who have answered the call to ministry. The February prayer reads:

*"We thank you God, our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love, lead them to new powerful consolation of the Holy Spirit. Increase their profound faith in the sacraments they administer. Grant that your priests may inspire us to strive for holiness by their good example. Heavenly Father, guard your tender care upon these chosen ones, so dear to your infinitely considerate heart."*

A message from Father Gerald Fitzgerald, who founded the community of Handmaids of the Precious Blood in 1947, is also included on the bottom of the calendar.

His current message is: "Be not afraid! When the brief moment of your life is over, the great high priest will come to you and let you take your place in his heart; for what you did for his priests was done for him."

Father Anthony Federico, director of Vocations and Seminarians for the Archdiocese of Hartford, receives the priest calendar each month. "It's a beautiful gesture to take ownership of promoting vocations in the Church," he says.

The Archdiocese of Hartford, he adds, is seeing an increase in vocations through several efforts including parish vocations committees, praying the Prayer for Priestly Vocations, parish holy hours and rosaries, the St. John Vianney Vocation Prayer Society and the priestly prayer calendar.

Dias says she is looking for more prayer warriors. "The more prayers warriors, the better," she adds.

To be placed on the distribution list for the monthly prayer calendars for priests and deacons, email Dias at [faithfirst@1791.com](mailto:faithfirst@1791.com).

"Doing the calendar gives me peace to know I'm trying to help the priests with prayers," she says. "It keeps my mind focused."

Download the February calendars at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org/catholictranscript](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/catholictranscript).



# Upcoming Events



02/09 SUNDAY 7PM  
**YOUNG ADULT MASS W/  
ARCHBISHOP COYNE**

St. Thomas Aquinas Church,  
46 Eagleville Rd, Storrs

All young adults, ages 18-39 are invited to attend the 7th annual Mass and reception.



02/12 WEDNESDAY 9AM  
**PRAYER SHAWL & BABY BLANKET  
MINISTRY**

St. Mary, Church Hall, 731 Main St,  
Branford

Prayer Shawl and Baby Blanket Ministry will resume meeting on the second Wednesday of every month from 9AM to noon. For more information, call Maria Batick at 203-488-7426.



02/13 THURSDAY 7PM  
**"WHAT DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE &  
WHY?" STUDY GROUP**

Our Lady of the Assumption, Church Hall,  
81 Center Rd, Woodbridge

Fr. Glen will lead a 6 week session covering the basic understanding of our faith. Join these one hour sessions to dive deeper into your faith! (Ends March 3rd)



02/12 - 3/19 WEDNESDAYS 10AM  
**SPIRITUAL BOOK STUDY**

Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center  
194 Candlewood Hill Rd, Higganum

Have you wished to make Lent more meaningful? Brennan Manning in his book "The Signature of Jesus" challenges us to live Christianity radically. Find out what it means to truly be a follower of Jesus. This is a powerful journey where only love can move us to change. (Six Sessions, Wednesdays 10-11:30 AM)  
To register either call Sr. Patricia at 203-606-4830 or Email: [cigrandpatricia@gmail.com](mailto:cigrandpatricia@gmail.com) or online at- [www.sacredheartonthelake.org](http://www.sacredheartonthelake.org)  
Suggested donation for each session \$10.00



FEB. - MAY. 6:30PM  
**DISCERNING HEARTS**

Hosted by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hosting several opportunities for women ages 18-35 who are discerning a call to consecrated life to meet the sisters at a tea, followed by a hour of adoration at several of the Archdiocese's parishes.

Feb. 19, Avila House, Newington

Mar. 19, St. Mary, New Haven

May 21, St. Francis, New Britain

Questions? Contact Sr. Colleen at 203-506-4653

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Presents:  
**An 8-Day Pilgrimage & Mission to the Dominican Republic!**  
Led by Ivo Jaquez with Fr. Daniel Hackenjos as Chaplain  
May 31 - June 7, 2025

**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Ground transportation to NYC airport
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- Round trip airfare
- DR tourist entry fees
- Lodging
- Daily Mass
- Sightseeing
- Breakfast and dinners

**TRIP DETAILS**

Four Day Mission includes:

- Fusimaña Puerto Plata
- Restoring a station of the Cross Trail
- Visiting Santiago & Cathedral of St. James

Four Day Pilgrimage includes:

- Visiting the first & oldest city in the West
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- Christopher Columbus Mansion & Family Chapel

**COST FOR PARISHIONERS: \$1,492.00**      **COST FOR GENERAL PUBLIC: \$1,620.00**

Join us for an informational session Saturday, February 8,  
11:00 am at St. Jerome Church Hall or contact  
Ivo Jaquez at [ivo@stfranciscatholic.org](mailto:ivo@stfranciscatholic.org)

BL. MICHAEL MCGIVNEY PARISH

## PAULINE BIBLE STUDY

Study the Letters of St. Paul with Fr. Joe MacNeill!

WEDNESDAYS AT 1PM  
ST. JOSEPH HALL

OR LIVE-STREAM ON FACEBOOK  
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