



NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS PARISH



Est. 1873

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

15 Maplewood Avenue East Hartford, CT 06108



Est. 1920

ST. ROSE CHURCH

33 Church Street East Hartford, CT 06108

Administrator Reverend Timothy E. Ryan
 Parochial Vicar.....Reverend Gustavo Lopez
 Priest in Residence Reverend Louis D. Cremonie
 Deacons..... Edward Kensah & Julio C. Maturana
 Business Manager Julio C. Maturana
 Parish Trustees Patricia Byrnes & Edward Mirek
 Religious Education Deacon Michael Torres
 Religious Education Secretary Elizabeth Arcila
 Music Directors..... Sandra Dias & Mirian Miyasato
 Parish Secretaries
 Lucie Almeida, Mary C. Houghton & Adrienne McLean
 St. Christopher School 860-568-4100

PARISH OFFICE:
 15 Maplewood Avenue, East Hartford, CT 06108
PHONE: 860-289-7916 * FAX: 860-289-3224
WEBSITE: namct.org
Email: info@namct.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 Saturday 2:45 - 3:30pm at St. Rose
 30 minutes before Spanish Masses
 Thursday before First Friday 2:00 - 3:00pm
 by appointment, Parish Office

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses


Saturday	4:00pm	Vigil: St. Rose
Sunday	7:30am	St. Rose
	9:00am	St. Mary's
	10:00am	St. Rose (<i>Spanish</i>)
	12:00pm	St. Rose (<i>Spanish</i>)
	5:30pm	St. Rose

Weekday Masses

Monday	8:00am	St. Rose (<i>Novena</i>)
Tues-Sat	8:00am	St. Rose
Tuesday	7:00pm	St. Rose (<i>Spanish</i>)



PRAYER LINE

	Barbara Manner	860-568-5950
	Mary Foran Knell	860-282-1080

Sunday, December 1, 2019

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

1st Tuesday of the month, 8:00am (English) and 7:00pm (Spanish) at Saint Rose Church or by appointment.

BAPTISMS:

(ENGLISH) Second Sunday of the month. Please contact the office 860-289-7916.

(SPANISH) Please see Father Lopez at Mass.



EXPOSITION & ADORATION

Every second Saturday of the month from 2:30 - 3:30pm at Saint Rose Church.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Twenty-four hour chapel located at Saint Mary's Church. Call the Parish Office for the code 860-289-7916. Come spend an hour with Jesus in the Adoration Chapel. Your visit can make a difference in your life. Adorers are needed for various times. Please check the chart in the chapel for open time slots.

MATRIMONY: All arrangements must be made six months in advance of the date.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND & HOSPITALS:

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in Church because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish the Sacraments or visitation, please call the office 860-289-7916.

NEWCOMERS: If you are new to our Parish, we extend a warm welcome and hope that you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. Newcomers are asked to introduce themselves to Father. Registration forms are available in the church or at the rectory office.

SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL: 570 Brewer Street, East Hartford, CT 06118. 860-568-4100 (Serving the 2 Parishes of East Hartford.)

Website: namct.org

Email: info@namct.org

BINGO

Thursday & Friday 7:00pm
St. Mary's Hall - Phone: 860-291-0056



SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS

Please remember that by purchasing supermarket gift cards every week you help our children in the Parish Religious Education Program. Store cards are available in a variety of denominations: Stop & Shop, Shop Rite, Big Y and Geissler's.

Thank you for your Stewardship!!



SAINT MARY'S

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 – First Sunday of Advent

9:00am †MICHAEL, CARMELLA & PETER MALINGUAGGIO

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

9:00am †DIANTHA LECOURS (family)

SAINT ROSE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 – Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

4:00pm †MANUEL & MARIA FIGUEIREDO (son)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 – First Sunday of Advent

7:30am †ALICE MC INNIS (Roseanne)

10:00am †MANUEL y GUILLERMO MATOS y CESAR CASANOVA (familia)

12:00pm POR LA SALUD CORPORAL y ESPIRITUAL DE YOLANDA MARTINEZ (su mama)

5:30pm †MARGARET & MICHAEL SCHWAGER (son)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 – Advent Weekday

8:00am HEALTH & SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF THELMA DALENE (Phil & Rachele LaBrecque)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00am †ROSE MARIE O'DEA (Victor Dube)

7:00pm †CARMEN GONZALEZ (hijos y esposo)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 – St. John Damascene, Priest

8:00am †ALICE MC INNIS (Bill & Betty Knose)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 – Advent Weekday

8:00am HEALTH, SPIRITUAL WELFARE & BLESSINGS FOR AVERY SIGGIA (John & Anita Morrison)

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 – St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00am †ADELE MILLER (Georgianne & Gisele)

FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 – St. Ambrose, Bishop

8:00am †PAUL DENMAN (wife, Janet)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 – Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

4:00pm †HENRY BYRNES (family)

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

7:30am †EDWARD KNOSE (Knose Family)

10:00am †JOSE RAMOS, LUCILA ZEGARRA y MERCEDES ZEGARRA (familia)

12:00pm †IRMA ALEGRE 1º Aniversario (familia)

5:30pm †EDMUND MAYNES (Roseanne)

If you are offering a Mass Intention and you and your loved ones would like to bring up the gifts at St. Rose Church, please see one of the ushers prior to the start of the Mass. They will be happy to assist and direct you.

At St. Mary's Church please take the wooden fish on the table in the middle aisle next to the glass doors. If you have any questions, please see an usher.

ADVENT BOOKLETS...

..Five Minutes With The Word, will be available in our churches this weekend.



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend is the regular monthly collection for the support of our Parish Churches. Thank you for your Stewardship!

First Sunday of Advent

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

MEDITATIONS FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

FIRST MEDITATION:

Since the fourth century Christians have had this special time of preparation towards Christmas, and they called it "Adventus." In Latin, it simply means 'coming.' Just like the season of Lent right before Easter. Traditionally this season also was observed as a time of fasting and prayer.

As we begin the material preparations for the social celebration of Christmas, the liturgical celebrations of the coming weeks invite us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus.

This is evident in Saint Matthew's Gospel as the statement is made "*They will see the son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*" We know that the expression 'son of man' refers to Jesus, but what does the coming of Jesus mean?

The coming of Jesus can be thought of in three ways, with three tense markers; in the past tense, in the present tense, and in the future tense—Jesus came, Jesus comes, and Jesus will come. Think about it.

God bless you.

Father Tim "Scooter" Ryan

REFLEXIONES PASTORALES

MEDITACIONES PARA EL TIEMPO DE ADVIENTO

PRIMERA MEDITACIÓN:

Desde el siglo IV los cristianos han tenido este tiempo especial de preparación hacia la Navidad, y lo llamaron "adventus". En latín, simplemente significa "venir". Al igual que la temporada de Cuaresma justo antes de Pascua. Tradicionalmente esta temporada también se observó como un tiempo de ayuno y oración.

A medida que iniciamos los preparativos materiales para la celebración social de la Navidad, las celebraciones litúrgicas de las próximas semanas nos invitan a prepararnos para la venida de Jesús.

Esto es evidente en el Evangelio de San Mateo, ya que la afirmación se hace "*ellos verán al hijo del hombre viniendo en una nube con poder y gran gloria.*" Sabemos que la expresión 'hijo del hombre' se refiere a Jesús, pero ¿qué significa la venida de Jesús?

La venida de Jesús puede ser pensada de tres maneras: en el tiempo pasado, en el tiempo presente, y en el tiempo futuro — Jesús vino, Jesús viene, y Jesús vendrá. Piénsalo.

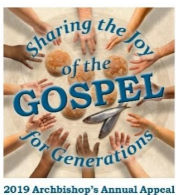
Que dios te bendiga,

Padre Tim "Scooter" Ryan

GIVING TUESDAY

Did you know that December 3rd, is #GIVINGTUESDAY??

It is only with **YOUR** help that we will be able to achieve the Annual Appeal goal of **\$10 Million!** This year's Appeal goal may be a challenge – but it is nothing compared to the challenge many suffer with each and every day of their lives. This funding provides support to families and individuals for life's basic necessities: a warm meal, a bag of groceries, a place to sleep, or a place to turn for guidance and support. The Annual Appeal is one way to share our blessings and express thanks for the blessings with which God has graced us with our neighbors. This December 3rd, please remember the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal!!



2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link **Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations**, to learn more and make your gift today. All pledges can be paid through December 31st, 2019 towards this year's Appeal.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Preparando la llegada de nuestro Señor!

Retiro de Adviento



Para los Ministerios y Fieles en general



Sábado 7 de diciembre

9:00 am a 12:00 pm

Iglesia Santa Rosa

33 Church St - East Hartford

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Throughout the month of December the bulletin will be sent to the printer about two weeks in advance of the Sunday date. Please get your articles in to the office at least two weeks in advance. Thank you!

DAILY MASS

The 8:00 AM daily Mass will not be held when school is delayed or canceled due to weather.

PARISH SUPPORT

Stewardship of TIME, TALENT & TREASURE
Is a way of life for the followers of Christ.
Your gifts of love and sacrifice amounted to:

11/17 Offertory Collection \$6,438
Military Services Collection \$2,455

Thank you for your Stewardship!

2019 PARISH ANNUAL COLLECTION

Goal \$95,000

Campaign Statistics as of 11/20/2019

of Households - 1,446 Total # Pledged - 143
of Participation 9.89% Pledged to Date \$36,025



WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF...
...**MARGARET MATHIAU** for whom a Service of Christian Burial was offered last week. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

PARISH FOOD BANKS CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Please remember the parish food banks when you are grocery shopping. Christmas is just around the corner, and many items are needed for the Christmas baskets. Items needed: canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, corn muffin mix, stuffing mix, instant potatoes, gravy, soups, canned yams, pickles, olives, cranberry sauce, pie crust mix, cookies, crackers, dry milk, or holiday candy. Cash donations are needed to buy fresh produce.

MOVING MOUNTAINS



As an introduction to our parish Advent Retreat, we are pleased to welcome Deacon Arthur Miller who will be preaching this weekend at the 4:00pm, 7:30 & 9:00am Masses.

His topic will be "Moving Mountains". Our parish retreat will be held at St. Mary's Church on December 2 – 4, 2019 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00pm. Please make every effort to attend this uplifting Advent Retreat. If you can, please offer a ride to a neighbor who might like to come but can't drive.

Thank you and God Bless You!
Father Ryan



St. Mary's Sanctuary candle burns this week:
**A SPECIAL INTENTION FOR
TOM MC LEAN**

St. Mary's Adoration Chapel candle burns this week:
FOR THE RESPECT OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES

St. Rose's Sanctuary candle burns this week:
FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE POPE

St. Rose's Shrine candle burns this week:
**FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

If you would like to have a Candle burn in honor of a living or deceased loved one, or for a special intention, please call the Parish Office 860-289-7916.

CATHOLIC ADULT EDUCATION

We have begun a new class designed for adults who are interested in learning about the Catholic Church, who are interested in becoming Catholic, who are already Catholic and need to make their sacraments, or who just want to learn more about their faith. We will be meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm at St. Mary's rectory. Our first class was November 6th. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please call Peggy Solimene at 860-282-0076, or Luisa Guerra at 860-997-5105. We can accommodate both English and Spanish languages.



Director of Religious Education, Deacon Michael Torres
Phone: 860-289-7916 ext. 20
Email: religious-education@comcast.net

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

GRADES K-8 and CONFIRMATION I and II

Classes are held on Saturdays from 9am to 10:30am in the school at St. Rose and the church basement.

- 12/07 Grades K - 8 and Confirmation I & II
- 12/14 Grades K - 8 and Confirmation I & II
- 12/21 Grades K - 8 and Confirmation I & II

Youth Ministry Group Schedule



- 12/06 Meeting 7:30 - 9:30pm, St. Rose CB
 - 12/15 Christmas Caroling 1:30 - 3:30pm
 - 12/20 Christmas Party 7:30 - 9:30pm SRCB
 - 12/21 Christmas Baskets 12:30—4pm
St. Mary's garage
 - 12/24 Christmas Pageant 9pm Mass St. Mary's Church
- For more info contact Tony Matta at 860-289-8177.

Parish and Community Happenings

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



The second collection next weekend is the Immaculate Conception Collection.

Thank you for your Stewardship!



The North American Martyrs Music Ministry will present a Christmas service of "Lessons and Carols," a celebration that dates back well over one hundred years and is followed around the world in a multitude of different places. Through poignant readings from the Old and New Testaments interspersed with beautiful music, the congregation is invited to reflect on the birth of Jesus in the context of its significance in salvation history. Hear the Christmas story read from "nine lessons" taken from the Bible and let your heart be warmed by Christmas music.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

3:00PM AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH



MONDAY 12/02

Malta Van 9am – 4pm St. Rose Parking Lot
Advent Retreat with Deacon Arthur Miller
7:00pm St. Mary's Church

TUESDAY 12/03

Anointing of the Sick 8am Mass St. Rose Church
Clothing Bank 9:30 – 11:00am St. Mary's Hall
Advent Retreat with Deacon Arthur Miller
7:00pm St. Mary's Church

WEDNESDAY 12/04

Advent Retreat with Deacon Arthur Miller
7:00pm St. Mary's Church

THURSDAY 12/05

First Friday Confessions 2 – 3pm by appointment
St. Mary's Rectory
Bingo 7:00pm St. Mary's Church Hall

FRIDAY 12/06

Spanish Choir Rehearsal 6:30 – 9:00pm St. Rose
Bingo 7:00pm St. Mary's Church Hall
Youth Ministry Group 7:30 – 9:30pm St. Rose CB

SATURDAY 12/07

Marian Prayer Cenacle after 8:00am Mass St. Rose
Religious Education Classes K – 8 and Confirmation
9:00 – 10:30am St. Rose Gym, Basement & Church
Advent Spanish Retreat 9:00am—12:30pm
St. Rose Church

SUNDAY 12/08

Parish Children's Choir 10 - 11am St. Mary's Church
Juan 23 Group 1:30 – 2:30pm St. Rose Basement
Lessons and Carols 3:00 St. Mary's Church

SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

570 Brewer Street, East Hartford
860-568-4100

Saint Christopher School will hold an Open House on **Sunday, December 8th**, from 11:00-12:30 am. Come to the Santa Breakfast and then take a tour of the school! Saint Chris is an excellent school option for students in PreK 3 through Grade 8. Students transfer into the school throughout the year. We offer a small, safe environment, excellent academics, STEM learning, in-town busing, many sports and activities and financial aid. Check out our website at saintchristopherschool.org.



Pro-Life Ministry Archdiocese of Hartford

MARCH FOR LIFE 2020

SIGN UP NOW

To pay by PayPal or Credit Card
please go to the Pro-Life Ministry website
www.prolifeministry.org

YOUR SEAT ON THE BUS IS READY
for the Archdiocesan pilgrimage
to Washington, D.C.

Thursday, January 23 - Friday, January 24, 2020

PLEASE JOIN US!

The Theme of the 2020 March for Life is
Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman!



Polish National Ensemble
Ambassador of Polish Culture

SLASK

Spectacular Christmas and Patriotic Concert
for the 100th anniversary of Poland regaining
independence on **Sunday, December 8th**, 6:00pm at the
Cathedral of Saint Joseph, 140 Farmington Avenue,
Hartford. Ticket price: \$40, available online at
www.polskiexpress.com or call 860-826-5477

Parish and Community Happenings

Holy Family Retreat Center Presents: Our Deepest Longing



We spend our time and energy on the necessities of everyday life, which hold so many things that are beyond our control. But what is it that we are longing for in the deepest way? What is our passion in life? This year at Holy Family, we will explore that deep longing planted in our hearts by God - a longing for peace, for wholeness, and for relationships that give us joy and lift us up. Come away and rest awhile to find and pursue your deepest longing, and by doing so, may you experience how God is longing so deeply for you, too.

The retreat begins with a buffet dinner from 6:00 to 7:30pm on Friday evening and concludes Sunday with the celebration of Mass at 10:45am followed by a hot brunch at noon. Families of retreatants are most welcome to attend the Sunday Mass and brunch at no extra charge. Offering: \$325. The Parish has one \$325 coupon for a first time retreatant for the Men's Retreat. For more information or to register please call 860.760.9705 or check their website at holyfamilyretreat.org.

Men's Retreat Date: January 17-19, 2020
Women's Retreat Date: January 10-12, 2020



ALSO AT HOLY FAMILY ADVENT RETREATS

**Advent Retreat for Young Adults,
with Colin Petramale and Patrick Laorden**

Sunday, December 8th, 1-9pm. Join a vibrant group of young adults in exploring how to live out your faith amid the pressures and expectations of being a young adult. Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Hartford's Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry. \$40, includes dinner and Mass. 860-760-9719. www.holyfamilyretreat.org

**Advent Reflection: There Is a Longing:
Hearing the Whispers of Advent,
with Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P.**

Wednesday, December 11th, 10am - 2pm or 6 - 9pm. Each of us has a longing in our hearts to encounter the presence of God in one form or another, to uncover and grasp what Ronald Rolheiser calls "the secret worth knowing." Advent is not simply a time to get ready for Christmas; it's the time for Christians to prepare their hearts and minds for the revelation of the Divine and to accept God's indwelling in every moment. Join Fr. David in exploring our deep longing for the Savior, Emmanuel—among us and within us. Both sessions include Mass; day session includes Sacrament of Reconciliation. \$40, includes meal. 860-760-9705. www.holyfamilyretreat.org

JOIN US THIS WEEK!



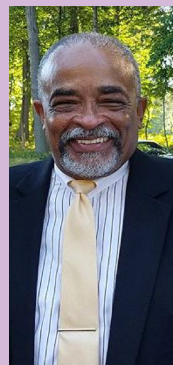
Advent Three Night Retreat Theme: *Moving Mountains*



7:00pm Saint Mary's Church
Monday, December 2, 2019
Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Retreat Speaker: Deacon Arthur Miller

**From an informed Catholic
to a Transformed Catholic**



"Being Catholic is not my faith nor my belief, it is my lifestyle. The term Catholic is not a noun, not an adjective but a verb. My actions of a lived and loving life are Catholic."

"Along the way, I came to recognize that God was in everything," he said. "Before that, I took care of it all" without relying on faith. Now he tells people that "Christ calls us all to a life-changing radical love."

Deacon, author, radio and former television host, Vietnam era veteran and veteran civil rights worker. Ordained for the Archdiocese of Hartford in 2004, he recently retired as the director of the Office for Black Catholic Ministries. Deacon Miller is a certified trainer in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s nonviolence philosophy as well as a Certified Spiritual Director. Echoing the thoughts of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he believes that as part of the great human experience, no one can sit idly tolerant to the great injustices that happen anywhere in the world.

Free Will Offering

DAILY READINGS

First Sunday of Advent

- Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
- Monday:** Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/
Lk 10:21-24
- Wed.:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/
Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
[26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sun.:** Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

GIFT SHOP HOURS AT THE SHRINE OF LOURDES

The Grotto Gift Shop at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, Rte. 118, Litchfield has stocked up for the Advent and Christmas season. Available are rosaries, medals, unique jewelry and Christmas cards. And there is a large selection of Fontanini crèches and Willow Tree items. The shop is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10:30am-4:00pm and Sunday, 11:30am-4:00pm. On Monday, December 23rd, the shop will be open from 10:30am-4:00pm. For more information, call 860-567-0891 or email:lourdeshshrinect@gmail.com. Visit them at www.shrinect.org.

SAINT BRIDGET HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, December 7th, 9am - 3pm
74 Main Street, Manchester



Come do your holiday shopping. Over 80 crafters with handmade Glassware, soap and lotions, Christmas décor and wreathes, wood carved items, jewelry, knitted blankets, knitted sweaters, hats and mittens, snowmen and handmade light up reindeer, stocking stuffers, crochet items, homemade breads, doll clothing, ornaments, the best kettle popcorn and so much more. Hot lunches and lots of baked goods for sale. Santa will be stopping by for a visit with his bag of goodies or you can arrange pictures with him. Handicapped accessible. Admission & parking are free.

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

115 New State Road, Manchester, CT 06042

Entrance Exam: Saturday, December 7th at 8:30am.



Pre-registration is not required, but is appreciated. You may reserve your spot by calling the Admissions Office at 860-649-5336 ext. 6456 or by pre-registering online at www.echs.com.

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