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March 16, 2025

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Religious Education Director

Parish Office: (203-729-4543)
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Office Hours: Monday-Friday-8AM-12Noon-
Closed Weekends

Sacramental Life

Sacrament of Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month at 11:30 AM

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made with the Rectory at least
6 months in advance

Sacraments of Reconciliation/Confession

Saturdays, 3 PM – 3:45PM in the Church

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays, 6PM—7PM in the Rectory Chapel

Religious Vocations-Men-Women

Contact Rev. Anthony Federico, Director of Vocations &
Seminarians—(860-617-456) fr.federico@aohct.org
hartfordpriest.com

Prayer Line

Please call Rose Newmark (203-729-4543-Ext 106) and
leave a message

Mission Statement

We at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church are dedicated to working together as a Family of Faith united in Christ. It is our goal, duty and privilege to foster genuine growth in the spiritual life by initiating the example of Christ, the Good Shepard; to serve others; and to express and promote love of God and neighbor to enhance Jesus' call to discipleship.








As a Family of Faith united in Christ, we bring to life the core of the Gospel message to love and serve one another.



Schedule of Masses
Daily (Monday-Friday) – 7:30AM
Saturday Morning – 8AM

Saturday Vigil – 4PM
Sunday–8AM and 10:30AM

Holy Days Of Obligation
7:30 AM and 6PM

Please remember St. Francis of Assisi Church in your will.

Saturday March 15th	Sunday March 16th	Monday March 17th	Tuesday March 18th	Wednesday March 19th	Thursday March 20th	Friday March 21st
Lenten Weekday 	Second Sunday of Lent	St Patrick	St Cyril	St Joseph	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday
<u>4PM Mass</u> + for Walter Kean by Mother & Family <u>and also 4PM Mass</u> + for Rev Henry P. Cody by M/M Thomas Guardiani <u>and also 4PM Mass</u> (LIVING) for Eveline Conway (<i>Birthday</i>) by Family	<u>8AM Mass</u> for Salesian Missions ***** <u>10:30AM Mass</u> + for Adozinda Barbosa by Children 	<u>7:30AM Mass</u> + for All Deceased Members of Naugatuck AOH <u>9AM Mass</u> St Patrick's Day Mass 	<u>7:30AM Mass</u> + for Howard Thurston by Steve & Joyce Rosler 	<u>7:30AM Mass</u> + for Angelina & Antonio T Silva by Manuel & Marie Vilar 	<u>7:30AM Mass</u> for Salesian Missions ***** <u>and at 7PM Stations of the Cross- Church</u> 	<u>7:30 AM Mass</u> for Salesian Missions ***** <u>and at 7PM Stations of the Cross- Church</u> 

Saturday March 22nd	Sunday March 23rd
Lenten Weekday 	Third Sunday of Lent
<u>8AM Mass</u> for Salesian Missions ***** <u>4PM Mass</u> + for Marilyn June Anstec by N Chouinard Family	<u>8AM Mass</u> +for George J Ford, Jr by Terry & Terry Ford ***** <u>10:30AM Mass</u> + for Elizabeth Lubowiecki by Dolores Marchlewski 

PLEASE REMEMBER

ALL Masses should be paid at time of booking.

Weekend Masses: Saturday (4PM) & Sunday (8AM & 10:30AM) **\$25.00**
Weekday (7:30AM) & Saturday (8AM) Masses : **\$15.00**

Sanctuary Lamp: **\$20.00** Altar Candles: **\$10.00**





Pope Francis's March 2025 Intention

For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broke families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences. *AMEN*



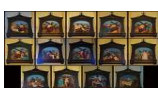
 **March 16th-March 22nd**
Sanctuary Lamp is burning Sunday March 16th to Saturday March 22nd for **Christopher Roberts (20th Anniversary)** by Mom, Dad & Dave

 Altar Candles for Saturday March 15th & Sunday March 16th are burning for **Howard Thurston** by Margaret Mascola

March 23rd-March 29th
Sanctuary Lamp is burning Sunday March 23rd to Saturday March 29th for **Marilyn Korowoty & Louise Hoban** by Peggy



Altar Candles for Saturday March 22nd to Sunday March 23rd are burning for **All St Francis Parishioners**



DURING LENT-Stations of the Cross-7PM-Church-every Friday
Confession- Mondays-6PM-7PM-Church & Saturday-3PM-3:45PM-Church



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

St Francis Religious Education



Gr 1st-6th-8:50AM-10:20AM

St Francis Parish Center

Michele LoRusso-(203-910-6061) or email:

drestfrancis@gmail.com

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March 16th

Regular class 8:50AM-10:20AM

March 30th

Regular class 8:50AM-10:50AM

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St Francis Religious Education



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Naugatuck's St Patrick's Day Events

9AM Mass at St Francis Church.

Followed by a program sponsored by Naugatuck AOH at the American Legion Post 17, 21 Cedar St, Naugatuck with a Coffee/And & Irish Soda Bread.



The Irish Mayor of the Day- Theresa Deegan Forish. All are welcome!!

FESTIVAL CHOIR-WE NEED YOU!



Looking for Men, Women & Children who like to Sing! Rehearsals will be on Sundays at 9AM in the Church. Please call our

Organist, Monika (860-305-8160) or Parish Office (203-729-4543). Singing is Praise God!

BAPTISMAL MEETING

For First-time Parents and the chosen Baptism Godparents is held on the last Monday of the month. Next meeting is Monday, March 31st-6PM-Church. To register, call the Parish Office. (203-729-4543)



Lenten Schedule

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3PM-3:45PM

Mondays 6PM-7PM (during Lent)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays 7PM at St Francis Church

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LENTEN MEALS

Fridays 5PM-6:30PM

(Fundraiser for Knights of Columbus & St Vincent Church St Vincent Hall-33 Osborne Rd

Fridays-March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, April 4th, 11th & 18th.

Fish Sandwich, Salad, Chips & Soup-(soup will vary weekly)- Adults-\$15.-Children (4yr-9yr)-\$6. - Seniors (over 70yr) & Veterans-\$13-Families-\$38.

St Francis Palm Crosses For Sale

They are larger than 24 inches high and have different color bows, two lilies and palms that cover the Cross. Cost \$8. each. If anyone is interested in buying Palm Crosses for their loved one's grave or your own homes. Please call Parish Office (203-729-4543).



Pick up Thursday April 3rd & sale ends Friday April 11th)

ST VINCENT DePAUL SOUP KITCHEN



the 10 sandwiches are needed next Sunday, March 23rd-7:30AM-9AM, at front of the Church. Any questions please call: Carol-(203-723-1670) or Joyce (203-723-1528)

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FOR LIFE Wednesday

March 19th

10:30AM– *Mass at the Cathedral of St Joseph 140 Farmington Ave-*

Hartford, CT - (celebrated by Fr Glen Dmytryszyn-(Director of Hartford Archdiocese Respect Life Ministry)

11AM-*Pre-Rally Concert-at the Capitol- 210 Capitol Ave, Hartford*

12PM-*Rally*

1PM– *Connecticut March for Life*

Find out more: CT.MARCHFORLIFE.ORG



Lenten Reflections Concert
Elm Street Brass (Yale University)
Sunday April 6th-3PM
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church,
785 Highland Ave-Waterbury
(FREE-WILL donation)

St Francis Church Pastoral Council

Looking for NEW Members! If you are a registered Parishioner who attends our Church and is willing to participate in several meetings and activities, please call **Ann-** (203-768-6907)



OFFERTORY REPORT

Ash Wednesday: **\$391.00**

Weekly: 3/9/25: **\$5,560.00**

Central & Eastern European Churches: **\$634.00**

On-Line-Giving: **\$3,002.99**

There is **NO Second Collection** next weekend.

Thank you for your continued donations and you may still mail/drop off your Church envelopes to:

St Francis Parish Center, 294 Church St.

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ROSE FOR LIFE

The rose adorning our tabernacle has been placed before the Blessed Sacrament **In Memory of the Luzio, Gouveia, & Ardry Families** by Family. If you would like to donate the rose (cost \$5) in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion, please call, **Donna (203-729-0809)**.



OPERATION RICE BOWL



Since 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has been helping faith communities encounter God and our global family throughout Lent, by practicing prayer, fasting and almsgiving. **Rice Bowls** are located at all Church entrances and please return by *Palm Sunday-April 13th*. Visit: crsricebowl.org

Saints of the Day-Monday-March 17th-St Patrick

Patron Saint of: Ireland, New York, Boston, Nigeria, & Engineers

Born 389 in Britain (Wales or Scotland) and died 461 in Ireland. He was the son of a Romano-British official and at age 16 was abducted by Irish raiders and forced to work as a Shephard for 6 years before escaping to France. At age 22 he began studying in Gaul and was ordained and began his missionary work. By 442 he visited Rome and founded the Cathedral Church of Armagh. He raised the standards of scholarships, encouraged the study of Latin, and is credited to have ‘Baptized’ thousands.

St Patrick’s legend includes using a ‘shamrock’ (to illustrate the Trinity) and expulsion of snakes (symbols of Evil) from Ireland.

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Through the strength of Heaven; Light of the sun, Splendor of fire, Speed of lightning, Swiftness of the wind, Depth of the sea, Stability of the earth, Firmness of the rock. AMEN



VOCATION CORNER-March 16th



God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sa 16:7) and in St Joseph he recognized the heart of a Father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of Fathers and Mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes. The Priesthood and the Consecrated Life greatly need the qualities nowadays in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. St Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of “the Saints next door”. At the same time, his strong fitness can guide us on the journey.

Please talk to your local Priest or reach out to the **Vocation Office-(860-761-7456)** or **frfederico@aohct.org** or **hartfordpriest.com**

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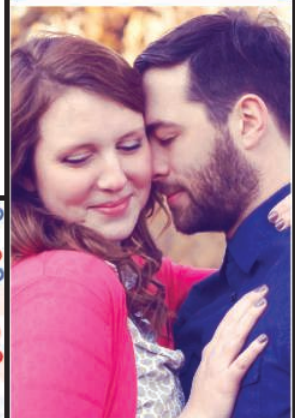
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