



Sunday, Dec. 2: First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM ☩Andres Ortiz 1st Anniv. by Family
10:00 AM ☩Percy Brighenti by Family
5:00 PM For Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Monday, Dec. 3 – Saint Francis Xavier

12:15 PM ☩John H. Fox by Eva Fox

Tuesday, Dec. 4

12:15 PM ☩Angela Salza by Mario & Family

Wednesday, Dec. 5

12:15 PM For an Increase in Vocations to Priesthood

Thursday, Dec. 6

12:15 PM ☩Robert Walker by Fran Walker

Saturday, Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM Intention of the Day

12:15 PM Intention of the Day

Sunday, Dec. 9: Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM For Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

10:00 AM Intention of the Celebrant

5:00 PM Intention of the Celebrant

Please Pray for...

Our Sick, Homebound and those in Nursing Homes:

Phyllis Hary, Kathleen Kryszak, Lee Labianca, Joseph Malena, Richard Picerno, Cecelia & Theodore Pisarz, Mary Roy, Stephen Sen, Helen Tomassetti, and Frank Windish.

Our Deceased: Edward G. Malicki, Sr.

This week the Blessed Sacrament lamp will burn...

In Memory of

Kevin Crowe

Requested by Fran Walker

To book the Blessed Sacrament candle please call the Parish Office at 860-225-6449 for details.



Church Support

November 18, 2018

Weekly Collection\$2,267.76
CCHD Collection \$629.00
Online Donations \$87.00

November 25, 2018

Weekly Collection\$2,662.53
Children’s Envelopes..... \$3.00
Annual Collection..... \$660.77
Online Donations \$494.00
Christmas Flowers..... \$322.00

Thank you for your support.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Our Mass Schedule:

8:00 AM and 12:15 PM

OR

There is a group going to St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Norwalk, CT for a 5:30PM Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Tridentine Rite). If you would like to come with us, let Sarah Rodeo, sarah@stfranciscatholic.org, know, or feel free to meet us there.



St. Francis Café

Every Sunday after the 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM Masses we invite you to come to the Parish Hall in the Lower Church for coffee, food and fellowship! If you would like to offer to assist at one of these cafés please leave a message for Emily at 860-225-6449 or send an email to emily@stfranciscatholic.org.

Parish Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 11, 2018
Dinner to be served at 6:30PM
in the Church Hall



The Ladies' Guild invites all parishioners to join them for their annual Christmas Party. The cost is \$16 per person. The buffet menu includes: Baked Ziti, Baked Cod with Lemon Sauce, Chicken Marsala, Sliced Roast Beef, Roasted Potato, Italian String Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Coffee, Tea and Dessert. Please pick up a Parish Christmas Party flyer at the door for more information and for the reservation form. Our **reservation deadline is Monday, December 3, 2018**. Please mail in all reservations. NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE PHONE!

The Prudence Crandall Center needs help restocking their supplies of toiletries for women; shampoo, soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, moisturizers, etc. If you can help with any of these products, please bring them to the Christmas Party and we will get them to Prudence Crandall.

Jingle Bells in Latin? You Bet!

On Sunday, December 9th at 4:00 PM in Founders Hall, in Davidson Hall, the CCSU Modern Language Department hosts the Classical Association of Connecticut (ClassCONN) for their 3rd Annual Latin Carol Sing. The event is free and open to the public.

No knowledge of Latin is required; you already know the songs. Come and join the fun!

For more information, contact Gil Gigliotti at 860-832-2759 or Gigliotti@ccsu.edu.

For the CCSU Community

The **Newman House** located at 145 Paul Manafort Drive has FREE dinners at 7:00PM every Thursday night that school is in session. All students, faculty, staff and parents are welcome – spread the word and invite your friends.

On Tuesday, December 4th at 6:00 PM, we're having a joint Christmas Party with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship at our Newman House located at 145 Paul Manafort Drive. All CCSU students, faculty and staff are welcome.

Please Give!

*Retirement Fund for Religious
Collection: Sunday, December 9*

A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart – seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next weekend's second collection.

Our Vocation Corner

Jesus announces his return to our world. The Lord is near. He uses signs that anticipate his arrival. Am I able to read these signs? What is God asking of me? If He is asking you to consider a vocation as a priest or religious, call Fr. Michael Casey as Director of Vocations at 860-225-6449. You can also email vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

Faith Formation

First Reconciliation/First Communion Preparation: Saturday mornings, Dec. 8, & 15, 8:45 to 9:45 AM in the Church Hall.

Confirmation Preparation: Sunday afternoons, Dec. 2, 9, & 16, 4:00 – 4:50 PM in the Church Hall; Sunday Mass follows at 5:00 PM.

Family Faith Nights: Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12, & 19, 7:00 to 7:45 PM in the Church. **Topic for Dec. 5:** "The Holy Spirit, The Trinity". These sessions are open to anyone interested in attending, both children and adults.

SACRED MUSIC CATECHESIS

Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM in the Church

All are welcome! We will practice the music that we are singing the upcoming Sunday and learn a bit about why we are singing it.

Christmas Sale
St. Lucian's Residence
532 Burritt Street, New Britain, CT
Saturday, December 15, 2018
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Pierogi, Babka, Oplatki, Polish Style Soups, Golabki, Sauerkraut (Kapusta),
Polish Pastry, Christmas Crafts &
Gift Shop with handmade articles
Santa will be visiting!



A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
St. Thomas the Apostle Church
872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford
Friday, December 7 at 7:00 PM

Featuring the Adult Choir, Cantors, Scholars, and Guests. Guest Organist: Nathan Lively. Director: David Garrido Cid.

Campus Rosary Walk

Every Wednesday through Dec. 12, 2018 following 12:15 Mass

We are doing a Campus Rosary Walk after every Wednesday 12:15 Mass. We'll always walk over to the CCSU campus right after Mass. Please join us and spread the word.

Take Your Faith on a Journey

Take your Faith to the Shrines of Northern Italy & Rome on this 9-night experience. September 19, 2019 – September 27, 2019.

Your included destinations while on this Journey: **PAVIA – SIRMIONE – PADUA – POMPOSA – RAVENNA – ROME, ITALY.**

Plus, Mass and Rosary will be offered throughout your journey. Land prices begin at \$1,589 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$400 per person will reserve your space. SPACE IS VERY LIMITED.

Take your Faith to the HOLY LAND on this 8 days experience. October 18, 2019 – October 25, 2019.

Your included destinations while on this Journey: **TEL AVIV, ISRAEL – JAFFA – CAESAREA – MEGIDDO – NAZARETH – BET SHE'AN – MAGDALA – SEA OF GALILEE – CAPERNAUM – MOUNT OF BEATITUDES – CANA – BETHLEHEM – JERUSALEM – MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA.**

Plus, Mass will be offered throughout your journey. Land prices begin at \$1,499 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$400 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED.

For further information or to reserve your space for any of the trips listed above, please contact Eileen at 860-399-1785 or send an email to Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.



The Giving Tree

Our Advent Giving Tree is set up in the alcove on the Kilbourne Avenue side of the Church. (By the statue of the Sacred Heart.) We invite everyone to take a tag and purchase the named gift. The gift may be wrapped with the gift tag attached to the top of the package. A special container marked “**GIFT CARDS**” has been placed beside the tree. Please place gift cards inside the container to avoid them getting lost. **All gifts should be returned to the Church no later than Sunday, December 9th** so that we may get the gifts to CCARC (Central Connecticut Association for Retarded Citizens) in time for their Christmas Party.

Advent Retreat for Young Adults “No Ordinary Path: a Young Adult’s Call to Holiness”

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Sunday, December 9th 1:00 – 8:00 PM

Join a vibrant group of young adults in exploring how we can live out our common call to holiness. We will examine the contemplative and active aspects of our faith and explore what holiness can resemble in young adults. Offering: \$30.00 per person (includes dinner & Mass) Register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org. This retreat is co-sponsored by the Office for Catholic Social Justice.

Waiting for Bethlehem’s Child

Sunday, December 9th at 5:00 PM

Saint Francis of Assisi Church

673 Ellington Road, South Windsor, CT

All are invited to a magnificent evening of musical preparation for the birth of our Savior, as the St. Junipero Serra Music Ministry’s Concert Choir and orchestra perform *Bethlehem’s Child*. Drawing upon the words of Isaiah, Micah and inspired by the Gospel writings of Matthew and Luke, come reflect and join us as we voyage to Bethlehem to retell the story of Christmas and the miracle of Christ’s Birth. Admission is free, however free-will donations will be accepted to support the growth of the music ministry and future performances. You do not want to miss this extraordinary evening! Refreshments will be provided following the concert in the Church Hall.

Gather Together

The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry in collaboration with The Underground CT is offering “**Gather Together**,” a Connecticut human trafficking awareness event. It will be held Saturday, **Jan. 12** from 9 to 11:30 AM at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish at St. Bartholomew Church, 45 Ludlow St., in Manchester. Expert speakers will discuss the reality of trafficking in Connecticut, the work being done and how churches can help. To register, email theundergroundct@gmail.com. For more information, contact Lynn Campbell at 860-242-5573.