

Fourth Sunday of Lent

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe.'"

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Giving - Fasting - Praying
Repenting - Forgiving

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 PM
Sunday Masses..... 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12 Noon Spanish

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Mission Statement/Misión Parroquial

St. Joseph Parish is a welcoming Catholic community called to live, proclaim and foster God's steadfast love in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

La Parroquia de San José es una comunidad católica acogedora llamada a vivir, proclamar y fomentar la misericordia de Dios en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent March 15, 2026



SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

3:00PM **CONFESSIONS**
 4:00PM MELVIN F. BUCHANAN REQ BY PAT & MURDO SMITH

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

8:00AM ANA TORRES-CABAN REQ BY CABAN-MARTINEZ FAMILY
 11:00AM ARCHBISHOP COYNE TO PRESIDE AT BILINGUAL MASS
 LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

9:00AM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR PEGGY DIPPEN REQ BY FRAN
 6:00PM **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS (CHURCH)**

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

9:00AM NO INTENTION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026

9:00AM NO INTENTION
 6:00PM **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS (CHAPEL)**
 7:00PM (SPANISH) MAIKEL LEON REQ BY FAMILY

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

**ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 MASS IN CHURCH WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN**

9:00AM SPECIAL INTENTION

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026

9:00AM NO MASS
 12:30PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH SCH. CHILDREN**
 6:30PM **BILINGUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

3:00PM **CONFESSIONS**
 4:00PM JOHN DAVID BRADY & CATHERINE DENISE (BRADY) MAHON REQ BY FAMILY

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

8:00AM WENCESLAS ROPIAK REQ BY PATRICIA SMATT
 10:00AM STEVEN POSA REQ BY JERRY, CHERYL & FAMILY (SCHOOL CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE)
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
 12:00PM LUIS & JUAN RODRIGUEZ REQ BY RODRIGUEZ FAMILY



Parish Finances

March 8, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 4,911
Loose Cash	905
Total	\$ 5,816

Mail, Online, and Meals for the Needy will be reported next week.

Collection this weekend: Catholic Relief Services

Upcoming Collections:

3/22 Monthly

4/2 Rice Bowls collected at Mass on Holy Thursday



Welcome to St. Joseph Parish, Archbishop Coyne!

Please join us in Guild Hall for a luncheon reception following the 11:00AM Mass.

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS

Today's readings for this Fourth Sunday of Lent are filled with powerful contrasts — God's vision versus human vision, the light of Christ versus the darkness of sin, and spiritual blindness versus spiritual sight. Embracing a stewardship way of life frees us from spiritual blindness, helps us see as God sees, and allows us to reflect Christ's light in our daily lives.

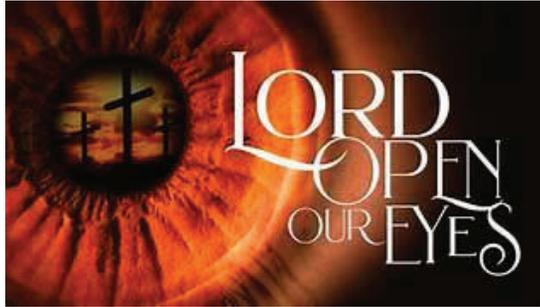
In our Second Reading from Ephesians, St. Paul reminds us, "... You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Through Baptism, the very life and light of the Blessed Trinity dwell within us. Yet amid the busyness and challenges of daily life, it is easy to forget this truth. We may even struggle to recognize whether our actions truly reflect Christ's light.

A stewardship way of life — with its intentional and grateful use of our time, talent, and treasure — provides a daily guide to help us live as children of the light. It encourages us to make choices that reflect Christ in the way we serve, give, and love others.

In today's Gospel from John, Jesus restores sight to a man born blind, and the man simply testifies that Christ "opened my eyes." During these Lenten days, we too can ask Jesus to open our eyes — to help us see areas where spiritual blindness may still linger, especially in how we use the gifts entrusted to us.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us renew our efforts wherever our vision has grown dim, so that by Easter we may truly live as children of the light.

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REFLEXIÓN DE LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

Las lecturas de hoy, este Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma, están llenas de fuertes contrastes: la visión de Dios versus la visión humana, la luz de Cristo versus la oscuridad del pecado, y la ceguera espiritual versus la visión espiritual. Adoptar un estilo de vida servicial nos libera de la ceguera espiritual, nos ayuda a ver como Dios ve y nos permite reflejar la luz de Cristo en nuestra vida diaria.

En la Segunda Lectura de la Carta a los Efesios, San Pablo nos recuerda: «... Antes estaban en tinieblas, pero ahora son luz en el Señor. Vivan como hijos de la luz». A través del Bautismo, la vida y la luz de la Santísima Trinidad moran en nosotros. Sin embargo, en medio del ajetreo y los desafíos de la vida diaria, es fácil olvidar esta verdad. Incluso podemos tener dificultades para reconocer si nuestras acciones reflejan realmente la luz de Cristo.

Un estilo de vida servicial con su uso intencional y agradecido de nuestro tiempo, talento y riqueza, nos proporciona una guía diaria para ayudarnos a vivir como hijos de la luz. Nos anima a tomar decisiones que reflejen a Cristo en nuestra manera de servir, dar y amar a los demás.

En el Evangelio de hoy según Juan, Jesús devuelve la vista a un hombre ciego de nacimiento, y este simplemente testifica que Cristo «me abrió los ojos». Durante estos días de Cuaresma, también podemos pedirle a Jesús que nos abra los ojos, que nos ayude a ver las áreas donde aún persiste la ceguera espiritual, especialmente en cómo usamos los dones que se nos han confiado.

Mientras continuamos nuestro camino cuaresmal, renovemos nuestros esfuerzos allí donde nuestra visión se ha oscurecido, para que en la Pascua podamos vivir verdaderamente como hijos de la luz.

Mark Your CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 9:30AM SCH FAITH FORMATION K-8
- 9:15AM CH CHOIR REHEARSAL
- 11:00AM MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP COYNE
FOLLOWED BY GH RECEPTION (POTLUCK LUNCH)

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

- 12:00PM GH SENIOR LUNCH
- 7:00PM PC CHANCEL (ADULT) CHOIR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

- 5:30PM SCH FAITH FORMATION K-8

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

- 5:00PM GH CELEBRATE ST. JOSEPH FOLLOWS 4:00 MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

- 8:30AM SCH FAITH FORMATION K-8
- 11:00AM GH SP CHOIR REHEARSAL
- 1:00PM GH ENCUENTRO-MOVIMIENTOS MATRIMONIAL
CATOLICO
- 1:00PM SPANISH OCIA IN FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Confession Opportunities During Lent

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St. Matthew & St. Gregory the Great
6:00-7:00 pm Mondays at St. Gregory the Great
6:00-7:00 March 10 & 31, April 7 & 14 at St. Matthew



St. Francis de Sales
3:15 pm Saturdays at St. Anthony
4:00 pm Mondays at St. Anthony



St. Joseph
3:00 pm Saturdays at the Church
6:00 pm Wednesdays (during Adoration) at the Parish Center
6:00 pm Mondays at the Church with Adoration



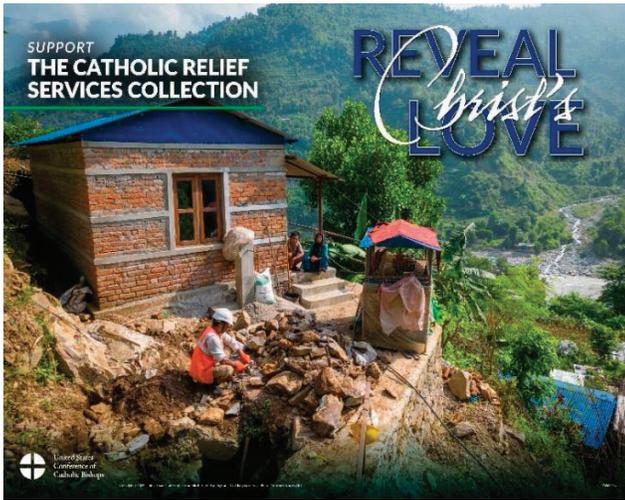
St. Stanislaus
11:30-11:55 am First Fridays
6:00-6:25 pm Fridays
3:00-3:45 pm Saturdays



2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2026 Archbishop's Annual appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.

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/appeal/>
No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection.

Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

Men's Retreat ~ March 27 - 29

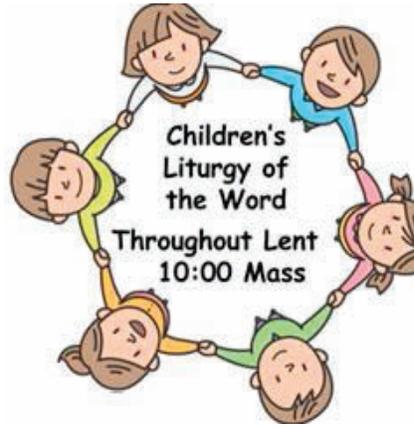
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center

Faith is a journey!

We invite you to join us this year at Holy Family for your annual retreat as we celebrate our **75th anniversary of ministry**. Together, as part of God's beloved creation, we can pursue that blessed goal—life with God as beloved companions and pilgrims of hope.

Visit holymfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats for more info and to register. Generous scholarships available - contact our registrar Ted at 860.760.9705.

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center – West Hartford



All children are welcome! The St. Joseph Youth Group will be helping with the Children's Liturgy of the Word throughout Lent during the 10:00 Mass. Please join us in preparing for the Easter Season!



Come ~ Celebrate St. Joseph - Feast Day March 19th



Our Annual Celebrate St. Joseph gathering is **next Saturday, March 21st, following the 4PM Mass**. Tickets are available after all Masses for \$30.

We can use some help in the following areas:

- Donate a raffle item or basket
- Help with admission and raffle ticket sales
- Help with set up/clean up



If you can donate something or help with any of things listed above, please call the Parish Office.



- 5 Mile Race
- 2 Mile Race
- 2 Mile Fitness Walk
- Kids Fun Run

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Join us for a Pasta Dinner

Thursday March 19th from 4:30pm-7:00pm
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Tickets sold at the door for \$10.00
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PRO-LIFE CORNER

And the winners are...

Congratulations to the four 7th graders who are our winners of the Connecticut March for Life poster contest!



1st Place – Ambrose Zetervall

2nd Place – Gabriela Rodriguez

3rd Place – Natalie Aviles

Honorable Mention - Cora Harris

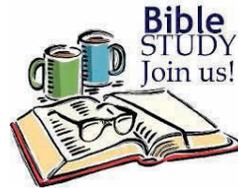
The posters will be carried by members of the St. Joseph Pro-Life Ministry this Wednesday, March 18, at the Connecticut March for Life in Hartford.

Respect for life education has to start early if we ever hope to end the tragedy of abortion!

St. Joseph Pro-Life Ministry: Questions? text/call 858-663-2794 or email jewel4one@gmail.com

St. Joseph Food Pantry Needs for March
Help us stock our food pantry.

- HAMBURGER OR TUNA HELPER
- RICE ONE DISH MEALS
- PASTA SAUCE
- OATMEAL



Bible Study
Begins April 13th
6:30-8:30pm
in the Parish Center

This year we will be offering three adult enrichment/Bible Studies. Our first study will be on the Book of Job, next St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, and finally, Life Everlasting-The Four Last Things (death, judgment, heaven and hell). The study on Job is part of the Little Rock Program taught by Kathleen O'Connor. The studies on Ephesians and Life Everlasting are by Ascension Press.

Our 6-week study on Job will begin on April 13th. In this study we will ponder the question of: Why does God allow human suffering? For thousands of years, the profoundly moving story of Job has allowed people of faith to reflect on that question. Job is a righteous man, stripped of all he holds dear, who engages in a powerful dialogue with his friends on the nature and cause of suffering. Job's friends struggle to justify Job's suffering, determined to find fault with Job rather than God. Job counters their arguments and then turns his attention to God in a desperate plea for justice. When God's answer comes from the whirlwind, it is not what we expect. Biblical scholar Kathleen O'Connor, emerita of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia, serves as an insightful guide in this exploration of innocent suffering, divine silence, and the human quest for understanding.

We meet in the Parish Center, 149 Goodwin St. from 6:30 to 8:30. The cost of the workbook is \$19.95, which includes shipping. Each person must have his/her own Study Guide to record their answers and take notes. Copying lessons without permission is forbidden by copyright laws. Study Guides will only be available for participants who pre-register by March 31st.

A Bible is required for this course. The New American Bible, RE is the translation used in this study.

Everyone is welcome. No prior knowledge of Scripture is necessary, just an open mind and heart desirous of knowing and loving God.

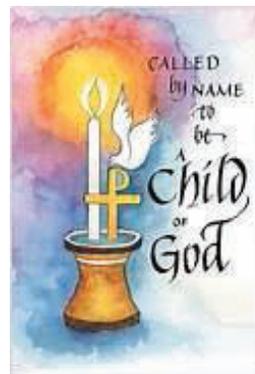
If you have any questions or would like to register, please contact Linda Mickiewicz at: maryheart@gmail.com or text 203-213-0275.

For more information or to register for the study, please email Linda at maryheart@gmail.com.

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Please pray for these new members of our parish and their family.

Jack Stone Spinelli
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