

Saint Francis of Assisi Church

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Deacon Wayne F. Griffin



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00am

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Thursday: 7:00am

Saturday: 8:00am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:30am - 5:00pm

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00pm

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office.

REGISTRATION

New parishioners should register as soon as possible.

Call the Parish Office.

Please notify the Parish office of any change of address or telephone number.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Please call the Parish Office if someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive the Sacraments.

PRAYER LINE

We pray for anyone in need of prayer. Names are not necessary; simply tell us your intention. Contact Maureen at 860-224-2397 or Marjorie at 860-357-3853

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Sat., June 23 – Vigil: Nativity of St. John the Baptist

4:30PM Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, June 24 – Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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

10:00AM †Mary Rohan by Daughter & Family

Monday, June 25

7:00AM †Nicholas Salza by Mario & Family

Tuesday, June 26

7:00AM For an increase in vocations to Priesthood

Wednesday, June 27

7:00AM †Larry & Ed by the Lynch Family

Thursday, June 28 – Saint Irenaeus

12:15PM Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, June 30

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

Saturday, June 30 – Vigil: 13th Ordinary Sunday

4:30PM †Angela Salza by Mario & Family

Sunday, July 1 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM †Thomas D. Motto by Family

10:00AM †St. Francis of Assisi Memorial Association

11:00AM Baptism: Henry Adam Colbourne

Please Pray for...

Our Sick, Homebound and those in Nursing Homes:

Phyllis Hary, Kathleen Kryszak, Lee Labianca, Marita O’Neill, Richard Picerno, Stephen Sen, Helen Tomassetti, and Frank Windish.

Our Deceased.

This week the Blessed Sacrament lamp will burn...

In Memory of

Robert Walker

Requested by Fran Walker

Our Memorial candles are changing. Please call Paula at 860-225-6449 for details.



Church Support

June 16 & 17

Weekly Collection..... \$2,804.48

Children’s Envelopes..... \$4.00

Online Donations..... \$203.00

Thank you for your support.

Celebrating Our Daily Mass

The Rev. Joshua Wilbur will celebrate our morning Mass on Wednesday, June 27, 2018. Fr. Joshua was ordained on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph.

Daily Mass re-scheduled on Thursday

On Thursday, June 28th the 7:00 am Mass is cancelled and will be celebrated instead at 12:15 pm. The seminarians studying for the Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be in attendance. In order to show our support for the seminarians and to pray alongside them, we welcome the presence of all who are able to come.

Calendar of Meetings and Events

Men’s Rosary League: Wednesday, July 18th at 11:00 a.m. in Church. Social Hour follows. All men are invited.

Mercy’s 24th Annual Homecoming

Thursday, November 1, 2018

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The Society Room

Thank you for giving hope and transforming lives, we look forward to seeing you at the Annual Homecoming!

To purchase tickets, become a sponsor or for more information, call 860-808-2036 or email gfulham@mercyhousingct.org.



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June 2018

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Connecticut General Assembly concluded its work last month, and we would like to share with you our profound disappointment that House Bill 5340 *An Act Concerning Education Savings Accounts* was not permitted to see the light of day, even though it had the support of a number of legislators and had advanced through various committees.

For years, the Connecticut Catholic Conference (CCC) has tried to impress upon the state legislature both the justice and the benefit of providing significant relief to Catholic school families. Catholic parents, like all residents, contribute to state and local revenue. And by reducing the number of students in public schools, our families and parishes have underwritten public education for decades.

Yet, despite twelve million dollars in tuition aid from parishioners and the three (Arch) dioceses in Connecticut last year, many working families cannot afford to enroll their children in our schools. To help them, the CCC has proposed an expanded inter-district transportation system and corporate tax-credits to K-12 scholarship foundations. And yet, unlike other states that provide some sort of assistance to private school families, these proposals have been virtually *dead on arrival* at the Connecticut legislature. Only on a very limited basis has some legislation advanced.

Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) would grant parents access to funds equivalent to all or a portion of the money allocated toward their child's government school education, to use on educational alternatives such as tutoring, learning therapies, and private school tuition. It would enable our superintendents to expand special needs services that have been cost prohibitive at some of our schools. This expansion of services would make Catholic education greatly accessible to an even more diverse student population—a population that already ethnically and racially mirrors the Connecticut census.

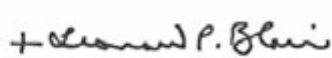
Sadly, Catholic schools in Connecticut have been closing. In 1967 there were 205 Catholic elementary schools in Connecticut. Five decades later, in 2017, there were 78 schools. There are some people who are happy at this trend. We are not, but this diminishment will continue without some reasonable steps from the legislature comparable to what has worked in several other states.

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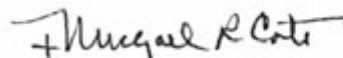
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We invite you, the Catholic people of our State, to make known to your elected representatives the importance and the justice of legislative measures that can ease the burden of education for Catholic school parents who are exercising their right as the primary educators of their children. As legal scholar of religious liberty Carl Esbeck wrote, when the state offers educational services to its resident children, it should not exclude a child whose parent makes a religious choice over a secular one: "To take note of religion only in order to exclude it from modern civil society...runs counter to the Establishment Clause's predisposition to enlarge religious freedom."

Thank you for your attention and support, and above all for your efforts on behalf of our Catholic schools. God bless you.


Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford


Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport


Most Reverend Michael R. Cote
Bishop of Norwich

Our New Schedule for Mass & Confession

As of Sunday, July 8, 2018

Sunday Mass

8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass

Monday – Thursday
12:15 p.m.

Confessions

Monday – Thursday
11:30 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

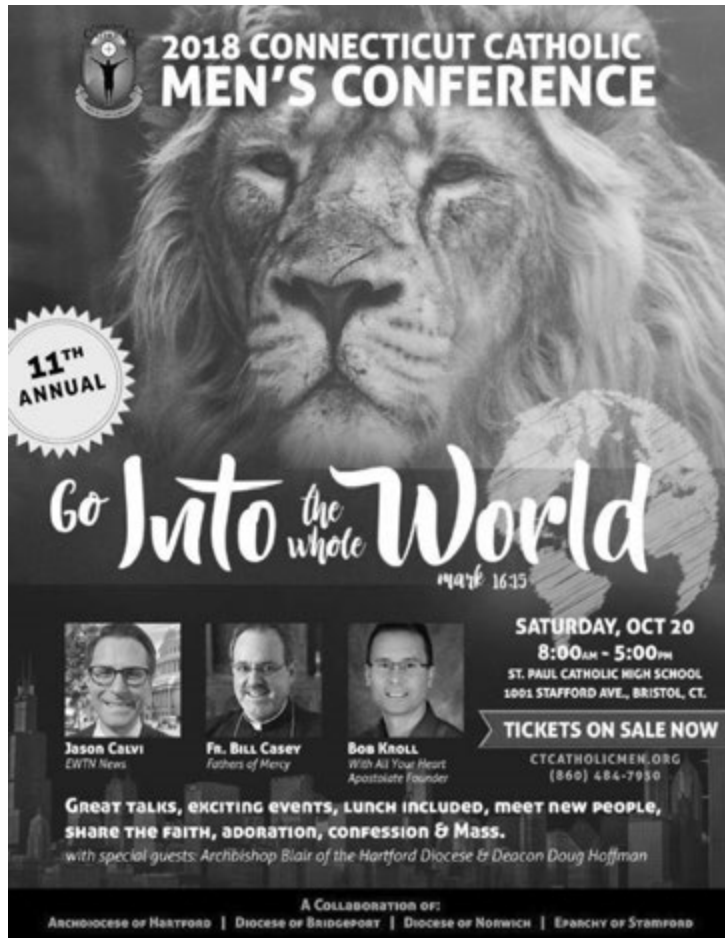
Summer Program for Youth at Holy Family Retreat Center

Music Camp July 23 – 27

Fr. David Cinquegrani and the Holy Family Youth Ministry Team will offer a **Summer Music Camp for Children, July 23 – 27, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. Students entering grades 4-8 are invited to participate in this joyful and educational week of singing, playing instruments, and listening. A short concert on the final day will bring the week to an inspiring end. The cost is \$100 per child (discounts for multiple children) and includes snacks and beverages.

Fr. David is the retreat director at Holy Family and has been a music educator and choir director for more than 35 years. He currently teaches elementary music at St. Thomas the Apostle School in West Hartford.

Holy Family Retreat Center is located at 303 Tunxis Road in West Hartford. For more information or to register, call Liza Peters at 860-760-9712 or visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/summercamps.



Archdiocese of Hartford Women's Conference "Woman is the World's Harmony"

Hartford Marriott, Farmington

Saturday, November 3rd – 10:00AM to 5:00PM

Registration is Now Open! There will be multiple price points this year – take advantage of our Early Bird Special and register today! We accept check or credit card for payment – please write checks out to the OEEC. Please visit www.oeconline.org or call 860-242-5573 to register.

For more information about the conference go to www.catholicedaohct.org. Click on Evangelization and Catechesis. Under programs click on Archdiocesan Women's Conference for a complete list of activities at the conference.

2018 Pricing for Women of the Archdiocese of Hartford:

- \$45 early bird pricing if registered by August 1
- \$50 regular admission price between August 1 and October 15

Our Vocation Corner

Why are you so terrified? Why are you lacking in faith? If God is calling you, do not be afraid. If the wind and sea obey God's call Shouldn't you? Do not be afraid to obey God's call to serve as a priest or religious. Call Fr. Casey as Director of Vocations at 860-225-6449. You can also email vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

Pro-Life

Thought of the Week

Since RU 486's advent in the market, the number of babies killed by chemical abortion has substantially increased. Chemical abortions jumped from 6% of all abortions in 2001 to 31% of abortions in 2014.

Life Site News
Brad Mattes

64th Annual Holy Cross Bazaar

Thursday, July 12 – Saturday, July 14

Thursday: 6-10PM Friday: 6-11PM

Saturday: 5-11PM

Visit the Holy Cross Bazaar on the school grounds at 221 Farmington Avenue. Admission is free.

2018 BMW X1 sDrive 28i Sports Activity Vehicle Raffle. Tickets are \$200.00 each and can be purchased by calling the parish office at 860-229-2011 or online by credit card or PayPal at: bazaarbmw.org.

Win one of 5 generous Cash Prizes: Tickets \$5.00 each. Grand prize \$2,500.00.

Tasty foods will be available for purchase including pierogi, kielbasa sandwiches, stuffed cabbage, potato pancakes and much more!

Wristbands available for purchase for carnival rides.

Music & Entertainment: Thursday & Friday: The Jan & Renata Kwasnik Band. Saturday: The Janosiki Band.

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