

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the joy and hope of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I want to offer my warmest and most heartfelt Easter blessings to each of you across our beloved Archdiocese of Hartford.

Easter is the great proclamation of our faith: Christ is risen, He is truly risen. From the silence of the tomb bursts forth new life, renewed hope, and unshakable joy. No matter the burdens we carry or the uncertainties we face in daily life, the light of the risen Christ breaks through every darkness, assuring us that death and sin do not have the final word.

The Resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our Christian hope. Through Christ's victory over death, we are offered new life, a life that is rooted in mercy, strengthened by grace, and sustained by God's unfailing love. In this sacred season, we are reminded that nothing is beyond God's redeeming power and that His mercy knows no limits.

As we gather with family, friends, and parish communities to celebrate this holy feast, I invite you to reflect on how we are called to be witnesses of the Resurrection in the world today. In a society often marked by division, fear, and indifference, we are entrusted with the mission of bringing Christ's peace, compassion, and reconciling love to all; those we know well and those we have yet to encounter.

May this Easter season renew in each of us a deeper commitment to faith, service, and charity. On this holy day, my prayer is that the light of the Risen Christ fills your homes with peace, your hearts with renewed hope, and your families with the deep assurance that death does not have the final word—love does.

Please know that you remain in my prayers, and I ask that you kindly remember me in yours. Happy Easter to you and to all those you cherish.

With Easter joy and blessings,

** Christopher J. Coyne*

**Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Archbishop of Hartford**



Upcoming Events



APRIL 9 @ 7PM
A FRANCISCAN APPROACH TO ECOLOGY
 Franciscan Life Center, Meriden

Sister Damien Marie Savino, FSE reflects on how inner human healing and outer ecological healing mutually impact each other in the human vocation to care for creation. Reception to follow. Call **203-237-8084** to RSVP.



APRIL 11 @ 8:30AM **\$75**
CONTEMPLATIVE ENRICHMENT DAY
 Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Inspired by Rilke's "Sonnets to Orpheus," this retreat explores themes of transformation and the courage to "live the questions." Join us to practice "heart-work" and discover how to belong to "the Whole." In-person and online via Zoom. Two Centering Prayer sessions and lunch. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.



APRIL 11 @ 10AM - 4PM **\$75**
SPRING WREATH MAKING
 Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Make yourself a decorative wreath for Springtime. Using colorful paper, you will create a beautiful wreath to take home and use on front door or inside the house. You will need no experience in wreath making to complete this special wreath and you can hang it year after year! Supplies and Lunch provided. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.



APRIL 12 @ 3PM
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE
 Christ the King Parish, Corpus Christi Church, Wethersfield

We invite you to join us for a special service of Divine Mercy. The afternoon will include the chanting of the Chaplet, the veneration of St. Faustina's relic, and will conclude with Benediction. Join us as we seek the graces of the Merciful Heart of Jesus.



APRIL 14 - 15 @ 11AM - 7PM
PEOPLE OF HOPE MUSEUM
 Cathedral of Saint Joseph rear lot, off Asylum Ave, Hartford

Step inside for an inspiring look at how Catholic Charities agencies bring compassion to help people in need nationwide. Visit www.ccaoh.org/poh to learn more.



APRIL 17 @ 6:30PM
YOUNG ADULT 21+ GROUP
 Our Lady of Knock Parish, St. Patrick Church, Farmington

Candlelight Mass will be held at 6:30 PM with Trivia, Tacos, Drinks, and Social following the Candlelight Mass.



APRIL 17 - 19
INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES
 St. George Church, Guilford

Fri, 17 April, 4:30 - 9 pm | Sat, 18 April, 10 am - 8:30 pm | Sun, 19 April, 9:30 am - 3 pm
 Talks on St. Carlo Acutis & St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia. 1st class relics of both St. Carlo and St. Manuel will be available for veneration. For more information, contact Donna Yatcko at **203-453-2788**.



APRIL 24 @ 7PM
SEEN: A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING
 St. Paul VI Parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Hamden

Join us for a Holy Hour and Reception including Adoration, prayer teams, guided prayer, support and resources for those struggling with pregnancy loss or infertility. Registration required. Please reach out to m.ricci@hamdencatholic.org to RSVP.



MAY 2 @ 4PM
LATINO VOCATION DISCERNMENT NIGHT
 St. Augustine Parish, Hartford

Join us for 4PM Vigil Mass, followed by free dinner and a Q&A panel of speakers from all different vocations. Registration required. Email kathleen.pencz@aohct.org to RSVP.



APRIL 27 @ 7PM
SPEED NETWORKING AND MENTORING
 Holy Angels Center, Meriden

Join Young Catholic Professionals Central Connecticut and meet inspiring professionals, connect with other young adults, and walk away with practical insight for your career and faith. Food and drink will be provided. We will be having Stations of the Cross and prayer at 7pm, and the speed networking and mentoring will start at 7:45.



MAY 8 @ 6PM
SEEN: A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING
 The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Waterbury

All are welcome for a night of prayer and support for those experiencing infertility or pregnancy/child loss, whether you are personally carrying this cross or desire to intercede and accompany others. We will have welcoming remarks, Mass, a reflection, Adoration with Praise and Worship, and a reception to follow with light refreshments, veneration of relics, resources, community, and opportunities to meet with Religious Sisters and Prayer Teams. Registration required. Please reach out to hello@waterburybasilica.org to RSVP.



MAY 8 @ 6PM
WOMEN'S HOLY HOUR & DINNER
 St. Bridget of Sweden Parish,

Are you seeking peace and direction? Join us for an evening dedicated to women's vocational discernment. We'll begin with a Holy Hour featuring beautiful music, prayerful silence, and an inspiring reflection. Please stay for a free dinner and community fellowship. Registration required. Email cdemiany@ascjus.org to RSVP.



MAY 10 @ 10AM **Adults \$50**
MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
 Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Children 4-12, \$15 | Children under 4, Free
 Come celebrate Mother's Day with a special Mass for mothers and families, and then enjoy a delicious gourmet brunch prepared by our chef. Visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar.

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