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27th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" - Lk 17:10b

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We, the worshipping community of Holy Trinity Church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford, rooted in the Gospel and the celebration of the Eucharist, seek to make known God's love in the world through serving one another, sharing our faith and welcoming all.

Holy Trinity Church was founded by Lithuanian Immigrants in 1900 to serve and spread the teachings of Jesus Christ. This church continues to share Lithuanian Liturgy and Traditions related to God.



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Welcome to Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church

On this Sunday we'll be celebrating Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Let us Keep in Prayer all visitors, new and existing parishioners.

Administrator
Very Rev. John Melnick

Weekend Assistant
Rev. Daniel Valente, MSA

Pianist Jason Phillips
Cantor Elizabeth Nanamaker

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Cihan Yucel

In Memoriam **Sister Mary Louise Rouleau**,
CSJ (1941–2018) **George Petkaitis** (1926-2018)

**There are no more official office hours,
if you have questions feel free to leave an
email.**

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Confessions

- **Saturday: Before the Vigil Mass**

Throughout Ordinary Time we remember to pray for those not only closest to us but those who are May be distant and in most need of prayers. Send in your Mass intentions and prayers by calling the office or emailing holytrinity@aohct.org.



October 6
Urban, Kathryn
Adamcewicz, Beverly

October 7
Gagnon, Agnes

October 9
Jalinskas, Edmond
Simonaitis, Eleonora
Veltri, Victoria

October 10
Bansavich, Linda-Ann

October 11
Rodriguez, Alejandro

October 12
Lazarcheck, David
Wilcox, Deborah **Di-Bella**

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dvidešimt septintasis eilinio laiko sekmadienis.

Saturday, October 4, 2025

English/Lithuanian

4:00 pm - For Good Health and Happiness for Nancy

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dvidešimt aštuntas eilinio laiko sekmadienis.

Saturday, October 11, 2025

English

4:00 pm - Vincent Mongillo requested by Rob and Robin Bores

Kindly remember those who have requested our prayers:
Megan Aldridge • Bruce Alexander • Anthony Baggio • Benjamin Bakers • Mark Bishop • Bo Bocon • Holly Boyle • Debbie Burkhead • Joseph Michael

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If you are aware of any of the above having been restored to good health, please call the parish office to have their names removed.



Msgr. Gringaravicius' Homily

Can a blind person lead another blind person? Won't they both fall into a pit?

Homily, Year C (Luke 6:29–42)

September 20, 2025

Dear brothers and sisters, for the past few weeks at Mass we have been listening to passages from the sixth chapter of Saint Luke's Gospel. In this chapter Jesus heals people with incurable illnesses and frees the possessed from evil spirits. But even more importantly, He teaches us how to live—how to live in the spirit of the Gospel. Jesus tells us that it isn't enough just to be "a good person." It's not enough to love only those who love us, to do good only to those who return the favor, or to lend only when we expect repayment. He calls us higher: "Be merciful... Do not judge... Do not condemn... Forgive... Give... The measure you give will be the measure you receive" (cf. Lk 6:36–38).

Notice how there is no threat or anger in His words. Instead, He invites us to make a choice—to live the way God teaches. It sounds simple: follow God's will, do what is right, and you will inherit His Kingdom. But in reality it demands constant effort, faith, humility, and ongoing conversion.

Today Jesus asks a striking question: "Can a blind person lead another blind person? Will they not both fall into a pit?" (Lk 6:39).

This is not only about physical sight. In John's Gospel He speaks even more sharply: "I came into this world so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind" (Jn 9:39). In the Bible, blindness often means unbelief—a heart closed to God. It happens when we trust only ourselves, our own strength and wisdom, leaving no room for God. It is living as if we were the source of light, life, and love.

The truth is that all of us are born spiritually blind. As infants we can only see what is right in front of us. As we grow, parents and teachers help us learn to see more—help us tell good from evil. But even as adults our human sight is limited, colored by fears, opinions, and uncertainty. Some people look up at the sky and see God's greatness, giving thanks for life and beauty. Others notice only dust, dirt, and disorder. Both kinds of people live side by side with us. That's why Jesus calls us to really see—to open the eyes of our hearts and recognize His presence in every moment. Jesus wants to open our eyes. He sends the Holy Spirit to enlighten our hearts and minds so we can recognize God's action in the world and truly believe in the power of His love.

He also reminds us: "A disciple is not above the teacher, but when fully trained will be like the teacher" (Lk 6:40). Our one true Teacher is Christ. He teaches not by force but with humility. He speaks only what the Father commands (cf. Jn 12:49). Even if we attend church faithfully or lead devotions, that alone does not mean we are united

with Christ. What matters most is an inner relationship—trust and humility. Jesus warns against hypocrisy: "Why do you see the speck in your brother's eye but fail to notice the log in your own?" (Lk 6:41). In other words, look first at yourself, at your sins, at your own blindness. Only then can you help someone else.

This doesn't mean we should be naïve or careless. Jesus also says: "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine" (Mt 7:6). We must guard the gift of faith and share it wisely, not waste it where it will be mocked or trampled.

As we close, remember this: our Teacher is Jesus Christ. He alone is the light that leads us out of spiritual blindness. He alone is without sin. When we follow Him, we slowly become like Him, carrying His light to others.

And yes, such people exist today—not only among officially canonized saints, but also quietly living among us. They shine not with their own brightness, but with the light of Christ reflected through their lives.

Amen.

What's Happening This Week?

- ♦ Mon, Sept Oct 6 @ 12:00 p.m. | AA meeting
 - ♦ Tues, Oct 7 @ 8:00 p.m. | AA meeting
 - ♦ Wed, Oct 8 @ 12:00 p.m. | AA meeting
 - ♦ Fri, Oct 10 @ 10:00 a.m. | AA meeting
 - ♦ Fri, Oct 10 @ 12:30 p.m. | Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Meetings are held in the Church Hall unless noted.*

Financial Update Weekend September 28, 2025

Weekly Collection: \$903.00
Monthly Collection \$196.00
HOPES Elementary School Collection: \$20.00
Candle Money: \$24.00
Parish Improvements Collection \$41.00
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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

Branches on the Vine

OCTOBER 4 - 10, 2025



Ewa Lotkowska, a member of Young Catholic Professionals of Central Connecticut, weeds the asparagus in the Franciscan Sisters' garden in Meriden.
PHOTO BY SHELLEY WOLF



Sister Faith Marie Woolsey, of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, and volunteer Matthew Ennis work together to prune an apple tree.
PHOTO BY SHELLEY WOLF

On a Saturday in August, nearly 20 members of the Young Catholic Professionals of Central Connecticut gathered in Meriden for a "service day" to help the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist tend their orchards and gardens.

The young adults joined the sisters in picking peaches, pruning the apple trees, weeding around the asparagus and beets, weeding the flower beds and sweeping the walkways.

"We could have spent the day somewhere else, but this was the best way for us to spend a Saturday," says Joe Luchene, a member of the group, as he gathered tree branches into a wheelbarrow. On weekdays, Luchene is employed as a life coach and as a substitute teacher.

After four hours of outdoor labor, the young people prayed with the women religious and were treated to a lunch, breaking bread with the Franciscan Sisters on their patio behind the John Lateran Center in Meriden.

With the tagline "Working in Witness for Christ," Young Catholic Professionals of Central Connecticut, or YCP, is a local chapter of a national organization that seeks to help young working adults to live their Catholic faith in the workplace and out in the world.

"One thing I really like about Young Catholic Professionals is that it encompasses a lot of different aspects of life. From the title itself you'd think it's just a work-related group, but

it's very wholistic," says Sister Faith Marie Woolsey, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and an assistant chaplain for the young adult group.

"The purpose of Young Catholic Professionals is to help young adults connect their faith and their work," says Natasha Hagan, president of the Central Connecticut chapter, who works as an engineer at Pratt & Whitney. "How do you live an undivided life? How do you show up as your full Catholic self, not shying away from talking about faith?"

Those questions get answered, she says, over time during the group's monthly gatherings. Those gatherings encompass the Executive Speaker Series and Panel Discussions at various local churches throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, the Networking Happy Hour at the Twelve Percent Beer Project in North Haven, and various special events.

The group's primary offering, the Executive Speaker Series, involves talks by senior professionals on development topics, such as leadership in the workplace. Invited speakers often share their own faith journey, providing

insights on how to navigate as people of faith in a secular world. Panel Discussions explore a single virtue, applying it to everyday life.

Over the past two years, the young adults have heard from business owners and professionals working in the fields of law, accounting, marketing, sales, engineering and information technology at companies such as Travelers, Fairfield University, Aetna, Pratt & Whitney, the Knights of Columbus and Santopietro Brewing Company, to name just a few.

Upcoming events: In October, the group will gather for a St. Joseph Saturday Half-Day Retreat on **Oct. 4**, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Sacred Heart Academy, 265 Benham St., Hamden. The retreat includes breakfast, lunch, Mass, confession and Adoration.

In November, the chapter will celebrate its second anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving & Reception celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt on **Nov. 6** at 7 p.m. at St. Bartholomew Church, 45 Ludlow Road, Manchester.

All young adults and newcomers are welcome to attend. For more details, visit youngcatholicprofessionals.org/chapter/central-connecticut.

Story By Shelley Wolf



Upcoming Events

Seen

ARCHDIOCESE of HARTFORD
Office of Faith Formation and Parish Life

*A Mass of Remembrance and Healing
from miscarriage, still birth or infant loss*

Friday, October 17, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Saint Francis Church
1755 Stanley Street, New Britain

All are welcome to attend this Mass of Remembrance and experience the profound peace, love and mercy of Jesus Christ. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents and siblings who grieve the death of a child as a result of a miscarriage, still birth or infant loss. These losses may be recent or extend over many years.
A reception to follow the Mass. Scan the QR Code to register.

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October 11-13, 2025
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
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The exhibit will be open
in the Church Hall:
Sat, Oct. 11 - 10 am - 6 pm
Sun, Oct. 12 - 9 am - 5 pm

Talk on Eucharistic Miracles and
St. Carlo Acutis
The 1st Millennial Saint!

**Sunday, October 12
3:00 pm
(lower church)**

Saint Carlo Acutis lived in Italy from 1990 -2006. During his short 15½ years, he was always joyfully sharing the faith, especially his love of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. At the age of 11, as part of his work as a catechist, he created a website which catalogued many of the principal Eucharistic Miracles which have taken place throughout the world and have been recognized by the Church.

1st class relics of both St. Carlo and St. Manuel will be available for veneration

For more info, call the rectory at (203) 756-8981

Coffee and talk on
St. Manuel González García
Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle

**Monday, October 13
8:30 am**

Manuel González García was born in Seville, Spain in 1877 and ordained a priest in 1901. He was assigned his first parish mission in the little town of Palomares del Río. It was there, where Our Lord spoke to him from an abandoned tabernacle, that was a defining moment in his life and clarified the direction for the rest of his priestly ministry.



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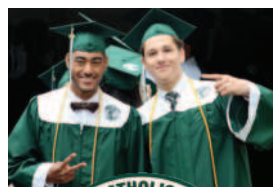
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