



Immaculate Conception Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE *by Church*

*Revised effective
1 Sep 2025*

*Basilica of the
Immaculate Conception*

Sat (Vigil): 4:15pm

Sun: 6:30am, 8am, 10am,
12pm & 6pm

Mon to Fri:

6:30am & 12:10pm

Sat: 6am & 12:10pm

Our Lady of Loreto

Sat (Vigil): 4pm

Sun: 11am

St. Michael

Sun: 9am

CONFESSION *Basilica only*

Sun

7:15-7:45am, 9:15-9:45am,
11:15-11:45am & 5:15-5:45pm

Mon - Sat

11am - 12pm



*"Rather, when you hold a banquet,
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind;
blessed indeed will you be because of
their inability to repay you.
For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."*

- Lk 14:13-14

31 Aug 2025 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

74 West Main Street | Waterbury, CT 06702 | 203.574.0017 | waterburybasilica.org

Churches

*Basilica of the
Immaculate Conception*
74 W Main



Our Lady of Loreto
12 Ardsley Rd



St. Michael the Archangel
62 St Michael's Dr



Blessed Sacrament
182 Robbins St



At Your service

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203.574.0017 | Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm
www.waterburybasilica.org

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3rd Order Franciscan
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St. Jerome Book Club
St. JP II Hiking Club
Sandwich

Please contact the
Parish Office for
more information



Mass Intentions & Memorials



† = Deceased L/D = Living/Deceased

2025 Mass Intentions Calendar available online or by phone ONLY

Basilica of the Immaculate Conception | BIC

Sat, Aug 30

4:15pm † Lucia Cappa

Sun Aug 31 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30am † Nicolas Burgio & † Frank Caruso

8:00am † Yolonde Waldron

10:00am † Magdalena Pocsi

12:00pm † John Scozzafava

6:00pm † Mrs. Maryann Peschel

Mon Sep 01

6:30am Members of the William Summa Family

12:10pm † Robert "Bobby" Maringola

Tue, Sep 02

6:30am † William Banulski

12:10pm † Mario Sr. & † Mario Jr. Petta

Wed, Sep 03

6:30am † Flora Iaiennaro

12:10pm † Navery Franklin

Thu, Sep 04

6:30am † Mary Desmond Keating

12:10pm † Mario Barboza

Fri, Sep 05

6:30am † Denis and Margaret Tehan

12:10pm L/D Members of the Klesch & Murphy Families

Sat Sep 06

6:30am † Frank, † Carmella & † Jerry Grieco
& † Gertrude & † Michael Santone

12:10pm Notre Dame Academy Class of 1975

4:15pm † Diane Foley

Sun Sep 07 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30am † Tadeusz Kurylak

8:00am † Mary & † Edward Chartier

10:00am † William Murray Jr & † William Murray III

12:00pm † Bill Genovese, Sr.

6:00pm † Teresa Lacaria

Blessed Sacrament | BSC

Tue, Sep 02

10:00am For the CAW Teachers and Staff

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials | Aug 31-Sep 06

OLL - † Erminia F. Pesce "Birthday Remembrance"

Reserve your Mass Intentions Online
Anytime, simply scan this QR code



Our Lady of Loreto | OLL

Sat, Aug 30

4:00pm † Louis Dubay

Sun, Aug 31 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am † Anita and † Ed Mylis

Sat, Sep 06

4:00pm † Justin Galullo "Birthday Remembrance"

Sun, Sep 07 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am † Marie & † Louis Bianco

St. Michael the Archangel | SMA

Sat, Aug 30

5:30pm † Henry Carlozzi, Sr.

Sun, Aug 31 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am † Genevieve Manfredi

Sun, Sep 07 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am † Anthony Mancini

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING MASS INTENTIONS ALREADY SCHEDULED

Dear Friends,

With Fr. Madejski being reassigned, the new Mass schedule will take effect on Labor Day, September 1st. The intentions scheduled at Our Lady of Loreto (8:00 am) and both the 6:am and 7am Masses at the Basilica needs to be rescheduled.

Fr. Amobi, chaplain at St. Mary Hospital has a daily Mass at 11:45am and a Saturday Vigil Mass at 4pm. He is willing to offer five Masses each week. Msgr. Bevins also concelebrates Mass every day at the Basilica and is willing to offer his Mass for an intention. He attends different daily Masses and not the same one every day; however the name of your loved one will be announced at the Mass that he attends. A third option is to have the weekly sanctuary candle commemorated in honor of your loved one and a fourth option is to simply have your offering returned to you in the event that a Mass cannot be scheduled at a time of your liking. Concerning the fairest way for the selection of the person for the 6:30 am Mass, we will simply take the name of the persons from the 6am and 7am Masses (already offered) and include the name that was reserved first.

Please check your email for any Mass intention changes or contact Cindy for additional information.

Thank you for your understanding, Fr. Sullivan



Welcome to the Immaculate Conception Parish!

Our Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

has been designated by our Archdiocese of Hartford
a Jubilee 2025 pilgrimage site where the “truly repentant faithful”
can obtain the Jubilee 2025 Plenary Indulgence.



An Invitation

Informational Meeting - Stephen Ministries

Mon, 8 Sep at 5:30pm | OLL Parish Hall

What is the Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of parish members—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the parish and the community experiencing life difficulties.

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

Stephen Ministry is appropriate for people experiencing: grief, divorce, cancer, hospitalization, physical rehabilitation, long-term care, chronic illness, terminal illness, job loss, loss of a home, military deployment, the onset of a disability, spiritual crisis, many other life struggles.

To register or for more information, please contact:

Nicole at 203.574.0017 x204 or outeach@waterburybasilica.org

Blessed Michael McGivney Center for Renewal



RESUMES AT SMA!

Wed, Sept 10th
from 6-7pm

For a full list of all upcoming Embrace Adoration events,
please visit: rosewingstudios.com/embrace



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please make all
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**Week
ending 8/24**

BIC Weekly: \$21,028.84

OLL Weekly: \$3,572.00

SMA Weekly: \$3,325.00

Total: Weekly: \$27,925.84

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FRIDAY, 26 SEP 2025 AT 6:30PM
\$250/PERSON | RESERVED TABLE FOR 10: \$2,250

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Sponsorships are also available!

Interested? Please contact: Aurora at info@waterburybasilica.org

2025 Annual Parish Picnic

Edgewood Swim & Racquet Club

New Location – New Fun – Same Great Fellowship

FREE Admission



Saturday, 20 September from 2pm to Dusk

So we say "THANK YOU!" to the owner/management of Edgewood and of Frankie's and to our parish's ACTS Men's and Women's Groups for their generous spirits to host, to feed and to serve and give us an extraordinary day - all for FREE!

This year's picnic is bursting with new activities, too! Activity sign-ups available at check-in. Most activities include free instruction—so jump in and try something new!

Basketball • Cornhole • Jumbo Jenga • Pickleball • Ping Pong • Volleyball
Board and Card Games Indoors (Sorry! Edgewood's pool will already be closed for the season)

Sign-up sheets are at the front vestibule of OLL & SMA
and on the table by Mary's Altar at BIC
Or register online by scanning this QR code



From the desk of Dan Mathews

Dear Brethren in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel reading from Luke, Jesus admonishes us, "The one who humbles himself will be exalted." But what exactly does it mean to be "humble?" And how do I know if I am truly humble in the way Jesus calls me to be?

Recently I was exiting a building and noticed a man walking behind me toward the same exit. So I held the door open for him, and he walked past me with his hands behind his back and his nose in the air, never thanking me or even deigning to look at me, as if he were the heir to the throne and I were his lowly equerry. "You're welcome!" I barked at him, thinking to myself, "There goes a man without humility." And then God gently rebuked me. "There go TWO men without humility."

Ouch.

But of course He was right.

To be truly humble is to treat others as if they are more important than you are without the expectation of gratitude or reward. Jesus says in the same Gospel reading that we should invite the poor, the lame, and the blind into our homes and our hearts despite their inability to repay us. This is of course true on a literal level: Catholic social teaching stipulates that like Jesus, we must have a preferential option for the poor, the sick, and those who live on the margins. But on a broader level, Jesus is telling us if we want to be accepted at His heavenly banquet, we must accept and serve others in the here and now, and put their needs ahead of our own.

So how do I know if I am actually doing this? Perhaps by asking myself these questions: do I love everyone? Or are there people I have not learned to love yet? Do I enjoy other people's company generally, or do people get on my nerves? When I am ministering to other people, do I genuinely, prayerfully desire to serve them, or am I merely soliciting their gratitude? Or am I thinking more about the opportunity costs to me, all the other things I would rather be doing? Do I get angry when people disagree with me? Do I just talk at people, or do I actually listen to them?

When I examined my conscience after my unpleasant experience with the aforementioned fellow in the doorway, I realized that rather than hold the door out of love for the man, I did it in order to receive his admiration and thanks. And having gotten neither, I chose to take offense, in the conviction that I deserved praise in that moment.

What would have been a more Catholic response than my own sarcastic one? I should have prayed for him. I should have said, "Enjoy your day sir! God bless you!" I should have allowed myself to love him and feel good about making his day better. The holiest saints (St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Andre Bessette, and of course the Blessed Virgin Mary, among others) were those who derived true joy by putting other people first. By saying "Yes!" to God and denying what was easiest for themselves, they put into action the words of Jesus in Matthew 16:25: "Who ever loses himself for my sake will find himself."

I am reminded of my saintly mother, who loved jewelry, but not for the reason most people do. Whenever anyone, a waitress, a cashier, a janitor, admired my mother's necklace or earrings, in the blink of an eye the item was off her ears or neck and being pressed into the palm of the other. For Mom, wearing jewelry was just an opportunity to be generous to other people. It wasn't about "her." It was always about the other person. As Mom was with her trinkets and baubles, so we must be with our possessions, our hearts, and our lives: giving them freely, lovingly, and unconditionally.

This is true humility.

God bless you all!
Dan Mathews



Women, come as you are.....
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Feeling pulled in many directions? Do you find it hard to balance the demands placed on your time? God wants to support and help us so that we can be our best in every season of our lives. In Keeping in Balance, we'll explore Biblical ideas for managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. Come along on a journey throughout Scripture as we discover the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom to our current daily challenges. Your lifestyle of health and holiness awaits.

Kick-off Date: Tuesday, 16 September 2025
Time: Morning (10am-12pm) OR Evening (6-8pm)
Location: Our Lady of Loreto (OLL) Church Hall

To register, email wwpteam@waterburybasilica.org, please leave your full name, email, phone number, which session: AM or PM you will attend
The book will be available to purchase on Sept 16 for \$50 (in cash only).

Questions? Contact Anita R at 203 577-5888

ABC of Annulment (Declaration on Nullity) Workshop

The application for the process of annulment in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by James Tottenham with instructional classes held at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Class Schedule: Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7 and Oct 14
Tuesday Evenings, 6:30 - 7:45pm

Week 1- Review of the Annulment Process & Application form

Everyone must attend this meeting prior to the follow up sessions.

Week 2 & 3 - Writing Workshop

Week 4 - A final review with applicant before submitting to the tribunal

For further information, call or text Jim T at 203.859.4195

Rosaries for our CAW Teachers

**We invite our parishioner to pray the rosary
for one of our CAW teacher once a week throughout the school year**

Once you have completed the rosary, please put one of the daisies from the basket into the glass vase, both found near BIC's Mary's Altar.

The vase(s) will be brought to the school
and will be offered up during their school Mass on Tuesdays.

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Ryan, Noah
Skipp, Ashley
Stead, Kerry


JOIN US FOR A... DIVAS Ladies Group Mini Retreat

WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2025

When: 06:30pm - 07:45pm
Where: Our Lady of Loreto Church Hall
12 Ardsley Road, Waterbury, CT 06708

Topic: Who is God...

Yes. It might seem like an easy answer but is it? Come and see how the many different answers to this question from Scripture can enrich and make our lives more at peace. All ladies are welcome to join us for this interactive and fun Retreat given by Fran Walsh.

*(Convenient parking behind the church with no steps into the church hall.)
We hope to see you there!* 

A Lectionary-based Bible Study for Everyone

with Dan Mathews
Fri | 11am or 5:30pm
BIC Jeremiah Room

Questions? Contact Dan
203.574.0017

St Monica Ministry Meeting | Friday 5 September 2025
6:45 - 7:45 pm at BIC Jeremiah Room

**Ages
18-39**

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Fellowship: 6:15-7:15 pm in the Jeremiah Room

Adoration: 7:15-8:15 pm in the Basilica

Email: c4cwaterbury@gmail.com

MEETINGS EVERY MONDAY

STAY LATE WITH US AND PLAY GAMES!

Young adults, after C4C Adoration, join us back in the Jeremiah Room for games & fellowship.



Monthly Cemetery Rosary Walks

We were blessed to pray the Rosary at St. Thomas Cemetery last Sunday and walk the steps that Bl. Fr. McGivney walked when serving his community.

NEXT ROSARY WALK

Date & location TBD

Volunteers Needed!

Our CCD program is growing, and we need your help to make next year inspiring and joyful for our students! Whether you're gifted in hospitality, organization, or sharing your faith, there's a place for you!

Volunteer Opportunities

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Richard F. Reidy

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EVENT STARTS AT 8:30AM

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Monday, September 8th, 2025
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Attend Mass at 12:10pm.

Join us for a craft, cupcakes, and rosary in the Jeremiah room



Branches on the Vine

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 5, 2025



James Gentile is a lector at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford.
PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

As part of a continuing formation program, the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese of Hartford is offering upcoming evenings of reflection and formation for lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

"These two-hour sessions are offered around the Archdiocese as a way to gather to reflect on their ministry, pray together and perhaps learn something new about their ministry," says Josh Perry, director of the Office of Worship, who will be conducting them.

Seven sessions for extraordinary ministers will be offered in September. Lectors will also be able to participate in seven evenings geared toward them that will occur in October. Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a lector or extraordinary minister is encouraged to attend.

The evenings for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will include an opening prayer, reflections, formation best practices and guidelines.

Sessions for lectors will offer techniques to prepare for delivering

the readings beforehand, Perry says, adding, "How do you get to know the reading? Pray with the readings and practice them at home.

Perry was recently appointed in his role. "As the new director, I've had the privilege and honor of joining a number of the parishes around the Archdiocese for weekend Masses," he says. "I'm grateful to you for your willingness to share your gifts with the communities you serve, and it is my prayer that you continue to find your ministry as lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion life-giving and spiritually enriching."

The evenings of reflection and formation for lectors were started last year by Father Michael Ruminski, former director of the Office of Divine Worship and former pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Bloomfield. He was recently assigned as pastor of St. Thomas & St. Timothy Parish in West Hartford.

For lectors, Father Ruminiski says, it is important to "gain a greater appreciation of the spiritual and theological dimensions of what they do when they stand at the ambo and read the Word of God."

ENRICHING THE WORD, SHARING THE BODY

*Spiritual renewal evenings set for lectors,
extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.*

"When the Scripture is proclaimed at Mass, God is speaking to us, and so the better we proclaim it and the better we understand how to proclaim it, the more easily we'll be able to respond to that communication from God," Father Ruminski adds. "This is especially true in the Gospel, which is why there's veneration and incense and standing because we're greeting the Gospels as if Christ is at the ambo."

Later this year, Perry plans of offering the sessions for both lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. To see the schedule for the upcoming workshops and to sign up, visit archdioceseofhartford.org/evening-of-reflection.


For questions, call Perry at 860.578.1427 or email him at josh.perry@aohct.org.

Parishioners interested in learning more about becoming a lector or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion may also speak with their pastor.

- Story by Joe Pisani




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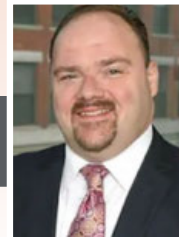
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