



ARCHDIOCESE of HARTFORD

Office of Worship

Dear Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

As we enter the fall programming season in our parishes, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your service to your parish community through your commitment as a lector or as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Your willingness to serve as a liturgical minister is a true blessing, and it is my prayer that you find grace upon grace in your ministry.

To support your ongoing spiritual growth and help pastors ensure that our liturgies remain beautiful and reverent, the Archdiocesan Office of Worship is once again conducting a series of regional formation sessions.

Whether you are a seasoned minister or entirely new to serving in these roles, I warmly invite you to join us for this time of prayer, reflection, and instruction. These sessions will provide a deeper reflection on the theology of our ministries as well as practical points to help us in our ministries.

A series of three workshops will be offered around the Archdiocese:

EMHC 1.0: Be What You See and Receive Who You Are – This session is intended for *NEWLY* commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, those thinking about the ministry, and those who did NOT attend a regional Archdiocesan training session last fall or winter. Includes a theological reflection on ministry and practical considerations for distributing holy communion at Mass in church. Available as English-only, Spanish-only, or Bilingual (Spanish/English) sessions.

Lector 1.0: Stop Reading and Start Proclaiming – Preparation, Prayer, and Practice – This session is intended for *NEWLY* appointed Lectors, those thinking about the ministry, and those who did NOT attend a regional Archdiocesan training session last fall or winter. Includes a theological reflection on the ministry as well as best practices in preparing the Lectionary readings for proclamation at Mass in church. Available as English-only, Spanish-only, Bilingual (Spanish/English) sessions.

EMHC 2.0: Training for Ministers to the Sick and Homebound – This session is meant for those ministers who bring communion to the sick and homebound. During this session, we'll cover important Archdiocesan mandates, care and custody of the Eucharist, making a pastoral visit, and review the official ritual given to lay persons in distributing communion to the sick and homebound. We'll have an opportunity to discuss any particular situations or scenarios that you may have encountered in your ministry. These sessions are available in English at this time. Spanish workshops will be scheduled in the winter.

You can register by either returning the enclosed registration form or online at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/ministry/worship/news/>. If you have any questions about these opportunities, please do not hesitate to reach out: josh.perry@aohct.org or by phone: 860-578-1427. I hope to have to opportunity to meet many of you at one of these sessions over the next few months!

God bless you in your ministry!

Josh Perry
Director; Office of Worship

**FALL 2025 LITURGICAL MINISTRY EVENING OF REFLECTION & FORMATION
REGISTRATION FORM**

Ways to Register

ONLINE: <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/ministry/worship/news/>

EMAIL: Scan this registration form or include the requested information in an email to

josh.perry@aohct.org

MAIL: Please return form to

Office of Worship

Cathedral of Saint Joseph 140 Farmington Ave. Hartford, CT 06105

Lector and Eucharistic Ministry Evening of Reflection & Formation Reservation Form – Fall 2026

Name: _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

Parish _____

Parish Town: _____

I'd like to register for **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 1.0 for NEW Ministers:**

- ___ Tuesday, September 8 – St. Francis of Assisi; Torrington (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)
- ___ Thursday, September 10 (BILINGUAL) – St. Francis of Assisi; New Haven (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)
- ___ Wednesday, September 16 – St. Francis of Assisi; Naugatuck (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)
- ___ Tuesday, September 22 – Most Holy Trinity; Wallingford (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm)
- ___ Wednesday, September 23 (SPANISH) – Shrine of Saint Anne; Waterbury (7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)
- ___ Saturday, October 17 – St. Joseph Church; New Haven (10:00 am – 12:00 Noon)
- ___ Thursday, November 12 (BILINGUAL) – Our Lady of Sorrows; Hartford (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)
- ___ Saturday, November 14 – St. Mark; West Hartford (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)

I'd like to register for **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 2.0 FOR MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:**

- ___ Tuesday, October 6 – St. Francis of Assisi; Torrington (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)
- ___ Wednesday, October 7 – St. Francis of Assisi; Naugatuck (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)
- ___ Saturday, October 10 – St. Mark; West Hartford (10:00 am – 12:00 noon)
- ___ Tuesday, October 13 – St. Joseph Church; New Haven (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)

I'd like to register for **LECTORS 1.0 for NEW Ministers:**

- ___ Wednesday, September 9 – St. Francis of Assisi; Naugatuck (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)
- ___ Tuesday, September 15 – St. Francis of Assisi; Torrington (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)
- ___ Thursday, September 24 (BILINGUAL) – St. Francis of Assisi; New Haven (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)
- ___ Saturday, October 17 – St. Joseph Church; New Haven (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)
- ___ Tuesday, October 20 (SPANISH) – Shrine of Saint Anne; Waterbury (7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)
- ___ Saturday, November 14 – St. Mark; West Hartford (10:00 am – 12:00 noon)
- ___ Tuesday, November 17 – Most Holy Trinity; Wallingford (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm)
- ___ Thursday, November 19 (BILINGUAL) – Our Lady of Sorrows; Hartford (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm)

Any particular issue/concern/question you'd like addressed at the session?

THANK YOU!