



NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS PARISH



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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

1588 Main Street East Hartford, CT 06108



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ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

538 Brewer Street East Hartford, CT 06118

Pastor Reverend Timothy E. Ryan
Parochial Vicar Reverend Eric M. Zuniga
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..... Mirian Miyasato & Michael Zappala
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 2:45 - 3:30pm St. Christopher Church
30 minutes before Spanish Masses

PRAYER LINE



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MASS SCHEDULE Weekend Masses

Saturday	4:00pm Vigil St. Christopher
Sunday	7:30am St. Christopher
	9:00am St. Mary's
	10:30am St. Mary's (<i>Spanish</i>)
	12:30pm St. Mary's (<i>Spanish</i>)
	4:30pm St. Christopher

Weekday Masses

Monday	8:00am St. Christopher (<i>Novena</i>)
Tues-Sat	8:00am St. Christopher
Tuesday	7:00pm St. Christopher (<i>Spanish</i>)

Tercer Domingo De Adviento

Third Sunday of

ADVENT



BAPTISMS:

(ENGLISH) Please contact the office 860-289-7916.

(SPANISH) Por favor llame a la oficina 860-289-7916.

CLOTHING BANK HOURS:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 11:30am - 1:00pm

St. Mary's Hall

EXPOSITION & ADORATION:

2:30 - 3:30pm every Saturday & 6pm every other Wednesday at Saint Christopher Church. See calendar for dates.

FUNERALS: Once arrangements are made with a funeral home, we will help you plan the Mass of Christian Burial.

MATRIMONY: All arrangements must be made six months in advance of the date.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND & HOSPITALS:

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in Church because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish the Sacraments or visitation, please call the office 860-289-7916.

NEWCOMERS: If you are new to our Parish, we extend a warm welcome and hope that you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. Please introduce yourselves to Father. Registration forms are available on our website namct.org, in Church or at the rectory office.

N. A. M. PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open Monday thru Thursday from 9:00am - 4:00pm and Friday from 9:00am - 12:30pm. Closed 12:30 - 1:30 for lunch.

St. Mary's Church & St. Christopher Church are open from 9:00am - 3:00pm Monday thru Friday for you to pray or light a candle.

If you have a true emergency after hours, such as an urgent need for the anointing of the sick, call 860-289-7916 ext. 320.

The weekly bulletin is posted to our website: www.namct.org, click Events then Weekly Bulletin. You can also find it on **ParishesOnline**.



6:30pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday
Doors open at 4:00pm Admission \$3.00
St. Mary's Hall - Phone: 860-291-0056

SUPERMARKET CERTIFICATES



You can purchase supermarket certificates, at the Parish Office.

Gift cards are available in a variety of denominations: Stop & Shop, Shop Rite, and Big Y.

By purchasing gift cards you help us financially, and it doesn't cost you a thing. The parish gets 5% of all the cards sold.

Thank you for supporting our Parish.



SAINT MARY'S

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:00am †KEN EVANS, MARY & FRANK GALIPO (Gail)

12:30pm BENDICIONES DE CUMPLEAÑOS PARA TERE FRAUSTO, LUNA Y JIMMY DRIEU (familia)

NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00am †KATHERINE & GEORGE WINSLOW

10:30am †DANILO BUSTAMANTE (su Mama)

12:30pm †MANUEL NEGRON (su Hermana)

SAINT CHRISTOPHER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 – Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

4:00pm †NINA PAGLIUGHI & LAURA SAPIA (family)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

7:30am †RUTH SHEEHAN (family)

4:30pm †ISAURA HERNANDEZ, MARIA CONCEPCION HERNANDEZ & BOB ALSTRUM (Tim & Ana Maria Alstrum)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 – Advent Weekday

8:00am †IRENE PINETTE (family)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16 – Advent Weekday

8:00am †DINIS LEONARDO (wife & family)

7:00pm †MARIA FELICIANO (sus hijos)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 – Late Advent Weekday

8:00am †YOLANDE (DOUCETTE) MC KNIGHT (sister Gisele)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 – St. Late Advent Weekday

8:00am †DIANE OLINATZ & JOHN R. OLINATZ (family)

FRIDAY DECEMBER 19 – Late Advent Weekday

8:00am †DAVID LEONE (wife Carolyn)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 – Late Advent Weekday

8:00am †BRUNO & CATHERINE PALMIERI (family)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 – Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00pm †ANN MARIE PLAKSKA (Ginny Alleano & family)

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30am †PAUL LUFBERY IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIS BIRTHDAY (wife)

4:30pm †ELMER GENDREAU (wife & family)

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Today, over 20,500 elderly religious depend on the Retirement Fund for Religious to help cover their rising health care costs, medication, and daily living expenses. Your gift helps ensure they receive the care they deserve. Please give back to those who have given a lifetime.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND...

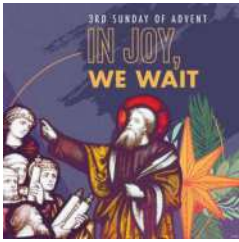


...will be for Christmas Flowers. You may complete your envelope with the names of your deceased loved ones and place in the collection basket. These envelopes will be placed on our Christmas Altars and prayed for though the Christmas season.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Meditations for the Advent Season

Third Meditation:



The readings for this Advent Season set the tone with their continued prophetic calls for repentance, the warnings to wait and watch, the urgency of preparation for what is coming. It is obvious to all of us that there are those who are unprepared for our Heavenly Father. Perhaps, maybe they are angry, or maybe

their faith is weak, or they have lost all hope.

And yet, this is an expectant season, a season of being primed and pumped, a season of great joy. But for some, rejoicing succumbs to sadness; moods are dark, more anxious, unsettled, for any number of reasons, not least of which might be the state of our world today.

The news of the world is always a distressed word, a word full of sadness and anger, a word tinged with fear and heavy with regret. Maybe that is why the darker mood of the Advent season speaks to us at times more authentically than its more joyous mood. The news of the world in which we live is so often itself such a dark unsettled word.

But during this third week of Advent we are urged to rejoice. And in its wisdom, the Church has placed this rejoicing season in the midst of the heavier Advent mood, has placed today's major joyfulness amid the plaintive longing of the rest of the season, whose words are not words of hope and promise so much words of warning, dire words that leave us judged.

The God who comes to be our judge is the same God who comes to be our Savior. This is what holds the waiting and rejoicing moods of Advent together.

Our Heavenly Father is a lover and He invites us to love Him in return. Our Scripture readings are a story of love. It is not about something called religion, but it is all about the love God has for us. Our Heavenly Father wants us for himself. He wants us as lovers. This is the God who heals and saves, the God who gives meaning and hope to the downcast and new life to the dead. This is God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, the God worth waiting for, and working for, and praying to and rejoicing with.

Think about it.

God Bless you.

Father Ryan



We pray for the repose of the souls of **DR. PAUL GAGNON** for whom a Mass of Christian Burial was offered last week and **SUSAN D'ONOFRIO** for whom a Service of Christian Burial was also offered. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Meditaciones para el Tiempo de Adviento

Tercera Meditación:



Las lecturas para este tiempo de Adviento establecen el tono con sus continuos llamados proféticos al arrepentimiento, las advertencias de esperar y observar, la urgencia de la preparación para lo que viene. Es obvio para todos nosotros que hay quienes no están preparados para nuestro Padre Celestial. Tal vez, tal vez están enojados, o tal vez su fe es débil, o han perdido toda esperanza.

Y, sin embargo, esta es una temporada expectante, una temporada de estar preparado, una temporada de gran alegría. Pero para algunos, el regocijo sucumbe a la tristeza; los estados de ánimo son oscuros, más ansiosos, inquietos, por cualquier número de razones, entre las cuales podría ser el estado de nuestro mundo actual.

La noticia del mundo es siempre una palabra angustiada, una palabra llena de tristeza e ira, una palabra teñida de miedo y cargada de arrepentimiento. Tal vez por eso el estado de ánimo más oscuro de la temporada de Adviento nos habla a veces de manera más auténtica que su estado de ánimo más alegre. Las noticias del mundo en el que vivimos son a menudo en sí mismas una palabra tan oscura e inquietante.

Pero durante esta tercera semana de Adviento se nos insta a regocijarnos. Y en su sabiduría, la Iglesia ha colocado este tiempo de regocijo en medio del estado de ánimo más pesado del Adviento, ha colocado la mayor alegría de hoy en medio del anhelo quejumbroso del resto del tiempo, cuyas palabras no son palabras de esperanza y prometen tantas palabras de advertencia, palabras terribles que nos dejan juzgados.

El Dios que viene a ser nuestro juez es el mismo Dios que viene a ser nuestro Salvador. Esto es lo que mantiene unidos los estados de ánimo de espera y regocijo del Adviento.

Nuestro Padre Celestial es un amante y nos invita a amarlo a cambio. Nuestras lecturas de las Escrituras son una historia de amor. No se trata de algo llamado religión, sino del amor que Dios tiene por nosotros. Nuestro Padre Celestial nos quiere para sí mismo. Él nos quiere como amantes. Este es el Dios que sana y salva, el Dios que da sentido y esperanza a los abatidos y nueva vida para los muertos. Este es Dios, el Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo y nuestro Padre, el Dios por el que vale la pena esperar, trabajar y orar y regocijarse con él.

Piénsalo.

Que dios te bendiga.

Padre Ryan

PLEASE NOTE!

The Wednesday December 17th, Adoration, Benediction & Devotions usually held at 6pm in St. Christopher Church has been canceled. You are welcome to attend the Spanish Christmas Novena at 7pm.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY
FELIZ FIESTA DE NAVIDAD**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

10:15 am St. Mary's Hall

ALL Religious Ed Students K-8



**CUPCAKES, COOKIES
AND OTHER GOODIES
WILL BE SERVED.**

**IF YOUR CHILD HAS
ANY FOOD ALLERGIES, FOR
THEIR SAFETY, PLEASE STAY
WITH YOUR CHILD FOR THE
PARTY TO CONTROL WHAT
THEY EAT AND DRINK.**



**We don't have enough eyes to
watch them all!**

**SE SERVIRÁ MAGDALENAS,
GALLETAS Y OTROS
DELICIOSOS.**

**SI SU HIJO TIENE ALGUNA
ALERGIA ALIMENTARIA, PARA
SU SEGURIDAD, POR FAVOR,
QUÉDESE CON ÉL DURANTE LA
FIESTA PARA CONTROLAR LO
QUE COME Y BEBE.**



**¡No tenemos suficientes ojos
para vigilarlos a todos!**

2024 PARISH ANNUAL COLLECTION

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our **Parish Annual Collection**. If you have not had an opportunity to return your gift card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcome and sincerely appreciated. Thank you!

Parish Goal 25% participation

of Households 1,909 % of Participation 11.11%
of Households Participating 212



Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Judith Craig

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For Cancellations See Channel 3 WFSB &
[NBC Connecticut Channel 30](#)

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Grades K - 8 meet the 1st & 3rd Sundays *
every month at St. Mary's Hall 10:15 - 11:45

No Classes on Sunday, December 14th

Sunday, December 21st, Christmas Party

***Students preparing for First Communion meet
every Sunday except when noted on the calendar.**

**Confirmation 1 & 2 Classes meet on Mondays
from 6:30 - 8:00pm in St. Mary's Hall**

Monday, December 15th

Monday, December 22nd, Christmas Party

**OCIA English Classes for Adults 6:30 - 8:00pm
Mondays St. Chris Rectory Basement**

Monday, December 15th

**OCIA Spanish Classes for Adults 6:30 - 8:00pm
Tuesdays St. Mary's Hall**

Tuesday, December 16th



MEN OF THE PARISH!!

January 16 - 18, 2026, *Pilgrims of Hope* Men's Retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
Faith is a journey! Last year, just months before his passing, Pope Francis called for a jubilee year, and he announced the theme would be *Pilgrims of Hope*.

As "pilgrims of hope," we must be willing to take risks, to make the effort to understand God's call, and to grow in our faith. The pilgrim doesn't travel aimlessly but allows God to be the North Star, leading us to discover that God is at the heart of our journey.

We invite you to join us this year at Holy Family for your annual retreat as we celebrate our 75th anniversary of ministry. Together, as part of God's beloved creation, we can pursue that blessed goal - life with God as beloved companions and pilgrims of hope.

For more info, please contact one of our parish retreat promoters: **Ray Simeone** at 860-218-0002 or **Ed Mirek** at 860-989-2301. Or visit holyfamillyretreat.org/themed-retreats. You can register on the website or call Holy Family at 860.760.9705. Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center - West Hartford, CT.

PARISH AND COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

PARISH SUPPORT

Stewardship of TIME, TALENT & TREASURE
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Your gifts of love and sacrifice amounted to:

11/30 Offertory Collection \$11,012

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The Friendship Center \$357**

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North American Martyrs Parish or N.A.M. Parish**
Thank you for your Stewardship!

WEEK 3
Advent



SUNDAY 12/14

NO Religious Education Classes

MONDAY 12/15

Religious Ed Classes Confirmation 1 & 2

6:30 - 8:00pm St. Mary's Hall

OCIA English Classes for Adults

6:30 - 8:00pm St. Christopher Rectory Basement

TUESDAY 12/16

Mass at Sarah Care 10:30am

OCIA Spanish Classes for Adults

6:30 - 8:00pm St. Mary's Hall

Sp Christmas Novena 6:30pm St. Christopher Church

Juan XXIII Group 7:45 - 9:00pm Our Lady of Peace

WEDNESDAY 12/17

Chaplet of the Most Precious Blood Prayer Group
after the 8am Mass, St. Christopher

Mass at Riverside Health & Rehab 10:30am

Middle School Group 5 - 6:15pm Our Lady of Peace

High School Group 6:15 - 7:45pm Our Lady of Peace

Sp Christmas Novena 7pm St. Christopher Church

English Choir Rehearsal 7:15 - 9pm St. Mary's

THURSDAY 12/18

K of C Council 4 Christmas Party 6:00pm Dinner

Sp Children's Choir Rehearsal 5 - 7pm St. Mary's

Sp Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 - 9:30pm St. Mary's

Sp Christmas Novena 7pm St. Christopher Church

Bingo 6:30pm St. Mary's Hall. Doors open at 4:00pm

FRIDAY 12/19

Bingo 6:30pm St. Mary's Hall. Doors open at 4:00pm

Sp Christmas Novena & gathering

7pm St. Christopher Church & Hall

SATURDAY 12/20

Exposition & Adoration 2:30 - 3:30pm St. Christopher

Bingo 6:30pm St. Mary's Hall. Doors open at 4:00pm

Sp Christmas Novena 7pm St. Christopher Church

NEXT SUNDAY 12/21

English Choir Rehearsal 8:00 - 8:45 am St. Mary's

Religious Education Classes K - 8

10:15 - 11:45am St. Mary's Hall

Sp Children's Choir gathering 4pm St. Chris Hall

Sp Christmas Novena 7pm St. Christopher Church



Sanctuary Candle



St. Mary's Sanctuary candle burns this week:

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
WILLIAM & LOTTIE TRAUB**

St. Christopher Sanctuary candle burns this week:

**BENDICIONES DE SALUD BIENESTAR y ESPIRITUAL
PARA MADELINE RIVERA**

If you would like to have a Candle burn in honor of a living
or deceased loved one, or for a special intention, please
call the Parish Office 860-289-7916.

PARISH FOOD BANKS

ST. MARY'S FOOD BANK (location: parish hall)

***TUESDAY & FRIDAY 11:30AM - 1:00PM**

***CLOSED FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26TH**

Co-Ordinator's - Joseph & Tina Kohut

To make donations to St. Mary's food bank, you can drop
them off at the Food Bank during the hours of operation
or call the Parish Office 860-289-7916.

ST. CHRIS/SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL FOOD BANK

(location: South Congregational Church

1301 Forbes Street, East Hartford)

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY 12:00PM - 1:00PM

DATES: DECEMBER 16, 30

Clients may visit the Pantry once per month.

Non-perishable food donations can be left in

Saint Christopher Church near the candle station or you
may call Michele at 860-205-7340.

EAST HARTFORD MOBILE FOOD TRUCK:

ST. ISAAC JOGUES CHURCH PARKING LOT

Monday, December 8 & 22, 12:30 - 1:15pm

LA IGLESIA SAN ISAAC

Lunes 8 y 22 de Diciembre, 12:30 - 1:15pm

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Celebration



Everyone is invited to join us on **Sunday,
December 14th**, at St. Mary's Church to
celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

10:30 am Rosary

12:00 pm Procession

12:30 pm Spanish Mass

Pot-Luck Reception to follow, please bring a dish to share.

PARISH AND COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Knights of Columbus Council 4 Hat, Glove & Mitten Drive



When the weather outside is frightful, warm hats, gloves, and mittens are so delightful! Many of the children at Dr. Franklin H. Mayberry School in East Hartford are in need of these to keep their heads and hands warm this winter. To help meet this need, K of C Council 4 is sponsoring a hat, glove and mitten drive **now through Sunday, December 14th**. If you are able to donate any of these items, please drop them off in the marked collection boxes, which are located in the hall at St. Christopher Church and in the vestibule at the main entrance of St. Mary's Church. K of C Council 4 and the children of Mayberry School thank you in advance for your generosity!



ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all the parishioners who donated to St. Mary's Food Pantry for Thanksgiving. Thank you also to Pratt & Whitney, UConn and Gengras Auto (pictured)

for their generous food drive donations.

Thank you to all our volunteers for their dedication and especially the clients we serve who are very grateful.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE NEEDY

The Hartford Catholic Worker and Synergy High School have asked for our help for Christmas.

The Hartford Catholic Worker is looking for gifts for kids aged 6-18: Sporting goods (basketballs, footballs, volleyballs, hula hoops, scooters), sport team shirts, games, and gift certificates for the teens. They are also seeking: new socks, underwear, hats and gloves, and sweatshirts for kids 6-18 and for adults.

Synergy High School has asked for store gift cards like Walmart, Target, CVS and grocery stores.

You can drop off the items at our parish office during our hours of operation.



The Travelers Chorale presents The Colors of the Season at the Bushnell with another **FREE** concert to support our mission of helping feed Hartford's hungry through your generous donations of non-perishable food items. Donated items will stock the **Chrysalis Center's Freshplace food pantry**.

Along with the Bristol Brass and Wind Ensemble and the Bandura Ensemble of Connecticut, we'll perform pieces such as John Rutter's The Colors of Christmas, the beloved Shepherd's Pipe Carol, Chanukah Prayer, and a special rendition of Carol of the Bells performed in Ukrainian. **Wednesday, December 17th at 7:30 pm. (doors open at 7:00 pm.).**

Donations of non-perishable food requested.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Pot-Luck Supper

Knights of Columbus; parish council #4 is having the annual Christmas celebration & gift exchange on Thurs. **December 18th** at the St. Chris Church Hall. Dinner will be at 6 pm. The Council will provide the entree, and guests are asked to bring a dish to share. All members of this council; any widow of a knight; their families and any Knight of another council is invited to attend. There is an optional gift exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a wrapped gift maximum value \$25.00. Funny gifts are encouraged.

Please let Scott Gay know if you plan to attend either by phone 860-569-0617 or email scottgay95@gmail.com.



VOCATION MINISTRY

"Scripture Passages - Vocation Inspiration."

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudette Sunday, a time of joy and rejoicing during the Advent season. It marks the midpoint of the Advent preparation for Christmas, symbolizing that the wait is half over. On this day, the rose-colored or pink candle on the Advent wreath is lit to represent this theme of rejoicing, while the purple candles remain lit to signify hope and peace.

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudette Sunday) December 14th, Matthew 11:2-11

"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Matthew 11:3)

This Sunday is filled with joy because we know Christ is near. True joy comes from serving others and following Jesus' example.

Ask your children what brings them lasting joy. Help them see how acts of love and kindness bring happiness that lasts longer than gifts or rewards.

Pray for joyful hearts and the courage to share that joy with others.

BRANCHES ON THE VINE



In the latest issue: read about the faith story of Omar Acosta who is a third year candidate in the Archdiocese of Hartford's Diaconate Formation Program. He recently built a manger for Sacred Heart Church the third one he has built within the archdiocese following earlier ones at St. Francis Church in New Haven and St. Gabriel Church in Windsor.

Upcoming Events:

A Polish Christmas Concert on December 17th at Sacred Heart Church, 446 Mountain Road, Suffield.

Flyers are on the tables in church or visit our website namct.org or go to <https://www.namct.org/branches-on-the-vine>.

DAILY READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
(see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19
and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wed.: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
Mt 1:1-17

Thurs.: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/
Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sun: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24



Bloomin' 4 Good Program!

A Program to Benefit

St. Mary's Food Pantry

**Let's Fight Hunger Together.
One Bouquet at a Time.**

St. Mary's Food Bank has been selected for the month of December 2025 to receive a \$1 donation for every specially marked \$11.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker sold at the store located at 55 Oak Street, Glastonbury. Stop in the store and pick up a bouquet. **Please tell your family and friends.**



Blood Drive

St. Christopher Church

538 Brewer Street, East Hartford
Wednesday, December 31, 2025
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) scan the QR Code or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: EastHartford to schedule an appointment.



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