

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2020

Wednesday, September 23 ~ Sunday, November 1

The Culture of Life Ministry welcomes your participation in the activities for this year's 40 Days for Life campaign.

- ◆ **Opening Mass** at St. Paul Church - Wednesday, September 23 at 5:00pm
The 5 pm daily Mass will include special mention of 40 Days for Life and themed intercessions. It is anticipated that Fr. Charles, who will be visiting the parish at that time, will be the Celebrant.
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross** on the Parish Green* - Saturday, September 26 at 11:30 am
Led by Fr Michael, the Stations will be prayed in the church in the case of inclement weather.
- ◆ **Children's Rosary** at Sacred Heart Church - Saturday, October 3 at 10:00am
Young children of the parish are encouraged to join with the monthly *Children's Rosary Group* that meets once per month at Sacred Heart Church. This is a wonderful event for children and their families.
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross** at Sacred Heart Church (indoors) - Friday, October 9 at 7:00 pm
Led by Fr Michael, the subdued lighting provided by electric candlelight and lanterns enhances the solemn and reverent atmosphere which The Way of the Cross evokes.
- ◆ **Eucharistic Adoration** at St. Paul Church - Monday, October 12 (Columbus Day)
Adoration will commence at 7:30 am, immediately following the 7:00 am morning Mass, and will end at 7:30 pm. Please SIGN UP for a time slot in one of the following ways:
 - ◇ [Sign up Online via Sign-Up Genius](#). The link is on the home page or our website. ([Online readers, click here.](#))
 - ◇ Sign up In-Person before or after Sunday Mass on the weekends of Oct. 3/4; and Oct. 10/11. Volunteers will be at sign up stations outside of the church.
 - ◇ Call the Parish Office and our staff and volunteers can sign you up. 860-828-0331 (M-F 8am-4pm)
- ◆ **Communal Praying of the Rosary** on the Parish Green* - Saturday, October 17 at 11:30 am
Led by Fr. Michael, this activity will be held inside the church if the weather is inclement.
- ◆ **Vigil at Abortion Clinic** in Hartford* - Saturday, October 24 from 10am-Noon
Participants meet at the Hartford location and pray the Rosary as a group and pray silently as individuals. Parishioners who are not comfortable with participating at the Abortion clinic are encouraged to join us in spirit by fasting and praying a Rosary for Life on this day.
- ◆ **Laying of Flowers at the Memorial to the Unborn** on the Parish Green* - Saturday, October 31 after 4pm Mass
Flowers will be available at the Parish Green after Mass. Parishioners will select a flower and proceed to the Memorial to the Unborn. Indicators for proper social distancing will be in place. Parishioners are encouraged to place the flowers into the holders and say a brief silent prayer for the souls of the unborn and for an end to abortion.

*Outdoor Event



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◆ **ONGOING** **Collection of Pregnancy and Baby Items** from September 23 through November 1

See our website or bulletin for a list of suggested items which can be dropped off at the rear entrance (near the elevator) at St. Paul Church. Items will be donated to local pregnancy centers: the Hartford Women's Center, and Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center in Torrington.

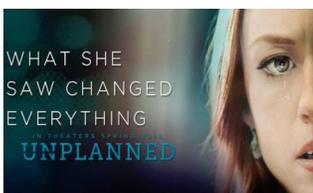
◆ **ONGOING** **Personal Commitment to Pray the Rosary** from September 23 through November 1

Since most of the 40 Days for Life fall within the Marion Month of October, it would be appropriate to have a daily presence at the Statue of Mary located near the Peck Street parking lot. Individuals (or family units) can commit to a specific day (or days!) of their choice on which to pray at that location. Although a visual outdoor presence at the statue is the ideal, inclement weather may necessitate moving indoors. If church is open and available, prayer near the statue of Mary at the side altar is an option.

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For more information visit [40daysforlife.com](https://www.40daysforlife.com)

Questions can be directed to Mary Duplin at (860) 666-0162.



Have you seen *Unplanned*? Visit <https://www.unplannedfilm.com/> for information and to watch the trailer for this inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Until the day she saw something that changed everything. Abby joined 40 Days For Life and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.