



Branches on the Vine

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Chris Healy, executive director of the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, addresses the crowd during the rally at the 2025 March for Life.

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CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE SET FOR MARCH 18 IN HARTFORD

This year will mark the sixth annual Connecticut March for Life, a day for pro-life advocates to communicate to the Connecticut State Legislature their desire to protect and safeguard all human life.

Note: This year's events will begin earlier. The 2026 Connecticut March for Life is set for March 18 with the rally at 11:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Connecticut State Capitol, located at 210 Capitol Ave., Hartford, followed by the march around Bushnell Memorial Park at 12:30 p.m.

At 10:30 a.m., there will also be a pre-rally concert at the Capitol with praise and worship music, courtesy of the worship team at Revelation Church from Bozrah.

"Many people, especially politicians, believe there is little opposition to abortion in our state. This March sends a much different message," says Deacon David Reynolds, associate director of public policy for the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, the public policy and advocacy office of Connecticut's Catholic Bishops.

"Not everyone in Connecticut is happy with the complete lack of restrictions on abortion in our state," the deacon says. "In past years thousands have attended the March. The larger that number, the stronger the pro-life voice will be in Connecticut. It also gives pro-life

legislators in our state, which are few in number, the support they need to continue the fight for life."

Organizers of the March are asking all Catholics to join them to signal their support for protecting all human life, from conception to natural death.

"Catholic social teaching requires us to be thoughtful citizens," Chris Healy, executive director of the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, said in a recent video at the start of this year's legislative session. "Your voice matters when it is heard, so be heard."

Healy advises staying informed about issues that affect your values, getting to know your elected officials, and making a commitment to attend the Connecticut March for Life at the State Capitol. He will be one of the speakers at the March for Life.

This year's main speaker will be Radiance Foundation's Ryan Scott Bomberger, whose birth mother gave him up for adoption.

In addition to Healy, the roster of other speakers includes: Jennie Bradley Lichter, president, March for Life; Peter Wolfgang, president, Family Institute of Connecticut; Gerry Williams, radio show host for WIHS and master of ceremonies; Bishop Richard F. Reidy, Bishop of Norwich,

who will offer the closing prayer; and Pastor Jeremiah Johnson of Vox Church, Hartford.

The Connecticut Pregnancy Care Coalition is also sponsoring a student sign contest with prizes for the best handmade signs, with judging at 11 a.m.

Prior to the event, Healy recommends scheduling an appointment to speak with your legislator on March 18 to discuss your concerns about any possible bills. Or you can stop in to make a future appointment. You can also write a polite letter or e-mail, sharing your concerns.

Before You Go: For more details about Connecticut March for Life, including a map, parking, and buses, visit ctmarchforlife.org. Contact your parish for transportation provided by the Knights of Columbus.

To find your legislators, and to sign up for action alerts and newsletters on legislative matters from the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, visit ctcatholicpac.org.

The Connecticut March for Life is hosted by the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, the Family Institute of Connecticut, and the National March for Life.

- Story by Shelley Wolf



Upcoming Events



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03/30 MONDAY 7PM
DIVINE MERCY TALK WITH MEG BAILEY
St. Mary's Church, 212 Elizabeth St, Derby

Come and hear about the extraordinary graces Jesus has promised when we honor His Divine Mercy, especially on Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter). In this special PowerPoint presentation we will be introduced to the message of Divine Mercy. Following there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confession. The talk and Q&A will run approximately 1 hour.



03/18 WEDNESDAY 1PM
ROSARY FOR LIFE
Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St, Wethersfield

Christ the King Parish invites all to gather at the Church of the Incarnation for "Rosary for Life" to support and honor all forms of life from conception to natural death.

This event takes place at the same time as the Connecticut March for Life Rally at the state capitol. "Rosary for Life" is offered as a complement to the Hartford event for those who may have difficulty attending due to weather or mobility issues.

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