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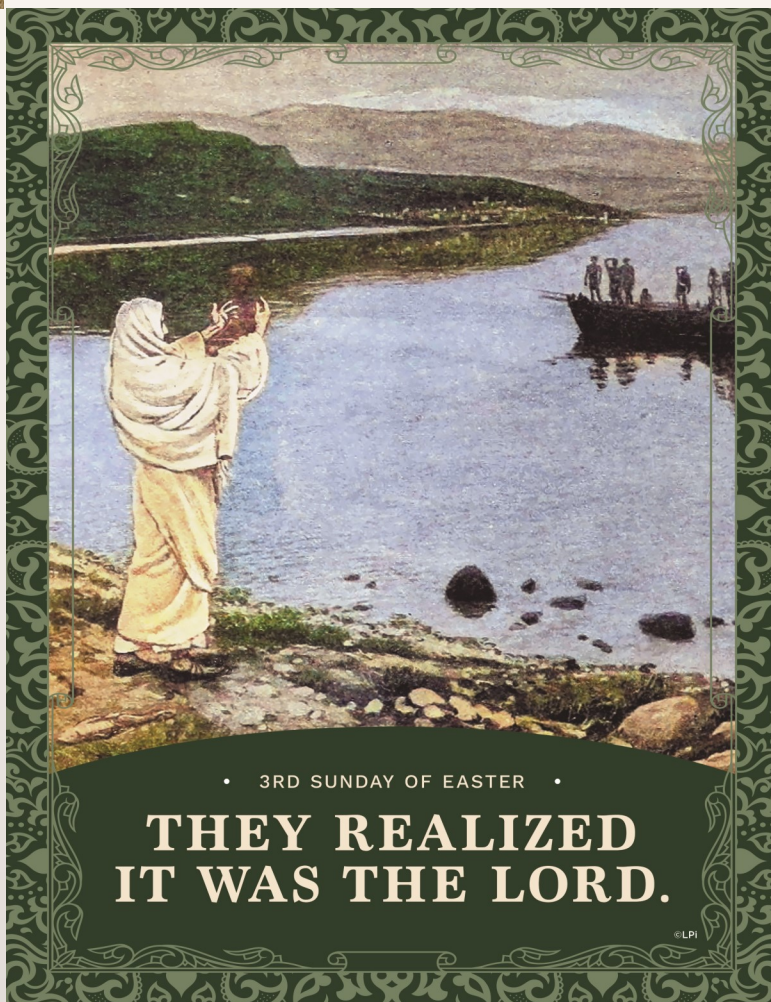
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BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

Please call the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221.

Wedding dates should be scheduled at least 6 months ahead.

Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass.

BULLETIN DEADLINE & INSERTS

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 2pm on the Monday prior to the weekend you would like it published. Also, please contact the office to obtain permission to insert fliers into the weekly bulletin.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday:

9:00 am

Sunday Vigil (Saturday):

4:00 pm

Sunday:

7:30, 9:30 and 11:00am

First Friday:

9:00 am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: after 4pm Mass

First Friday: Before 9:00 AM Mass

Other times by appointment

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays 9:30 - 10:30am

Tuesdays 6 - 7:30pm

Rosary: 8:25am, daily

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri.

9:30-9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon

May 4, 2025



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with our parish. You can do so by stopping by or calling the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221. You can also register online at: www.stannavon.org/register-at-st-ann
If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshiping with us and we hope to see you again!



MASS INTENTIONS

3rd Sunday of Easter

SATURDAY, May 3, Saints Philip and James, Apostles

4:00 Mary S. Patterson, requested by Eileen M. Reilly

SUNDAY, May 4, Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 Virginia Cronin, requested by the Cronin Family

9:30 Elizabeth Candels, requested by
Guy and Jane Ellen Peregrin

11:00 Michael Scibelli, requested by the Adamski Family

MONDAY, May 5, Easter Weekday

9:00 Ann Matthes, requested by the Wednesday Bible
Study Group

TUESDAY, May 6, Easter Weekday

9:00 Fred Severni, requested by the family

WEDNESDAY, May 7, Easter Weekday

9:00 Michael Sumers, requested by Rosanne Harutunian

THURSDAY, May 8, Easter Weekday

9:00 Lise Gregoire requested by her cousin, Elaine

FRIDAY, May 9, Easter Weekday

9:00 Enrico Spalvieri, requested by Marion Spalvieri

**SATURDAY, May 10, Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of
the Church; Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest**

4:00 Charles Phillips, requested by
Lou and Eileen Del Prete

SUNDAY, May 11, Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 For all mothers, living and deceased

9:30 For all mothers, living and deceased

11:00 For all mothers, living and deceased

*To schedule a Mass Intention, please call/email Kris in the Parish
Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or kris.martino@stannavon.com
Suggested Donations: \$30 Weekends, \$25 Weekdays*



Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for
the Greater honor and glory of God and:

In loving memory of:

Valerie Magro

Requested by:

Her family and friends

Prayers for the living:

Requested by:

**We pray for the safe
return of those currently
serving in our Military**



Contact the Parish Office to have your family members added.

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**Have you ever wanted to help
participate in the Mass?**

Consider joining our Weekend Lector Ministry. Lectors
proclaim the readings at Mass. This is a wonderful
way to serve. Training is provided. If interested, please
contact Andrea Pizzuti, Liturgical Coordinator:
andreapizzuti333@gmail.com

TRUST IN THE LORD 2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commit-
ment to the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the
opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many
"Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and
sincerely appreciated.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively
for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at:
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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

SATURDAY, May 3

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00am in Room 3
First Communion

SUNDAY, May 4

Parish Coffee: after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall,
sponsored by our GATHER Ministry
Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

MONDAY, May 5

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church
Faith Study for Moms: 10-11:15am in the Activity Room
Prayer Shawl Ministry: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church
Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3

TUESDAY, May 6

Walking With Purpose: 10:15am (ZOOM only)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6-7:30pm in the church

WEDNESDAY, May 7

Biblical Walk Through the Mass Study: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall
Walking With Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, May 8

He Leadeth Me Book Study: 9:30am in Room 1
New Day Seminar: 9:45am in Room 3
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, May 9

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, May 10

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00am in Room 3

SUNDAY, May 11

Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM
May Crowning: at 11am Mass

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekend of Sunday, April 27, 2025

Weekly In-person: \$5,939.80

Weekly Online: \$2,547.50

Weekly TOTAL: \$8,487.30

Monthly In-person: \$2,104.81

Monthly Online: \$306

Monthly TOTAL: \$2,410.81

Votive Candles and Sanctuary Lamp: \$245.56

Other Online Donations (total for both weekends):

2025 Annual: \$523, Church Services: \$300,

Easter: \$120, Little Sisters of the Poor: \$20,

Memorial gifts: \$434, Utilities: \$23,

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:

Helping Haitian Children



Parish Coffee This Sunday, May 4th After 9:30am Mass

Please join fellow parishioners and guests after all Masses on Sunday, May 4th, for coffee, and refreshments in Fr. Bennett Hall.
Sponsored by our Gather Ministry.



Please join us on
Mother's Day, May 11th,
at the 11am Mass
for the
**Crowning of our
heavenly Mother, Mary.**

This year's First Communion
recipients are encouraged to
wear their communion outfits.

St. Ann's Flea Market

Saturday May 31, 9am-2pm

Church of St. Ann: Fr. Bennett Hall

To Benefit:

Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center

Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center recently moved into a new building, have additional expenses and need financial help to provide much-needed prenatal and postnatal help to their young mothers.

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students who are
making their
First Communion
this weekend!

A Heartfelt Thank You

I just want to take a moment to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the Triduum truly holy. Each day was beautiful in its own way, and that was all thanks to you. Your time, your care, your love for this community—it all came through in every detail.

A special thank you to Janet Fischer, Joe Savidge, Andrea Pizzuti, Tom and Joseph Theroux, Deacons Tim Healy and Jeffrey Sutherland for your dedication and hands-on help. I also want to recognize our incredible Decorating Committee, our faithful Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors—you each played such an important role in creating a sacred and welcoming space for us all. A special thank you to Mercedes Featherston and the Choir for their hard work from Tenebrae to Easter. This year we had our first ever Resurrection Celebration following the Easter Vigil Mass. The food was great, and the fellowship was even better.

Because of your hard work, we had a truly beautiful Easter celebration at St. Ann's. I'm so grateful for each of you. Thank you for making it so special.

"Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs." — Psalm 100:2

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Al Fontana, Pastor



St. Ann's Scholarship Committee's Annual

PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

Sat., May 17, 2025 from 8am - 12 noon
St. Ann's Parking Lot

DONATIONS NEEDED:

As you start to work in your gardens this spring, please consider sharing some of your perennials that are ready for dividing. Also, we would appreciate the donation of any Easter plants, such as tulips and daffodils, if you don't plan to use the bulbs in your own flower beds. In addition to plants, we would welcome the donation of small, gently used gardening accessories (e.g. tools, flower pots, statuary).

Drop off plant donations in the parking lot (West Avon Rd side, under tree) on:

Thursday, May 15, from 8:30-10am and 5-7pm

Friday, May 16, from 8:30-10am and 1-2pm

Please IDENTIFY plants (name, color, sun/shade).

*If you have questions, or would like to volunteer, please call
Jean Frey: 860-673-1949. We happily welcome any new volunteers join us!*

Proceeds will Support the Social Outreach Ministry's Scholarship Program, which provides deserving urban students with partial scholarships to local Catholic High Schools.

Special Second Collection to Benefit Fr. Cheah's Foundation in Myanmar Weekend of May 17/18, 2025

As you may know, there was a devastating earthquake in Myanmar this March. Father Joe Cheah is a co-founder of The Children of Myanmar. "This orphanage provides a home to girls in a country beleaguered by civil war and poverty. Despite the many charged conflicts in the region, St. Mary's provides a safe and equitable home for girls of all nationalities and religions" The mission of the Foundation is to "...provide financial support to St. Mary's Home in Kyauktan, Myanmar....St. Mary's provides a safe and equitable home for girls of all nationalities and religions." We will be having a special second collection for Father Cheah's foundation the weekend of May 17/18.

If you'd like to donate online, you can scan the QR code or go to: www.osvhub.com/stannavon/giving/funds/the-children-charitable-foundation-of-Myanmar. You can also donate directly on the Foundation's website: <https://childrenofmyanmar.org/>



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Foundation for Myanmar**

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called to
transform
& change



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- PADRE PIO




Prayer Shawl Ministry

Next Meeting:
Monday, May 5th
 7-8:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

All skill levels are welcome!
For information call Tina at 860-331-1673

This special liturgical season is called Eastertide or Paschaltide. It starts on Easter Sunday and ends on Pentecost Sunday — seven Sundays in all!



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Upcoming Events



04/30 - 06/11 WEDNESDAYS 10AM - 11:30AM
SPIRITUALITY OF THE GOSPELS
 Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center,
 194 Candlewood Hill Rd, Higganum

Scripture invites us to become Christ like in all we are and do. This seven week series on the Spirituality of the Gospels leads us to a deeper relationship with Christ and to a deeper understanding of His message. The sessions include a book that you can order from us or purchase on your own. There will be discussions and a follow up DVD. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per session. To register or for further information you can email or call Sr. Patricia at email: cigrandpatricia@gmail.com or 203-606-4830 or register online at: www.sacredheartontheLake.org



05/7 WEDNESDAY 7PM
DIVINE READING
 Franciscan Center, 285 Church St, Hartford

Please consider joining us for "lectio divina" (divine reading.) It is a prayerful reading of a bible passage in order to discern its message for each of us today. We have found that meeting in person gives the experience greater intimacy and impact. If you haven't tried it yet, please do! The process is simple and will be explained each time, and sharing is welcome, but optional.



05/9 FRIDAY 6:30PM
THE LIVING ROSARY IN HONOR OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER
 Incarnation Church, 544 Prospect St, Wethersfield

The Living Rosary is a way to pray the Rosary as a community. Each person represents a bead. That person starts to recite a Hail Mary and everyone then continues the prayer. Consider joining and taking part in this beautiful celebration. Refreshments to follow in Fr. Crawford Hall. Contacts: Pat Klein: patklein204@gmail.com (860-563-3879) Mary Scott: mlvscott33@yahoo.com (860-202-7163) Barbra Goldbeck: barbragoldbeck8@gmail.com (860-563-1849)



05/17 SATURDAY 8AM - 12PM
PERENNIAL PLANT SALE
 Church of St. Ann, Corner of Arch Rd & West Avon Rd, Avon

A variety of plants from church members' gardens will be offered. Past offerings have included baby's breath, hosta, cranesbill, astilbe, coral bells, columbine, black-eyed susan, bleeding heart, lilies, sedum, bearded iris, dwarf iris, forsythia, lilac, red spirea, and many more. Proceeds will benefit the Social Outreach Scholarship Program. Knowledgeable gardeners will be available to assist shoppers.

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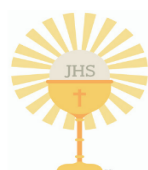
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The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

This week at Mass we hear about the three questions which Our Lord poses to St. Peter and Christ's responses: "Peter, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord, I love you." Christ replies, "Feed my Lambs. Feed my Sheep." (John 21:1-19) This gospel passage carries a strong message. It tells us that Christ sees the need for us to be nourished with spiritual food. To do this, He has provided His own flesh and blood for us in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

REFLECTION: The true food for souls is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. He provides this for us through the successors to the Apostles. When you receive the Blessed Sacrament, how does this spiritual food change your daily life?

Yard Goats Faith & Family Night, 6-25-25




EVENT DETAILS:
 GAME TIME: 7:10 PM—GATES OPEN: 6:00 PM
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Branches on the Vine

MAY 3 - 9, 2025

FEEDING THE BODY AND SPIRIT

*A community garden in New Haven is inspired
by Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'*

- Story by Joe Pisani



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A statue of St. Joseph the Worker stands in the community garden. Fresh produce is donated to the St. Bernadette of Lourdes Food Pantry.

Liam Fama still remembers growing up in the White Hills of Shelton and the pleasure he got from walking through his father's garden, picking vegetables off the plants to eat.

Today, as coordinator of the St. Joseph the Worker Garden of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish, he and a team of volunteers are providing that same pleasure, and nutritional benefits, to scores of families each week by growing organic tomatoes, eggplants, bell peppers, cabbage, kale, spinach, squash, lettuce and a lot more to help feed those in need.

"There are so many people who don't have access to healthy food," Fama says. "They might not because of grocery store prices or perhaps there are 'food deserts,' where they need to travel far to get healthy food. So this fills an important gap."

The community garden at St. Joseph Church on 129 Edwards St., in New Haven, is a social justice initiative of McGivney Ministries group. In its first year, the garden yielded more than 400 pounds of produce that was donated to St. Bernadette of Lourdes Food Pantry on Townsend Avenue, which provides food and other necessities to people, he says.

The discussion about starting a community garden began in late 2022, and by spring the following year, the group broke ground.

Along the way, they received assistance from private individuals and a number of nurseries and farms, which donated seedlings, soil and mulch.

The group also got grants — and advice from a master gardener — from the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network, a Connecticut organization focused on environmental stewardship, whose mission is to "inspire and equip Connecticut's religious communities to protect our planet through education, engagement and advocacy."

"For us, it has been important in terms of building community and bringing people together to be out in nature, which is good for your mental and spiritual health because it provides a place for belonging," Fama says.

Some individuals who have benefited by receiving the produce also help with the gardening.

"It's touching people's lives in an important way, rather than just given them something," Fama says, adding that the St. Joseph the Worker Garden has three goals, inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*: to build community, to educate and to serve.

"The garden helps the earth by making good use of parish land to promote a healthy local ecosystem," Fama says. "It also helps those in need by providing them with free food."

This upcoming growing season, the garden will be using 12 raised beds after a soil test found traces of lead.

"By the grace of God and many generous supporters, the raised beds were eventually assembled and filled," Fama says. "Looking ahead to the 2025 growing season, there's definitely a lot of potential. In the spring, we plan to plant in all 12 of the raised beds, which we couldn't do last year."

In addition, the volunteers hope to add an educational component to their efforts by offering workshops that provide practical skills and strategies to promote sustainability. "We need help with hands-on work, such as planting, watering, weeding and harvesting," Fama says. "There are also opportunities to join our administrative team, which is engaged in tasks such as fundraising, planning and implementation, and outreach."

Those interested in volunteering do not have to be parishioners, Fama says. The group also welcomes donations of vegetable or herb seedlings, garden tools, supplies or money.

A list of volunteers is being coordinated for the upcoming season of St. Joseph the Worker Garden of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in New Haven. To participate or for further information, contact Liam Fama at mcgivneyministries@newhavencatholic.org.





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