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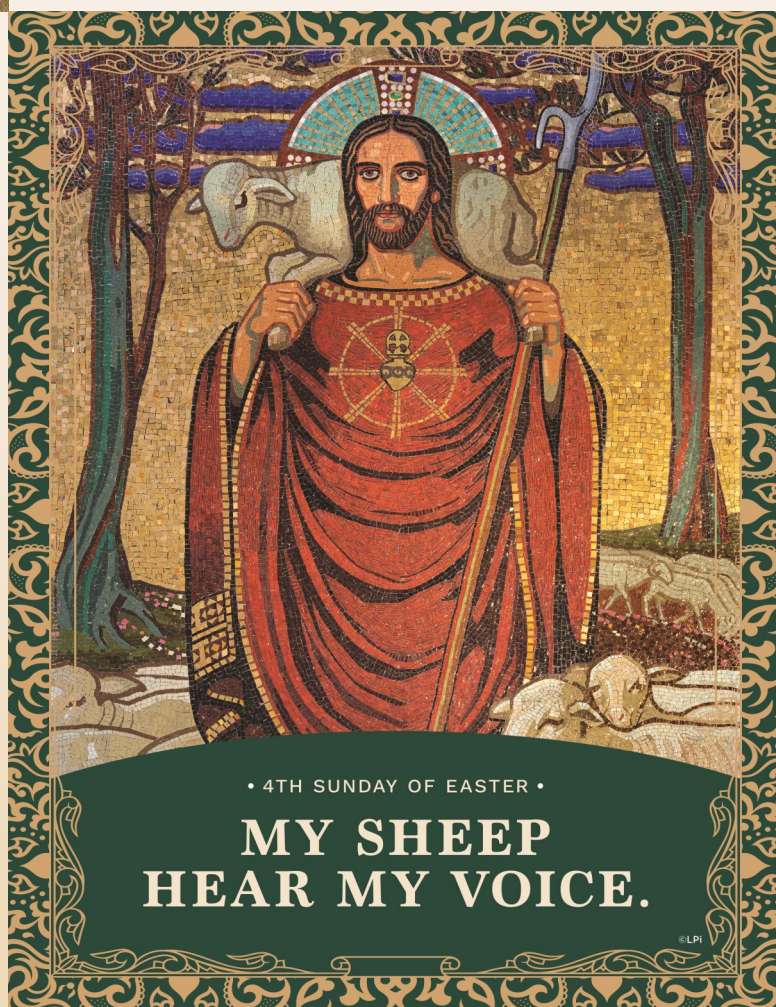
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## BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

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 11, 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](http://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

#### 4th Sunday of Easter

**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

**MONDAY, May 12,**

*Saints Nereus and Achilleus; Saint Pancras, Martyr*

**9:00** In Thanksgiving to all the volunteers at the  
Avon Food Pantry, requested by Fran Hanley

**TUESDAY, May 13,** *Our Lady of Fatima*

**9:00** Joseph Savidge, Jr., requested by the Savidge Family

**WEDNESDAY, May 14,** *Saint Matthias, Apostle*

**9:00** Fr. Brian Mullady, requested by Constance Rotondo

**THURSDAY, May 15,** *Saint Isidore*

**9:00** Jeremy Savidge, requested by the Savidge Family

**FRIDAY, May 16,** *Easter Weekday*

**9:00** Mike Gilotti, requested by the Savidge Family

**SATURDAY, May 17,** *Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest*

**4:00** Jack Tromza, requested by Mary Jane Jeter

**SUNDAY, May 18,** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**7:30** Pope Francis, requested by Fr. Al Fontana  
**9:30** Joanne Moran, requested by the O'Donnell Family  
**11:00** Linda & Salvatore Bonini, requested by the family

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call/email Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or [kris.martino@stannavon.com](mailto: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:

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Requested by:

Prayers for the living:

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Requested by:

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



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**LECTORS  
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**Have you ever wanted to  
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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](mailto:andreapizzuti333@gmail.com)

## TRUST IN THE LORD 2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. Organizations such as Gifts of Love right here in our own town/area received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local neighbors.

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: [archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/](http://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/).





## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

### 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

### MONDAY, May 12

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 9:30-10:30am in the church

**Faith Study for Moms:** 10-11:15am in the Activity Room

**MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group:** 7:15pm in the church

**Lectio Divina:** 7:15pm in Room 3

### TUESDAY, May 13

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 6-7:30pm in the church

### WEDNESDAY, May 14

**Biblical Walk Through the Mass Study:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

### THURSDAY, May 15

**Plant Sale Drop Off:** 8:30-10am and 5-7pm on lawn/parking lot

**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 16

**Plant Sale Drop Off:** 8:30-10am and 1-2pm in parking lot

**Lectio Divina:** 9:45am via Zoom

### SATURDAY, May 17

**Annual Perennial Plant Sale:** 8am -12 noon in parking lot

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

### SUNDAY, May 18

**Lectio Divina:** 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour:** 2:30-3:30pm in the church

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

### Weekend of Sunday, May 4, 2025

Weekly In-person: \$4,983.00

Weekly Online: \$3,155.50

**Weekly TOTAL: \$8,138.50**

**Votive Candles and Sanctuary Lamp:** \$312.00

**Other Online Donations** (total for both weekends):

2025 Annual: \$23, Catholic Elementary Schools: \$100, Catholic Worker House: \$120, Children's Charitable Foundation of Myanmar: \$100, Easter: \$93, Good Friday: \$25, Helping Haitian Children: \$55, In Memorial gifts: \$5,050, Mission Coop. Appeal, Little Sisters of Gulu: \$50, Monthly: \$974, Prison Ministry: \$145, Utilities: \$23

**Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:**

*Fr. Cheah's charity, The Children Charitable Foundation of Myanmar*

Please join us **THIS Sunday,**  
**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**

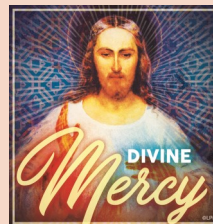
Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center recently moved into a new building, have additional expenses and need financial help to provide much-needed prenatal and postnatal help to their young mothers.

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## Divine Mercy Holy Hour



**Next Sunday,**  
**May 18, 2025**

**2:30-3:30pm**  
**in the church**

*Please join us to pray for God's Mercy for ourselves and the whole world.*

## 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, which was set up to financially assist the sisters running St. Mary's Home, an orphanage for girls. Despite the many charged conflicts in the region, the orphanage 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 next weekend, 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](http://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/>



**The Children Charitable  
Foundation for Myanmar**

## Perennial Plant Sale



**Saturday, May 17th**

**8am - 12 noon**

**St. Ann's Parking Lot**

Please come to shop and support the Social Outreach Scholarship Program. A variety of plants will be offered, and knowledgeable gardeners will be available to assist customers. The scholarship program supports deserving urban students by providing partial tuition to area Catholic high schools.

### Plant Donations Needed!

If you are donating plants or small, gently used gardening accessories, please drop them off in the parking lot (West Avon Rd. side, under tree) on:

**Thursday, May 17th: 8:30-10am and 5-7pm**

**Friday, May 18th: 8:30-10am and 1-2pm**

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

If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Jean Frey at 860-673-1949.



"Say  
the Rosary  
every day,  
to bring peace  
to the world  
and the end  
of the war."

Words spoken by our  
Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima

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## Prayer for Mothers

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers: for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day.

Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude.

Amen.

WORLD DAY OF  
Prayer for Vocations







## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Catechism of the Catholic Church states that the Holy Eucharist is "the LIVING HEART of the Church"? Jesus loves us so much that He places His living heart within each of us, whenever we receive Him worthily in Holy Communion. He literally entrusts us with HIS HEART.

**REFLECTION:** After you receive Holy Communion, do you spend time in thanksgiving? Do you give Jesus YOUR heart to love, thank, adore and console Him? How many times a day during the week do you say to Him, "Jesus, I love you."

## Upcoming Events



05/15 - 06/12 THURSDAYS 7PM  
**WHAT DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE AND WHY? A SURVEY OF CATHOLIC BELIEF**  
Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall, 81 Center Rd, Woodbridge

Fr. Glen will lead another session covering the basic understandings of our Catholic faith. It is important that we know what we believe and profess every Sunday! Join us for these special one hour sessions to dive deeper into your faith. Bring your questions too!



05/15 WEDNESDAY 5:30PM - 9PM  
**A MESSY LIFE IS A HOLY LIFE: COUPLES' EVENING RETREAT**  
Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford

As Christians, we are called to live a life of holiness. Pope Francis says: "We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness to everything we do." However, life as a couple can sometimes seem more messy than holy! Perhaps we do not think of ourselves as holy people - we look to others as examples of holiness but not ourselves. How, as a couple, in the midst of our busy, messy lives answer this call to a life of holiness? Pope Francis continues: "This holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures."

During our time together, we will explore the small ways in which we bear witness to one another and support each other. This is the path to holiness for couples living in the modern world.

This program will be offered both in-person and online via Zoom. Information on how to access the program on Zoom will be sent to participants in advance.

Offering: \$50 per person (includes dinner and wine & cheese from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.)



05/30 FRIDAY 7PM  
**SET-BACK EVENT**  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Hall, 2819 Whitney Ave, Hamden

Join us for an evening of cards, community, and fun at the St. Paul VI Parish Set-Back Event! Doors open at 6:00 PM, so come early to get settled and enjoy some refreshments before the games begin at 7:00. No partner is needed—single players are welcome, and everyone has a chance to win great prizes. Admission is \$15 per person. Parking is available near the five-bay garages. Bring your friends, test your luck, and enjoy a lively night out with fellow parishioners and friends!



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**St. John Bosco Women's Group**

**Craft Fair**

Saturday, May 17th  
9:00 AM - 2 PM

St. Therese Church  
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## Yard Goats Faith & Family Night, 6-25-25

**EVENT DETAILS:**

GAME TIME: 7:10 PM—GATES OPEN: 6:00 PM  
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Questions? Contact **Karen Edgar** at [the5edgars@comcast.net](mailto:the5edgars@comcast.net)



ALL TICKETS WILL BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO THE EMAIL PROVIDED WITHIN A WEEK OF GAME DAY



# Branches on the Vine

MAY 10 - 16, 2025

## GALLERY IN NEW HAVEN FEATURES ARTIFACTS ABOUT PONTIFICATES, INCLUDING POPE FRANCIS

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile



The Papal Gallery, inside the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center, includes a permanent exhibit related to popes. At right is a photograph of Pope Francis.  
PHOTOS BY AARON JOSEPH



This Papal Chair was used by Pope Francis during the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland.



Coins highlighting the pontificate of Pope Francis on display.

The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven is welcoming visitors to view a permanent gallery that highlights the relationship between the Knights of Columbus, Pope Francis and other pontificates.

Called the Papal Gallery, the space consists of an array of artwork, archival materials, artifacts, commemorative papal medallions, Vatican correspondence and photographs. These items recount the relationship between the Vatican, popes and the Knights of Columbus during the organization's 143-year history.

In addition, artifacts on display in the Papal Gallery feature items that were presented to the Knights of Columbus during the 12 years of Pope Francis' pontificate.

They include: an apostolic letter, a papal brief, a letter and holy cards to Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly,

and a book published to mark the first anniversary of the pope's "Urbi et Orbi" blessing to Rome and the world in an empty St. Peter's Square as the coronavirus pandemic swept the world.

A large display case houses the Papal Chair used by Pope Francis during the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland.

"The Knights of Columbus has enjoyed a close relationship with the Holy See since almost its existence," says Peter Sonski, manager of education and outreach for the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center.

Portraits of all the popes, including Pope Francis who died on April 21, grace the walls inside the Papal Gallery.

Pope Francis played a significant role in advancing the cause of sainthood for Blessed Michael J. McGivney, a parish priest from New Haven who is being considered for sainthood.

In 1882, Blessed McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus to serve the needs of a largely immigrant Catholic community. He died in 1890 of pneumonia when he was 38 years old.

Blessed McGivney moved a step closer to possible sainthood after Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to his intercession in May 2020. He was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

Located at 1 State St., in New Haven, the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center welcomes visitors Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is free admission and parking in the lot beneath the building. For more information, call 203.865.0400 or visit [michaelmcgivneycenter.org](http://michaelmcgivneycenter.org).







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