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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:**

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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



# 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!



**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

MONDAY, May 19, Easter Weekday

**9:00 Matthew Van Blerkon,** requested by the Savidge Family

TUESDAY, May 20, Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

9:00 Dr. and Mrs. Charles Zmijeski, requested by Barbara and Gino Calderone

WEDNESDAY, May 21,

Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

**9:00** Ann Matthes, requested by her Java for Jesus friends

THURSDAY, May 22, Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

9:00 Ann Matthes, requested by An Koe

FRIDAY, May 23, Easter Weekday

9:00 Dorothy LaRosa requested by Mike LaRosa

**SATURDAY, May 24,** Easter Weekday

**4:00 Dale Delfino,** requested by Fr. Al Fontana

**SUNDAY, May 25,** Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 Selene Southard, requested by

Andy Welter and family

**9:30** Anne Checovetes, requested by

Laurie and Steve Gondek

11:00 Sean Kealy, requested by Fiona and David Tolin

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: Requested by:

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Prayers for the living: Requested by:
The McMahon Children Grandma

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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The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Please continue to pray for an increase of vocations especially in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Be assured every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.

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/.

No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

# THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

### **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

### MONDAY, May 19

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 20**

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

# WEDNESDAY, May 21

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

Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

### **THURSDAY, May 22**

New Day Seminar: 9:45am in Room 3 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

### FRIDAY, May 23

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

### **SATURDAY, May 24**

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

### SUNDAY, May 25

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

# LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

# **WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

# Weekend of Sunday, May 11, 2025

Weekly In-person: \$5,998.80 Weekly Online: \$2,517.50 Weekly TOTAL: \$8,516.30

## Helping Haitian Children:

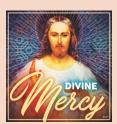
In-person: \$3,019.91 Online: \$20.00 TOTAL: \$3,039.91

Votive Candles and Sanctuary Lamp: \$197.95

Other Online Donations (total for both weekends): 2025 Annual: \$23, Catholic Elementary Schools: \$23, Cemetery: \$20, Church Services: \$100, In Memorium gifts: \$100, Monthly: \$218, Utilities:

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: monthly

# Divine Mercy Holy Hour



This 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.



Have you ever RS wanted to help **NANTED** participate in the

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@amail.com

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

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.

You can also donate directly on the Foundation's website: https://childrenofmyanmar.org/





# **Knights of Columbus Meeting**



Wednesday, May 21st at 7-8:30pm in Room 2 (under Fr. Bennett Hall)



# St. Ann's Flea Market

Saturday May 31, 9am-2pm Church of St. Ann: Fr. Bennett Hall

# To Benefit: Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center

Mission: to assist mothers throughout the Northwest corner, who are facing an unplanned pregnancy or severe economic difficulties trying to provide for their infants and young children.

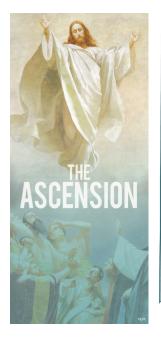
- · Opened in October 2012
- · To date: 1,000 mothers and their children have been served
- · 20,400 visits during this time
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They have recently purchased a new building in Torrington, and hope to move in by August, but need to do renovations first. Please support this fundraiser to help provide financial support so Two Hearts can continue the much-needed prenatal and postnatal help to their young mothers.



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THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Thurs., May 29<sup>th</sup>

HOLY DAY OF

OBLIGATION

MASSES WILL BE AT:

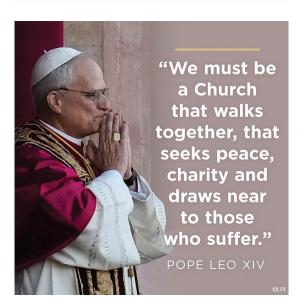
9:00 am 12:00pm 7:00 pm





Did you know? During her first apparition at Fatima, while engulfed in a bright light, Our Lady taught the three little children this prayer: "Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament."

Reflection: Consider that Our Blessed Mother always points us to her Divine Son, Jesus. In this prayer she was teaching the children that Jesus is truly present to us in the Hoy Eucharist. By doing so, she is teaching us as well. Are we listening?



# **Upcoming Events**



06/4 WEDNESDAY 6PM - 9PM IN MY LOVE, ABIDE IN SONG

Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford

Music ministers are some of the most faithful members of any parish community. Music has assisted many faith-filled people to "abide" or remain with God through participation and reflection. Gother with others who share in the ministry of music for an evening retreat at Holy Family. We will sing, learn, laugh, and pray together in a spirit of love and service. The evening includes dinner, a retreat conference and the celebration of the Eucharist.

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NPM Member - \$35 Clergy - Free Music directors - Free when registering with a group of 10 or more choir members.

Contact Ted in our registrars office to sign up your choir. 860.521.0440









05/29 - 05/31 WEEKEND 6PM - 10PM ST. BERNARD CHURCH CARNIVAL St. Bernard Church, 426 Hazard Ave,

Get ready for fun, food, and festivities at the St. Bernard Church Carnivall This family-friendly event promises an exciting weeken filled with games, rides, delicious fried dough, and other food booths. Kids will love the monitored play area, giving parents a chance to relax and enjoy the carnival atmosphere. There's something for everyone, from thrilling rides to tasty treats, and plenty of surprises in between.

We're also looking for volunteers to help make this event a success—if you're interested in lending a hand, please contac Gary Cote at 860, 481,2626. Come out and be part of a great

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

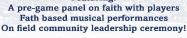


### **EVENT DETAILS:**

GAME TIME: 7:10 PM-GATES OPEN: 6:00 PM NEW HAMPSHIRE FISHER CATS (Toronto Blue Jays AA-affiliates vs HARTFORD YARD GOATS (Colorado Rockies AA-affiliates)

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**CHURCH OF SAINT ANN** Wednesday June 25th, 2025 Game Time: 7:10 PM—Gates Open: 6:00 PM

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**Questions? Contact Karen Edgar** at the5edgars@comcast.net





# Branches on the Vine

MAY 17 - 23, 2025



PHOTO BY FATHER ANTHONY FEDERICO Zach Wehner, video production specialist for the Archdiocese of Hartford, directs a group of seminarians who have pledged to pray 100 rosaries each for the "Rosary 100K" challenge being sponsored by the Office of Vocations.

# **VOCATIONS OFFICE** LAUNCHES 'ROSARY 100K' **DURING THE MONTH OF MARY**

- Story by Shelley Wolf

If you've been telling yourself you really should pray the rosary more often, now is the perfect time to start building the habit. The Archdiocese of Hartford's Office of Vocations is asking Catholics of all ages to commit to praying the rosary for an increase in vocations.

Father Anthony Federico, director of Vocations and director of Seminarians, is asking Catholics to pray 100,000 rosaries as part of a "Rosary 100K" challenge that is kicking off this May, during the Month of Mary.

"I read a quote from Our Lady to St. Dominic. She said something to the effect that if you promote the rosary, 'I will unleash a torrent of vocations.' And so, we are taking her at her word," Father Federico says.

"Together, the archdiocese is going to pray 100,000 rosaries for new vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated life, holy Catholic marriage and family, and the generous single life – for all the vocations of the Church," he explains.

And everyone is invited. "We are sending the invitation to join the campaign to every parish,

every school, every high school, every college, and every apostolate and institution in the archdiocese," he reports.

How will Father Federico be able to keep track of all these prayers, you may ask. Kevin Healy, an archdiocesan seminarian, is creating a web landing page where the archdiocese can keep track of the many pledges that come in. Go to the website hartfordpriest.com, where you can sign up and make a pledge indicating how many rosaries you plan to pray.

Kickoff day was May 11, which was both Mother's Day and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. "What better way to start?" Father Federico asks. The sizable goal might seem daunting, but the campaign is already off to a good start.

The 20 seminarians of the archdiocese have pledged 100 rosaries each, for a total of 2,000 rosaries, and others made early pledges for a total of 14,000 rosaries before the campaign even launched.

People may choose to pray outdoors in good weather or indoors at church or at home.

"I think it would be great if families could pray the rosary together," the priest says.

Leaders or individuals may choose to announce their intention before each rosary, but Father Federico says not to get hung up on that. "God can do the math," he says in jest. It's primarily about "the spirit of praying the rosary and asking the Blessed Mother to intercede for us," he explains.

"The rosary is at the heart of the Christian life, and I believe it will be the unified collective commitment of the archdiocese that will be the cause of such great fruit. We already saw this when the archdiocese came together and began praying for priestly vocations, how our numbers exploded after that," he reminds everyone. "So, I think there's something in our combined effort," he says, "that really brings out the Lord's generosity."

To submit a pledge, visit hartfordpriest.com/rosary-100k, email vocation@aohct.org, or call the Office of Vocations at 860.761.7456.





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