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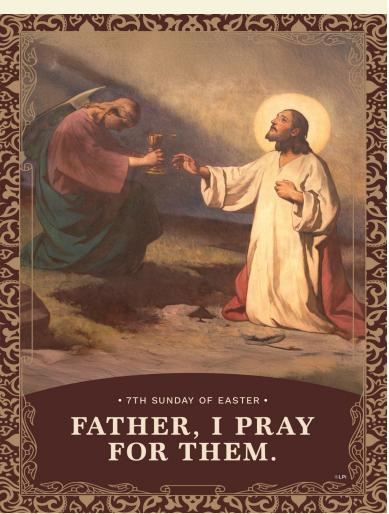
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#### **BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:**

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



## 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

#### 7th Sunday of Easter

SATURDAY, May 31, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 In celebration of the 28th anniversary of Fr. Fontana's ordination, requested by the Parish of Saint Ann

SUNDAY, June 1, Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 ---

**9:30** Salvatore and Yvette Garro, requested by Doris and Lionel Cyr

11:00 Henrietta Angelina, requested by her daughters

and grandchildren

MONDAY, June 2, Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

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

#### TUESDAY, June 3,

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 Alice Kuzia, requested by her husband

WEDNESDAY, June 4, Easter Weekday

9:00 Mike Gilotti, requested by the Savidge Family

**THURSDAY, June 5,** Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

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

FRIDAY, June 6, Saint Norbert, Bishop

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

**SATURDAY, June 7,** Easter Weekday

4:00 Alfred Koch, requested by Russell Koch

**SUNDAY**, June 8, Pentecost Sunday

7:30 ---

**9:30 Dee Dee Sullivan,** requested by Dick and Anita Sullivan

11:00 Andrew & Marie Kucera, John Evans & Jacqueline Holland, requested by the Evans Family

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:

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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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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 31

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00am in Room 3 Flea Market: 9am—2pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

#### SUNDAY, June 1

**Lectio Divina:** 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM **Parish Coffee:** after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall

#### MONDAY, June 2

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 Meeting: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church

Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3

#### **TUESDAY, June 3**

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

#### WEDNESDAY, June 4

#### **THURSDAY**, June 5

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

#### FRIDAY, June 6

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

#### SATURDAY, June 7

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

#### SUNDAY, June 8

**Lectio Divina:** 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM **Divine Mercy Holy Hour:** 2:30pm in the church

#### **WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

#### Weekend of Sunday, May 25, 2025

Weekly In-person: \$4,165.57 Weekly Online: \$2,424.50 Weekly TOTAL: \$6,590.07

#### Monthly:

In-person: \$1,892.60 Online: \$359.00 **TOTAL: \$2,251.60** 

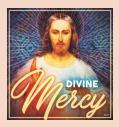
Votive Candles and Sanctuary Lamp: \$230.15

#### Other Online Donations:

2025 Annual: \$23, Ascension: \$35, Church Services: \$100, Helping Haitian Children: \$60, Peter's Pence: \$1, Utilities: \$23

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

## Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Next Sunday, June 8, 2025 2:30-3:30pm in the church

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



## Parish Coffee

This Sunday, June 1, 2025 After 9:30am Mass

Please join fellow parishioners and guests after all Masses on Sunday, May 4th, for coffee, and refreshments and fellowship in Fr. Bennett Hall.

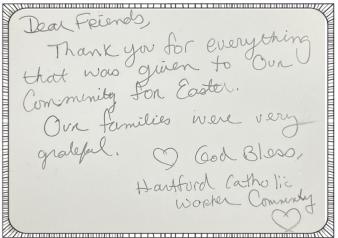
Sponsored by our Rosary Group, MMP Cenacle and Pro-Life Ministry

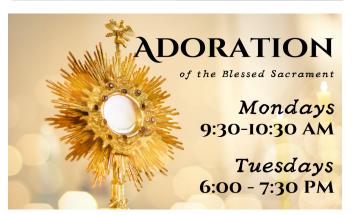


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Consider joining our Weekend Lector
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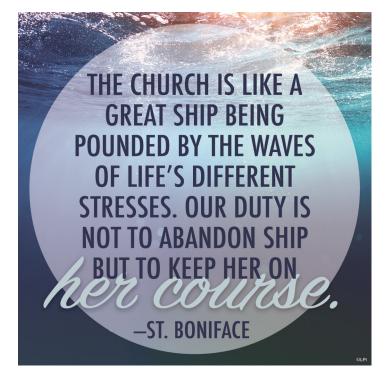






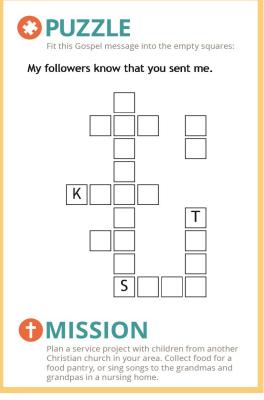
Recognizing the ineffable graces which are given to the soul who receives Holy Communion, St. Faustina wrote, "Whatever good there is within me is because of the Holy Eucharist."

Reflection: It requires the virtue of humility to recognize the profound depths of grace, which Christ brings to a soul, who welcomes Him in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Jesus floods the humble soul with the blessing of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit's task to sanctify us, to make us holy, to prepare us for eternity in Heaven.





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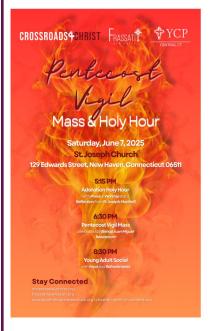


## **Upcoming Events**



Experience the Power of Healing — In these challenging times, many of us carry burdens – be it physical ailments like cancer and kidney disease, emotional struggles like depression, anxiety, PTSD and grief, or spiritual battles. YOU RE NOT ALONE. Reconnect, find soloce, and embrace the healing powers of our divine physician, Jesus Christ. A special Healing Mass with anoniting of the sick will be celebrated by Rev. Emmanuel Ihemedu, postor of St. John Paul the Great Parish in Torrington. The evening begins with the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Mass. Let's come together, share our stories, and experience the transformative power of faith.

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## Branches on the Vine

MAY 31 - JUNE 6, 2025



The medieval painting of Madonna and St. Thomas Aquinas in the church Chiesa de San Pietro Martire (Church of St. Peter Martyr) in Italy by an unknown artist of the 15th century.

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## A NEW GUILD

THE MONASTERY OF OUR LADY OF GRACE ESTABLISHES THE AQUINAS GUILD.

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile

Earlier this year, on the feast day of St. Thomas Aquinas, and at the close of the triple jubilee marking his canonization, birth and death, the Monastery of Our Lady of Grace, a Dominican community of cloistered contemplative nuns, established the Aquinas Guild with St. Thomas as its patron.

"St. Thomas is our brother in the Dominican Order," says Sister Maria of the Angels, O.P., prioress of the Monastery in North Guilford. The nuns follow the Rule of St. Augustine but that is given further specifics in the Dominican Constitutions. These refer to St. Thomas Aquinas as "our best master," she says.

"The Constitutions also tell us that the nuns should nourish their faith especially on the mystical teaching of our Fathers, as well as of other theologians and authors, in particular those of the order," Sister Maria adds. "In the study of St. Thomas, let them find their best master, whose doctrine the Church always commends and the order has received as patrimony."

Known for his love of sacred truth, St. Thomas Aquinas, an Italian Dominican friar and priest, is also the Church's foremost scholastic thinker and one of the most influential theologians in the Western tradition.

"The Guild was formed as a way of organizing our friends, new and old, and by offering them the opportunity to share in some of the aspects of our contemplative life, such as liturgical prayer and devotion to learning," Sister Maria says.

Several people have been reaching out to the Monastery in various ways, she adds. A group of volunteers runs the Monastery Gift Shop and others have offered their help with yard work, wood stacking and growing some vegetables for the poor.

"One of the options that I am personally and particularly excited about is having some garden space (outside the enclosure) that would serve as a sort of community garden where people can grow vegetables for the poor," Sister Maria says.

Since the Guild was initiated, more than 100 people have registered. Members of the Guild who live in the area will be invited to participate in events to share in various aspects of Monastery life.

"Through the Guild we show our gratitude for their friendship and ongoing solicitude, which enables us to live a hidden life in the midst of the Church for the salvation of souls," Sister Maria says. "Members of the Guild will share in the spiritual fruits of our life through the Holy Mass and by our prayer and penance."

To enroll as a member of the Aquinas Guild or to see the schedule of Guild events, fill out the form online by visiting

dominicannuns.org/aquinas-guild.





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