



# Church of Saint Ann

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## STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.  
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in  
heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be  
loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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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

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

June 29, 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

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

**SATURDAY, June 28,** *The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Saint Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, and Doctor of the Church*

**4:00** Richard Simpson, requested by his wife, Dianne

**SUNDAY, June 29** *Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*

**7:30** Teresa Yoreo

**9:30** Irene Recor, requested by Carol Bielefeld

**11:00** Roger Abate, requested by Betsy and Frank Richo

**MONDAY, June 30,**

*The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

**9:00** In celebration of the 30th wedding anniversary of Margaret and Greg Osiecki

**TUESDAY, July 1,** *Saint Junipero Serra, Priest*

**9:00** Charles Vuono, requested by the Bondhus Family

**WEDNESDAY, July 2**

**9:00** Kathleen Driscoll, requested by the Driscoll Family

**THURSDAY, July 3,** *Saint Thomas, Apostle*

**9:00** Philomena Leone, requested by the family

**FRIDAY, July 4**

**9:00** Salvatore Calafiore, requested by the family

**SATURDAY, July 5,**

*Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal; BVM*

**4:00** Paul J. Boyne, Sr., requested by Bill and Janet Newman

**SUNDAY, July 6** *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**7:30** Dale Delfino, requested by Fr. Al Fontana

**9:30** Michael Milan Milanovich, requested by the Shea Family

**11:00** Stefania and Jozef Osiecki, requested by the Osiecki 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:

Kathleen Driscoll

Requested by:

Bill and Janet Newman

Prayers for the living:

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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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LCDR Victoria Hamel, USCG  
1LT Brian J. Heavren Jr., USArmy

Capt. Matthew Mascoli, USMC  
1LT Andrew Mascoli, USMC  
ME3 Luke Hobbs, USCG

***Looking for a deeper  
prayer life at St. Ann?***



Some may not participate in communal prayer because prayer is so personal. But Jesus gave us the "Our Father" and His mother gave us the "Hail Mary" as communal prayers. Just look at the pronouns in them. They are replete with "us," "we" and "our." You won't find "I" or "Me." They are not meant only to be singly said but also said in communion with the Body of Christ: His Church. We are His Church.

Consider yourself personally invited to pray the rosary with the St. Ann's Community. Pick what works for you. We pray as a community before & after every weekday mass, or on Mondays with the Cenacle group at 7:15pm, Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, Thursdays at noon for a Holy Hour of reparation, or after the 7:30am mass on Sunday mornings. No appointment necessary and all are welcome. The community prayer at each of these times is slightly different, but all will strengthen your prayer life. Come to one or all. You do not have to know the rosary to pray it with us: come and see.



## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

### SATURDAY, June 28

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

### SUNDAY, June 29

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

### MONDAY, June 30

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

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

### TUESDAY, July 1

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

### WEDNESDAY, July 2

**The Chosen, Season 4 Watch Party:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

### THURSDAY, July 3

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

### FRIDAY, July 4

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

### SATURDAY, July 5

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

### SUNDAY, July 6

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

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

### Weekend of Sunday, June 22, 2025

Weekly In-person: \$6,774.72

Weekly Online: \$2,399.50

**Weekly TOTAL: \$9,174.22**

**Votive Candles and Sanctuary Lamp:** \$270.66

### **Other Online Donations:**

2025 Annual: \$23, Church Services: \$350,

Monthly: \$409, Utilities: \$23

**Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:** *none*



### St. Ann's Little Library

We are pleased to announce the new St. Ann's Little Library. A large variety of spiritual and religious books for parishioners' reading pleasure are in the bookcase in the Gathering Space. Please return the book to the bookcase after reading, or replace it with another book and put it on a shelf. Thank you.

## Church of Saint Ann PARISH PICNIC



***This Weekend, June 28/29***  
***Land of Peace will be in the***  
***Gathering Space with***  
***Gifts for Purchase from***  
***the Holy Land***



In these challenging times, we invite you to a special event next weekend. Following all Masses, Noel Alshomali from Land of Peace, a not-for-profit organization will be with us to shed light on the struggles faced by Christians in the Holy Land. This mission aims to bring hope and support to Christian families and churches in the Middle East, who are enduring continuous violence and a decline in tourism. Your participation can help make a profound difference. Available for purchase will be religious articles made from Olive Wood, a material native to the Holy Land and Bethlehem. These items, including crucifixes and rosaries, offer a tangible connection to a land that holds deep spiritual significance. We encourage you to join us and support this meaningful cause.

**For more information, please visit**  
**[www.landofpeace.org](http://www.landofpeace.org)**

JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER WATCH PARTY  
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

For **THE CHOSEN - Season 4**

Wednesdays: June 25, July 9, 16 & Thursday July 23

9:30am—11:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

RSVP: andreapizzuti333@gmail.com



## Join us for a Good Summer Read

### HOPE THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY by Pope Francis

Books can be purchased at Amazon.com, other online booksellers or through a local bookstore.

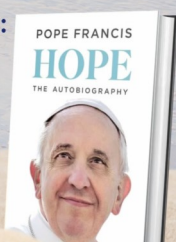
There will be copies available in the St Ann's Lending Library in the Gathering Space.

*Grab a book and a friend and join us!*

#### Book Discussion dates:

In the Activity Room on:  
Wednesday,  
August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
OR Thursday,  
August 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

RSVP:  
Colleen Waterbury  
via text: 203-913-8764



## Family Ice cream SOCIAL

**Saturday,  
July 26th**  
*after the 4pm Mass*

In honor of the Feast of Saint Ann and Joachim, Jesus's grandparents, we will be having a family ice cream social on July 26th, immediately following the 4pm mass, in Fr. Bennett Hall. Bring your grandparents or honorary grandparents!

Thank you to J. Foster for generously donating their delicious ice cream!



## The Holy Eucharist *DID YOU KNOW?*

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus ask Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:16) The words "I AM" have a special significance in Scripture. In the Old Testament God speaks to Moses in the form of the burning bush. God tells him, "I AM WHO I AM. Tell them I AM sent you."

**Reflection:** In today's reading Peter recognizes Jesus as the son of God. Do we recognize Jesus in the Holy Eucharist? Or are we blind to His Living Presence, which is concealed in the fragility of the little Host?



# CHURCH OF SAINT ANN Avon, CT

## PARISH LIFE

March 2025



## Celebrate!

Caroline Rose Bellino  
has been Baptized into Christ.  
Welcome to God's family!



Logan Daley & Rose Marie McGorty  
have been Baptized into Christ.  
Welcome to God's family!



**It's Never Too Late!**

Theresa Brown (seated) received the  
Sacrament of Confirmation at 98 years old  
on Thursday, June 12, 2025! Congratulations!



**Happy  
Birthday,  
Father Al!**  
Friday, June 13th



## PARISH COFFEE

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

Hosted by our Social Outreach Ministry

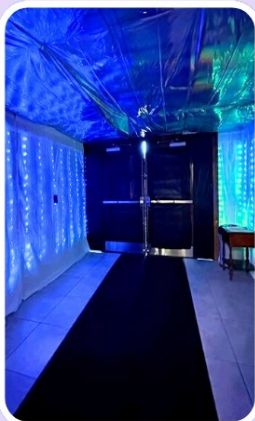
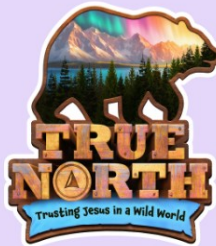




# PARISH LIFE *(continued)*



## ST. ANN'S BIBLE CAMP 2025





# PARISH LIFE *(continued)*







# Branches on the Vine

JUNE 28 - JULY 4, 2025



Members of Our Lady of the Assumption's Faith, Hope & Charity Committee gather to discuss their initiatives.  
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## WOODBIDGE PARISHIONERS RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL TO HELP OTHERS

- Story by Joe Pisani

When Margaret Hamilton and parishioners from Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Parish in Woodbridge and Bethany went into New Haven with fresh produce from their community garden, they were met by a group of excited people at Amistad Catholic Worker.

Hamilton, who is the chair of the Faith, Hope & Charity Committee, says, "I'm not a gardener. I'm just impressed that things grow in the ground so when we bring them produce, I'm happy that they get so excited about what they plan to do with it."

The committee, which has been active for more than 25 years, oversees programs that "help all those who need help," she adds. "The purpose of the committee is to be the charitable arm of the parish," says Father Glen Dmytryszyn, pastor. "We take to heart Our Lord's teaching in the Gospel, where he says that we should extend his heart and hands to those who are in need. We do that through charitable works and through our witness and prayer."

Hamilton said that the initiatives the committee supports are:

\*Midnight Run, where parishioners prepare 200 lunches a month that are distributed to the homeless. Since the fall of 2022, some 5,000 lunches have been made.

\*Good Samaritan Bags, which contain basic necessities, such as socks, water and toothbrushes, are given to homeless people.

\*The parish Community Garden, where the members grow vegetables in 13 raised beds, which last year harvested more than 700 pounds of produce distributed to different organizations twice a week during the summer.

\*Food drives, which benefit five groups, are held on a regular basis.

\*The annual Christmas Angel Tree program which collects toys and gifts for children and families, who might not otherwise receive any.

\*Support for St. Gianna Pregnancy Resource Center in New Haven which benefits newborns, babies, single mothers and families.

\*Semiannual fundraising breakfasts to raise money to support the various ministries.

"This is the impulse of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, to do good in his name, not in our name," Father Dmytryszyn says. "Ultimately, that's what the Faith, Hope and Charity Committee seeks to do: to inspire faith, give hope and increase charity."

Hamilton, who has been involved with the committee for 15 years, says there are

some 25 people who participate, in addition to others who oversee the different ministries.

The entire parish provides support and resources, particularly in initiatives like the Midnight Run, where parishioners stock up on food items for distribution, and the Angel Tree, which collects Christmas gifts each year.

"I like to serve," Hamilton says. "Since I've been involved, I've gotten very close to some of the people we work with, and no matter what we do, they're always grateful." Father Dmytryszyn praised the parish for its generosity and said the work of the committee is fundamental to the Church's mission.

"It allows us to witness to the words and actions of Christ," he says. "As a Catholic faith community, responding to what the Lord asks us to do is pivotal. It's never an option to extend the love of Christ. The parish is more than just a fellowship of our common faith; it's an active participant in the faith, proclaiming Jesus Christ instilling that faith in everyone and giving hope to everyone, and sharing the charity of Christ with everyone."

For more information about the activities of the Faith, Hope & Charity Committee of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Woodbridge and Bethany, contact the rectory at 203.387.7119.





**Archdiocese of Hartford's  
2025 Mission Cooperative  
Appeal:  
Little Sisters of  
Mary Immaculate-Gulu**

**Visiting Saint Ann the  
Weekend of July 12/13**



As part of the Archdiocese of Hartford's Mission Cooperative the Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate-Gulu will be visiting St. Ann on the weekend of July 12th & 13th. From their website we learn that, "The Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu (LSMIG) is an indigenous Congregation of Catholic Sisters founded in 1936 in the Archdiocese of Gulu in Northern Uganda (East Africa)... The Congregation of the LSMIG is based in Northern Uganda and was founded in 1939 by Bishop Angelo Negri, a Comboni Missionary. The mission of the LSMIG is to witness to the love of Jesus Christ to most vulnerable especially women, children, youth and the aged. The LSMIG live their mission through: Catholic education, health, pastoral and social services to the poor and the most vulnerable in the society."

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## Upcoming Events



**07/12 SATURDAY 9:30AM - 3PM  
HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT DAY**  
Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center,  
94 Candlewood Hill Rd, Higganum

We will spend time in prayer like the 12 Apostles, Mary and the other Disciples awaiting the Coming of the Holy Spirit before Pentecost. We will pray with the 7 Gifts and the 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit that they might penetrate us so deeply, that the Holy Spirit, once again, might set us & the world on Fire with Jesus' Spirit of Love, Power and Might.

Presenter- Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ- Donation asked \$35. Includes a Continental Breakfast and a Full Lunch.

To register online go to [sacredheartontheLake.org](http://sacredheartontheLake.org) or call Sr. Lany Jo at 203-606-9102.



**07/7-11 WEEKDAYS  
MUSIC & ART CAMP FOR CHILDREN**  
Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd,  
West Hartford

Students entering grades 3 through 8 are invited to participate in an exciting week of various activities related to music & art.

The music camp will be led by Fr. David Cinquegrani and Kevin Hadyka and take place in the mornings on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Singing in small groups and all together, playing instruments and listening are all part of this enjoyable and educational week. A selection will be performed at the end of each session and a short concert on the final day will bring the week to an inspiring end. Snacks will be provided.

The art camp will be led by Cheryl Gosselin and Lori Little and will take place in the afternoons on Monday through Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will study different artists, forms of art and create masterpieces of our own during our time together. Snacks will be provided. Cost includes supplies.

Offering: \$200 for both Music and Art Camp (includes morning and afternoon snacks)

\$125 for Music Camp only (includes snacks)  
\$100 for Art Camp only (includes snacks)

If you register for the full day option, please bring a bagged lunch with you to eat during the break. Depending on the weather, we will also spend some time outdoors during this hour-long break. Register at [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/music-art-camp](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar/music-art-camp)



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**07/10-12 THURSDAY - SATURDAY 5-10PM  
SUMMER FOOD FESTIVAL**  
St. Mary's Church Grounds, 212 Elizabeth  
St, Derby

Join us in Derby for OLQA/St. Mary's Summer Food Festival—a weekend packed with incredible food and family fun! Savor favorites like, fried calamari, pierogis, rice with chicken stew, corned beef sandwiches, Philly steak sandwiches, sausage & peppers, porchetta, beef or cheese empanadas, pasta with meat sauce, cavatelli & broccoli, and even liver with bacon and onions. We've got American cookout classics too—as well as kielbasa dogs, fried dough, Italian ice, cake, and a wide selection of beer, wine, vodka seltzers, and sodas.

Fiesta Friday features a live mariachi band and authentic tacos, and Saturday is all about the kids with arts, crafts, games, and contests.

Try your luck in our raffle—\$5 a ticket for a chance at up to \$1,000! \*\*Cash only event\*\*

Find us on facebook: @StMarysChurchDerbyCt or on our website: [www.OLQADerby.org](http://www.OLQADerby.org)

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ARCHDIOCESE of HARTFORD



## **HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD**

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Faith Vos Winkel, MSW  
Victim Assistance Coordinator  
**860-541-6475**  
[faith.voswinkel@aohct.org](mailto:faith.voswinkel@aohct.org)

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is also available online at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org). The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:  
*State of CT Department of Children and Families Care-line*  
**1-800-842-2288**

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:  
*State of CT Connecticut Department of Developmental Services*  
*AID Division for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities*  
**1-844-878-8923**

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:  
*State of CT Department of Social Services*  
*Division of Protective Services for Elders*  
**1-888-385-4225**

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.

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