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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33

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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

July 13, 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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, July 12

4:00 Dorothy Verano, requested by
Jim and Marian Glynn

SUNDAY, July 13 *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 Carol Zukowski, requested by Fr. Al Fontana
9:30 John T. LaVia and Vernon J. LaVia, requested by
the LaVia Family
11:00 Eileen and Robert Rooney, requested by
the Rooney Family

MONDAY, July 14, *Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin*

9:00 In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
requested by Sandy Bondhus

TUESDAY, July 15,

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 Joe Koe, requested by the family

WEDNESDAY, July 16, *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

9:00 Marcel Houle, requested by his daughter,
Patricia and sister, Charlene

THURSDAY, July 17

9:00 Manuel Henares, requested by
the Henares Family

FRIDAY, July 18, *Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest*

9:00 Edwin Lysak, requested by the family

SATURDAY, July 19

4:00 Michael Canapari, requested by Susi Johnson

SUNDAY, July 20, *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 Daniel Murphy, requested by
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Arciero
9:30 Michael D. Gentile, requested by
Mr. and Mrs. James Samia
11:00 Alan Roy, requested by his daughter, Carolyn Roy

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:

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.

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

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



Feast of Saint Ann July 26th

We celebrate the feast day of our
patroness Saint Anne this coming
July 26, so please join us in a novena
in her honor. The novena traditionally
starts on July 17th and ends July 25th.
As you know, Saint Anne is a powerful

saint, the mother of The Blessed Virgin Mary and
Grandmother of Jesus. She is also the patron saint of
mothers, grandmothers, unmarried women, pregnant women,
as well as of relationships.

Starting on July 17th, we will gather after the weekday
Masses to pray this novena for your special intentions. We will
provide the novena pray for each day along with the
mediations. The material will also be available for you to do
on your own if you are unable to participate at our church.

You can also find the novena on the parish website,
www.stannavon.org, for you to say from the convenience of your
home. (It will be located under the "About" tab and then click
"Patron Saint")

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

SATURDAY, July 12

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

SUNDAY, July 13

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

MONDAY, July 14

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church

TUESDAY, July 15

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

WEDNESDAY, July 16

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

THURSDAY, July 17

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, July 18

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, July 19

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

SUNDAY, July 20

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

This Weekend:
*Archdiocese of
Hartford's Mission
Cooperative Appeal:
Little Sisters of Mary
Immaculate of Gulu*

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekend of Sunday, July 6, 2025

Weekly In-person: \$5,084.00

Weekly Online: \$3,478.50

Weekly TOTAL: \$8,562.50

Votive Candles and Sanctuary Lamp: \$289.33

Other Online Donations:

Catholic Relief Services: \$20, Easter: \$23,

Monthly: \$964, Peter's Pence: \$65, Utilities: \$23

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *monthly*

Join us for a Good Summer Read

HOPE THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY *by Pope Francis*

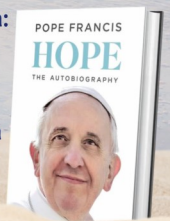
Books can be purchased at Amazon.com, other online booksellers or through a local bookstore. There will be copies available in the St Ann's Lending Library in the Gathering Space.

Grab a book and a friend and join us!

Book Discussion dates:

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

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



INVITE A FRIEND
TO MASS NEXT WEEK!

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PARISH PICNIC

FOOD & GAMES

Save the Date

FELLOWSHIP & FUN!

1:00 – 4:00 PM

Sunday, September 7th

more details to follow

Visiting Saint Ann This Weekend, July 12/13:



LITTLE SISTERS OF MARY IMMACULATE OF GULU – LSMIG
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MISSION BRIEF: THE LITTLE SISTERS OF MARY IMMACULATE OF GULU (LSMIG)

Who we are: The Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu (LSMIG) are an indigenous Congregation of Catholic Sisters founded in 1936 in the Archdiocese of Gulu, in Northern Uganda (East Africa).

Ministry to Refugee Child Mothers and refugee children in northern Uganda: The LSMIG Sisters continue to uniquely serve a people of northern Uganda who are emerging from a nearly 30 years of civil war while concurrently giving service to refugees from South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Uganda remains a home to 1.56 million refugees and 57% of these are settled in northern Uganda (UNHCR September 2023). The most affected are children who arrived in Uganda unaccompanied. The little girls in particular have become child-mothers at 13-15 year of age due to sexual violence, forced early marriage.

We are grateful to Rev. Fr Alfonso Fontana, and the Catholic community of Saint Ann Parish - Avon, CT for your generosity and financial contribution in 2024. We were able to:

- expand school feeding program to include breakfast and lunch for the school children.
- Strengthened the school health program by stocking enough medical supplies in the school infirmary, purchased 700 mosquito nets for each child to sleep under. This has significantly reduced the rate of malaria infection by 80% among the children.
- We also purchased educational supplies such as text books, exercise books and pen for the Daycare, the kindergarten and the Elementary classes and the vocational sections.
- The school enrolment has increased from 517 in 2024 to 634 (22.6%) in 2025



Above: Sr Lucy Feeding the baby class



Above: Sr Jane the Clinical Officer examining a child in the school infirmary



Left: Sister Beatrice animating Dispute Resolution

Thank you so much for igniting hope in these refugee child Mothers, their babies and the other refugee children through Catholic Education. We the LSMIG sisters feel encouraged to continue living our **Charism of sharing God's love and kindness to All, with zeal and dedication.** Our **mission to witness to the love of Jesus Christ to the poor and most vulnerable members of the society** is only possible with your generosity. THANK YOU!

Your help is still needed to Sustain:

1. **School feeding Program** for 90% of the children for whom school food is the only meal of the day
2. **School health Program** especially medical supplies and mosquito nets because Uganda is prone to malaria.
3. **Solar Energy:** To light the classrooms, dormitory and security lights to the school compound specially in the evening for studies and safety of the children.

We kindly invite you, through your Pastor, for your financial support to facilitate the effort of our LSMIG Sisters to break the cycle of child motherhood in the refugee camps and to impart the values of God's love and kindness to these children through Catholic Education.

You can make your gift with a check or in cash to your Parish, with a memo for the LSMIG.

Please pray for us and be assured of our prayers for you, your Parish, your family and your loved ones. May God graciously bless you. Thank you for your generosity!

LIGHT IN DARKNESS

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!



JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER WATCH PARTY WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

For THE CHOSEN - Season 4

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



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Christ's command to love one another is exemplified in the Holy Eucharist. He loves us so much that not even death on the Cross is enough for Our Lord to show us His love. He even deigns in humility to allow Himself to be contained in the Consecrated Host to become our very food ("Christ's Life is fed into us through the Eucharist." Bishop Robert Barron) The parable of the good Samaritan today expresses the Lord's desire to have us "Give the gift that we've been given." (* And expressly given to us through reception of the Eucharist).

Reflection: If we wish to live Christ's commandment of love of neighbor, it is our union with Christ through this Sacrament of Love, which enables us to go out and live this commandment. Christ is telling each of us in the Eucharist, "Go out and do likewise." How does your daily life put this commandment into action?

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Mary Hoffman from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



Mary Hoffman
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Giant Parish Tag Sale



ST Joseph Church
31 Oak Street
Winsted, CT

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August
7-8-9 from 9am to 2pm in the
Franciscan Center Gym

Consider donating gently used, clean, no longer needed items: dishes, glassware, garden supplies, tools, books, sports equipment, toys, collectibles, wood furniture, lamps, bikes, clocks, small working appliances, craft supplies, baskets, seasonal items and more. (NO large furniture, large exercise equipment, air conditioners, tires, mattresses or microwaves). Donations can be brought to the Franciscan Center beginning Monday through Thursday, July 28 through August 5, 9:00am to 3:00pm only. Call Melanie, Joanie or Mary at 860-379-3369 with questions, or if you would like to volunteer.



Upcoming Events

VOTIVE MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
Patron of Atrani, Italy
Thursday, July 17, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Mass in Italian with Fr. Joseph MacNeill

Music by Dr. Ezequiel Menendez & choir
U.S. premiere of "Inno a Maria Maddalena" by Mons. Marco Frisina

Coffee & Refreshments to follow
Sponsored by the Societa Santa Maria Maddalena

Saint Michael Church of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish
29 Wooster Place, New Haven, CT



07/30 WEDNESDAY 7PM
FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
THE INFINITY SAXOPHONE QUARTET
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford

The grounds of Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center will again resonate with the sound of music this summer. Gather your family and friends, grab a blanket or low-profile beach chair, and make your way to our pavilion for this lively concert series. You are welcome to bring food and beverages to enjoy throughout the evening. Our grounds are magnificent, so come early to enjoy our walking paths or recenter yourself with a journey through our labyrinth.

These concerts are FREE to attend. No registration required.

Wednesday, July 30, 2025
7:00 to 8:30 P.M.
The Infinity Saxophone Quartet

This evening's showcase features a diverse mix of jazz standards, contemporary classical, big band, folk, and classic pop music. Featuring Justin Fontano (soprano/alto sax), Steve Moran (alto sax), Rich Szulcowski (tenor sax, manager), and Matt Schmidt (baritone sax).



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07/22 TUESDAY 1-6PM
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
The Lyceum, 181 Main St, Terryville

Join St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish and help save lives at a community blood drive. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. That's why St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish is on a mission to help save lives by hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, from 1:00-6:00 PM at The Lyceum, 181 Main St., Terryville.

The community is invited to take part in this special event and donate blood for patients across the country. Make a difference in our community and beyond and help ensure blood is on the shelves before it is needed.
To schedule your appointment, visit www.tinyurl.com/4jfvbska

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'Benefit Concert for ImmaCare's Shelter

Fr. Ray Kelly—the beloved Singing Irish Priest from Britain's Got Talent—will perform live on **Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30 PM** at **Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford** in his only Connecticut appearance! One hundred percent of the proceeds from this special nondenominational concert will support ImmaCare and our mission to serve individuals experiencing homelessness.

To purchase tickets and to learn more, visit: <https://immacare.org/fr-ray-concert/> or scan the QR Code. Tickets start at \$25.

Contact Teresa Wierbicki with any questions: twierbicki@immacare.org

Don't miss this unforgettable evening of music and purpose! Through nondenominational concerts, the Fr. Ray Kelly Music Ministry promotes friendship, love and courage-while supporting charitable causes.

Watch Fr. Ray's rendition of "Everybody Hurts" during his audition on Britain's Got Talent:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qynf7CzzuLc>

Watch Fr. Ray surprise a Bride and Groom with the Wedding Hallelujah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XYKwqj5QViQ>

Fr. Ray Benefit Concert for ImmaCare

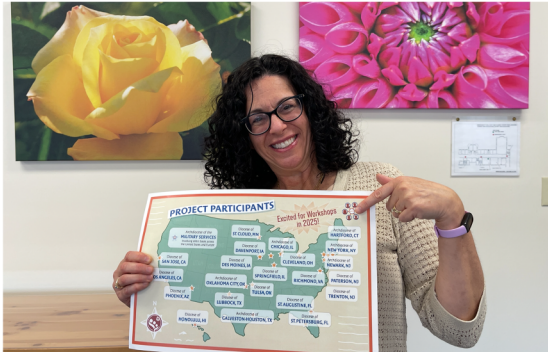


NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Branches on the Vine

JULY 12 - 18, 2025



Kelly Henderschedt, archdiocesan director of Faith Formation and Parish Life, holds up a map showing Hartford among 20 dioceses selected to participate in a national family faith project.
PHOTO BY SHELLEY WOLF

ARCHDIOCESE IS SELECTED FOR NATIONAL PARENT AND FAMILY FAITH PROJECT

- Story by Shelley Wolf

There is a map of the United States with 20 Catholic dioceses that are part of a cutting-edge, family faith project – and the Archdiocese of Hartford is literally on the map.

Hartford appears proudly among the dioceses of New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Honolulu on a map created by the National Community of Catechetical Leaders, or NCCL, a national association of Catholic religious educators.

“It’s kind of amazing to have Hartford be part of this huge national project that literally goes from coast to coast,” says Kelly Henderschedt, director of Faith Formation and Parish Life for the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The project, “Parents and Families at the Center of Faith Formation,” is being conducted by NCCL thanks to a five-year grant from the Lilly Endowment, a private foundation. The Archdiocese of Hartford is among 20 dioceses invited to participate in the national project, which is helping 200 Catholic parishes across the country engage 30,000 parents and their families.

The project is already underway in the archdiocese in 10 participating parishes.

The 10 parishes include: Most Holy Trinity, Wallingford; St. Peter Claver, West Hartford; St. Margaret, Madison; St. Thomas the Apostle, Oxford; St. Luke, Southington; St. Anthony, Prospect; St. Mary, Simsbury; St. Damien of Molokai, Windsor; St. John Bosco, Branford; and St. Paul VI, Hamden.

Together, the parishes are exploring how to strengthen faith formation at home during the first two decades of life, and create parish communities that support parents and the whole family. All initiatives are incorporating the most current thinking about faith transmission in today’s families.

According to Henderschedt, this is year two of the five-year project, which began in the fall of 2024. The first year involved information gathering. Year two includes idea generation, program development and the launch of pilot programs in the parishes. More activities will be phased in over the following years, ending with evaluation in 2028.

In each of the 10 archdiocesan parishes, parish teams have already completed parent surveys.

“We’re saying, ‘Tell us. What is your biggest struggle with your family?’

How can we help you grow your child in his or her faith? How can we support you?” Henderschedt asks. Parents, she says, were thrilled to be asked.

Some parents, she reports, want help talking to their teenagers about faith, some want advice on teaching the Bible at home, and others need help with difficult conversations.

Currently, the parish teams are using the parent data to develop new pilot programs, or tweak existing ones, to better support families in instilling Catholic faith and values. These customized family faith programs are also taking into account various cultures, family structures, caregivers, and the needs expressed by today’s parents.

“In my 25 years of doing faith formation, including my eight years at the archdiocese, I have not seen anything this forward thinking,” Henderschedt says.

“It’s super exciting. It’s so innovative. We’re really thinking outside of the box about how we are forming families. Really creative work is coming out of this,” she insists. Stay tuned for new and engaging family faith programs in the 10 parishes, beginning this fall.





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