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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

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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: 8:30 am, 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

BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

Please call the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221

Please schedule marriage dates at least 6 months ahead. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

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 INTENTIONS



Fifth Sunday of Easter

SATURDAY, April 27, *Easter Weekday*

4:00 Jack Tromza, requested by Mary Jane Jeter

SUNDAY, April 28, *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 Regina Foy, requested by
Bill and Theresa Bachhuber

11:00 Severino and Marion Rotondo, requested by
the family

MONDAY, April 29,

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

9:00 Carol DeVita, requested by the DeVita Family

TUESDAY, April 30, *Easter Weekday, Saint Pius V, Pope*

9:00 Art Hennig (2nd Ann.), requested by
the Hennig Family

WEDNESDAY, May 1, *Easter Weekday,*

Saint Joseph the Worker

9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, May 2, *Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, May 3, *Saint Philip and James, Apostles*

9:00 John McCarthy, requested by
John and Aelish Clifford

SATURDAY, May 4, *Easter Weekday*

4:00 Manda Koch, requested by
Russell and Diane Koch

SUNDAY, May 5, *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

7:30 John Wall, requested by the
Walking with Purpose Ministry

9:30 Elizabeth Paine, requested by
the Rotondo Family

11:00 Elizabeth Ann Paine, requested by
the Keating Family

WELCOME!



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!

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

SATURDAY, April 27

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

SUNDAY, April 28

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft

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

MONDAY, April 29

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

Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome)

TUESDAY, April 30

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

WEDNESDAY, May 1

The Bible and the Virgin Mary Bible Study: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

The Way of Trust and Love Book Study: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, May 2

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Adult Confirmation Prep: 4:30-6pm in Room 3

FRIDAY, May 3

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, May 4

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

SUNDAY, May 5

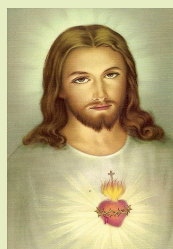
Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

Send Off for Ann DiStefano: after 11am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church



Please pray for our First Eucharist class as they receive the body and blood of Jesus for the first time next weekend.



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday, May 5, 2024

2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Please join us to honor God's greatest attribute His Mercy.



St. Ann's Scholarship Committee's Annual

PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

Sat., May 18, 2024 from 8am - 12 noon
St. Ann's Parking Lot

DONATIONS NEEDED:

As you start to work in your gardens this spring, please consider sharing some of your perennials that are ready for dividing. Also, we would appreciate the donation of any Easter plants, such as tulips and daffodils, if you don't plan to use the bulbs in your own flower beds. In addition to plants, we would welcome the donation of small, gently used gardening accessories (e.g. tools, flower pots, statuary).

Drop off plant donations in the parking lot (West Avon Rd side, under tree) on:

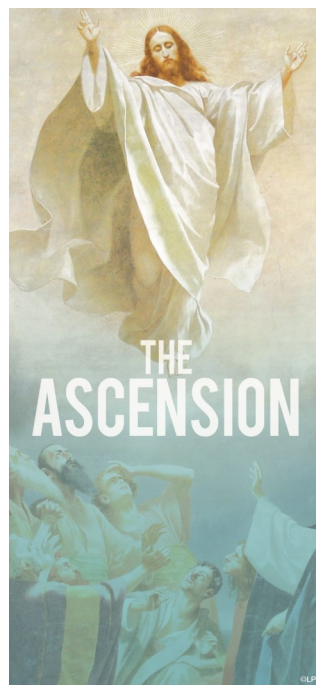
Thursday, May 16, from 8:30-10am and 5-7pm

Friday, May 17, from 8:30-10am and 1-2pm

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

If you have questions, or would like to volunteer, please call
 Jean Frey: 860-673-1949. We happily welcome any new volunteers join us!

Proceeds will Support the Social Outreach
 Ministry's Scholarship Program, which provides
 deserving urban students with partial scholarships
 to local Catholic High Schools.



THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Thurs., May 9th

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASSSES WILL BE AT:

9:00 am

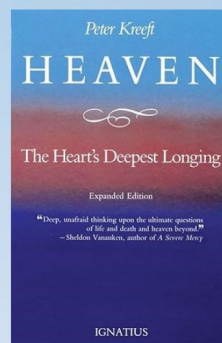
12:00pm

7:00 pm

All parishioners
 are invited to a Send Off Coffee
 in honor of
Ann DiStefano
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Sunday, May 5, 2024
after the 11:00am Mass
Fr. Bennett Hall

Ann has been our Adult Faith Formation Leader since 2016. If you have taken any of her classes, studied under her team of leaders, or worked with her in OCIA you know the incredible dedication she has to our parish family.

This Spring she embarks on her next adventure and we would love for you to join us to wish her all the best.



Book Study:

Heaven:

The Heart's Deepest Longing
by Peter Kreeft

Thursdays

May 16th - June 6th

9:30am in Room 3

Theologian Karl Rahner once said that in this life we come to realize that all symphonies must remain unfinished. Long before him, St. Augustine said that to be human is to have a restless heart. What is the universal, never-ending longing for something beyond this earthly existence that we feel, and where does it come from?

In his book *Heaven: The Heart's Deepest Longing* Peter Kreeft beautifully expresses how it is the hope of heaven, planted within us by God, that drives the heart's quest for joy. Join our discussion of Kreeft's rich masterpiece that feeds both the soul and the mind, and shows us how a more intimate relationship with Jesus can give us a taste of heaven now.

Meeting Thursdays, 5/16- 6/6 at 9:30am in Room 3.

RSVP to terry@frankpendergastinc.com
by May 2nd.

Books are available via bookstores and online.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 4/21/24: \$4,990.00

Votive Candles for the week ending 4/21/24: \$242.00

Online Giving (April 17-24, 2024)

Weekly: \$ 2,456.00

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.

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:
<https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>.

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

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
LT Victoria Hamel, USCG
1LT Sean Neagle, USArmy
1LT Brian J. Heaven Jr., USArmy

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



The Holy Eucharist
DID YOU KNOW?

Using the colorful imagery of the vine and the branches, Jesus make it very clear that we must remain in Him in order to have life. (John 15:1-8) Remaining in Jesus means that we are to live a life which is intimately joined to Him. It is through the gift of the Sacraments that we can most easily accomplish this. No Sacrament is more efficacious than that of the Holy Eucharist. Why? Because the Eucharist is Jesus! IT is the Sacrament of sacraments.

Reflection: Here in this sacrament, we encounter the Living God, Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. Here we receive the life-giving Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord. Here we are flooded with the Divine life of grace. Here we are nourished, strengthened and aided as we make our life's journey to Heaven. "Everything is in the Eucharist." (St. Albert the Great)
Like the branch that dies when it is severed from the vine, we have no life apart from the living God.

St. Ann's Family Ministry bringing SOULCORE to St. Ann

Join SoulCore Leader Diana, to nourish body, mind & soul with SoulCore - a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. No fitness level or experience required. All are welcome! Visit www.soulcore.com for more information.

WHAT YOU NEED:

Exercise mat or large towel, water bottle, and an open heart.

WHEN/WHERE:

Thursday, May 9th, 1:30 pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

There is no cost but a suggested donation of \$10, for those who are able.

For planning purposes, please email familyministyrstann@gmail.com if you are planning to attend!

The Way of Trust and Love

A Retreat Guided by St. Therese of Lisieux

BY FR. JACQUES PHILIPPE

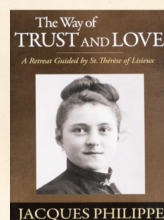
THE STUDY MEETS:

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Fr. Bennett Hall

April 17, May 1, 8 and 15

All parishioners are invited to join us for a book study of Father Jaques Philippe's, *The Way of Trust and Love*, a mini retreat based on the life of St. Therese of Lisieux.



Our first meeting will be "come as you are", if you need us to order a book for you please let the parish office know and it will be available for you to pick up at the first meeting.

RSVP:

Colleen Waterbury 203-913-8764
or Pat Wall (860) 508-0947



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Ten years represent a good part of anyone's life. That's pretty much how long I've been your Archbishop. In some ways it seems like just yesterday that I arrived in Hartford in December of 2013. In other ways, it seems like long ago and a lot of water, as they say, has passed under the bridge.

Life today presents many daunting challenges, especially for the Church. I am grateful for the understanding and support of you, our Catholic people, and the collaboration of so many talented, dedicated and competent individuals—clergy, religious and laity—all of whom have made these ten years possible and dare I say, fruitful, in the sense of bringing forth good for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. All of our priests in

particular are owed a debt of gratitude as my closest and indispensable co-workers in shepherding, sanctifying and teaching the flock entrusted to us.

There are many things that I could say about all that has happened over the past decade. Let me just highlight a few significant things.

As for so many dioceses in our country and throughout the world, "pastoral planning" looms large over these last ten years in an effort that is still "a work in progress" to revitalize parish life by bringing parishioners together as they are today, not as they once were in the past and are no more. The same can be said of our schools, which are now enjoying new growth and vitality in keeping with their Catholic identity.

The Scriptures, and Jesus Himself, praise good stewardship. On behalf of all those who have benefited, I want to thank everyone for your generosity over the past decade to your parish, to special collections, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and the "Forward with Faith" capital campaign, as well as Catholic Charities and many other "good works" that are an essential part of a life of faith.

More than one saint has spoken of the fact that in a mystical sense Christ continues to be crucified until the end of time. Remember how even after His Resurrection, Jesus mysteriously still bears on His body the marks of His wounds. His mystical body, the Church, suffers from betrayal and sin. In our own time nothing shows this more than the sin and crime of sexual abuse of the vulnerable. I can only say that leaving no stone unturned we now have the benefit of knowing that all clergy with some connection to the Archdiocese who have either had a credible claim of sexual abuse of a minor asserted against them, or who have been the subject of a claim of a sexual abuse of a minor that was settled by the Archdiocese, have been identified and their names published. Learning from the past, we remain ever vigilant and proactive in preventing this evil, and we pray for the healing of victims.

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My brothers and sisters, the times in which we live are a test of hope. Many people are discouraged by the direction in which our country and the world appear to be headed. In the Church too we witness a diminishment of faith and practice, and are stunned at the reality of sin even among those of us who are clergy. And if we are true to what the Church teaches from Christ and the Gospel about faith and morals, we will quickly bring upon ourselves the world's criticism.

Yet in all this, as Pope St. John Paul often reminded us, we have no reason to lose hope, or to falter in our steps, or to put on a glum face. Hope is possible to the extent that we place our trust in Christ's promises rather than anything this world has to offer. If our hope was set on a perfect world, or even a perfect Church, created by human beings, then we would have cause for despair. But God is the Lord of the world and of the Church. Mysteriously He makes all things—good and bad—serve His plan and purpose, which is the triumph of His kingdom, and our triumph to the extent that we are “in Christ.”

God does not disappoint. Like a distant horizon, our future and the purpose of our life may elude us, but only because the goal transcends what we now can see. The danger is not that life is hopeless. The danger, as St. Augustine says, is that on our journey toward hope's goal we may become so distracted by our surroundings that we forget where we are headed. In this fallen world sometimes the distractions of life consist of things that are very good, sometimes very evil. Only a healthy sense of hope in the midst of good and evil keeps us moving forward on our journey to God.

The wisdom of these words does not come from me, but from the heart of the Church—from the Catholic Faith handed down faithfully and lived heroically by all the saints, whether they are saints on the Church calendar, or God's little ones hidden and known only by their relatives, neighbors and friends.

It is this hope-filled message that I wish to leave with you as I complete my ministry as your Archbishop. To all those who offered me their help, support and encouragement; to those who gave me that precious gift we call “the benefit of the doubt” amid all the voices raised in troubled times; to those who have prayed with me and for me; to those who had a heart for the whole Archdiocese as one family of faith; and above all to those who strive every day to live and bear witness to their Catholic faith in Christ to the best of their ability, I say: Thank you and God bless you.

As we welcome Archbishop Christopher Coyne as the next Archbishop of Hartford, may Mary our Mother, St. Joseph, and Blessed Michael McGivney, intercede for him, so that, in the words of the liturgy, “what he has received by divine commission he may fulfill by divine assistance” for the glory of God and the good of souls.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leonard P. Blair". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford



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