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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 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 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



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 Second Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, December 7,

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

4:00 Derek Stockwell, requested by
the Stockwell & Rivera Families

SUNDAY, December 8, *Second Sunday of Advent*

7:30 Vincent Reilly, requested by the Osiecki Family

9:30 Marcel Robaczynski, requested by the family

11:00 Donald Nelson, requested by the Nelson Family

MONDAY, December 9, *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00 David Gray, requested by the Newman Family

TUESDAY, December 10, *Our Lady of Loreto*

9:00 For the intentions of Vicky Ziotas (Living),
requested by Ken Arnold & Claudette Beaudin

WEDNESDAY, December 11, *Saint Damasus I, Pope Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

9:00 Margaret Mansfield, requested by
the Osiecki Family

THURSDAY, December 12, *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

9:00 Arthur Godbout, Sr., requested by
The Godbout Family

FRIDAY, December 13, *Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*

9:00 Fr. Thomas P. Quinn, requested by Sandy Bondhus

SATURDAY, December 14,

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

4:00 Anna ZuWallack, requested by
the ZuWallack Family

SUNDAY, December 15, *Third Sunday of Advent*

7:30 *Special Intentions*

9:30 Bill, Terry and Patrick Roderick, requested by
Tom and Pat Heavren

11:00 Craig Schortzmann, requested by the family

*To schedule a Mass Intention, please call or 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:

Craig Schortzmann
John Pappalardo

Requested by:

the Schortzmann Family
Marcia Lysak & family

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.

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

QR code to donate:



Annual Parish Collection

Church of Saint Ann

as of 12/2/2024

\$180,000

Raised
\$166,467



We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many parish households to our **Annual Collection**. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated. The collection, if successful, will provide funding to assist the parish in balancing the operations budget and earmarking funds for capital improvements. **Thank you!**

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

SATURDAY, December 7

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

SUNDAY, December 8

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

MONDAY, December 9

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, December 10

Rooted and Radiant (WWP): 10:15 via ZOOM

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

WEDNESDAY, December 11

Advent Reflection: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

Rooted and Radiant (WWP): 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, December 12

Advent Book Study: 9:30am in Room 1

New Day Seminar: 9:45am in Room 3

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, December 13

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, December 14

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

SUNDAY, December 15

Parish Coffee: after 9:30am Mass, *hosted by the Gather Ministry*

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

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



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Giving for Sunday, November 24, 2024

Weekly In-person: \$5,613.00

Weekly Online: \$2,490.50

Weekly TOTAL: \$8,103.50

Votive Candles and Sanctuary Lamp: \$321.43

Parish Annual Appeal TOTAL: \$165,137 (as of 11/25/24)
(Includes donations made online, via mail & in person)

Other Online Donations:

Monthly: \$619.50, , Utilities: \$20, Military Collection: \$5, Campaign for Human Development: \$25

Weekly Giving for Sunday, December 1, 2024

Weekly In-person: \$6,380.00

Weekly Online: \$3,207.50

Weekly TOTAL: \$9,587.50

Votive Candles and Sanctuary Lamp: \$118.00

Parish Annual Appeal TOTAL: \$166,467 (as of 12/2/24)
(Includes donations made online, via mail & in person)

Other Online Donations:

Church Services: \$100, Monthly: \$749, Campaign for Human Development: \$10, Utilities: \$23, Easter: \$50, Christmas: \$400, Military: \$10, Retired Religious Fund: \$50, Christmas Plants: \$530

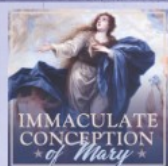
Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Monthly



Help us decorate our beautiful altar with Christmas plants and flowers by donating \$10 in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Donations are used towards the purchase of these plants and flowers. Your loved one's names will be included in the 4th Sunday of Advent's bulletin. Pick up an order form w/attached envelope in the Gathering Space. Put completed form & payment in the envelope and drop in the basket near the forms or at the Parish Office. Deadline for orders is December 10th.

Download a form to print
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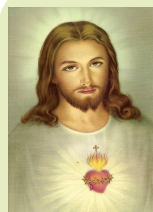


*The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS
YEAR AND WILL BE CELEBRATED
AT THE 9:00AM MASS ON MONDAY,
DECEMBER 9, 2024

Thank You!

The **Knight of Columbus** would like to thank all those who purchased pies this year during our Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Your support makes our fundraiser successful. We also want to thank all the Confirmation students who gave up their time to help assemble and distribute the pies this year. Council 4376 especially wishes to thank Joseph Family Markets & ShopRite of Canton. Without their support over the past thirteen years, we wouldn't have been able to provide such delicious gourmet pies. Thank you all!



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday, December 15, 2024
2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Please join us to receive God's Merciful
 Love this Advent.

ImmaCare Outreach Collection



The collection has begun! We will be putting together Christmas gift bags for the ImmaCare Outreach van to deliver to individuals living outdoors in the most dangerous areas of the city. These people are living in parks, under bridges and along railroad tracks. Hopefully we will get lots of warm socks, and new, long sleeved t-shirts, which were requested. Other high need items are granola bars, peanut butter crackers, trail mix, Vienna sausages, and tuna kits. Would love to include these in the bags. Also, not as Christmas gifts, but sweatpants and sweatshirts are always needed. They would not have to be brand new.

Please drop off in the boxes in Father Bennett Hall and Gathering Space before December 8.

*ImmaCare extended their thanks in advance,
 and wish you and your families a blessed holiday season.*

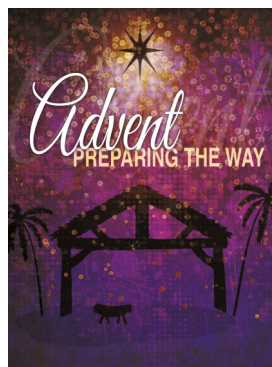


Annual Used Book Sale

sponsored by St. Ann's Scholarship Committee

**February 28th
 and
 March 1st, 2025**

We hope you will start setting aside books you would like to donate!



Advent Reconciliation

Monday, December 16th

7:00pm

Give yourself the gift of forgiveness and peace as you prepare your heart to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

Annual Toy/Gift Collection

Weekend of December 14/15, 2024

Option 1:

Take one or more paper Christmas gift requests from the panel in the Gathering Space or side entrance. Purchase gift, wrap in Christmas paper and securely tape the identifying tag to the gift. Recipients will be children and families at Catholic Worker House, Catholic Charities new citizen families and Prudence Crandall Center (domestic violence shelter).

Option 2:

Purchase one or more gifts (please, no war games)
DO NOT WRAP. Recipients will be children in Avon & Hartford.

Drop Off:

Please place gifts on tables at far end of Fr. Bennett Hall the weekend of December 14/15. **If you are going away:** Please leave gifts in Fr. Bennett Hall & bring gift cards to the Parish Office

God Bless You For Your Generosity
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Parish Coffee

December 15th

After 9:30am Mass

Please join fellow parishioners and guests after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, December 15th, for coffee and refreshments. *Sponsored by our Gather Ministry.*

SAVE THE DATE

LESSONS & CAROLS

A FESTIVE EVENING DEDICATED TO
 THE GREATEST EVENT,
 THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

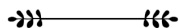
JANUARY 4, 2025

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Branches on the Vine

News from the Archdiocese of Hartford · December 7 - 13, 2024



WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR?

Toni Ann LaMattina, principal at St. Mary-St. Michael School in Derby, is most grateful for her new position, leading the educators and students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade at the Catholic school.

Founded in 1885, the school has a long and proud history of providing an exceptional education to all who enter through its doors. It prepares students for a lifetime of learning centered on Catholic Social Teaching.

And it all begins with gratitude to God, with students learning to thank their heavenly Father for all that they are, have been given, and may become. And what better time to reflect on their appreciation than during this time of Thanksgiving?

Recently, students in Tara Petrino's fourth-grade class answered the question "What are you grateful for?" They crafted paper pumpkins with key phrases such as "my life," "a loving family" and "a home to keep me safe."

Brianna Sawicki's third-grade class created handprint art and penciled in key words such as "Jesus" and "Easter," along with "cousins" and "dogs." LaMattina even coached an eighth-grade class on how to roast a turkey.

But the essays from the fourth graders were the most revealing exercise because students went beyond the "what" to the "why."

Iyanna Zebrowski wrote, "I am grateful for my family because they make me feel loved all day," and "I am grateful for my home because it's warm and quiet."

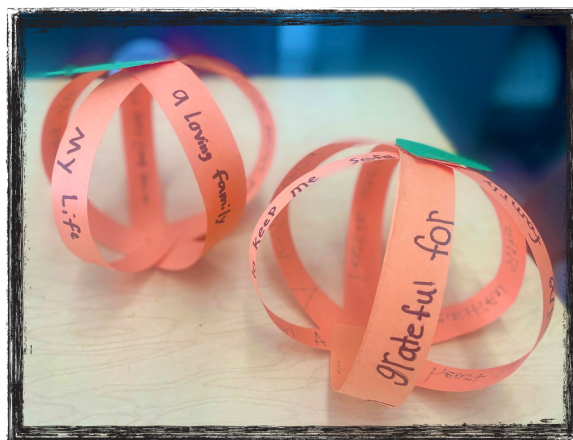
In addition to citing her family, Hanna Tran wrote, "I am also grateful to God because he gave me the things that I love." And she is grateful for school "because I can be goofy and learn there."

Brielle Louis Jacques recognized her peers. "I am grateful for my best friend Laila. She makes me laugh every day at school and outside school," she wrote. And "I am grateful for my brother. He is caring and loving to me."

Morgan Millard shared her feelings, writing, "God makes me feel safe and happy. My mom and dad can make me feel happy when I feel sad."

Scott Weller was alternatively serious and whimsical, writing, "I am grateful for God because he's amazing. I am also grateful for my good family and my two guinea pigs because they cheer me up and are funny. Last but not least, I am grateful for this free country and its strong military."

Olivier Bercy revealed his appreciation and humility. "I am grateful for my first father, God. He is the reason why I am here every day," Olivier wrote. "I am grateful for free will because free will is the freedom to decide when and how to act. I am grateful for my school because without it, I would not be smart."



The paper pumpkins listing what students are grateful for were created by Tara Petrino's fourth-grade class at St. Mary-St. Michael School in Derby. Photo courtesy St. Mary-St. Michael School.

Story by Shelley Wolf



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 14 at 8:40 AM

Blessed Michael McGivney Parish Rosary Walk ·

St. Joseph Church Hall, New Haven

Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in New Haven will stand in support of life during its next Rosary Walk on Sat., Dec. 14. Participants should meet at 8:40 a.m. at St. Joseph Church Hall.

Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 PM

*Office of Culture and Social Mission Presents:
Multicultural Christmas Choir Concert · Our Lady
of Fatima, Hartford*

The Archdiocesan Office of Culture and Social Mission and Our Lady of Fatima Parish present this year's multicultural Christmas concert on December 15 at 4 PM. After the concert, there will be hot chocolate and cookies served in the church hall. All are welcome to attend!

Friday, December 20 at 7:00 PM

St. Junipero Serra Christmas Choir Concert · St.

Margaret Mary Church, South Windsor

We invite everyone to our annual free Christmas Choir Concert to be held on Friday, December 20, 2024 at 7pm at St. Margaret Mary Church, 80 Hayes Rd., South Windsor, CT. The adult choir is accompanied by a 23-piece chamber orchestra and organ. New this year is a selection sung by our Youth Choir. We will be performing beautiful arrangements of many beloved Christmas carols and songs. Don't miss it!

For more events, please visit:
archdioceseofhartford.org/events

To submit an event for consideration, please
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Saturday, February 1 at 9:30 AM

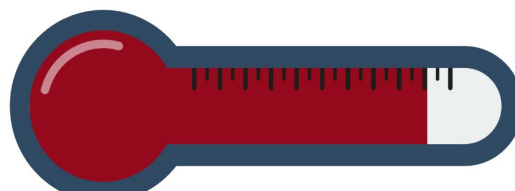
*St. Ambrose Parish Men's Retreat · Sacred Heart
on the Lake Retreat Center, Higganum*

Topic: Eucharistic Revival, Reflection on the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, with retreat leader Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Carpooling will be available. Cost: \$35 per person.

You can register through Flocknote or by contacting the Saint Ambrose parish office. Space is limited to 30 retreatants, so please sign-up early. Registration and payment are due by December 15.

2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal



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