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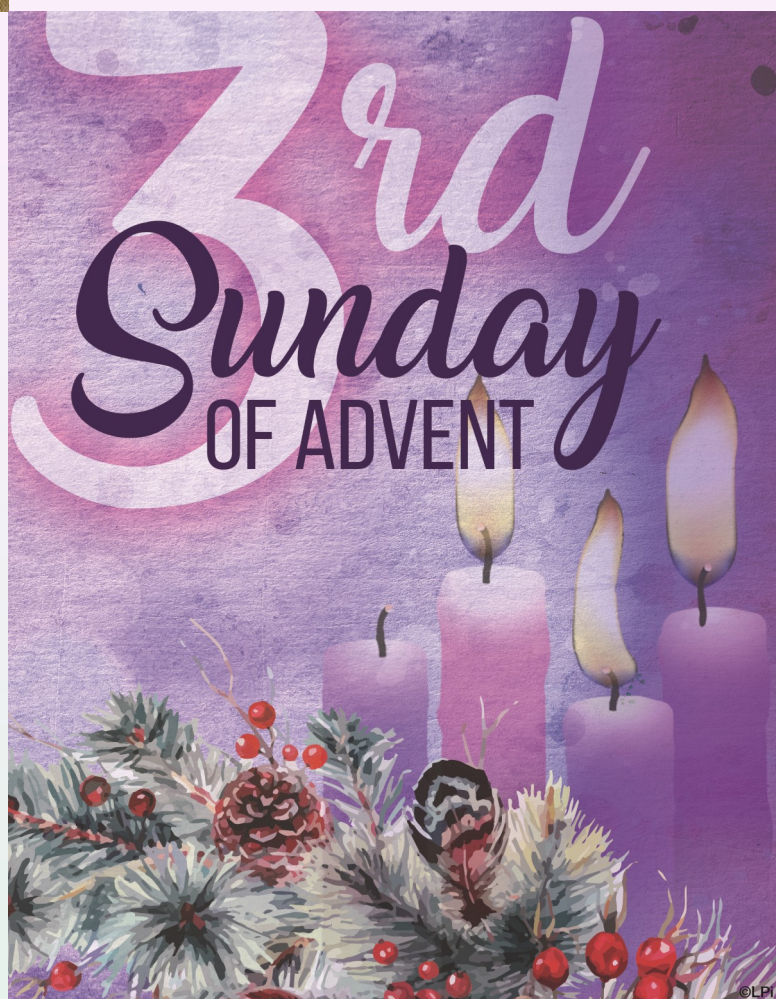
Wedding dates should be scheduled at least 6 months ahead.

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

Third Sunday of Advent

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

MONDAY, December 16

9:00 *Special Intentions*

7:00 Parish Advent Reconciliation

TUESDAY, December 17

9:00 Guy and Jan Marie Theroux, requested by
the Theroux Family

WEDNESDAY, December 18

9:00 Louis and Betty Ann Perleoni, requested by
their daughter, Kathy Weissberg

THURSDAY, December 19

9:00 *Special Intentions*

FRIDAY, December 20

9:00 Thomas Penzone, requested by Rosanne Harutunian

SATURDAY, December 21,

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

4:00 Terry Tromza, requested by Mary Jane Jeter

SUNDAY, December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 *Special Intentions*

9:30 Dr. John Pappalardo, requested by
Doris and Lionel Cyr

11:00 David Matthes, requested by Ann and 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



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The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for
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Requested by:

Michalina Centofanti

Prayers for the living:

Requested by:



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Annual Parish Collection
Church of Saint Ann

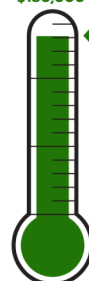
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\$180,000

Raised
\$167,820

93%

Only 7%
left to go!



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 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

MONDAY, December 16

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

Faith Study for Moms: 10-11:15am in the Activity Room

Parish Advent Reconciliation: 7pm in the church

MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church
(check with leader)

Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3

TUESDAY, December 17

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

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

WEDNESDAY, December 18

Advent Reflection: (*snow date, if needed*) 9:30am in F.B. Hall

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

Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, December 19

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 20

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, December 21

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

SUNDAY, December 22

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

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Giving for Sunday, December 8, 2024

Weekly In-person: \$5,975.00

Weekly Online: \$2,735.50

Weekly TOTAL: \$8,710.50

Retired Religious Fund In Person: \$2,443.25

Retired Religious Fund online: \$35.00

Retired Religious Fund TOTAL: \$2,478.25

Votive Candles and Sanctuary Lamp: \$153.35

Parish Annual Appeal TOTAL: \$167,820 (*as of 12/9/24*)
(Includes donations made online, via mail & in person)

Other Online Donations:

Monthly: \$428, Utilities: \$23, Cemetery: \$20,
Christmas: \$110, Christmas Plants: \$1, 010.00,
Immaculate Conception: \$100,
Catholic Elementary Schools: \$23

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none

December 24/25: Christmas Collection



Annual Toy/Gift Collection

Please remember to drop off your donations
this weekend: **December 14th and 15th.**

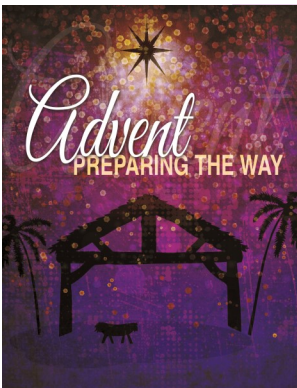
God Bless You For Your Generosity
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Divine Mercy Holy Hour



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

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



Advent Reconciliation

This Monday, December 16th

7:00pm

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



*Will you need some
rest after the
Christmas holiday?*

We invite you to come and explore the depths of a life of prayer and learn ways to maintain the sacred connection to God through Christ, the true vine. Conferences and workshops will be offered along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Celebration of the Eucharist.

Women's Retreat: January 3-5, 2025

Contact: Eileen DiMauro at ecdimauro@yahoo.com

Men's Retreat: January 10-12, 2025

Contact: Paul Watson at pgwatson33@gmail.com

Couples' Retreat: February 14-16, 2025

For more information & additional retreat date options, go to:
hollyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats



SAVE THE DATE

LESSONS & CAROLS

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

JANUARY 4, 2025

hosted by St. Ann's Family Ministry

Parish Coffee

This Sunday, 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.*

Annual Used Book Sale

sponsored by St. Ann's Scholarship Committee

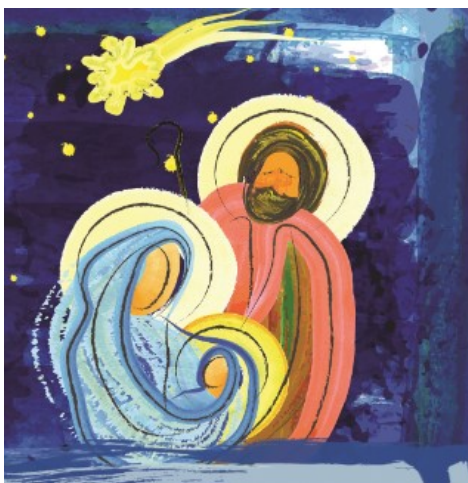
February 28th and March 1st, 2025

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



**We continue our
Watch Party Series:
The Chosen Season 3**

**Join us
on Wednesdays
Jan. 15th-Feb. 5th
from 9:30 - 11:30 am
in Fr. Bennett Hall**



2024 Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, Dec. 24th

4:00 pm,
6:00 pm
10:00 pm

Christmas

Wednesday, Dec. 25th

8:00 am
10:00 am

Branches on the Vine

News from the Archdiocese of Hartford · December 14 - 20, 2024



HAMDEN FOOD PANTRY PROVIDES ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES IN NEED

A homeless woman with a shopping cart was sitting in the back of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Hamden at morning Mass. When Father Christopher Tiano, pastor, spotted her, he asked Lorraine DeNicola, coordinator of a food pantry, to help.

“Her name was Mary, and she had a black eye,” DeNicola recalled. “She got hurt defending herself at a place where she stayed, and she needed food, so I drove her to the pantry. She had lost her job and could no longer work. She took enough for herself and a few others.”

People in need, who are suffering from food insecurity, come to the pantry on the campus of Blessed Sacrament Church at 322 Circular Ave., on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The ministry is part of St. Paul VI Parish, which includes Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Rita and Ascension churches.

On a recent October morning, the demand, which has been steadily rising, topped 170 families. The volunteers were running out of food as the line of cars snaked through the parking lot and onto the street. One man had arrived at 3 a.m., fearful he might not get anything, and by 6 a.m., 25 cars were already lined up.

Families drove up and received food, which had been bagged and separated by perishable goods, snacks and refrigerated items.

“There are a lot of people out there in desperate need,” says DeNicola, who has been part of the ministry for 20 years. Since she took over as chairperson in 2019, the demand has increased from 20 people to more than 170 families from surrounding towns.

She and her colleague Frank Ruiz are assisted by 20 volunteers, who shelve, bag and distribute food from parishes and charitable organizations, such as Connecticut Foodshare in Wallingford and Midwest Food Bank in Manchester.

DeNicola, who retired from a career in public health 10 years ago, was one of 11 children from an Irish family in Vermont. She says her family and faith taught her the importance of giving.

“Having gone to Catholic schools, you’re brought up with that inner need to help people,” she says. “Our father made us go to church every day during Advent and Lent at St. Peter’s in Rutland, so this comes naturally to me. It’s not an effort. I’ve got three beautiful children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. God has been so good to me, and I’ve got to give back.”

Ruiz, who has been involved over 20 years, says, “I do it because my mother and father taught me well. We believe that in these times, we have to feed the hungry and clothe the naked, as Jesus said. Everyone here has strong faith, and we couldn’t do it without the volunteers, the parishioners and the two food banks that help us.”

DeNicola is grateful to the many people who make the food pantry possible. Last year, a commercial refrigerator for was purchased. Then, a grant from the Hartford Bishops’ Foundation was used to buy a freezer.

“The Lord has been providing,” DeNicola says. “I’m so grateful for all the assistance we get, the food, the volunteers and everyone who make it happen.”



People who are suffering from food insecurity can pick up essentials on the campus of Blessed Sacrament Church in Hamden, part of St. Paul VI Parish, on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 8 - Sunday, February 2 Cultural Nativities at Cathedral

Six international crèches will be on display at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford from Dec. 8 to Feb. 2. The crèches will be located in six small chapels behind the Cathedral sanctuary.

Providers of the crèches include: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc Vietnamese Quasi Parish, West Hartford; SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Hartford; Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Hartford; St. Isaac Jogues Ghanaian Catholic Quasi Parish, East Hartford; and Sister Mariette Moan.

Visitors may view the crèches after Mass or arrange for a group tour by calling 860.249.8431.

Sunday, December 15 at 1:30 PM

Midd-South Catholic Parish Presents "The Festival of Lessons and Carols" · Sacred Heart Church, Southbury

The service is open to the public and there is no charge for admission. The Free Will Offering proceeds will benefit the Southbury and Middlebury Needy Funds. For more information: www.midsouthcatholic.org or by calling 203.264.5071.

Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30 PM

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Festival of Lessons and Carols · St. Paul Church, Glastonbury

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons that recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer. This event is free and open to the public.



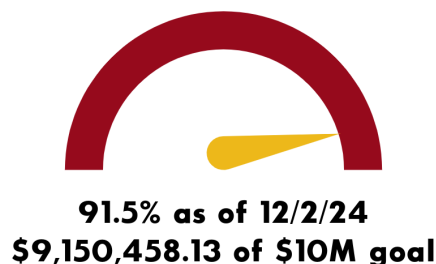
The bustle that many of us experience this time of year can often leave us feeling like we do not have much time for anything other than shopping, baking, and running around. But surely, you can offer one minute each day this Advent to connect with Jesus in a profound way, right? Father Matt will be joining us each day throughout Advent for the sixth installment of **Advent with the Almighty**.

This year's series will revolve around the Jesse Tree, a wonderful Advent tradition where we will journey together through the stories that make up Jesus' family tree in bite-sized, one-minute reflection videos. We sincerely hope you will take this journey each with us each day on Facebook and YouTube as we commit to preparing ourselves in a powerful way for the birth of Jesus.

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