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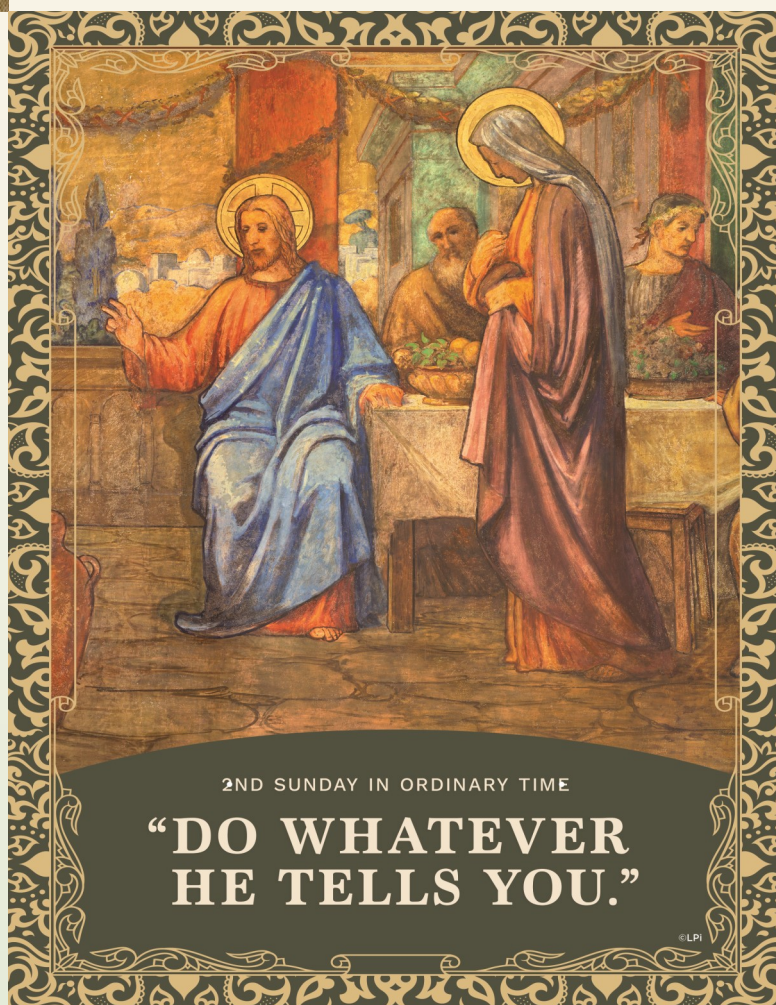
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BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

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 & 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 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, January 18, Christmas Weekday

4:00 David Julian, requested by the Bondhus Family

SUNDAY, January 19, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 Special Intentions

11:00 Philip Johnson (40th Ann.), requested by his family

MONDAY, January 20,

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

9:00 Stephan Peron, requested by
 Renee and Russell Maglietti

TUESDAY, January 21, Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 Dorothy LaRosa, requested by Mike LaRosa

WEDNESDAY, January 22,

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

9:00 For the sanctity of all human life, especially the unborn, requested by the Pro-Life Ministry

THURSDAY, January 23,

Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

9:00 Mass of Thanksgiving for America, requested by the Bondhus Family

FRIDAY, January 24,

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 Tom Toyfair, requested by a friend of the family

SATURDAY, January 25,

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

4:00 Maria Masterson, requested by Carol Dropick

SUNDAY, January 26, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 Special Intentions

11:00 no 11am Mass (this weekend only)

*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:

Steven and Mary Patterson

Requested by:

Eileen Reilly

Prayers for the living:

Requested by:

**We pray for the safe
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Contact the Parish Office to have your family members added.

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 1LT Brian J. Heavren Jr., USArmy

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

NEXT SUNDAY!



ARCHBISHOP COYNE TO VISIT SAINT ANN

I am delighted to announce that next Sunday, January 26, 2025, His Excellency, Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne, Archbishop of Hartford, will visit our parish and celebrate the 9:30 AM Mass.

Following the Mass, there will be a light reception in Father Bennett Hall where you will have the opportunity to meet Archbishop Coyne. To ensure there are no time constraints, we will be canceling the 11:00 AM Mass for that Sunday only.

It is a great honor to welcome Archbishop Coyne to our parish. I encourage you to mark your calendars and make every effort to attend this special occasion.

*Thank you,
 Father Al Fontana, Pastor*

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

SATURDAY, January 18

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

SUNDAY, January 19

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

MONDAY, January 20

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

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

Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3

TUESDAY, January 21

Walking With Purpose: 10:15am (ZOOM only)

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

WEDNESDAY, January 22

The Chosen, Season 3: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

Walking With Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, January 23

The Return of the Prodigal Son Book Study: 9:30am in Room 1

New Day Seminar: 9:45am in Room 3

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, January 24

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, January 25

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

SUNDAY, January 26

Archbishop Coyne celebrating 9:30am Mass with a light reception following in Fr. Bennett Hall (no 11am Mass this morning)

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

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Giving for Sunday, January 12, 2025

Weekly In-person: \$5,270.00

Weekly Online: \$2,515.50

Weekly TOTAL: \$7,785.50

Utility Fund In-person: \$1,401.00

Utility Fund Online: \$53.00

Utility Fund Total: \$1,454.00

Votive Candles and Sanctuary Lamp: \$201.84

Other Online Donations:

Monthly: \$371, Arch. Cath. High Schools: \$15.00,

Holy Days: \$25, Church services: \$300, Annual 2025:

\$2,426, Cemetery: \$20, Arch. Cath. Elementary

Schools: \$23

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: monthly



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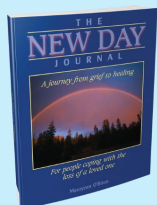
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To register or for more information contact Brian McDermott:
Email: brianmcdermott359@gmail.com or Text: 203-641-6560

The New Day Seminar

This Spring, our Bereavement Ministry will again be offering a program entitled "The New Day Seminar". This 10-week offering will be held on Thursday at 9:45am from March 6 through May 15th and uses *The New Day Journal: A Journey From Grief To Healing* to help participants work through their grief. *New Day* has brought comfort and hope to many as they try to fill the void left by the loss of a loved one.



More information can be found at:
www.stannavon.org/new-day-seminar

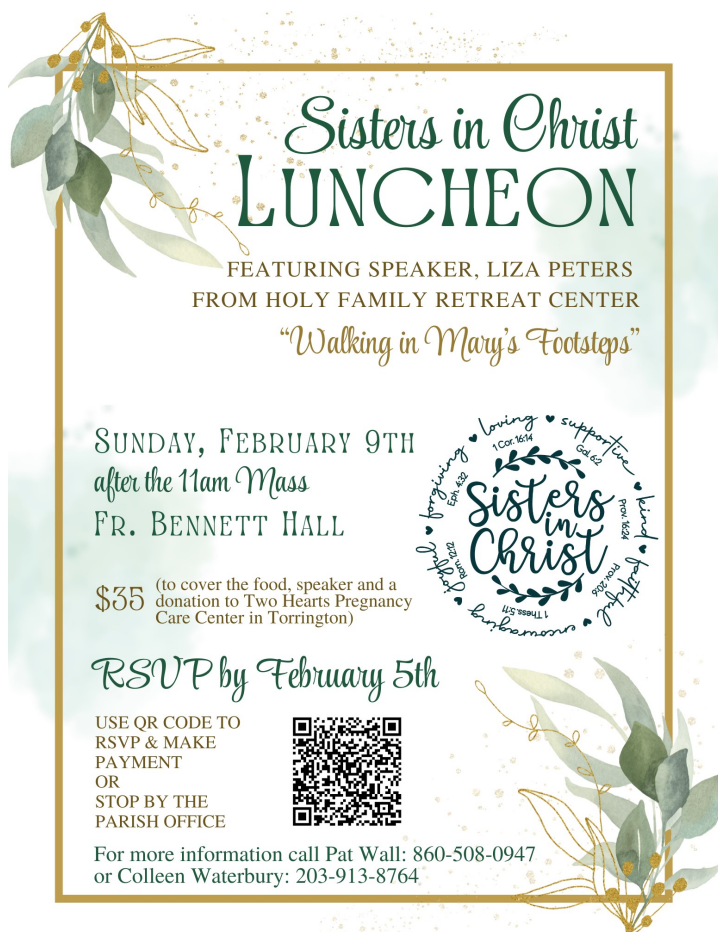
If you are interested in registering,
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(Please note there are a very limited number of slots)

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Upcoming Dates to Mark in Your Calendars...

Wednesday, January 22nd: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Celebration of 9am Mass with prayers for the sanctity of all human life, especially the unborn.

Friday, January 24th from 12-1pm
in the church Cry Room.
Join our prayers with those marching in Washington, DC.



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or Colleen Waterbury: 203-913-8764

THE COUNCIL CONNECTION

The Parish Council has a Comments/Suggestions Box in the Gathering Space. To expand opportunities for you to share your ideas and questions regarding the parish, we are offering an online comment form that you can access just by on our website. The Council will review and address your submissions at its monthly meetings with Father Fontana. The submissions can be anonymous; or, if you prefer to receive a response, please include your contact information.

Parish Council: Carole Anderson,
Bill Bachhuber, Nelson Bondhus, Tina Dibble,
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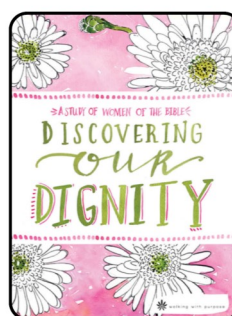

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Contact

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or Pat Wall at (860) 508-0947

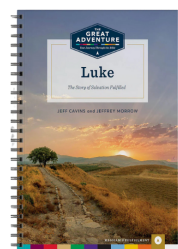


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In this 8-part study, Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow will show you the beautiful Biblical roots for Mary, the Rosary, and the Mass that are found in Luke, strengthening your prayer life like never before.



Wednesdays
February 12th - April 2nd
9:30-11:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

For more information or to RSVP contact Andrea Pizzuti:
andreapizzuti333@gmail.com

Registration is required - RSVP by January 30th

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FIRST POSTER HIGHLIGHTING WOMEN'S VOCATIONS ACCOMPANIES SEMINARIAN POSTER

If you take a look around your parish or Catholic school, you may notice two large new posters pinned to the bulletin board or placed on easels, putting a spotlight on vocations. And if you do a double take, that's to be expected.

This year, to double its efforts highlighting vocations, the Archdiocese of Hartford is publishing two vocation posters: one for men discerning a call to the priesthood and one for women who are exploring a call to consecrated religious life.

In a first, the Office of Vocations has partnered with the Delegate for Religious to publish a poster of women aspiring to the religious life, in addition to the annual seminarian poster.

"I'm happy with the joint effort. I think it's a step forward in the complimentary nature of our two offices," says Sister Barbara Mullen, delegate for Religious for the archdiocese and a sister of St. Joseph of Chambéry.

A total of 520 posters, 260 of each, were printed in early December. Two of each were delivered last month to Catholic parishes, elementary schools, high schools, colleges and religious communities.

The idea for the women's poster was forwarded by administrative assistant Maura Dooley of the Office of Vocations who attended the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors last summer and heard a panel discussion about promoting women's vocations on a poster alongside the men's poster.

"Maura thought it was a great idea and told me about it," says Father Anthony Federico, director of Vocations. "I brought it to Sister Barbara and she was on board as well, and Sister Barbara designed it herself."

To start the process for the women's poster, Sister Barbara reached out to the religious orders. "I contacted all the orders in the archdiocese and asked if they had any women in stages of formation," she says, "from postulants through novices, and including temporary professed."

Five different communities forwarded 28 names along with their photos. Sister Barbara published first names only to protect the privacy of the discerners, who are free to drop out at any time. The men's poster, which includes the names and photos of 11 seminarians, was already in progress.

Now, Sister Barbara is hoping that parishioners throughout the archdiocese will pray for the discerners, providing prayerful support.

"Both Father Federico and I are hoping the first thing to come out of this is prayer, that people will understand that we have men and women who are searching," she says. "We have all these men and women who are in the process of discovery."

"I hope they feel the wealth of prayer coming back to them, by name perhaps," Sister Barbara says, "as people read the posters and call out a name."

In another first, this is the first time that either vocation poster has been sent to any Catholic schools. Sister Barbara credits Father Federico for suggesting it. "In schools, the posters will let young men and women know this could be a viable option in life," she says. "In reality, most people don't think about it."

At 2-feet-by-3 feet, both posters are much larger than the seminarian poster of past years. "With everything the Lord is doing in the Archdiocese, we thought it was the right time to make it bigger," Father Federico says. "I hope parishes and schools will display the posters prominently."

For more information on vocations, contact the Office of Vocations via email at vocations@aohct.org or call 860.761.7456. For more information about different forms of professed religious life, contact Sister Barbara Mullen at sr.mullen@aohct.org or call 860.242.5573 ext. 7492.



Sister Barbara checks the proofs for two new vocation posters.



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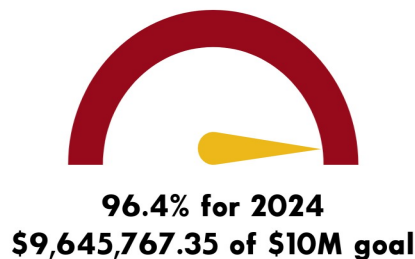
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On **Saturday, February 15, 2025**, The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, Archbishop of Hartford, will be honoring couples celebrating milestone marriage anniversaries: first and five-year increments from 5 to 60 years, and every year beyond 60 years during 2024 – 2025. *The Marriage Anniversary Mass* will be at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford at 4:00 p.m.

Register at: <https://www.catholicdaohct.org/faith-formation/family-life-ministries/archdiocesan-anniversary-mass/registration-anniversary-mass>. If you don't have a computer, call the Parish Office and we will register you.
(Registration closes January 28.) For more information contact Valerie St. Jean at: Valerie.StJean@aohct.org or 860-242-5573 ext. 2678
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