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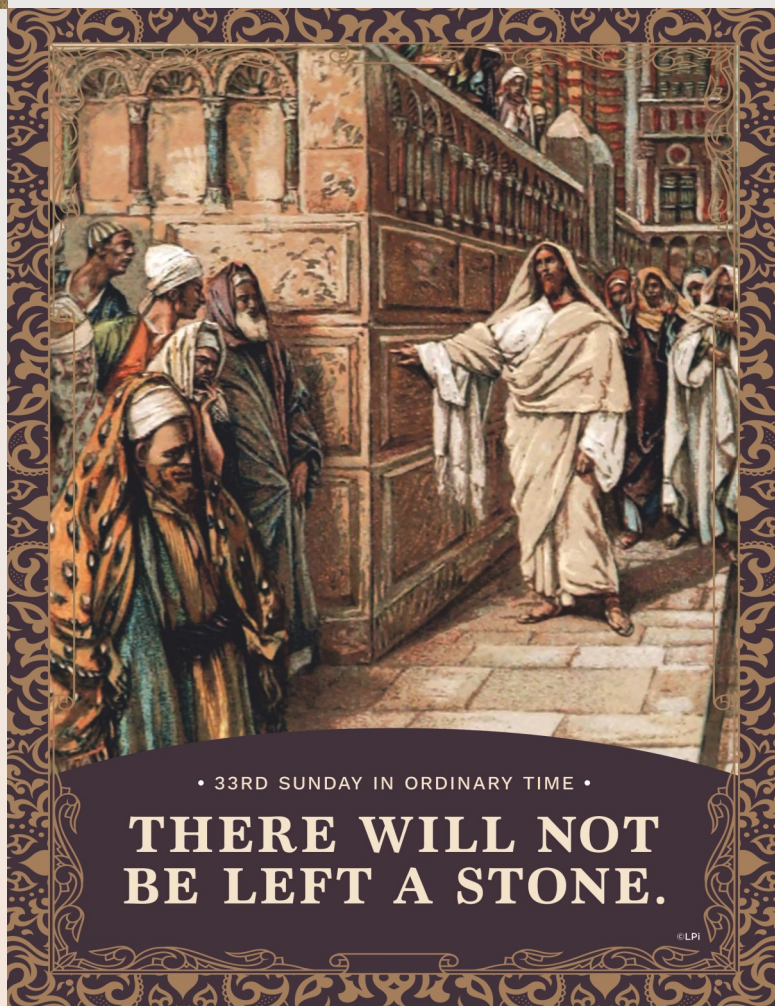
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## BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

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

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 12 noon 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

November 16, 2025



## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will considering joining 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.osuhub.com/stannauon/forms/join-st-ann-parish](http://www.osuhub.com/stannauon/forms/join-st-ann-parish)  
If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshiping with us and we hope to see you again!



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### SATURDAY, November 15,

*Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM*

4:00 William "Bill" Gardner, requested by the family

##### SUNDAY, November 16, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Silvio Brighenti (15th Ann) requested by the family

9:30 Jeff Oakes, requested by St. Ann's Parish Council

11:00 Thomas Kobylarz, requested by the family

##### MONDAY, November 17,

*Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*

9:00 Edwin J. Lysak II, requested by the Birk Family

##### TUESDAY, November 18, The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

9:00 Edwin J. Lysak II, requested by Java for Jesus friends

##### WEDNESDAY, November 19

9:00 John Sweeny, requested by Julie Dolan

##### THURSDAY, November 20

9:00 Don Sopelak, requested by the Sopelak Family

##### FRIDAY, November 21,

*The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00 Tom Reno, requested by Phil and Cindy Waldeck

##### SATURDAY, November 22, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

4:00 For the healing of Abel Beyer (Living), requested by Phil and Cindy Waldeck

##### SUNDAY, November 23,

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

7:30 Ruby Sutherland, requested by Marlene and Jeffrey Sutherland

9:30 Jeff Oakes, requested by Avon Soccer Club

11:00 Alphonso Fontana, Sr., requested by Father Al and family



### Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the Greater honor and glory of God and:

#### In loving memory of:

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#### Requested by:

#### Prayers for the living:

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#### Requested by:



### Altar Server Training

1st Wednesday of every month

6:30 -8:00 pm in the Church

Requirements: Received the Sacrament of Holy Communion

RSVP directly to Brian McDermott:

203-641-6560 or [brianmcdermott359@gmail.com](mailto:brianmcdermott359@gmail.com)

**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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Capt. Matthew Mascoli, USMC  
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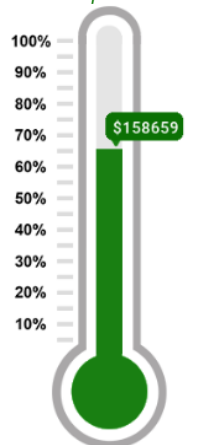
### Annual Parish Collection

Church of Saint Ann



Thank you to the parishioners who have already made donations to our annual collection. Every parish household is asked to prayerfully consider a gift to assist the parish in meeting our annual operating expenditures and current parish improvement projects. If you did not receive a pledge card, please contact the parish office. Every gift is welcome and sincerely appreciated. The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Thank you!

*We're up to 63% !*



(as of 11/10/2025)



## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

### SATURDAY, November 15

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

**Social Outreach Food Pack:** 9-12 in Fr. Bennett Hall, come help!

**Thanksgiving Pie Orders:** in the Gathering Space after Mass

### SUNDAY, November 16

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**Adult Choir Rehearsal:** 8:20am in the choir loft, sing at 9:30am Mass

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

### MONDAY, November 17

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 9:30-10:30am

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

**Lectio Divina:** 7:15pm in Room 3

### TUESDAY, November 18

**Foundations of Faith study:** 9:30am in Father Bennett Hall

**Walking With Purpose-Zoom:** 10:15am via Zoom

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 6:00-7:30pm

**OCIA:** no class, next meeting is December 2nd

**Youth Ministry Meal Prep for Immacare:** 5-8pm in the Hall

### WEDNESDAY, November 19

**Walking With Purpose:** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

**Knights of Columbus:** 7pm in Room 2

### THURSDAY, November 20

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

**Children's Choir Rehearsal:** 4:15pm in the choir loft

### FRIDAY, November 21

**Lectio Divina:** 9:45am via Zoom

### SATURDAY, November 22

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

**Pie Order Pick Up:** in Fr. Bennett Hall after Mass

**Turkey Express Donations:** drop off donations at the "Turkey Express" truck in parking lot after Mass

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## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

### Weekend of November 8/9, 2025

Weekly In-person: \$2,726.50

Weekly Online: \$5,152.10

**Weekly TOTAL: \$7,878.60**

Hurricane Relief, in-person: \$1,890.00

Hurricane Relief, online: \$10.00

**Hurricane Relief TOTAL: \$1,900.00**

**Votive Candles and Sanctuary Lamp: \$391.98**

Parish Annual Appeal: donations this week: \$8,059.00

**Parish Annual Appeal TOTAL: \$158,659** (as of 11/10/25)

### **Other Donations:**

Archdiocese for Military Services: \$838,

Big Y Community Bag Program: \$51, Catholic

Communications: \$40, Cemetery: \$20, Church

Services: \$2,675, Holy Days: \$240, Monthly: \$291,

Utilities: \$23,

**Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:** (rescheduled from 11/9)

Archdiocese for Military Services

## Turkey Express

**Weekend of November 22/23, 2025**

**at Church of Saint Ann**

**Saturday: 3:30-5pm \* Sunday: 7am-12 noon**

Look for the truck labeled "Turkey Express"

Please consider donating the following Thanksgiving dinner items for our Avon and Hartford neighbors:

- 1. Gift Cards to Stop & Shop, Big Y or ShopRite**
- 2. Frozen Turkeys and Hams (Chickens are okay too)**  
(under 20 lbs.)

### Suggested Fixings:

stuffing mix, jellied cranberry sauce, fresh or canned vegetables, rice, bag of potatoes &/or sweet potatoes, butter, cheese, fresh or canned fruit, juice, dinner rolls, frosting, brownie/cake mixes, gravy, mayonnaise...

**Our Parish Goal is 200 Turkeys, 30 Hams, 30 Chickens & Lots of Fixings!**

Thank you for your generosity and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sponsored by our  
Social Outreach Committee  
"Together We Serve All God's People"





**Advent Wreath Lighting**

If you or your family would like to light our Advent Wreath during a weekend Advent Mass, please sign up in the purple binder in the Gathering Space. There is only one spot for each Mass so sign up soon because Advent is just around the corner! Thank you!



**SPONSOR A DINNER FOR OUR YOUTH MINISTRY!**

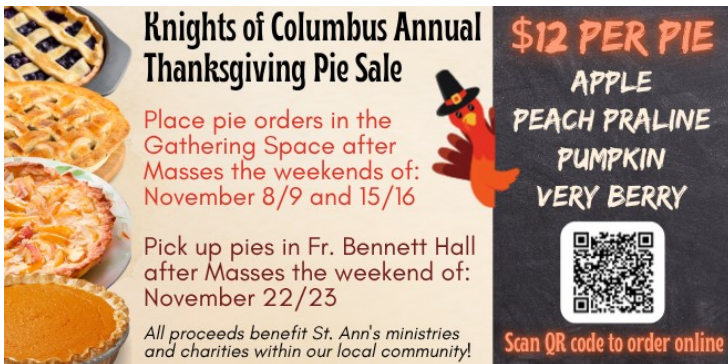
St. Ann's Youth Ministry needs YOU to help feed our teenagers!

Sign up for an event at the Youth Ministry table located in the front entrance of St. Ann's

Or

Email Caroline Mascoli at [caroline.mascoli@stannavon.com](mailto:caroline.mascoli@stannavon.com) to learn how to provide a homecooked meal or pizza for our Youth Ministry meetings.

Great way to support & get involved in the Youth Ministry even if you don't have young teens!!



**Knights of Columbus Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale**


Place pie orders in the Gathering Space after Masses the weekends of: November 8/9 and 15/16

Pick up pies in Fr. Bennett Hall after Masses the weekend of: November 22/23

All proceeds benefit St. Ann's ministries and charities within our local community!

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## SAINT ANN'S FAMILY MINISTRY

Please Join  
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for an  
**ADVENT NIGHT OF REFLECTION**  
WITH JESSE TREE CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

**11/29 AT 3PM**  
IN FATHER BENNETT HALL

AND THEN JOIN US FOR 4PM MASS



Please join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**LESSONS & CAROLS**

SAVE THE DATE  
**JANUARY 3, 2026 5:30PM**  
hosted by St. Ann's Family Ministry

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN PRE K - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE!**

Come be a part of a festive evening dedicated to the greatest event, the birth of Jesus Christ!

Please sign up by November 16<sup>th</sup> using QR code if you have a child interested in participating or would like to volunteer.



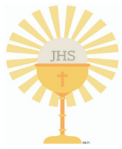
**REHEARSALS:**  
Wednesdays, from 4:30-5:50pm on December 3, 10 and 17  
Dress Rehearsal on January 2nd



**Use QR code to sign up for Family Ministry Emails!**







## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Jesus alerts us in today's Gospel to the fact that we will endure much before His Second Coming. (Luke 21: 5-19) He tells us to be alert at all times and that He will give us "words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict." Do you possess this spiritual, transcendent wisdom?

**Reflection:** Wisdom is realizing Whom you are welcoming, when you accept the small, fragile, consecrated Host into your very being. Are you aware that these are the most precious moments of your life? During that time He, your Lord and God, is in you and you are in Him. He gives Himself totally to you. In return do you give yourself totally to Him? Are you alert at all times to His Divine Presence?

## Christmas PLANT SALE



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 if received by deadline below. 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 is Tuesday, December 9th.**

Order & Pay Online by scanning QR code:



## Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving

Members of ANY religion are invited to gather together in gratitude for a soup supper (bring a crockpot to share- no pork, please!), followed by a service led by local religious leaders of many denominations.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6 PM SHARING OF SOUP**  
**7PM INTERFAITH SERVICE**



If you would like to join in voice with the Farmington Valley Interfaith Choir, please contact us!

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## Upcoming Events



### Adoration Christ the King



**Sunday, November 23 at 7:00 pm**  
**St. Mary Church \* Derby**

\* All are welcome to join us for a joyful night of Eucharistic Adoration on the last Sunday of the Church Liturgical year. The Scripture, reflections, and songs will be in both English and Spanish. You will also have the chance to touch the humoral veil and ask the Lord for healing and hope. Our guest band will be Revival Worship.

\* Following adoration we will have some time of fellowship with "Prosecco on the Porch."

\* Come and rejoice in praise and worship as we thank Jesus for so many blessings this past liturgical year and ask for the grace to be more deeply immersed in the Paschal Mystery in the new year to come starting the First Sunday of Advent!



### Spiritual Direction in a Group Setting

**Tuesdays, November 18,  
December 2, 9, 16 2025**  
**1:00 to 2:30 p.m. (ET)**  
**Ellen Graham and Mary Marsan**

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This program will allow participants to experience spiritual direction—either for the first time or perhaps in a new way—in a small group setting. Over four weeks, two directors from The Center for Spiritual Direction at Holy Family will facilitate a shared experience of spiritual direction. During these sessions, participants will learn to share and reflect upon their spiritual journeys, hold space and silence together, prayerfully, and deepen their personal practices of prayer. No previous experience in spiritual direction is needed.

There is no meeting on Tuesday, November 25 during the week of Thanksgiving.

**Offering: \$150**

## 2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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Saint Mary Star of the Sea, Unionville

## PIANO Benefit Concert

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**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**3:00pm**

All proceeds of a free-will offering will benefit the Heterotaxy Syndrome Research Program at Boston Children's Hospital



# Branches on the Vine

NOVEMBER 15 - 21, 2025



Cross Mountain in Medjugorje has a 28-foot concrete cross at the top, commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus. Pilgrims walk the Stations of the Cross on the way up. SUBMITTED PHOTO



Ed and Joanne Arrandale visit the Franciscan Monastery of St. Anthony Padua in Humac. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## PILGRIMAGE SET TO HONOR PRIESTS, INCREASE VOCATIONS

On a June evening last year, Joanne and Ed Arrandale of St. Margaret Church in Madison joined thousands of pilgrims as they walked up a hill in Medjugorje for an apparition of the Blessed Mother on the 43rd anniversary of her first appearance to six young people in 1981. "I had this desire to be in the same place as the Blessed Mother was appearing," Joanne recalls. "I wanted to be where she was."

When Our Lady appeared, the visionaries fell to their knees, people stopped praying the rosary and silence descended on the hillside in Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina. "It was incredible," she says. "To be on this hill with thousands of people, and there was dead silence -- and you knew you were in the presence of the Blessed Mother."

Her anniversary message was: "Dear children, I rejoice with you and thank God for permitting me to be with you, to lead you and love you. Little children, peace is in danger and the family is under attack. I am calling you, little children, to return to prayer in the family. Put sacred Scripture in a visible place and read it every day. Love God, above all, that it may be good for you on Earth. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Our Lady of Medjugorje urges people to receive the Eucharist, pray the rosary, read the Bible, fast, and go to monthly confession. "In Medjugorje, you experience one of the most spiritual and peaceful places, where heaven touches Earth," Joanne says. "The idea came to me to bring others back to share it with them. The Blessed Mother wants us to spread what's happening there."

Inspired by her experience, the Arrandales are organizing a pilgrimage, where others can deepen their faith and pray for priests, seminarians and new vocations. A member of the Archdiocesan Vocations Ministry, she approached Father Anthony Federico, director of Vocations & Seminarians, with her idea and for his participation.

"I was really impressed when I heard Joanne was organizing a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, specifically to pray for priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford and new vocations to the priesthood," Father Federico says. "It means a lot to me to know there are folks who are deeply committed to this particular need of the Church, which of course has become so important to me in my current assignment."

The pilgrimage is scheduled for **April 11 to 18, 2026**. Among the planned activities, the group will celebrate daily Mass at St. James Church, climb Apparition Hill, and walk the Stations of the Cross to the summit of Cross Mountain, where a 28-foot cross commemorates Christ's crucifixion.

"I'm excited. I have never been there before but have heard such incredible testimonials from those who have, and I am eager to see it for myself," Father Federico says. "I am open to encountering and receiving what Our Lady has planned for me there and bringing the fruits of that back home to Hartford."

Joanne says the pilgrimage is dedicated to priests and seminarians because "they certainly deserve our prayers."

"I also want to put a smile on the faces of the Blessed Mother and Jesus and have them say, 'Yes, we'll take care of your priests,'" she adds. To learn more about the pilgrimage and apparitions in Medjugorje, call 203.318.8590 or email [jarrandale@comcast.net](mailto:jarrandale@comcast.net). Registration for the trip should be done by Dec. 1.

- Story by Joe Pisani







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