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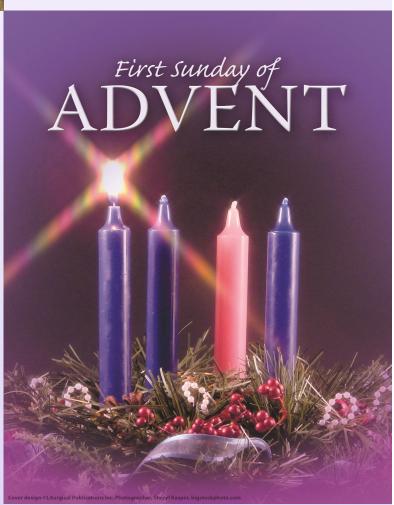
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BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

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



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.osvhub.com/stannavon/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

First Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, November 29

4:00 Art Hennig, requested by the Hennig Family

SUNDAY, November 30, First Sunday of Advent

7:30 Frank Scalzo, Jr., requested by the Pizzuti Family

9:30 Kathleen Driscoll, requested by the Driscoll Family

11:00 Richard Simpson, requested by his wife, Dianne

MONDAY, December 1

9:00 Art Hennig, requested by a friend of the family

TUESDAY, December 2

9:00 For the parishioners of Saint Ann

WEDNESDAY, December 3, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

9:00 For the parishioners of Saint Ann

THURSDAY, December 4,

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 For the parishioners of Saint Ann

FRIDAY, December 5

9:00 George Waldeck, Sr., requested by Phil and Cindy Waldeck

SATURDAY, December 6, Saint Nicholas, Bishop

4:00 Dorothy LaRosa, requested by Mike LaRosa

SUNDAY, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 Nicholas Selventhiran, requested by the Vytheswaran Family

9:30 Donald Nelson, requested by his loving family

11:00 Marcel Robaczynski, requested by the family

To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact 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:

Michael Joseph Oleskewicz Art Hennig Richard W. Dillon Mary S. & Steven P. Patterson

Prayers for the living:

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Requested by:

his loving family Pat Hennig Brian, Ann & Mark Beloin Eileen Reilly

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 McDermottt: 203-641-6560 or 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.

LCDR Jack Hamel, USCG LCDR Victoria Hamel, USCG 1LT Brian J. Heavren Jr., USArmy Capt. Matthew Mascoli, USMC 1LT Andrew Mascoli, USMC ME3 Luke Hobbs, USCG





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!

This Week at St. Ann

SATURDAY, November 29

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

SUNDAY, November 30

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, December 1

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am
Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church

Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3

TUESDAY, December 2

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: 6pm in Room 3

Youth Ministry Prayer Night: 6:15pm in the Activity Room

WEDNESDAY, December 3

FoF Bible Study Immacare Gift Bags: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall **Lessons and Carols Rehearsal:** 4:30pm in the Hall and church

Walking With Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, December 4

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

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

FRIDAY, December 5

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom (confirm with leader)

SATURDAY, December 6

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

SUNDAY, December 7

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

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

Weekly Ordinary Income

Weekend of November 22/23, 2025

This will be reported next weekend due to the early upload deadline to the printer.

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:

Archdiocese of Hartford's Vocations Office

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:



2nd Collection for the Archdiocese of Hartford's

VOCATION OFFICE



Next Weekend: December 6/7

This collection will help to fund the education of our current seminarians. Thank you!

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Fr. Fontana has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays from 9:30 - 10:30 am and Tuesdays from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Once a month could you please choose an hour during one of the above times to pray before our Eucharistic Lord for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, especially for all children born and unborn.





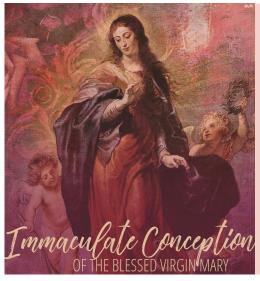


Early Bulletin Submission Deadlines Through the Holidays

Bulletins throughout the upcoming holidays have early deadlines to upload for printing. Therefore, please note the corresponding early bulletin submission deadlines. Thank you!

Submission Deadline	For this Weekend's Bulletin
Monday, November 24	December 6/7
Monday, December 1	December 13/14
Friday, December 5	December 20/21
Friday, December 12	December 28/29
Tuesday, December 16	January 3/4, 2026





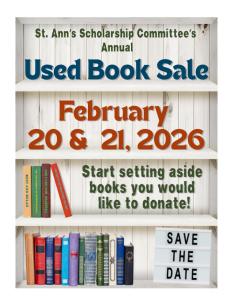
Monday, December 8th

Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

9am, 12 noon and 7pm



Do you have an IRA? Are you 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ or older?

Maximize Your Year-End Gifts to the Church of St. Ann with a Donation From Your IRA

Starting in 2025 a new deduction was added for seniors.

Those who have an IRA and choose to donate by way of QCD's (qualified charitable distributions), would be eligible for a new additional deduction or \$6,000 per eligible senior.

QCD's allow savers 70.5 and older to donate pre-tax funds directly from traditional IRA's to eligible charities and owe no income tax on those withdrawals.

The Church of Saint Ann is a 501 (c)(3) organization that is eligible to receive tax deductible contributions.

Please consult your own tax advisor before engaging in any transaction.



Today is the first Sunday of Advent. The readings at Mass are imploring us to "Stay Awake" and "Arise from sleep" because the Lord is coming and we "know not the day or the hour". The Holy Spirit is telling us to wake up to the reality of the transcendant.....the reality that exisits beyond the world, which reaches past time and into eternity.

Reflection: When you receive Jesus in Holy Communion, are you aware of the spiritual reality of what you are doing? "Be prepared", "Arise from sleep", "Stay awake" for "You know not the day or the hour when the Lord will come". Make good use of the precious moments that you have with Him in the Holy Eucharist in preparation for your time with Him in eternity.



We are now in the long holiday season and we have seen another <u>increase in scam</u> <u>emails</u>, <u>calls &/or texts that claim to be from our clergy, church staff members, fellow</u> <u>parishioners or volunteers</u>. These messages usually ask you to get back to them quickly...that they're busy, not available to talk and need a favor. If you accidentally get back to them they will usually asks for gift cards be purchased for something like a relative's birthday, a sick parishioner, staff etc. <u>Do not respond to these emails or texts</u>; <u>and just hang up if it's a phone call.</u>

Our parish does not make unsolicited calls or e-mails to request money, the purchase of gift cards/gifts, or your personal information. Please, if you are unsure of any correspondence that appears to be from our parish, please call the Parish Office at: 860-673-9858 to verify. Thank you for your vigilance!



CHURCH OF SAINT ANN Avon, CT

November 2025





Married into Christ, Patrick Rolston and Alison Getz Oct. 24, 2025











The Tagliavini Family



The following children have been baptized into Christ October 26-November 21, 2025 WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY!

Lily Michelle D'Aprile Paige Cecilia Tagliavini Andrew Bernard Faucher, Jr.

Trick or Treat with Fr. Al



Dedication of the October 26, 2025 ST. CARLO ACUTIS ACTIVITY CENTER



PARISH LIFE (continued)







Youth Ministry sr. high movie night















PARISH IFE (continued)





Explore the Church November 12 & 13

Our 2nd Graders are hard at work preparing for their First Reconciliation this December. The children & their families spent an evening learning about & exploring the different areas of the church and hiding tiny Jesus figures for parishioners to find.













11-18-2025

Youth Ministry ImmaCare Meal Prep

Our Jr. High and High School Youth Ministry teens prepared a meal of beef chili and salad, along with handmade cards for the men at ImmaCare shelter.







NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



Branches on the Vine

NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 5, 2025



This patterned artwork of the Holy Family from Nicaragua is made of mahogany wood and polychrome. PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH



This round and colorful nativity from Japan is crafted in polychrome and wood. PHOTO BY AARON JOSEPH

"THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS" OFFERS DELIGHTFUL DAY AT MCGIVNEY PILGRIMAGE CENTER

If your family is looking for a way to make the Christmas season more meaningful and joyful, the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven offers a free, faith-filled and fun outing.

This year the museum, operated by the Knights of Columbus, is inviting visitors to "The Spirit of Christmas" exhibit now through Feb. 1, 2026. The exhibit features crèches and other artwork from around the globe celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. In addition, this year the exhibit highlights traditions and feast days cherished throughout the Christmas season.

"This year's exhibit is not just about Christmas. It talks about the Advent season all the way through to Candlemas," says Bethany J. Sheffer, curator and registrar of the museum. "Other feast days connected to the season include St. Nicholas, St. Lucia, the Holy Family and the Epiphany."

This year's exhibit also offers an interactive Advent calendar. "We've built a larger-than-life Advent calendar. You can open some of its doors," Sheffer says. "On Dec. 20, when you open the door, you might get a prize."

The Advent calendar measures 8 feet tall and 20 feet wide. "It's big and exciting. When you open the doors, it lights up. It's the first thing you see," she adds.

Visitors will also be greeted in the entrance hall by a decorated tree with a French nativity tucked underneath its branches. "Our French nativity is a personal favorite," Sheffer says. "It's surrounded by poinsettias and is very pretty."

Among 50 crèches and works of art in adjoining rooms, visitors will find some new nativities this year from Australia, Germany and Denmark. "The Australian creche is a simple wood carved piece but, with that, we now have nativities from six out of seven continents," Sheffer says.

Other intriguing crèches include one from Haiti made of coconut shells. "One of my favorites is the Three Kings," Sheffer adds. "It's Spanish and is porcelain with figures 18 inches tall. They are beautiful. They're at the very end of the exhibit."

A second exhibit, "Away in a Manger," includes the crèche of St. Mary Church set in 19th-century New Haven – in the era of Blessed Michael McGivney.

This exhibit also incorporates the Neapolitan crèche, an annual favorite, which is large enough to encompass three main structures and 150 animal figures. "There's a turtle I move around every year," Sheffer says. "People can try to find him."

Additionally, visitors are invited to free weekend events: Tempus Adventus Concert, a choral concert by Canticum Novum, Nov. 30 at 2 p.m.; St. Nicholas Day with live music from Craig Calistro and the Christmas Tree Festival decorated by 20 Connecticut Catholic schools, Dec. 6 from 12 to 3 p.m.; the Advent Calendar Giveaway, Dec. 20; and Christmastime Family Day with live music from Joyful Noise, Dec. 28 from 12 to 3 p.m.

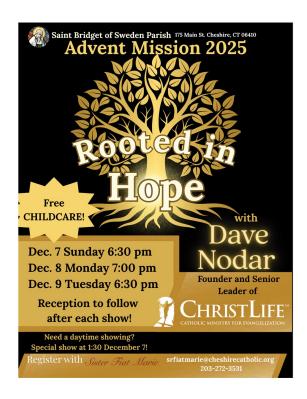
Before You Go

Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center, at 1 State St., New Haven, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission and parking below the museum are free. For more information and the complete schedule of events, call 203.865.0400 or visit online at michaelmcgivneycenter.org.

- Story by Shelley Wolf



Upcoming Events





12/6 SATURDAY 9AM - 3PM CHRISTMAS IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE

Saint Lawrence School 231 Main St, West Haven

Step back in time at our Old Fashioned Christmas in the Schoolhouse Fair, celebrated in our beloved historic Catholic School. For over 25 years, this treasured tradition has brought families together in faith, joy and holiday spirit. All are welcome!



12/16 TUESDAY 7:30PM CHRISTMAS WITH HARTFORD CHORALE

Cathedral of Saint Joseph 140 Farmington Ave, Hartford

Enjoy beloved carols and seasonal music accompanied by full orchestra. In addition to a carol-sing, we are pleased to bring you Christmas Cantata: Ballad of the Brown King by Margaret Bonds, Christmas Oratorio by Camille Saint-Säens, and Sir John Rutter's Magnificat.

Admission is free, but we strongly urge you to register in advance at www.hartfordchorale.org. Parking is available onsite at the Cathedral or across the street at Asylum Hill Congregational Church.

If you are able, please bring a non-perishable food item to support the Cathedral Community Center in providing food, clothing, and housewares to those in need.





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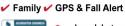
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