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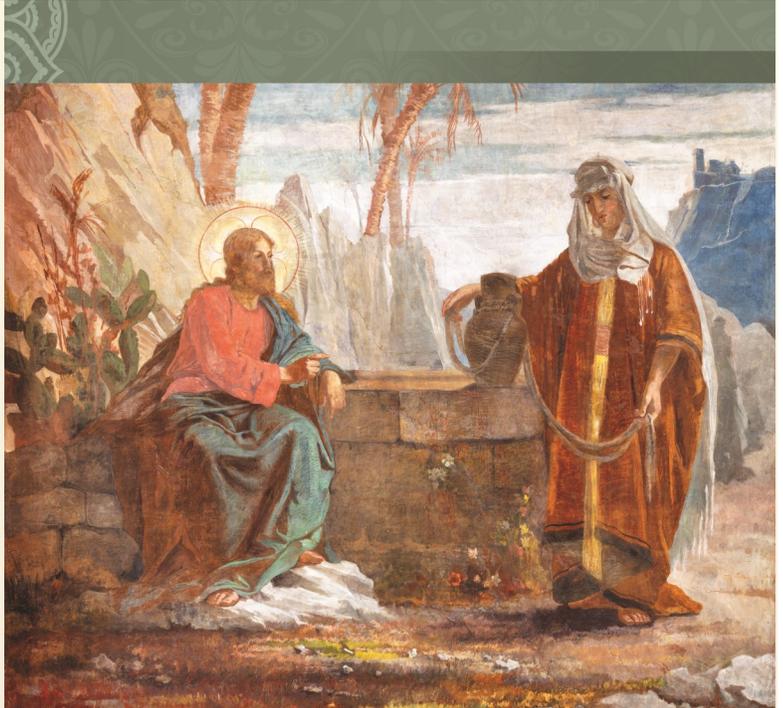
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3rd Sunday

OF LENT

"A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'"

Jn 4:7-8

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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 7:00pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri.

9:30-9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon

March 8, 2026

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN



If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will be 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/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

The Third Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, March 7, Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

4:00 Samuel Olson, requested by his loving family

SUNDAY, March 8, Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 ---

9:30 In honor of Girl Scout Sunday

11:00 Jolanta & Bogdan Nizanski, requested by the Osiecki Family

MONDAY, March 9, Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

:00 For the Parishioners of Saint Ann

TUESDAY, March 10

9:00 Edwin Lysak, II, requested by the Robert Brennan Family

WEDNESDAY, March 11

9:00 William Gardner (8th Ann), requested by the Gardner Family

THURSDAY, March 12

9:00 Fr. William Sullivan, requested by Aelish Sullivan Clifford

FRIDAY, March 13

9:00 Timothy Sullivan, requested by Aelish & John Clifford

SATURDAY, March 14

4:00 ---

SUNDAY, March 15, Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 For the members of the Knights of Columbus Pius XII Council, Living and Deceased

9:30 Jennifer Murphy Fitzgerald (9th Ann), requested by The Fitzgerald & O'Donnell Families

11:00 Art Weigel, requested by Lorraine Harrison

To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or kris.martino@stannavon.com
The suggested donation for all Mass intentions is \$15
We will schedule Mass intentions within the next 6 months.



Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

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

In loving memory of:

Requested by:

Prayers for the living:

Requested by:



Altar Server Training

1st Wednesday of every month

6:30 -8:00 pm in the Church

Requirements:

Grades 3-12 * Received the Sacrament of Holy Communion

RSVP directly to Brian McDermott:

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. Heaven Jr., USArmy

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



2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford will be carried forward.

- Since 1997, Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program has been able to provide over \$24 million in funding to community-based local charities throughout Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield Counties to assist them in their important work of serving the needs of God's people. In 2025, we were able to provide over \$1,400,000 to over 165 various organizations, nominated by pastors, across the Archdiocese.
- Organizations such as ImmaCare and Catholic Worker House received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in serving our neighbors.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

SATURDAY, March 7

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

Wine Tasting Event: 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, March 8

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

Nurturing Seedlings: follows 9:30Am Mass in the SCA Activity Rm.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30-3:30pm in the church

MONDAY, March 9

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

Mom's Faith Study (Guest Speaker): 9:30am in the Activity Room

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6-7pm

Lenten Confessions: 6pm in the church

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

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

Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3

TUESDAY, March 10

Foundations of Faith: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

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

OCIA: 6pm in Room 3

Social Outreach Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, March 11

FoF ImmaCare project: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

Walking With Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, March 12

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Soul Core Yoga: 1:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

FRIDAY, March 13

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

Stations of the Cross: 3pm in the church

Jr. & Sr. High Immacare Meal Prep: 6pm in the Fr. Bennett Hall

SATURDAY, March 14

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

Confirmation: Cathedral of St. Joseph

Wine Tasting Event: 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, March 15

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

Nurturing Seedlings: follows 9:30Am Mass in the SCA Activity Rm.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekend of Feb.28/March 1, 2026

Weekly In-person: \$10,250.25

Weekly Online: \$3,264.50

Weekly TOTAL: \$13,514.75

Votive Candles and Sanctuary Lamp: \$254.00

Other Online Donations:

'26 Parish Annual Appeal: \$1,423,

Church Services: \$300, Holy Days: \$545,

In Memory: \$100, Monthly: \$1,069,

St. Ann Garden: \$78, Youth Ministry: \$92

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:

Catholic Relief Services

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

FOR NEXT WEEKEND: MARCH 14/15

Clothe the Naked

Collection for Hartford Catholic Worker Youth Outreach.

Suggested Items:

deodorant * socks for children & adults,

toothpaste & toothbrushes

underwear (boxers for boys/men) * underwear (girls, age 12 & up),

t-shirts (children ages 5-18 & adults),

children's pajamas & sweat pants (sizes 8-adult)

Please leave donations in labeled boxes in Gathering Space

Come Join the Mom's Faith Study and Learn about the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

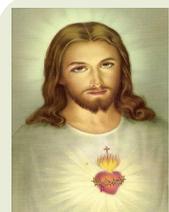
Featuring Margaret Bailey

**March 9, 2026 at 10:00am
St. Carlo Acutis Activity Rm.**



Please RSVP:

Jeanpmix@hotmail.com or call 860-214-6963



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

This Sunday, March 8th

2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Please join us for this powerful devotion!



THE ST. JOSEPH MEDAL OF APPRECIATION 2026

The St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation is a special recognition awarded to dedicated laity within the Archdiocese of Hartford who have demonstrated exceptional service and devotion to their parish. Each year, one individual or one married couple (in a valid Church marriage) is selected for this honor. The recipient must be in full communion with the Church and have served their parish faithfully for many years.

I am thrilled to announce that the 2026 St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation is being awarded to Andrea Pizzuti!

Andrea has been a devoted member of St. Ann's Parish for the past eight years, generously offering her time and talents to numerous ministries. She has provided outstanding leadership in Adult Faith Formation by organizing Bible studies and seminars, including programs centered on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Through her efforts, many participants have grown closer to Jesus Christ and deepened their understanding of the Catholic faith.

Andrea's generosity is evident not only in her leadership, but also in the personal sacrifices she makes. She often provides food and hospitality for these programs at her own expense. In addition, Andrea serves as the leader of the Lectors, coordinating both the training and scheduling for this important liturgical ministry.

Perhaps most impressive is her humble and faithful service in the sacristy. She prepares the Lord's Day Prayer of the Faithful and quietly tends to the care of the altar linens on her own time. Andrea's dedication, humility, and love for the Church are a true blessing to the parish community of St. Ann.

Andrea will receive the St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation from Archbishop Christopher Coyne on Sunday, March 15, 2026 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. Please congratulate Andrea Pizzuti on this well-deserved honor!



Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Al Fontana, Pastor

VBS 2026
Rainforest Falls
Camp Dates: **June 29th - July 2nd**
Register for the **2026/2027 School Year Grades!**
Camper Registration \$80 - Opens at noon on March 9th!
Counselors:
Incoming 7th Grade & Up
Registration **\$30 - Opens at noon on March 16th!**
Awesome NEW Program for 5th & 6th Graders!
Fun, Engaging & Kid-Focused!
Seeking More Adult Volunteers to Join Our Team!
Help Our Ministry Grow!
Make a Difference!
As Some Moms Move On, We Need New Leaders
To Keep the Adventure Going!
Church of Saint Ann
Email: BibleCampStAnn@gmail.com
stannavon.org/ministry/vacation-bible-camp/

Nurturing Seedlings
Community for Young Parents

Welcoming Families

To sign up for sessions & emails, scan here:



- Sunday, March 1st**
- Sunday, March 8th**
- Sunday, March 15th**
- Sunday, March 22nd**
- Sunday, March 29th**
- 10:45am-12:00pm**
St. Carlo Acutis
Activity Room

Follows
9:30am
Little Lambs
Family Mass

Childcare & Refreshments
provided.

What is Nurturing Seedlings?

Nurturing Seedlings is a ministry designed for parents and caregivers of children ages birth to five. It was prayerfully created with three intentions:

1. Give young parents the opportunity to share in community with other young families, and enjoy a sense of belonging with the entire Parish.
2. Help parents grow in their own faith and prayer life.
3. Equip young parents with simple skills to lead their young child(ren) into a relationship with Jesus from the very beginning.

<https://www.stannavon.org/ministry/nurturing-seedlings>
nurturingseedlings.stann@gmail.com

CHURCH OF ST. ANN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

IMMACARE MEN'S SHELTER SERVICE NIGHTS

SENIOR HIGH & JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRIES ARE PREPARING AND SERVING FOOD TO IMMACARE MEN'S SHELTER!!!!

GRADES 7-12
PREP
FRIDAY, MARCH 13
5-8PM | @ FATHER BENNETT HALL

ENJOY A NIGHT WITH FRIENDS WHILE COOKING DINNER THAT WILL BE SERVED AT IMMACARE MEN'S SHELTER

SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE:

INGREDIENT DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!!!

GRADES 9-12
SERVE
SATURDAY, MARCH 14
6:30- 7:30PM | @ IMMACARE SHELTER
168 HUNGERFORD STREET, HARTFORD CT

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS WILL SERVE THE DINNER TO THE MEN AT THE SHELTER.

PARENTS ARE NEEDED TO DRIVE TEENS AND ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR THE HOUR AND HELP. END THE NIGHT WITH DINNER AT LUNA PIZZA TOGETHER!!!

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SIGN UP TO SERVE DINNER

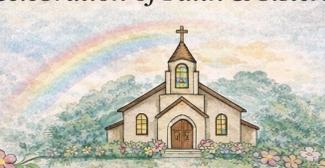
(ONLY 6 SPOTS AVAILABLE!)

Questions? Email caroline.mascolia@stannavon.com

The Avon Service Unit Invites You to

Girl Scouts Sunday! & Alumnae

A Celebration of Faith & Sisterhood



Sunday, March 8th ♦ 9:30 AM
Holy Mass at St. Ann's

♦ Honoring the Legacy of Girl Scouting
in Our Community

Reception to Follow
Cookies, Refreshments & Recruitment Info

Easter PLANT SALE



Help us decorate our beautiful altar with Easter 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 Easter bulletin if received by March 25th. 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 bring to the Parish Office during the week.

Remember the deadline for orders is March 25th.



Order & Pay Online by scanning QR code:



Upcoming Events

Connecticut March For Life: Wednesday, March 18th

Life is a Gift, God's precious Gift

12 noon: Rally at the Capitol
1pm: March for Life around Bushnell Park

A bus will leave St. Ann's parking lot around 10:15am and return to St. Ann around 3pm. No cost for the coach bus (36 seats available) Sign up Early! Let's fill the bus and together stand for life!

Please sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space. More details can be found on the poster.



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

The parable of the Samaritan woman at the well is our Gospel today. (John 4: 4-15) Jesus tells the woman that He will give her living water so that she will never thirst. This water will be like a well springing up within her. This water of grace is a share in the Divine Life of the Blessed Trinity. When we are in the state of grace, we are filled with the life, light, and love of God.

Reflection: In receiving Holy Communion we are filled with this Divine Life of God, but only to the extent that we are open to receive it. God made us for this intimacy with Himself and, as a result, nothing material will ever truly satisfy us. If we are longing to be united with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, we will in the words of Bishop Robert Barron be intoxicated by grace. Look at each snowflake that fell this winter. Each should be a prayer of thanksgiving, praise, and adoration for the gift we possess in the Blessed Sacrament.

LENT Special Events



Shroud of Turin Presentation
Friday, March 13th at 7:00 PM
Deacon Alan Germain, based in the Archdiocese of Hartford, will present on the Shroud of Turin, covering its history, scientific research, and biblical significance.

Living Stations of the Cross
Friday, March 27th at 7:00 PM
Grade 6 Faith Formation students will present a dramatic, prayerful reenactment of the final hours of the life of Jesus Christ.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH
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03/18 WEDNESDAY 7PM
LENTEN REFLECTION - GOD AS OUR LOVING FATHER | THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON
St. Paul Church, 485 Alling St, Kensington

How do we become separated from God the Source of eternal life? And what does God provide to restore us? What does the Prodigal Son teach us about how God sees us? Join us for a Lenten Reflection, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome!



03/29 SUNDAY 11:30AM
PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT
St. Mary's Church, 212 Elizabeth St, Derby

Free Breakfast of egg sandwiches, pastries, coffee/tea/juice after Mass hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Egg Hunt with Raffle after the 10:30 am Mass hosted by the Ladies Guild. BYOB- Bring your own basket! All are welcome!



03/19 THURSDAY 1 - 6PM
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
The Lyceum, 181 Main St, Terryville

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish will host a community Blood Drive in partnership with the American Red Cross on Thursday, March 19. Please consider giving the gift of life by donating blood. Your generosity can help save lives and support those in critical need. **Schedule your appointment today via the QR code.**

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Scan the QR code to learn how you can make a lasting impact!



Total Goal: \$10M 10.71% as of 2/24/26
\$1,070,527.27 pledges from 2,085 generous donors

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Branches on the Vine

MARCH 7 - 13, 2026



Sister Dolores Liptak, a member of the Sisters of Mercy, historian and first archivist for the Archdiocese of Hartford, reads an excerpt from one of her books.

PHOTO BY SHELLEY WOLF

ARCHDIOCESAN ARCHIVES MARKS 50 YEARS OF PRESERVING CATHOLIC HISTORY

- Story by Shelley Wolf

In 1973, Sister Dolores Liptak, a Sister of Mercy, completed her studies for a doctoral degree in American history at the University of Connecticut. But she still needed to write her dissertation. A professor suggested she research Catholic immigrants in Connecticut, beginning in the 1880s.

Her research led her to the Catholic Transcript and then to the Archdiocese of Hartford's archives in the Chancery.

"What I found was two dozen boxes on the floor near a large vault, where they kept the baptismal records," she recalls. While the baptismal records were safely stored in cabinets, she says, "the historical records had zero organization."

In order to do her research, Sister Dolores needed to dig through those boxes of correspondence. Also, around that time, the Catholic Church was getting serious about capturing its history.

"In the 1970s, the Vatican issued a document asking every diocese in the world to make sure their archives were organized and available to all serious researchers," Sister Dolores says. The United States bicentennial was also looming.

So, Sister Dolores, Vivian Stephenson, then editor of the Catholic Transcript, and Mary Caffrey, an English teacher, proposed to then-Archbishop John J. Whealon the creation of what is now the Office of the Archdiocesan Archives.

This year, the Archives, which is located on Farmington Avenue in Hartford, is celebrating its 50th anniversary (1976-2026). Sister Dolores, now 94, is its first archivist.

Today, the Archives functions as a private records facility. It contains the official governing and business records of the archdiocese. It also contains ancillary records, objects, artwork and other materials of historical significance, which reflect the mission and ministry of Catholics as a whole.

The Archives supports three categories of users: the archbishop; Catholic parishes, schools, clergy and archdiocesan administrative offices; and qualified researchers doing approved scholarly research.

It is private and not open to the general public. However, over the years, the diligent collection and maintenance of records by a series of archivists (ranging from religious sisters to professional archivists) has quietly captured the history of bishops, clergy and Connecticut's Catholic people.

These records have proven invaluable to book authors and to clergy assigned to special projects.

For instance, during her years as an official archivist (1976-1985), Sister Dolores assisted author Christopher Kauffman in finding a document about Blessed

Michael McGivney for his book Faith and Fraternalism: The History of the Knights of Columbus.

At the request of Archbishop Whealon, Sister Dolores used the Archives herself to research and author the book Hartford's Catholic Legacy: Leadership, which chronicled the bishops and how the Church evolved with the influx of European Catholic immigrants.

One gem in the Archives she still recalls is a touching letter written in 1890 by Michael Simko, requesting the state's first Slovak Roman Catholic parish be created in Bridgeport so 1,200 people could practice their "beloved religion" and "so our souls might not be condemned."

In recent years, clergy have consulted the Archives in preparation for the Jubilee Year of Mercy and for the Archdiocese of Hartford's 175th Anniversary. The Archives also houses a time capsule filled with parish memorabilia to be opened in 2093, the Archdiocese's 200th Anniversary.

Today, Archivist Bridgette Woodall and Assistant Archivist Lindsey Restelli are carrying on the work of cataloguing archdiocesan records and preserving history. They also process 200-plus research requests from clergy and archdiocesan employees annually. **Note:** For sacramental records, contact your local parish.





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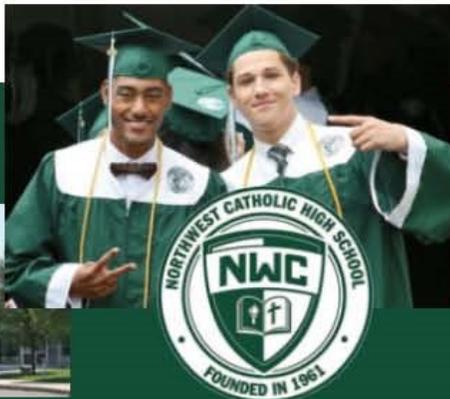
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