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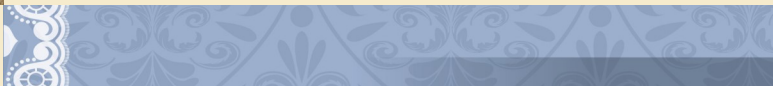
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## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight." Luke 24:30-31

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## 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  
and Tuesdays, 6 - 7pm  
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

## 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.

April 19, 2026

# 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/stannavon/forms/join-st-ann-parish](http://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

Third Sunday of Easter

### SATURDAY, April 18

4:00 Jack Tromza, requested by Mary Jane Jeter

### SUNDAY, April 19, Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 William Severni, requested by the family

9:30 Diane Koch (2nd Ann.), requested by Russell Koch

11:00 Matthew Griffin (2nd Ann.), requested by his family

### MONDAY, April 20

9:00 Frederick Severni, requested by the family

### TUESDAY, April 21,

*Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

9:00 Antonio Cusano, requested by his son, Robert Cusano & family

### WEDNESDAY, April 22

9:00 Jay W. Pershing, requested by Douglas Hope

### THURSDAY, April 23,

*Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr*

9:00 For the parishioners of Saint Ann

### FRIDAY, April 24,

*Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr*

9:00 Jim Martino, requested by Anne & Robert Yurch

### SATURDAY, April 25, Saint Mark, Evangelist

4:00 Gloria Murphy, requested by Rob & Susan Greving

### SUNDAY, April 26, Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 Maria Mae Theroux, requested by the Theroux Family

9:30 Jim Martino, requested by friends of the Avon Food Pantry

11:00 Matilda Politsky, requested by The Fedorciw Family

To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or [kris.martino@stannavon.com](mailto:kris.martino@stannavon.com)  
The suggested donation for all Mass intentions is \$15



## Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

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

### In loving memory of:

Dennis Freeman  
Brian P. Kelly

### Requested by:

Susi Johnson  
The Soucy Family

### 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:

Grades 3-12 \* 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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## 2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

In just a couple months, our parish has raised over \$135,000 for the 2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, which is close to 70% of our goal. If you have not yet made your gift to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese.

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/>.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

### SATURDAY, April 18

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

**Youth Ministry Bake Sale:** after Mass in the Gathering Space

### SUNDAY, April 19

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

**Youth Ministry Bake Sale:** after all Masses in the Gathering Space

### MONDAY, April 20

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

**Mom's Faith Study:** 9:30am in the SCA Activity Room

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

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

### TUESDAY, April 21

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

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

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

### WEDNESDAY, April 22

**Life Everlasting Study:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

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

### THURSDAY, April 23

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

### FRIDAY, April 24

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

### SATURDAY, April 25

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

**First Communion Retreat**

### SUNDAY, April 26

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

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

### Weekend of April 11/12, 2026

Weekly In-person: \$5,560.97

Weekly Online: \$3,071.50

**Weekly TOTAL: \$8,632.47**

**Votive Candles and Sanctuary Lamp: \$224.35**

### **Other Online Donations:**

'26 Parish Annual Appeal: \$50, Catholic Relief

Services: \$29.32, Cemetery: \$20, Easter: \$240,

Holy Days: \$40, Monthly: \$226, Prayer Shawl

Ministry: \$50, Prison Ministry: \$50,

Youth Ministry: \$10

**Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: monthly**



**ADORATION**  
*of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Mondays**  
**9:30-10:30 AM**

*and*

**Tuesdays**  
**6:00-7:00 PM**

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
*Our evening adoration is returning to Tuesdays from 6-7pm, starting on Tuesday, April 14th*

# Senior High Prayer Night

Tuesday Nights Weekly | 6:00-7:15 PM

Grades 9-12



Meet in the St. Carlo Activity Room for a home-cooked dinner, fellowship, discussion, and prayer in front of the Holy Eucharist during Adoration.

Questions? Email [caroline.mascoli@stannavon.com](mailto:caroline.mascoli@stannavon.com)



RSVP!!



**Do You Know Anyone Who Could Use the Comfort of a Prayer Shawl?**

*St. Ann's Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls available!*

If you know of someone who is going through an illness or time of need and feel a prayer shawl will lift their spirits or provide comfort, please contact Tina Dibble ([tmdibble@comcast.net](mailto:tmdibble@comcast.net)), to pick one up.

In addition, we might also have a few lap robes, which are ideally suited for someone who is wheelchair bound.

CHURCH OF ST. ANN'S YOUTH MINISTRY

# BAKE Sale



SAT. APRIL 18 - SUN. APRIL 19\*  
\*after all weekend Masses

All proceeds will go towards the cost of the Youth Ministry trip to Steubenville East Catholic Youth Conference this summer!!!



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**2026 Bible Camp: Rainforest Falls**

June 29th - July 2nd  
9:30am - 12:30pm

Exploring the Nature of God

**Registration is ongoing at:**  
stannavon.org/ministry/vacation-bible-camp

thank you

We'd like to thank all of our parishioners who have donated special First Communion Bibles for our students who will receive their First Communion next month. All children will now have this beautiful gift to commemorate this special Sacrament!

## Perennial Plant Sale



Saturday, May 16th  
8am - 12 noon  
St. Ann's Parking Lot

Please come to shop and support the Social Outreach Scholarship Program. A variety of plants will be offered, and knowledgeable gardeners will be available to assist customers. The scholarship program supports deserving urban students by providing partial tuition to area Catholic high schools.

### Plant Donations Needed!

Accepting plants, shrubs, trees, gently used garden accessories and bulbs from Easter plants.

Please IDENTIFY plants (name, color, sun/shade).

### Donation Dates:

Thursday, May 14th: 9:30am - 12pm  
and 4 - 6pm

Friday, May 15th: 9am - 1pm

Please drop them off in the parking lot (West Avon Rd. side, under tree)

If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Renee Maglietti: 860-693-1243.



# Welcome to Spring

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## Brunch

Sunday April 19, 2026

11 am - 2 pm



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## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

We have the beautiful story of the walk to Emmaus in today's Gospel. (Luke 24: 13-35) The disciples encounter the risen Lord Jesus on their way to Emmaus and don't recognize Him. Jesus explains the Scripture passages referring to Himself and their hearts burn within them as He accompanies them. They press Jesus to stay with them and when He breaks the bread at their shared meal, "their eyes are opened and they recognize Him". The disciples find Jesus in the Eucharistic bread.

**Reflection:** Do you find Jesus in the Eucharist? St. Padre Pio never received Holy Communion as a routine. For him it was always a vibrant encounter with Christ. He wanted Jesus to remain with him always. Here are some of the words from St. Pio's Prayer after Holy Communion: "Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion may be the light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart. Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much and always be in Your company."

## Upcoming Events



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at St. Joseph Church, 33 Queen St., Bristol, CT

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waterburychapterago@gmail.com Waterburyago.org



APRIL 24 @ 7PM  
**SEEN: A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING**  
St. Paul VI Parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Hamden

Join us for a Holy Hour and Reception including Adoration, prayer teams, guided prayer, support and resources for those struggling with pregnancy loss or infertility. Registration required. Please reach out to [m.ricci@hamdenecatholic.org](mailto:m.ricci@hamdenecatholic.org) to RSVP.



APRIL 27 @ 7PM  
**SPEED NETWORKING AND MENTORING**  
Holy Angels Center, Meriden

Join Young Catholic Professionals Central Connecticut and meet inspiring professionals, connect with other young adults, and walk away with practical insight for your career and faith. Food and drink will be provided. We will be having Stations of the Cross and prayer at 7PM, and the speed networking and mentoring will start at 7:45PM.



MAY 2 @ 4PM  
**LATINO VOCATION DISCERNMENT NIGHT**  
St. Augustine Parish, Hartford

Join us for 4PM Vigil Mass, followed by free dinner and a Q&A panel of speakers from all different vocations. Registration required. Email [kathleen.pence@aolct.org](mailto:kathleen.pence@aolct.org) to RSVP.



MAY 8 @ 6PM  
**SEEN: A NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING**  
The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Waterbury

All are welcome for a night of prayer and support for those experiencing infertility or pregnancy/child loss. We will have welcoming remarks, Mass, a reflection, Adoration with Praise and Worship, and a reception to follow with light refreshments, veneration of relics, resources, community, and opportunities to meet with Religious Sisters and Prayer Teams. Registration required. Please reach out to [hello@waterburybasilica.org](mailto:hello@waterburybasilica.org) to RSVP.



APRIL 24 @ 7PM  
**YCP SPEAKER EVENT**  
Bl. Michael McGivney Parish, St. Mary Church, New Haven

"Al. Faith. Your Career. Are They Compatible?" Come join Young Catholic Professionals Central CT for our next Executive Speaker Series Event! Come enjoy light refreshments and networking along with a talk by Omar Koualy on Al and faith in the workplace. We look forward to meeting you there!



MAY 8 @ 6PM  
**WOMEN'S HOLY HOUR & DINNER**  
St. Bridget of Sweden Parish, Cheshire

Are you seeking peace and direction? Join us for an evening dedicated to women's vocational discernment. We'll begin with a Holy Hour featuring beautiful music, prayerful silence, and a reflection. Please stay for a free dinner and community fellowship. Registration required. Email [cdemiany@ascjus.org](mailto:cdemiany@ascjus.org) to RSVP.



MAY 9 @ 9AM - 2PM  
**DAY WITH MARY | RETREAT**  
Precious Blood Parish, St. Agnes Church, Milford

Join us for a Marian Eucharistic Day Retreat with the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate. Day will include: Holy Mass, Confession, Conferment of the Miraculous Medal, Fatima Video, Benediction, Marian Procession, Conferment of the Brown Scapular, Recitation of the Rosary and talks by Franciscans. Inclement weather, check status [www.daywithmarywest.org](http://www.daywithmarywest.org) Retreat is FREE, bring a snack!



MAY 10 @ 10AM Adults \$50  
**MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH**  
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Children 4-12, \$15 | Children under 4, Free  
Come celebrate Mother's Day with a special Mass for mothers and families, and then enjoy a delicious gourmet brunch prepared by our chef. Visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar).



MAY 13 @ 7:30PM  
**CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION**  
Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Parish, St. Mary Church, Derby

Join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima! We will gather in front of the church to start the procession. The rosary will take place indoors if it rains. Coffee and cupcakes social to follow!



MAY 13 @ 5:30PM - 9PM \$50  
**COUPLES' EVENING RETREAT**  
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

Please join us as we explore the beautiful concept of marriage as a spiritual friendship. How is marriage a Trinitarian-like expression of love, with Christ at the center? How can deep, intentional listening with "the ear of the heart" cultivate a marriage rooted in spiritual friendship? Offered both in-person and online via Zoom. Includes dinner with wine and cheese. Visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/calendar).



MAY 15 - 17 @ 6PM \$300  
**MEN'S RECOVERY RETREAT**  
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

We invite men in recovery into a peaceful atmosphere where you can rest, renew your spiritual life, and deepen your sobriety. Hear an inspiring lecture, catch up on some rest, and care for yourself as we care for you in mind, body, and spirit. Our Matt Talbot weekends are open to ALL people, from ALL backgrounds, regardless of whether or not you are a member of a church. The retreat begins on Friday with a buffet dinner from 6 - 7:30PM and concludes on Sunday around 11AM. Generous scholarships are available. Call Marty V. at 860-250-6246 for scholarship information.

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# Branches on the Vine

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

APRIL 18 - 24, 2026

## Albertus Magnus Students Swap Spring Break for Ohio *Mission Work*

- Story by Joe Pisani

Six students from Albertus Magnus College of New Haven went on spring break. But they did not go to Florida; they traveled to Ohio to perform mission work. They were part of the first Albertus Magnus Spring Break Mission Trip to Columbus, where they did service work for different ministries of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, whose motherhouse is located in the capital city.

"Going to Florida may be cool, but doing community service and helping people out who are in need is more impactful than sitting on the beach," says Owen Griswold of New London, a junior majoring in criminal justice/pre-law.

For him, the highlight of the week was the four hours the group spent packing 2,760 meals for the Columbus-based LifeCare Alliance. The nonprofit organization distributes the meals to homebound residents.

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*"Jesus was all about helping people and giving back, and that is what we did."*

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Service is a fundamental part of life at Albertus Magnus and one of the four pillars of the Dominican charism – prayer, study, community and service. The college was founded in 1925 by the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, now known as the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

"That's how we live our lives every day," says Sister Cathy Buchanan OP, the campus minister who organized the trip. "All 19 Dominican colleges and universities have the same four pillars, so there is a shared culture, no matter where they are. When we go to conferences, we talk about the different pillars and what

they mean to us. Since service is one of our pillars, students know from the day they arrive that's what they're buying into." Sister Cathy, who made her first vows three years ago and is now temporary professed, knows about service. After a 27-year career in law enforcement, she was looking forward to retiring to Florida and sitting on the beach. But God had a different plan, she says, which includes working with young people and starting a new life with the Dominican Sisters of Peace. She describes the spring break in Ohio as "amazing."

"Everything went perfectly, considering this was our first time going," Sister Cathy says. While there, the Albertus students also met fellow students from Ohio Dominican University.

During the week, the group toured the Martin de Porres Center, a place dedicated to spirituality, education and the arts, and had an opportunity to do farm work and feed the animals at nearby Shepherd's Corner, the Dominican ecology center. Also, they visited the Dominican Learning Center, which offers adult learning classes

in ESL, GED and Adult Basic Education. In between their service work, the students were able to pray, meet many of the 150 sisters who live in the Dominican Motherhouse, and give them thank you cards of appreciation during Catholic Sisters Week, celebrated March 8 to 14. "Jesus was all about helping people and giving back, and that is what we did, just as Jesus did," says Griswold, who is a resident assistant and an admissions ambassador at Albertus.

The trip had special meaning for him since he became a Catholic last year at the Easter Vigil, when he was baptized, received First Communion and was confirmed.

He made the decision to enter the OCIA process after talking with another student at the National Dominican Preaching Conference. Before that time, he says, "I didn't have much faith at all."

Sister Cathy says the Albertus Magnus students, who were inspired by their experience this year, have already begun preparing for a spring break mission trip next year.



Sister Cathy Buchanan, OP, introduces students from Albertus Magnus College to the Dominican Sisters of Peace living at the Columbus motherhouse during lunch.





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