



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 11, 2025

## **PARISH OFFICE**

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## **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday:  
9:00am - 2:00pm

## **CHURCH OF ST. MARY**

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Newington, CT. 06111

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Newington, CT. 06111

## **Confession**

Friday: 8:30-8:50 am, HS  
Saturday: 3:00-3:50 pm, HS  
Sunday: 7:30-7:50 am, SM

## **Mass Times**

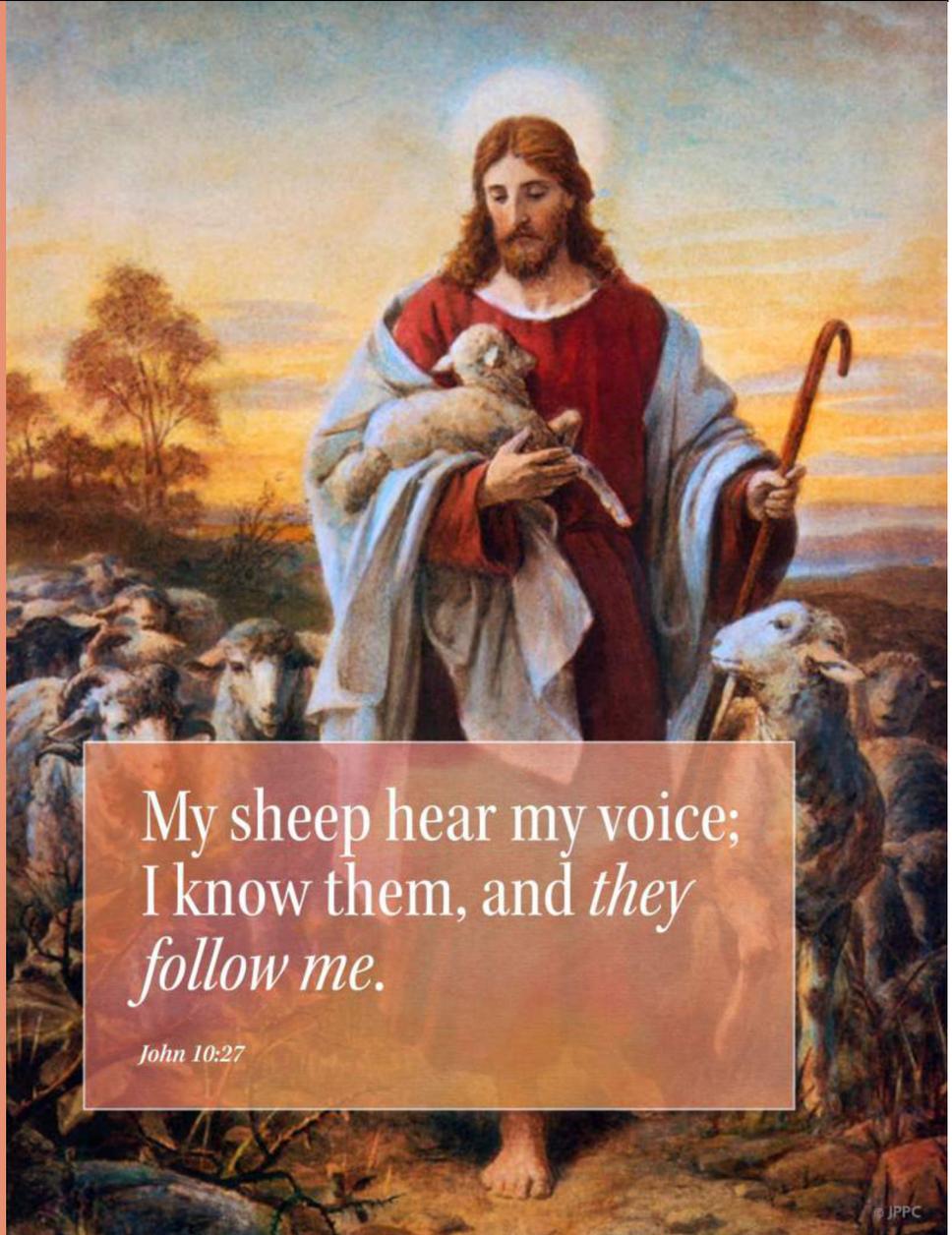
**Daily Mass:** Monday - Friday  
9:00 am, HS

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 pm, HS

## **Sunday Masses:**

8:00 am, SM  
9:15 am, HS  
10:30 am, SM  
12:00 pm, HS

Visit us on the web @  
[annunciationnewington.com](http://annunciationnewington.com)



My sheep hear my voice;  
I know them, and *they*  
*follow me.*

*John 10:27*

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 11, 2025

## Welcome To Annunciation Parish, The Roman Catholic Community of Newington

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a returning parishioner, a new parishioner, or a visitor, welcome to our community. We are glad that you are here and hope that you feel at home. If you are not already a member of our parish, please consider joining us. If you are a member of our parish already, please consider joining one of our ministries.

The Catholic Church welcomes new members of all ages. Children are welcomed into our faith through the sacrament of Baptism. Adults can either join our faith, or complete their sacraments of initiation through our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) or our Adult Confirmation program. If you are interested, please call the rectory at: (860) 666-1591.

### Parish Priests

**Rev. Janusz Kukulka**, Pastor

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**Rev. Joseph Pullikattil**, Parochial Vicar

fr.pullikattil@aohct.org

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**Msgr. James Kinnane**

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**Bruce Thompson**, Senior Deacon

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**Eliza Harris**, Coordinator of Religious Education

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### Sacramental Ministries

#### Baptism

To schedule a Baptism, visit our website:

www.annunciationnewington.com, *scroll down to* Quick Links (*center of Home Page*), *Select* - Book a Baptism and then once the form is submitted, Deacon Blanchette will call to arrange a meeting.

#### Marriage

Please call the rectory at least **six months** in advance. Couples meet with the priest for an initial pastoral conversation before a wedding date can be set. Please do not make other plans until a date has been confirmed.

#### For the Sick

We are happy to visit with the homebound. If you or a loved one would like a home visit, Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the rectory office.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK – Fourth Sunday Of Easter

**Monday** Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday** Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Jn 15:9-17

**Thursday** Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 Jn 13:16-20

**Friday** Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday** Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday** Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 11, 2025

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 10th, The Vigil For The Fourth Sunday Of Easter

**H/S** 4:00 p.m. Carmel & Arthur Taylor, By The Taylor Family

### Sunday, May 11th, The Fourth Sunday Of Easter

**S/M** 8:00 a.m. Mothers Living and Deceased

**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Mothers Living and Deceased

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. Mothers Living and Deceased

**H/S** 12:00 p.m. Mothers Living and Deceased

### Monday, May 12th, Easter Weekday & Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Mary Pilarski & Angie Capparelli,  
By Their Families

### Tuesday, May 13th, Easter Weekday & Our Lady of Fatima

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Victoria Armentano, By Gail & Ben

### Wednesday, May 14th, Saint Matthias, Apostle

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. Gilbert McCusker, By His Wife & Children

### Thursday, May 15th Easter Weekday & Saint Isidore

**H/S** 9:00 a.m. John Mills, By His Family

### Friday, May 16th, Easter Weekday

**S/M** 9:00 a.m. Donald Civitello, By His Family

### Saturday, May 17th, The Vigil For The Fifth Sunday Of Easter

**H/S** 4:00 p.m. Philip & Anne Bellinghausen, 1st Anniversary,  
By Brian & Carol Forgione

### Sunday, May 18th, The Fifth Sunday Of Easter

**S/M** 8:00 a.m. Walter Zdeb, 5th Anniversary, By His Family

**H/S** 9:15 a.m. Arlene Hurley, By The Annunciation Parish  
Women's Guild

**S/M** 10:30 a.m. John Mills, By His Family

**H/S** 12:00 p.m. Dorothy Traficanti & The Traficanti &  
Clemente Families, By Marie & Bob and  
Nancy & Jim



## In Loving Memory

### We pray for...

**Jeanette Brovold**

**Catherine Jean Carter**

**Marilyn Martin**

And for the consolation of their family & friends. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; let your light shine upon them.*

## Parish Support

### May 4, 2025

Weekly \$11,933

Online Giving \$4,039

Total \$15,972

## Eucharistic Adoration

### Holy Spirit Church

6:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Evenings

Spend the whole hour or as much time as you can give!



By assisting devoutly at Mass, we render the sacred humanity of Our Lord the greatest homage. He makes up for many failings and omissions. We should pray like this at the beginning of Mass:  
**“O Most just God, with contrite heart and steadfast hope, I lay my sins upon this sacred altar, in order that they may be consumed by the flames of Your divine Charity, purged away by the Precious Blood of Jesus, and fully atoned for by His infinite merits. Amen.”**

# PARISH CALENDAR, MAY 11, 2025

## The Knights Sandwich Ministry

Our next sandwich collection is Sunday, **May 18th at 4:30 pm** in the Saint Mary School parking lot. **\*There is no collection in April.**

## The Prayer Shawl Group

meets the **third Thursday** of every month at **12:30 p.m.** at The Holy Spirit Church Hall from September-June

## The Men's Club

...meets on the **third Wednesday** of every month, at **6:00 pm** in St. Mary lower Rectory. Contact: Tom Morris at (860) 666-6331

## The Men's Fellowship Group

...meets every **Wednesday** evening from **6:30-8:00 pm** Holy Spirit Church Hall. Contact: Angelo Marchetti at: (860) 202-1612

## The Women's Guild

### **The Women's Guild Executive Board**

will meet on Monday, **May 5th**, and the **General Membership meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **May 13th**.

## The Women's Guild final membership meeting of the 2024-2025 year

will be our Installation of Officers Banquet. This is a **members only event**. It will be held on Tuesday, **May 13, 2025** at DeNovellis Family Restaurant, 944 Cromwell Avenue, Rocky Hill CT. It will start at 1:00 pm with appetizers of Cold Antipasto and stuffed mushrooms. The family style meal will include Chicken Francaise and Sole Piccata with Roasted Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Coffee and Tea. Dessert will be provided by the Guild. A cash bar will be available.

## *In my Love, Abide*

### Men's Retreat: June 6-8, 2025 &

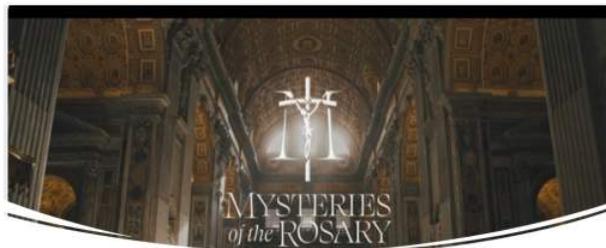
### Women's Retreat: May 30 to June 1, 2025

### **Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center – West Hartford, CT**

Jesus calls us to remain in love as the branches remain with the vine for life and sustenance. We know that Jesus prayed often and taught his disciples to do the same. Pope Francis has named this year a "Year of Prayer." He described it as "a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world." We invite you to come and explore the depths of a life of prayer and learn ways to maintain the sacred connection to God through Christ, the true vine. Conferences and workshops will be offered along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Celebration of the Eucharist.

Register at: [holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats](http://holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats).

Generous scholarships are available – email: [info@holyfamilyretreat.org](mailto:info@holyfamilyretreat.org) or contact our registrar Ted at: 860.760.9705 for more information. *The Holy Family Retreat Team*



## Paradisus Dei The Mysteries of Rosary "Glorious Mysteries"

- Thursday Nights April 24<sup>th</sup> – June 12<sup>th</sup>
- 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Holy Spirit Hall
- This will take you deeper into each of the Glorious Mysteries each week, followed by a brief discussion and ending with praying the Rosary together
- Refreshments provided.
- Angelo Marchetti – 860-202-1612
- [anglomarchetti2367@outlook.com](mailto:anglomarchetti2367@outlook.com)



Please welcome into our parish family, the following child who was recently baptized at Annunciation Parish:

### **Kennedy Lynne Bohn**

To be baptized at Annunciation Parish, you must be a registered parishioner, reside in Newington, or have some tangible connection to our Parish.

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## **JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – COUNCIL 3884**

Looking for a way to **give back, grow in faith, and protect your family's future**? The **Knights of Columbus** is a brotherhood of Catholic men dedicated to **charity, unity, and service**—and we want **YOU** to be a part of it!

Joining is easier than ever! **Sign up online for FREE** at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). Click **JOIN**, follow the steps, and be sure to select **3884** to connect with our local chapter.

### **Membership Drive – May 10&11**

After all Masses at both churches, Knights will be available to answer questions and **sign you up on the spot**. Don't miss this chance to make a difference!

Become a **Knight** today—**serve, grow, and protect** what matters most.



**Birthright** has served pregnant women in crises in the Hartford area since 1972.

Thousands of expectant mothers have received the help they need to bring their babies into the world! Your support and that of your parishioners makes this life saving work possible. **Birthright will distribute baby bottles after Masses this Mother's Day, May 11th weekend**. We ask that you take the bottles home, fill them with coins, cash or a check and return them to the Birthright volunteer stationed after Masses on Sunday, June 1st weekend. As you will see from the insert inside the bottle, you may make a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Birthright will send an acknowledgement card of your gift of life. This is an opportunity for our church families to have hands-on involvement in a project that saves lives of unborn children and makes a lasting difference in the mothers' lives. Thank you for any help you can give!

## **We are announcing the start of the Annunciation Parish**

### **Women's Fellowship Group**

**Welcome women of all ages! We will meet Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in The Holy Spirit Church Hall beginning June 19, 2025.**



**The group will focus on our walk with God in our daily lives through scripture, fostering spiritual growth, building lasting friendships and trust. Our mission is to provide a safe place where women are encouraged to connect, serve, and develop their faith through shared experiences and activities.**

**Please register by either emailing or texting Kimberly Marchetti at: [kim@annunciationnewington.com](mailto:kim@annunciationnewington.com) or 860-202-0020. Please provide the following information: full name, home address, phone number and email address.**

**Walk-Ins are always welcome!**

**We are actively looking for volunteers to serve as Eucharistic Ministers for the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. masses at Saint Mary's Church. If this is a ministry that you would be able to contribute your time and talents to, please contact Sue at: 860-424-7176 and leave her a message and she will get back to you.**



**Thank you so much!**

## **A Prayer for Mothers**

***God of tender love and life,***  
**You compared your love for humanity to**  
**the love a mother has for her own child.**

**You are the Lord and Giver of Life, and**  
**you knit each of us together in our**  
**mother's womb.**

**You provide for the world the example of**  
**Mary, your own mother, who said**  
**yes to life amid her confusion and surprise. We thank you, then, for our**  
**Mothers. Though human, they are also a reflection of you, Lord God. They**  
**are your gift to us.**

**We pray for all mothers today. May they realize the greatness of their vocation,**  
**and have the strength to live it without fear. Forgive their sins, and keep their**  
**eyes raised up to you.**

**To those who still make this earthly journey with us, give us the grace to love**  
**them as we should; and to those whom you have called from this life, give a**  
**special place of honor in your Kingdom of Endless life.**

**We pray through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**<https://www.priestsforlife.org/novenas/novena>**





# Thank You



On behalf of everyone at Bunnies for Hunnies, thank you for your generous donation and support. We were able to deliver bunnies to the following locations, bringing comfort and happiness to those who need it most:

- CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
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- THE VILLAGE AT BUCKLAND COURT NURSING HOME

Your support truly makes a difference. Thanks to you, we're bringing smiles and love to children everywhere—  
one bunny at a time!

*Sincerely,  
The Vass Family*



# ANNUNCIATION PARISH

## Annunciation Parish Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrimage to Italy June 7 – 13, 2025

7 Day Tour of Rome, Italy / \$2,299 double occupancy per person Land Only  
(Families ages 5 and up as well as single travelers are welcome to join)



Join **Annunciation Parish** and experience the 2025 Jubilee Year of the Catholic Church in Rome with your fellow parishioners'. Occurring only once every 25 years, the 27th Jubilee Year in 2025 promises to be a time of grace for thousands of pilgrims and the world's faithful. Pope Francis has named this year's celebration "Pilgrims of Hope" as a celebration of peace, hope, and love. Visit some of the world's most iconic and inspiring holy sites for an experience you'll never forget.

During the Jubilee Year, the Catholic Church offers the possibility of obtaining plenary indulgence for the faithful. The Pope inaugurates the Holy Year with the rite of the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica. After that, the Holy Doors of the other Papal Basilicas are opened and remain open until the end of the Jubilee Year. The completion of the Seven Churches Pilgrimage is one of the highlights of this tour. This is one of the oldest Catholic traditions and foresees the visits of the 4 major Papal basilicas – St Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and St. Mary Major- as well as the Basilica of St. Lawrence Outside the Walls, the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem and the Basilica of St. Sebastian Outside the Walls. Learn about the Catacombs, former underground burial grounds principally used by early Christians and Jews; spend time in prayer in the most significant Catholic places of worship and admire unique and precious works of art inspired by faith.

Guests can enjoy special experiences during the Jubilee Year tour. Participate to the Papal audience and the Sunday Angelus prayer and blessing (if available) in St. Peter Square. See the Holy Stairs (Scala Sancta), which, according to Roman Catholic tradition, were the steps leading to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem on which Jesus Christ stepped on his way to trial during his Passion. Visit Castel Gandolfo, the summer Papal residence in the Roman countryside featuring beautiful gardens and serene views. Celebrate Mass and share your faith and contagious spirit of communion with Annunciation parishioners.

The tour includes hand-selected accommodations, guided sightseeing, and seamless transportation between destinations. Explore with expert Tour Directors and Local Guides, complimentary headsets, and private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach.

**For details contact: Chris Lawrence at 860-402-6890 / [chris@escapesforeveryone.com](mailto:chris@escapesforeveryone.com)**



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



# Branches on the Vine

MAY 10 - 16, 2025

## GALLERY IN NEW HAVEN FEATURES ARTIFACTS ABOUT PONTIFICATES, INCLUDING POPE FRANCIS

- Story by Karen A. Avitabile



The Papal Gallery, inside the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center, includes a permanent exhibit related to popes. At right is a photograph of Pope Francis. PHOTOS BY AARON JOSEPH



This Papal Chair was used by Pope Francis during the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland.



Coins highlighting the pontificate of Pope Francis on display.

The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven is welcoming visitors to view a permanent gallery that highlights the relationship between the Knights of Columbus, Pope Francis and other pontificates.

Called the Papal Gallery, the space consists of an array of artwork, archival materials, artifacts, commemorative papal medallions, Vatican correspondence and photographs. These items recount the relationship between the Vatican, popes and the Knights of Columbus during the organization's 143-year history.

In addition, artifacts on display in the Papal Gallery feature items that were presented to the Knights of Columbus during the 12 years of Pope Francis' pontificate.

They include: an apostolic letter, a papal brief, a letter and holy cards to Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly,

and a book published to mark the first anniversary of the pope's "Urbi et Orbi" blessing to Rome and the world in an empty St. Peter's Square as the coronavirus pandemic swept the world.

A large display case houses the Papal Chair used by Pope Francis during the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland.

"The Knights of Columbus has enjoyed a close relationship with the Holy See since almost its existence," says Peter Sonski, manager of education and outreach for the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center.

Portraits of all the popes, including Pope Francis who died on April 21, grace the walls inside the Papal Gallery.

Pope Francis played a significant role in advancing the cause of sainthood for Blessed Michael J. McGivney, a parish priest from New Haven who is being considered for sainthood.

In 1882, Blessed McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus to serve the needs of a largely immigrant Catholic community. He died in 1890 of pneumonia when he was 38 years old.

Blessed McGivney moved a step closer to possible sainthood after Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to his intercession in May 2020. He was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

Located at 1 State St., in New Haven, the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center welcomes visitors Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is free admission and parking in the lot beneath the building. For more information, call 203.865.0400 or visit [michaelmcgivneycenter.org](http://michaelmcgivneycenter.org).



# Upcoming Events



05/15 - 06/12 THURSDAYS 7PM  
**WHAT DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE AND WHY? A SURVEY OF CATHOLIC BELIEF**  
 Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall, 81 Center Rd, Woodbridge

Fr. Glen will lead another session covering the basic understandings of our Catholic faith. It is important that we know what we believe and profess every Sunday! Join us for these special one hour sessions to dive deeper into your faith. Bring your questions too!



05/15 WEDNESDAY 5:30PM - 9PM  
**A MESSY LIFE IS A HOLY LIFE: COUPLES' EVENING RETREAT**  
 Holy Family Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford

As Christians, we are called to live a life of holiness. Pope Francis says: "We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness is everything we do." However, life as a couple can sometimes seem more messy than holy! Perhaps we do not think of ourselves as holy people – we look to others as examples of holiness but not ourselves. How, as a couple, in the midst of our busy, messy lives answer this call to a life of holiness? Pope Francis continues: "This holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures."

During our time together, we will explore the small ways in which we bear witness to one another and support each other. This is the path to holiness for couples living in the modern world.

This program will be offered both in-person and online via Zoom. Information on how to access the program on Zoom will be sent to participants in advance.

Offering: \$50 per person (includes dinner and wine & cheese from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.)



05/30 FRIDAY 7PM  
**SET-BACK EVENT**  
 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Hall, 2819 Whitney Ave, Hamden

Join us for an evening of cards, community, and fun at the St. Paul VI Parish Set-Back Event! Doors open at 6:00 PM, so come early to get settled and enjoy some refreshments before the games begin at 7:00. No partner is needed—single players are welcome, and everyone has a chance to win great prizes. Admission is \$15 per person. Parking is available near the five-bay garages. Bring your friends, test your luck, and enjoy a lively night out with fellow parishioners and friends!

**St. John Bosco Women's Group**  
**Craft Fair**  
 Saturday, May 17th  
 9:00 AM - 2 PM  
**St. Therese Church**  
 105 Leetes Island Rd  
 Branford  
 If interested in being a vendor please EMAIL:  
 SJBCraftandTago6405@gmail.com

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