

MASS TIMES:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

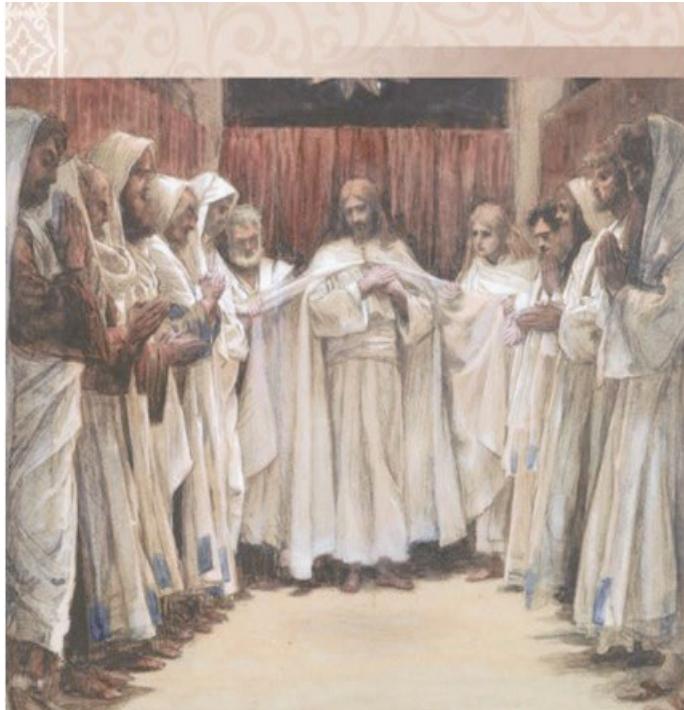
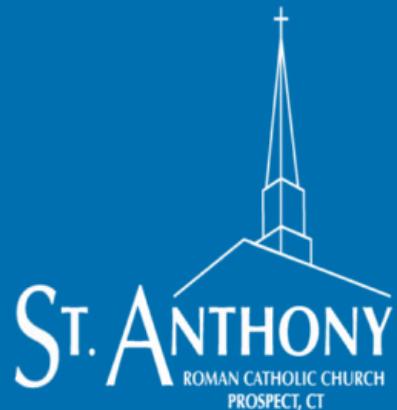
Sunday Mass - 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am

Daily Masses : 8:00 a.m. on Mon, Tue, Wed, & Fri

First Friday Mass at 12:15 pm

Confessions: Saturdays at 3:00 pm or by Appointment

May 18, 2025—Fifth Sunday of Easter



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34



Gracious God, we pray for all persons suffering from war. May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure great suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

A poster for St. Anthony Church of Prospect's Spring Happenings. It features a sunflower and butterflies. The text includes: "St. Anthony Church of Prospect", "SPRING HAPPENINGS", "4 Union City Rd., Prospect", "Wednesday MAY 21 MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE DIED FROM ANY CAUSE 5:30 PM", "Thursday MAY 29 ASCENSION THURSDAY MASSES WED. VIGIL -6:30 PM THURS.-8 AM, 12:15 PM", "Sunday JUNE 8 PENTECOST SUNDAY- WEAR RED! MASSES: SAT. 4:30, SUN. 7:30, 9:30, 11:15", "Saturday JUNE 21 ST. ANTHONY FEAST PROCESSION AND ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FIRE FOLLOWING 4:30 MASS", and "FOR MORE INFO VISIT: www.stanthonyprospect.org".

Parish Mission Statement

St. Anthony Church is a parish where God's love nourishes the soul to actively minister to people and share the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Christian Love

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May Your love be our standard for love. May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world. May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	<i>May 17—Easter Weekday</i>
4:30 PM	Dorothy Romanuk, req. by Saint Anthony Parish
Sunday	<i>May 18—Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
7:30 AM	Ann Pronovost Buckley, req. by Michael Yamin
9:30 AM	Richard Moran, req. by Saint Anthony Parish
11:15 AM	Clemencia Robles, req. by her Family
Monday	<i>May 19—Easter Weekday</i>
8:00 AM	Carolyn Mariano, req. by St. Anthony Parish Family
Tuesday	<i>May 20—Easter Weekday</i>
8:00 AM	Members of Saint Anthony Parish
Wednesday	<i>May 21—Easter Weekday</i>
8:00 AM	Theresa Hind, req. by Valerie Stolfi
5:30 PM	Mass of Remembrance
Thursday	<i>May 22—Easter Weekday—St. Rita of Cascia</i> NO MASS TODAY
Friday	<i>May 23—Easter Weekday</i>
8:00 AM	Irma Rizzo and Family, req. by a Friend
Saturday	<i>May 24—Easter Weekday</i>
4:30 PM	Richard Calabro, req. by his Wife, Children, and Grandchildren
Sunday	<i>May 25—Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>
7:30 AM	Healing for Eva P., req. by Micki
9:30 AM	Annie Carnemolla, req. by her Family
11:15 AM	John Holley, Jr., req. by St. Anthony Parish Family

Pentecost Sunday Volunteers Needed



Each year on Pentecost Sunday we commemorate one of the great miracles of the New Testament—the gift the Holy Spirit gave to the Apostles; the ability to speak in every known language of the day and be understood. We symbolically recreate that amazing occurrence by asking volunteers to recite the Lord's Prayer in a variety of languages during each Mass that Weekend (June 7—8, 2025).

If you can speak a language other than English, please volunteer your talent in this special commemoration at either the 4:30, 7:30, 9:30, or 11:15 Mass. Please contact Jeff Guerrette, Volunteer Coordinator, at 203-758-4056 ext. 15 or email volunteercoordinator@stanthonyprospect.org.

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THE TABERNACLE CANDLE BURNING IN THE SANCTUARY

THIS WEEK IS IN HONOR OF THE
LADIES GUILD AND IN MEMORY OF THE
DECEASED MEMBERS



PARISH COLLECTIONS FOR 05/11/2025

Weekly:	\$6,648.00
Weekly on-line:	1,214.50
Monthly on-line:	448.00
Total:	\$8,310.50

\$81.05 was sent to Catholic Relief Services for the CRS Rice Bowl Collection.

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St. Anthony Feast Day Procession and Bonfire Saturday, June 21st

June 21st following the 4:30 Mass, we will have St. Anthony Feast Day with procession, as well as St. John the Baptist Fire with hot dogs for parishioners.

We hope you will plan to join us! It will be fun!



Thanks to our Knights of Columbus men who donated rosaries and prayer books for our First Communion students.

Wow! Thank you to the “prayer partners” of our First Communion students who have been praying for them since March. The students received their gifts following their last rehearsal.



Mass of Remembrance Saint Anthony Church



Annually, the Respect Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford holds a Mass to remember children who have died from any cause—disease, accidents, abortion, abuse, or miscarriage. The location of the Mass changes each year to accommodate parishes in different parts of the archdiocese. This year **St. Anthony Parish** has been selected for this very special Mass and it will be held on **May 21st at 5:30 pm**. Father Glen, Director of the Respect Life Office for the Archdiocese of Hartford, will celebrate the Mass. There will be a light reception in our Church following the Mass. Parishioners from many churches in the Archdiocese will be joining us. Please plan to attend the Mass of Remembrance!



I stated in last week's bulletin that First Holy Communion was on May 4th—it was on May 10th.



St. Anthony Church Carnival!

We're excited to announce the St. Anthony Church Carnival on **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday – September 18, 19, and 20!** This fun-filled weekend will bring our parish community together with rides by Tufano Amusements, games, food, and music for all ages. It's a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, have fun, and welcome others in. We'll need many hands and joyful hearts to help make it a success – **so please mark your calendars, spread the word, and consider how you might lend a hand. More details to come soon!**

Good Stewards in Action



One of our long-time parishioners and former volunteer landscaper, Bill, donated dozens of tulips and lilies

to be planted around our property. Our committee is shown here hard at work planting the tulip bulbs and cutting back the daffodil stems, leaving the foliage to soak up the sun, storing food in the bulbs for next year's bloom!

We appreciate the good work of all our volunteers! If you would like to join a committee or ministry, please contact Jeff, Volunteer Coordinator, at 203-758-4056, ext. 15.

Saint Anthony Church Ladies Guild will be hosting a morning retreat entitled "Queen



of Peace" on **Saturday, June 28th** from 10am—1pm in the church hall. Doors will open at 9:30 am. This event is open to all parishioners and there is no charge. Our presenter will be Maureen O'Brien, a writer and speaker

who combines her 25 years of teaching with her deep faith.

In these times of upheaval, the Blessed Mother can offer us much needed Hope. Through prayer, listening to sacred songs and contemplating art, we will spend time connecting to her beauty and love.

Treat yourself to a morning of renewal, reflection and community sharing, celebrating the Blessed Mother in all her comfort and joy.

We will provide a light lunch and will need a headcount. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact **Michelle LeClerc at 203-525-0545 by June 21st.**



2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith.

Please continue to pray for an increase of vocations especially in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2025 AAA. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Be assured every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.

All funds contributed to the AAA 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.**

**TRUST IN THE LORD
ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
Saint Anthony's Weekly Account
Parish Goal: \$60,000.00**

As Of	Total \$ Pledges	# of Participants	% Participation
5/2	\$38,455.75	170	15.70
5/9	\$42,280.75	174	16.05



Come to the Prospect Library on Thursday, May 29th at 6:00 p.m. to hear George Hughes speak on the Legacy of Rev. Philip J. Cascia.

Catholic Question Corner

Good and Evil

Question:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

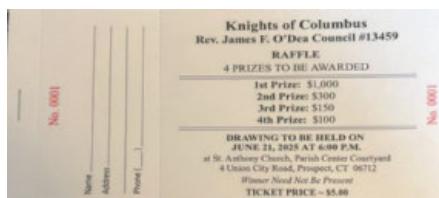


This is our annual fundraiser which allows the Council to support our many charitable endeavors. The drawing will be held on June 21st, after the Saint Anthony

procession at 6:00 pm. In addition to selling tickets after Masses in May, the Council members will be out front at LaBonne's on May 17th & 18th. Four prizes will be awarded:

1st \$1,000; 2nd \$300; 3rd \$150; and 4th \$100.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses the weekends of 18th, and 25th.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

We welcome the opportunity to be informed of any of our parishioners who are ill or hospitalized. Contact the Parish Center at 203-758-4056, or email at office@stanthonyprospect.org:

Bob, Robert Allegrini, Jessica Biolo, Marilyn Bonyai, Giovanna Calabrese, Robert Cormier, Betty Guevin, Kathryn Ivkovich, Olivia, John Malinak, Michael Mastrianna, Katrina Miller, Barbara Moorcraft, Roseanne Nobitz, Emily Pastore, Dan Spongberg, Joanne Spongberg, and Paul Violette. **IF SOMEONE YOU PLACED ON THE PRAYER LIST CAN BE TAKEN OFF PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.**

Please remember in your prayers, all active military members who are away from their families while serving around the world. **“God please keep watch over all those who are serving in the U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, National Guard, and Navy.”**



Saint Anthony Parish sincerely thanks the sponsors whose generosity makes our bulletin possible.

Our Sponsor Spotlight this week:
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Please continue saving your receipts. You can put your receipts in the Parish Center mailbox, in the collection baskets at Mass, or mail them to 4 Union City Rd, Prospect, CT 06712. Thank you!

GOSPEL MEDITATION
May 18, 2025
5th Sunday of Easter—John 13:31-35



I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper stickery words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, "**As the Father loves me, so I love you**" (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, "**Love another as I have loved you**" (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How *has* he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: "**Love one another.**" So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you." —*Father John Muir*

Welcome to the 2025 Parish Raffle!

Your tickets have been sent by mail. Please keep an eye out for them. The envelope may resemble junk mail, so please be cautious. Below is an example of the outer envelope:



twenty-three (23) prizes to be awarded, totaling \$68,000

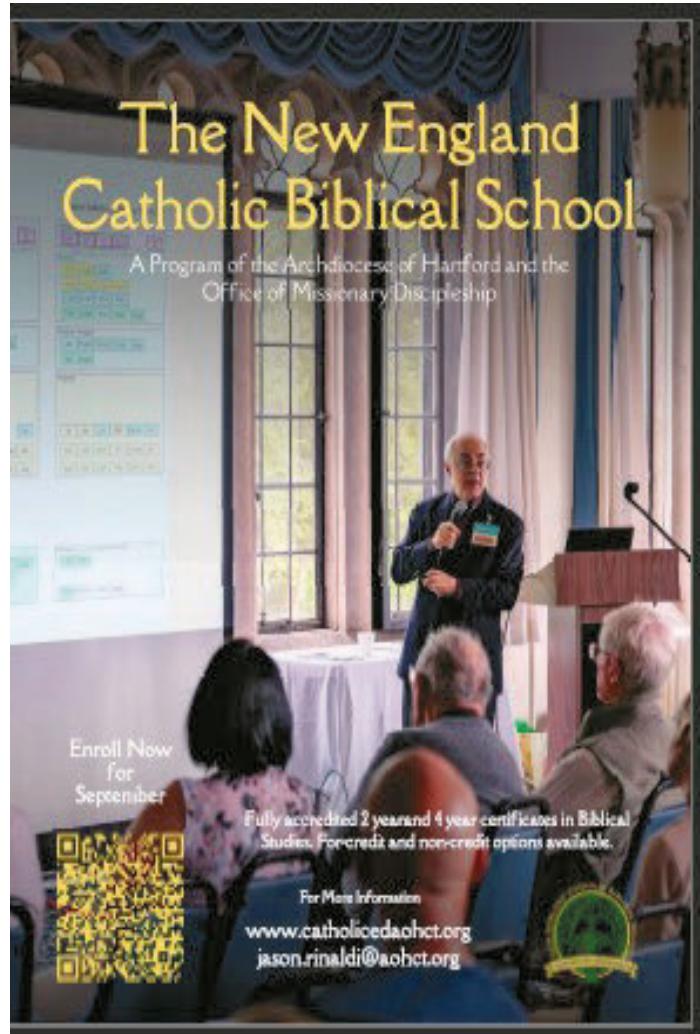
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**The Ordination to the Priesthood at
St. Joseph Cathedral
In Hartford on Saturday,
June 21st, 11 AM**

**All parishioners, confirmation students,
youth groups, young adult groups, fami-
lies and altar servers are invited to come witness one
of the most powerful rites of the Church! Please join
us!**



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May

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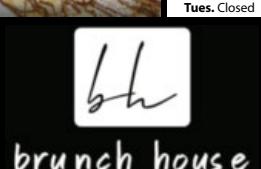
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