Our Lady of Hope Parish

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Immaculate Conception Church New Hartford, Connecticut

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Harwinton, Connecticut

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July 24, 2022

Our Mission

Our Lady of Hope Parish strives to be a Catholic community of disciples who work together to build up the Kingdom of God on earth. We offer to all a share in our faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Parish Office Information

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Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sunday	8:00am at Immaculate Conception
	9:30am at Immaculate Heart of Mary
	11:30am at Immaculate Conception
Weekdays	8:00am Monday & Wednesday
	Immaculate Heart of Mary 8:00am Tuesday & Friday
	Immaculate Conception

Reconciliation Hours Saturdays from 3:30—4:45pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary or by appointment



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him

Sacrament of Baptism: We welcome your child to the Parish. Please call the Parish Office to arrange for the Baptism Preparation Program.

Sacrament of Marriage: Congratulations on your commitment. Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance to arrange for your preparation sessions.

Hospital & Home Visitation: Please contact the Parish Office to let us know when a family member is homebound, in the hospital, or in a nursing home. Our Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring communion to area locations on a regular basis.

Our Vision Our Lady of Hope Parish envisions a community characterized by spiritual vitality, stewardship, accountability, and social and financial responsibility-all for

the sake of fulfilling our mission.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH & IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

Words from Father John

My Dear Friends,

Tuesday, July 26th, we celebrate the feast day of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the parents of our Blessed Mother Mary. Joachim was a rich man from the tribe of Judah who married his wife, Anne, from the Tribe of Levi. St. Anne was childless and in her old age was blessed to find herself with child. Joachim and Anne were overjoyed that on Mary's third birthday they brought her to the Temple, known in her church calendar as the Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple, and left her there to be raised. It is, of course, through St. Anne's womb and in the conception of Mary by St. Anne and St. Joachim that Mary was conceived without Original Sin. Blessed by this singular grace, Mary was consecrated to our Lord from the earliest times and was understood to have made a perpetual vow of virginity. This perpetual vow is strengthened by Sacred Scripture when the Angel Gabriel appears to her and tells her that she will conceive and bear a child and she shall name him Jesus. Her response is that this is not possible for she does not know man. Being married to St. Joseph she would know that a child comes from a physical union between a man and a woman, so this announcement from St. Gabriel should not have been earth shattering to her for she would have planned on having children with St. Joseph, if she had not already committed herself, with St. Joseph's knowledge, to a life of perpetual virginity.

Coming back to St. Anne and St. Joachim, there is not much information about them. We know their names through a document called The Protoevangelium of St. James. Traditions and legends also have surrounded these people through the centuries. There is no official church teaching that St. Anne or St. Joachim lived long enough to see the birth of Jesus, their grandson. Some legends say that St. Joachim died relatively early in the life of Mary, shortly after presenting her in the Temple. Another legend has St. Anne remarrying as a widow and becoming the grandmother to the Apostles, James, John, Jude, Simon and James the son of Alpheus, as well as the other James, called the brother of the Lord. There are also very few paintings or icons of St. Anne holding the Christ Child in her arms.

There are also some who claim that both St. Anne and St. Joachim would have had died before the birth of Jesus for the sole reason that Jesus, who is Love, would then not have a divided heart with his parents, St. Joseph and our Blessed Mother, and with his grandparents. Ultimately, whether St. Anne and St. Joachim ever did indeed see the birth of Christ is not important for our faith. Everything we need for salvation has been written in Sacred Scripture. We know that in Sacred Scripture our Lord's grandparents, through the Blessed Mother, are not named, but we do have the name of his paternal grandfather in the genealogies in St. Matthew and St. Luke's gospels. One thing we can do, though, is to meditate on the role of our own grandparents in our lives, and if you are a grandparent, then to know your role as a grandparent in the life of your grandchildren. I was blessed to know my paternal grandmother (Theresa), who died when I was 23, and my maternal grandparents, my grandfather (Benjamin) dying when I was 10 and my grandmother (Thelma) dying when I was 31. My paternal grandfather (Pasquale) died two years before I was born. I remember all four of them in my daily prayers to this day. Sts. Anne and Joachim, pray for us. God bless

Parish Support

Our Lady Of Hope Parish

Stewardship Offering 7/17/22	\$5,930.00
On-line Giving 7/17/22	\$1,848.00
Monthly Collection	\$116.50

Thank you to everyone who sends in their make-up offertory when they are away or unable to attend Mass.



TO THOSE WHO ARE VISITORS TO OUR LADY OF HOPE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR CHURCH AND OUR PARISH FAMILY!!



Happy Birthday to Father John Tuesday, July 26

May God Bless You

Please Note:

Additional Eucharistic Adoration times

5:00pm—7:00pm on Tuesdays and Wednesday at IHOM



Live-Streaming Update

The 9:30am Mass will not be live-streamed for the rest of the summer.

For parishioners unable to attend Mass please tune in on Channel CW 20 WCCT Sunday 10:00 AM and possibly stream on ORTV.

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, July 23, 2022

5:00 p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary -†Stanley & Theresa Polakow, by the children

Sunday, July 24, 2022

8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception Church

-†Marie Bellomo, by Mattthew & Loreen Sellitto

9:30 a.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary

-†Walter & Maria Chowaniec, by the family

11:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception

-†Deborah Veronica Kroha, by the Maraia Family

Weekday Masses

Mon. 7/25 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary -Blessings to Father John, by Mary Fournier Tues. 7/26 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception -Special Intention

Weekday Masses

Wed. 7/27 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary -†Rev. Vito C. DeCarolis
Thurs. 7/28 NO MASS
Fri. 7/29 8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception Church -†Rev. David Baranowski

Saturday, July 30, 2022

5:00 p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary -†Harold Morrison, Birthday Remembrance, by his wife, MaryAnn and famiy

Sunday, July 31, 2022

8:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception Church

+Walter Zajac, 33rd Anniversary Remembrance,
by Andy Zajac and family

9:30 a.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary

+Carmen Koplar, 90th Birthday Remembrance,
by Mark, Patti & Julia

11:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception

-†Joseph Lavoie, Birthday Remembrance,

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:30pm to 4:45pm IHOM or by appointment

"In failing to confess Lord, I would only hide you from myself, not myself from you." -Saint Augustine



COME TO PRAY

The churches are open from 8:30am—4:00pm everyday for anyone who wishes to come & pray.

Make bedtime prayer time. Deut. 6:7 "...when you lie down..." When your children are young this is a natural thing to do. As you are tucking them in you can pray with them. As they get older this discipline can prove more difficult, especially when they may be up later than you are! However, you can still pray for them before you go to bed, or stop in their room and ask for requests. Asking for prayer requests lets your children know that you are bringing them before the Lord causing them to be more aware of His workings in their lives. *Family Fire website*



Flease call the Farish Office if you wish to donate a candle in memory of a loved one or an intention.





The parish family of Our Lady of Hope expresses our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to the family and friends of *Alma Silano* who recently died. May her soul rest in eternal peace.



July 24, 2022

Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find, knock and it will be opened to you.



TRY IT. THEN LISTEN, LOOK, AND ENTER THE DOOR THAT OPENS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A RELIGIOUS VOCATION....

Contact Fr. Michael Casey, *Director of Vocations*, Tel. 860.761.7456, or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.

"CHANGE FOR LIFE"



Your spare change will make a big difference

in the lives of mothers and babies! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause. The change was counted and an additional \$299.21 was raised. If you have not returned your bottle, please drop it off at the church or Parish Office.

THANK YOU AGAIN TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED!!

Thank You Note from TWO HEARTS

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for donating to the Baby Bottle Drive to support Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center. Your very generous gift of \$2,564.29 will enable us to continue to provide care and support for God's precious children. It is because of your prayers and financial assistance that we can fulfill the mission work of Two Hearts.

Many families who come to Two Hearts for assistance are faced with critical circumstances. Housing, food, clothing, and items needed to care for their children are a daily challenge. In supporting the mothers and children who need our help today, you honor the Christ Child and His Mother. God is truly using you to bless the families who come to Two Hearts.

Please continue to pray for the mission work of Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center.

In His Love and Service,

Lynn Reynolds Executive Director





WHY DO WE DO THAT? -CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Daily Faith

Question:

What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are— God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.

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Join us for family-friendly, faithfilled fun this summer as we watch The Chosen together as a parish!

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Monday nights at the Social Center 5:30 - 7:00 starting July 11th

Episodes start at 5:30 followed by optional discussion session

Confirmation Students of 2022:

 Attention 10th Graders: Please turn in your Confirmation paperwork as soon as possible, if you haven't done so already.



- We hope to hear from the office of the Archbishop soon regarding scheduling of Confirmation, and will pass that information on to all of you as soon as possible!
- Soon, we will begin to publish the Pathways to Discipleship, so if you have not submitted yours yet, please do so.
- You will receive a sign-up link to sign up for your meeting with Father John prior to Confirmation, as well as a schedule of classes and events leading up to Confirmation.



Summer Fellowship Time:

If you are attending the 8:00 Mass or 11:30 Mass this weekend, please stop by the refreshment table next to the entrance ramp to Immaculate Conception Church for a sweet treat and a drink of water

after Mass! Enjoy a little conversation with your fellow parishioners under a shady tree on a beautiful summer Sunday morning!

Sunday Vespers:

⇒ According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Evening Prayer (also called Vespers) is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of



the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always" (Luke 18:1; see also 1 Thessalonians 5:17). Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world." (USCCB.org/prayer-andworship)

- ⇒ Did you know that we sing (a capella) these prayers at Immaculate Conception Church in New Hartford on Sunday evenings? Father Michael began this practice for our parish during this past Advent, and a small group of us have continued doing so, led by our 6th-7th Grade Catechist/Parish Life Coordinator Emily Delventhal.
- ⇒ We would love to have more people of all ages join us! So if you love music and you desire to grow closer to God, come to Immaculate Conception Church at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday evening for about 20 minutes of singing prayer. You'll end your afternoon and begin your evening on a peaceful, Godly note. <u>All are</u> welcome!

Our Lady of Hope Religious Education

Registration for 2022 – 2023 School Year:

<u>Continuing students</u>: The Registration form for the new school year is available on the parish website.

First Graders and New Parishioners:

- If your child was baptized here at Our Lady of Hope and is going to be entering first grade in the fall, you will receive a letter from the Coordinator of Religious Education inviting you to register for first grade religious education class.
- If you are new to our parish and have school-age children you'd like to sign up for religious education, please contact Teresa Lovejoy at (860) 806-5347 or Religious.ed@ourladyofhopeparish.com. I will be happy to talk to you and answer your questions!

Steubenville East Conference: Next weekend (July 29 – 31), a group of high school students from our parish and St. Joseph's parish will travel to Springfield, MA to attend the Steubenville East Conference. The conference is sponsored by Life Teen, whose mission statement is as follows: "As a Eucharist-centered movement within the Roman Catholic Church, Life Teen leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. With the Blessed Virgin Mary as our intercessor and guide, Life Teen seeks to unleash the fullness of the Sacramental power present within the young Church." Please pray for these students as they embark on this beautiful adventure!

Summer Opportunities:

• **Summer Movie Nights**: <u>The Chosen</u>: Come and watch this continuing drama about the life of Jesus, and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners of all

ages! Starting on July 11, the film will be shown on Monday nights from 5:30 – 7:00 in the social center in Harwinton. Note: some scenes may be a bit too "intense" for very young children, according to online parent reviews (commonsensemedia.org) Also please note that children and teens under the age of 18 should be accompanied by an adult.

Service Opportunity for Teens:

- Trinita Volunteering: "All Aboard the Ark!" That's the theme this year of Trinita's summer program for families who come from the inner city to spend a week out here in beautiful Northwestern Connecticut, strengthening their faith and their family bonds with other, while enjoying a break from the crowded city. Teenagers can help out with babysitting, arts and crafts, pool time, lunch set up, washing dishes, games, and more! You are asked to serve one full week of the program from 8:00 a.m. 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Contact Mrs. Arnold at Trinita: 860-379-4329, or trinita@charter.net.
- **Gardening**: Help the young adult group to maintain the beautiful flower gardens at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Harwinton on Friday evenings starting at 5:30 p.m. Contact Emily Delventhal-Sali if interested: Parish.life@ourladyofhopeparish.com.

Readings for the week of July 24, 2022		
Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/		
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13		
Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/		
Mt 20:20-28		
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43		
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/		
Mt 13:44-46		
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53		
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27		
or Lk 10:38-42		
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/		
Mt 14:1-12		
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,		
17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21		
<i>Observances for the week of July 24, 2022</i>		
Sunday: 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sharbel Makhlūf,		
Priest		
Monday: St. James, Apostle		
Tuesday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed		
Virgin Mary		
Wednesday:		
Thursday:		
Friday: St. Martha		
Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the		
Church		
Next Sunday: 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ignatius of		
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Loyola, Priest		



It's time to explore! From July 1 to

September 5, Connecticut children age 18 and under plus one accompanying Connecticut resident adult can visit participating museums free of charge through the Connecticut Summer at the Museum program. Before you visit, check each participant's website for specific program details and ticket

availability. The full list of participating museums is available at www.CTSummerMuseums.com.



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N. Ultimately, what does God promise to give us when we pray? The short answer to that N. when we pray? The short answer to that question is God. God promises to give Himself to us in prayer. Prayer is about union with God, not receiving favors. When God comes to us in prayer, His presence comes with faith, hope, and love. When we find these virtues enhanced and nurtured, we know that our prayer has been heard and answered. When we seek out, listen to, and live by these virtues we find ourselves led back to God and more united with the Divine Presence. We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. That's what makes Jesus' prayer, the Our Father, so perfect. It celebrates a deepening intimate relationship of trust between our Creator and us. When we persistently cry out for God in love, how can that prayer go unanswered? ©LPi question is God. God promises to give Himself N

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Franciscan Golf Classic

The 26th Annual Franciscan Golf Classic Monday, August 15, 2022, Tunxis Country Club, Farmington, Connecticut. The day includes 18 holes of golf, lunch on the course, an outdoor dinner, and 4 chances to Win a Hole In One:

- \$15,000 in cash
- 2023 Hyundai Elantra
- Trip for two St. Andrews, Scotland
- Trip for two Pinehurst Resort, NC

This yearly event benefits the counseling and educational programs of the Franciscan Life Center and care of the sick and end of life care services of Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care.

Join us!

Cost to play \$185/person. Sponsorship opportunities available. Call 203-237-8084 or visit flcenter.org for more information.

Spotlight on Stewardship

Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9)



Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs





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