



ST. JOHN XXIII CATHOLIC PARISH

WEST HAVEN, CT



Sunday, July 13, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday
of Ordinary Time

Parish Office

89 Bull Hill Lane | (203) 934-5249

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Secretaria Bilingüe | Bilingual Secretary

lunes a jueves | Monday to Thursday

4:30 - 6:00 PM

Mass Schedule | Horario de Misas

Saturday Vigils | sábados:

4:00 PM (English), St. Louis Church

4:30 PM (English), St. John Vianney Church

Sundays | domingos:

8:30 AM (English), St. John Vianney Church

9:00 AM (English), St. Louis Church

10:30 AM (English), St. John Vianney Church

10:30 AM (español) en la Iglesia San Luis

12:30 AM (español) en la Iglesia San Luis

Monday to Friday | lunes a viernes

12:00 PM (English), St. Louis Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confessions | Confesiones)

Mondays | lunes

7-8 PM with Adoration of the Most Blessed

Sacrament in St. Louis Church

Saturdays | sábados

3-4 PM in St. John Vianney Church

3-3:45 PM in St. Louis Church

St. John Vianney Church

300 Captain Thomas Blvd. | West Haven

St. Louis Church

89 Bull Hill Ln. | West Haven

St. Lawrence School

Pre-Kindergarten to 8th Grade

A Mission of St. John XXIII Parish

231 Main Street | West Haven

www.WestHavenCatholic.org



CLERGY

Rev. Father José A. Mercado, Pastor
Fr.JoseMercado@gmail.com

Rev. Father Ricardo Borja, Parochial Vicar
Fr.RicardoBorja@gmail.com

Deacon Frank Bevvino
Deacon Dean Macchio

ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL

Jim Messina, Principal
jmessina@stlaw.eduk12.net

PARISH STAFF

Main Phone: (203) 934-5249

Patty Boyne, ext. 2
Administrative Assistant
patricia.stjohn23@gmail.com

Lisette Andrade, ext. 3
Secretaria Bilingüe
lunes a jueves | 4:30 - 6:00 PM
lisette.stjohn23@gmail.com

Luis Ortega, ext. 4
Bookkeeper | luis.stjohn23@gmail.com

Ann Talevi, ext. 5
Business Mgr. | ann.stjohn23@gmail.com

Clarisa Peña Llorens, ext. 6
Dir. of Lifelong Faith Formation
clarisa.stjohn23@gmail.com

Eduardo Perez, Dir. of Music Ministry
Christina Collura | Thomas Borino
Music Ministry

Ernie Conte | Maria Valencia
Gabino Xicohtencatl
Custodians

MASS INTENTIONS | INTENCIONES DE MISAS

SATURDAY, JULY 12 — Vigil, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM St. Louis † **Irene Gallignano**
4:30 PM St. John Vianney † **Robert and Marylou Dixon**

SUNDAY, JULY 13 — 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM St. John Vianney † **Steven Chuckrey**
9:00 AM St. Louis † **William McDonough**
10:30 AM St. John Vianney † **Francisco Silva and Family**
10:30 AM St. Louis (español) † **Marcella Monaco**
12:30 PM St. Louis (español) † **Nicolas Valencia**

MONDAY, JULY 14 — St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

12:00 PM St. Louis † **Assunta "Elsie" Calandro**

TUESDAY, JULY 15 — St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00 AM St. Louis † **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waltrip and Family**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

12:00 PM St. Louis † **All Forgotten Souls**

THURSDAY, JULY 17

12:00 PM St. Louis † **Ed Hackett**

FRIDAY, JULY 18

12:00 PM St. Louis † **The Family and Deceased Friends of the Friello Family**

SATURDAY, JULY 19 — Vigil, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM St. Louis † **James and Diana Omcioli**
4:30 PM St. John Vianney † **Joseph Bevilacqua**

SUNDAY, JULY 20 — 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM St. John Vianney † **Ray St. Clair**
9:00 AM St. Louis † **Amedeo Pilla; The Pilla and Romeo Families**
10:30 AM St. John Vianney † **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cinque, Louis and Bailey**
10:30 AM St. Louis (español) † **Isaac Hernandez**
12:30 PM St. Louis (español) † **Catalina Velez**



The Sanctuary Lamp

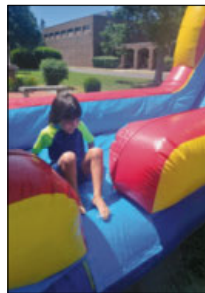
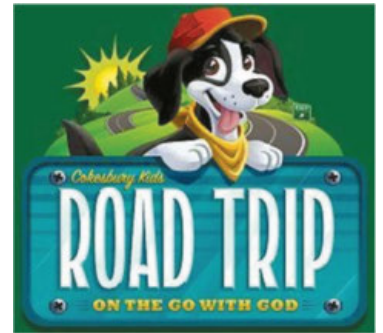
will burn this week for the Glory of God in
St. John Vianney Church for
EDWIN "BUTCH" BATES, JOHNNA CRISCIO,
DENNIS and CARMEL CARBONE;
In **St. Louis Church for PETER STOGIE.**

Roseann Paolino, Director, says

Thank You from Vacation Bible Camp!

Thank you to everyone who donated and kept our campers and volunteers in your prayers for "Road Trip" Vacation Bible Camp! The week was a great success—filled with fun and faith-filled learning for the kids.

*A special thank you to our **Knights of Columbus** for their generous support in helping make it all possible!*



Checks MUST Be Made Payable to St. John XXIII Parish

The bank returns any check made to a specific or closed church. Thank you for your attention to this!

Attention Men of Our Parish

All men of the parish are invited to a program of fellowship (including snacks), formation, and prayer from 1:30-3:00 PM on Saturday, July 19 in the St. John Vianney Church hall. The theme is "Covenant in Christ's Blood." The program is free of charge and will be conducted in English. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Our Parish Appreciates Your Weekly Offering

July 5-6, 2025: \$10,827

St. John XXIII Online Giving: Visit
www.osvhub.com/saintjohnxxiii/giving/funds



Invitación

Dios nos bendice a cada uno con dones y talentos únicos. En su plan perfecto, nos reúne para usar esos dones al servicio de su Reino, trabajando como un solo cuerpo, unidos en un propósito. Por eso nos gustaría invitarle cordialmente a ser miembro de nuestro Equipo de Formación de Fe. Juntos, podemos ayudar a otros a crecer en la fe y profundizar su relación con Cristo.

Para registrarse como voluntario en el ministerio de formación de fe, utilice el código QR a continuación o vaya al sitio web de la parroquia en la pestaña de Formación de fe.



<https://www.westhavencatholic.org/children-youth-faith-formation>

IMPORTANTE


Todos los voluntarios deben haber completado una capacitación sobre ambiente seguro y una verificación de antecedentes. Si aún no los ha completado, comuníquese con Clarigsa Peña Llorens: clarigsa.stjohn23@gmail.com o (203)934-5249 ext. 6



In Loving Memory ... En memoria de...

*Our Parish extends sympathy
to the family and friends of:*

**Those Lost in the Texan Floods,
Victims of Hate Crimes,
Victims of War and Violence**



In Our Thoughts & Prayers / En nuestros pensamientos y oraciones

*Out of respect for whom we pray, only family
members may add names to this list. To include your
prayer requests for healing, support, or gratitude for the
next two weeks, contact the Parish Office (see below).*

*Por respeto por quienes oramos, sólo los famili-
ares inmediatos pueden agregar el nombre a esta lista.
Para incluir tus peticiones de oración de sanación, apoyo
o gratitud durante las próximas dos semanas, co-
muníquese con la Oficina Parroquial:*

St. John XXIII: (203) 934-5249

Patricia.StJohn23@gmail.com

Lisette.StJohn23@gmail.com (español)

**WE REMEMBER ALL INTENTIONS PREVIOUSLY
BROUGHT BEFORE GOD IN THIS SPACE.**

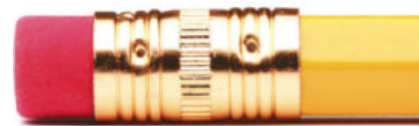
FOR HEALING AND SUPPORT:

Noreen Adams, Gene Amato, Sr.,
Christopher Amato, Danielle Boros, Louise Cardinali,
Donald Durand, Luann Eminger,
Nancy Goudemant, Patricia Iovene,
Millene Loaiza, Andrea Ocampo,
Petria, Donald Robillard, Andrew Stocker

IN GRATITUDE FOR:

The volunteers and campers of Vacation Bible Camp.

Bold = New additions this week.



Colección de Útiles Escolares

Desde ahora hasta el 17 de agosto

Parece pronto para empezar a pedir útiles esco-
lares, pero la realidad es que los estudiantes de toda la
ciudad necesitan materiales para su salón para enriquecer
su experiencia educativa. Los maestros están aportando
cientos de dólares para complementar esta ayuda, y nues-
tro Comité de Justicia Social quiere ayudar. Aquí hay al-
gunos artículos solicitados:

Lápices de colores | Crayones

Lápices y borradores para los lápices

Pegamento en barra "Glue Sticks"

Marcadores negros secos "Dry Erase Markers"

Les informamos que cualquier donación es muy
apreciada. Pueden dejar los artículos en las cajas provistas
en ambas iglesias. Los útiles se enviarán a la Escuela San
Lorenzo, así como a las escuelas primarias públicas de
West Haven que hayan identificado la necesidad de
útiles. El Comité de Justicia Social de San Juan XXIII estará
recolectando hasta el 17 de agosto.

Leave a Legacy of Faith |

Deja un legado de fe

Remember St. John XXIII Parish in your will or when
making a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one. Thank
you! | Recuerde la Parroquia de San Juan XXIII en su
testamento o cuando haga un regalo en honor o en
memoria de un ser querido. Gracias.

We're Hiring!

**Certified teachers who want to join a
joyful and spirit-filled school
community are encouraged to send a
cover letter & résumé to
jmessina@stlaw.eduk12.net**

Grade 5 (All subjects)

Pre-K - 8 Spanish

• **Mornings, with the possibility
of additional time at a second
school**



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

Branches on the Vine

JULY 12 - 18, 2025



Kelly Henderschedt, archdiocesan director of Faith Formation and Parish Life, holds up a map showing Hartford among 20 dioceses selected to participate in a national family faith project.
PHOTO BY SHELLEY WOLF

ARCHDIOCESE IS SELECTED FOR NATIONAL PARENT AND FAMILY FAITH PROJECT

- Story by Shelley Wolf

There is a map of the United States with 20 Catholic dioceses that are part of a cutting-edge, family faith project – and the Archdiocese of Hartford is literally on the map.

Hartford appears proudly among the dioceses of New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Honolulu on a map created by the National Community of Catechetical Leaders, or NCCL, a national association of Catholic religious educators.

"It's kind of amazing to have Hartford be part of this huge national project that literally goes from coast to coast," says Kelly Henderschedt, director of Faith Formation and Parish Life for the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The project, "Parents and Families at the Center of Faith Formation," is being conducted by NCCL thanks to a five-year grant from the Lilly Endowment, a private foundation. The Archdiocese of Hartford is among 20 dioceses invited to participate in the national project, which is helping 200 Catholic parishes across the country engage 30,000 parents and their families.

The project is already underway in the archdiocese in 10 participating parishes.

The 10 parishes include: Most Holy Trinity, Wallingford; St. Peter Claver, West Hartford; St. Margaret, Madison; St. Thomas the Apostle, Oxford; St. Luke, Southington; St. Anthony, Prospect; St. Mary, Simsbury; St. Damien of Molokai, Windsor; St. John Bosco, Branford; and St. Paul VI, Hamden.

Together, the parishes are exploring how to strengthen faith formation at home during the first two decades of life, and create parish communities that support parents and the whole family. All initiatives are incorporating the most current thinking about faith transmission in today's families.

According to Henderschedt, this is year two of the five-year project, which began in the fall of 2024. The first year involved information gathering. Year two includes idea generation, program development and the launch of pilot programs in the parishes. More activities will be phased in over the following years, ending with evaluation in 2028.

In each of the 10 archdiocesan parishes, parish teams have already completed parent surveys.

"We're saying, 'Tell us. What is your biggest struggle with your family?'"

How can we help you grow your child in his or her faith? How can we support you?" Henderschedt asks. Parents, she says, were thrilled to be asked.

Some parents, she reports, want help talking to their teenagers about faith, some want advice on teaching the Bible at home, and others need help with difficult conversations.

Currently, the parish teams are using the parent data to develop new pilot programs, or tweak existing ones, to better support families in instilling Catholic faith and values. These customized family faith programs are also taking into account various cultures, family structures, caregivers, and the needs expressed by today's parents.

"In my 25 years of doing faith formation, including my eight years at the archdiocese, I have not seen anything this forward thinking," Henderschedt says.

"It's super exciting. It's so innovative. We're really thinking outside of the box about how we are forming families. Really creative work is coming out of this," she insists. Stay tuned for new and engaging family faith programs in the 10 parishes, beginning this fall.



Newsletter continued from previous page...

Upcoming Events

VOTIVE MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
Patron of Atrani, Italy
Thursday, July 17, 2025 – 6:50 PM



Mass in Italian with Fr. Joseph MacNeill

Music by Dr. Ezequiel Menendez & choir
U.S. premiere of "Inno a Maria Maddalena" by Mons. Marco Frisina

Coffee & Refreshments to follow
Sponsored by the Societa Santa Maria Maddalena

Saint Michael Church of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish
29 Wooster Place, New Haven, CT



07/30 WEDNESDAY 7PM
FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
THE INFINITY SAXOPHONE QUARTET
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
303 Tunxis Rd, West Hartford

The grounds of Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center will again resonate with the sound of music this summer. Gather your family and friends, grab a blanket or low-profile beach chair, and make your way to our pavilion for this lively concert series. You are welcome to bring food and beverages to enjoy throughout the evening. Our grounds are magnificent, so come early to enjoy our walking paths or recenter yourself with a journey through our labyrinth.

These concerts are **FREE** to attend. No registration required.

Wednesday, July 30, 2025
7:00 to 8:30 P.M.
The Infinity Saxophone Quartet

This evening's showcase features a diverse mix of jazz standards, contemporary classical, big band, folk, and classic pop music. Featuring Justin Fontano (soprano/alto sax), Steve Moran (alto sax), Rich Szulczewski (tenor sax, manager), and Matt Schmidt (baritone sax).



07/22 TUESDAY 1-6PM
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
The Lyceum, 181 Main St, Terryville

Join St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish and help save lives at a community blood drive. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. That's why St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish is on a mission to help save lives by hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, from 1:00-6:00 PM at The Lyceum, 181 Main St., Terryville.

The community is invited to take part in this special event and donate blood for patients across the country. Make a difference in our community and beyond and help ensure blood is on the shelves before it is needed.

To schedule your appointment, visit www.tinyurl.com/4jfvbska

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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



SCAN ME



Total Goal: \$10M

85.76% as of 7/1/25
\$8,576,174.71 pledges from 25,390 generous donors

www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal

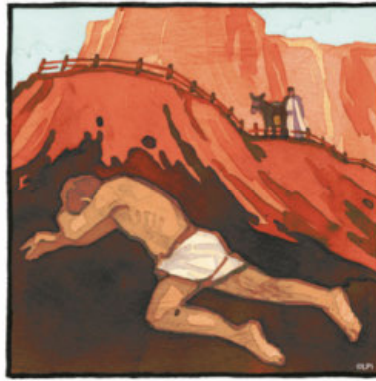


A Simple Act of Kindness

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

On this 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, our first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy tells us that God's ways are a mystery. The author restates the simple core commandment to "love God and love our neighbor." While many of us are willing to say we love God, it is the second part of the commandment that challenges us. How do we "love" people we neither know or agree with? In this reading, God reminds the Jewish people of the promise they made to Him. They would love God and He would watch over them.

St. Paul, in the Letter to the Colossians, establishes Jesus' identity as the "image of the invisible God." Paul emphasizes the primacy of Jesus by saying that all creation was "created for Him and through Him." He is the center and the head of the church. Paul's letter becomes the link that ties the great commandment of "love of God and neighbor" together. Since Jesus is both God and man, His life demonstrates the acts of kindness we need to show to



each other, especially our neighbors.

Luke's gospel brings everything together by having Jesus restate the law from Deuteronomy. Jesus defines for us who our "neighbor" is by telling the story of the Good Samaritan. Samaritans were hated by the Jewish people. The story tells of a Samaritan who comes upon a Jewish person in need of help. While other Jewish people refuse to give aid to one of their own, it is the Samaritan (the one least

likely to help) who provides the much-needed aid at his own cost.

Immigrant families are at risk in our country as they seek a new life in the United States. Yet many Americans find the cost of providing a refuge for people too high a price to pay to aid God's children. While we cannot change the difficulties these people face, we can lend our voices to our leaders to allow these people a place of refuge to start new lives. A simple act of kindness and courtesy is an acknowledgement of our love of God.



BRIDGEHAVEN
DEVELOPMENT

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL

- Whole House Remodeling
- Kitchens - Baths - Basements
- Full Investment Property Rehab
- Large Projects
- Multi Unit Restoration & Rehab
- Emergency Repairs/Service

Call Dan Rocano
Local WH Resident & Parishioner

203-499-7560

Bridgehaven Development is proud to offer 10% off for parishioners

¿Quieres Comprar Tu Propia Casa?

Con Seguro Social o Número de TIN.
Estoy para ayudarle.




Bienes y Raíces
Le ayudo a encontrar su casa o edificio comercial

Gisele Chona
203-996-8316
Giselechona@gmail.com



BUDGET
TRANSMISSION CENTER

950 Boston Post Road, West Haven
203-933-5000

No Appointment Needed, Same Day Service!
Exceptional Service in West Haven since 1993!

TRANSMISSION REBUILD
\$130 OFF With your church bulletin.

Cannot be combined with any other discounts; other terms apply; see store for details.

Where we solve all your transmission problems!

Be sure to also visit



BUDGET Car Wash
located next door

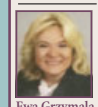
FREE TOWING!

budgettransmissionct.com


HOME OF:




Little Angels Home Care LLC



Providing: Non Medical, Elderly Care, Hourly, Companion, Live-in Caregivers, Weekends
We Are Taking: Private Pay, Long-Term Life Insurance
Reg. # HCA0000732
745 Osborn Rd., Naugatuck CT 06770
203-278-1436
www.littleangelshomecare.com
E: littleangelshomecare48@yahoo.com



FREE AD DESIGN
with purchase of this space

CALL
800-950-9952

203-932-2300 203-934-8952

BRUNEAU'S GARAGE INC.

24/7 LIGHT & HEAVY DUTY TOWING

4 Heavy Wreckers

235 Front Avenue, West Haven

FISCHER & FISCHER, LLC

JAMES E. FISCHER, ESQ.
JEFFREY R. FISCHER, ESQ.

568 Washington Ave., West Haven, CT 06516

203.933.2516

Wills • Estate Planning • Elder Law • Probate

P. Fortier & Sons, Inc.

Flexibility is our key to success

Painting Contractor
West Haven
Ken Fortier, President
203-932-5984
www.pfortierandsons.com
HIC License #0605906

WEST HAVEN ANIMAL CLINIC

959 Campbell Ave.
West Haven, CT 06516
203-934-3528
By Appointment Only
Mon-Fri 9-6, Sat 9-2, Sun 11-1
Ralph L. Padilla, D.V.M.

Aides & Companions

Home Care Professionals

203-777-1234
65 Elm Street - West Haven

NORTH ATLANTIC WASTE & RECYCLING, LLC
COMMERCIAL - RESIDENTIAL
203 - 239 - 1908

DUMPSTER RENTALS

Call and mention this AD to get an exclusive discount on rentals: Save 25% Now!

Contact us today to ask about our Commercial Services, and get a free quote! Learn how we can help you maintain a clean and healthy community!
Visit us at www.nawrllc.net

West Haven Funeral Home

In this age of corporate-owned funeral homes, we are a family owned and operated establishment, proudly serving our community since 1965. In your time of need, allow us to honor your loved one - not because this is our business, but because this is our way of life.

662 Savin Avenue • West Haven
Phone: (203) 934-7921
Email: office@westhavenfuneral.com
www.westhavenfuneral.com

Kids Wonderland
Preschool at Orange 2.5 - 5 Years
109 Boston Post Rd Orange (entrance in the rear lot)
Email: KWL_CWT@yahoo.com
203-522-5382
www.kidswonderland.com

Call for enrollment!
Emergency Drop Off Available

Ask about our Rental Event Hall Available for your Private Events

TOP NOTCH CHIMNEY SWEEPS

203-901-6889
topnotchchimney.com
topnotch.chimney@aol.com

Angie's list HomeAdvisor

Picturesque Seaside Living

SEACREST

Luxurious ~ Affordable
Assisted & Memory Care
Call today for an appointment
203-931-2510
www.seacrestweb.com

Located directly on Long Island Sound

Providing compassionate daytime care to seniors in the community and respite for care-givers and loved ones since 1988

CELIAN CARE

261 Benham Street Hamden, CT 06514-2801
203-288-4151 Fax: 203-288-0551
www.celiancenter.org
A ministry of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

PORTO FUNERAL HOMES

830 Jones Hill Road, West Haven, CT
203-934-5000

Offering assistance with:
PRE-planning and PRE-financing
Burials ~ Cremation
Directors:
Clement L. DeLucia | Albert M. DeLucia
Robert M. Patton | Donna M. Lewandoski
234 Foxon Road, East Haven (203) 467-3000

St. John XXII Parish

Energy Challenge

HCP will donate \$25 to your parish for every energy audit it completes for parish members and friends. Scan this QR code, submit the application, start saving money on electric and heating bills.

(We encourage sharing this QR code with family, neighbors, and friends to maximize your church donation. This promotion ends October 31st, 2025.)

home comfort practice

Energy Audits
Insulation / Windows
Heating & Cooling
Rebates / Financing

MEDICARE

All types of plans:
Medigap/Supplement, Medicare Advantage, Drug & Dental Plans

• Turning 65 this year?
• Retiring and need help signing up for Medicare?
• Have Medicaid?
• Surprised by changes to your current plan?
• Did you lose benefits?
• Questions about new drug rules?
• Confused?

Contact Me To Get A Free Consultation
Don't try and figure out the Medicare maze alone... let me help you get the right plan to fit your needs!

mike@mymedicare-101.com
www.mymedicare-101.com

Mike DeGregorio ~ Independent Broker
203-215-9508

SPIRITS of West Haven

Fine Wines
Liquors | Beer | Kegs
Lottery

203-934-0101
904 OCEAN AVENUE
WEST HAVEN

ELM FAMILY DENTAL

General & Cosmetic Dentistry
Evenly Orthodontic
In-Office Whitening
Dr. Michael Norman
elmfamilydentalct.com • 203-933-2223
233 ELM STREET, WEST HAVEN
Insurance Accepted • Se Habla Español

WHS PAVING

203-710-7122

4th Generation
William "Bill" Stanley

Shop Fresh! Orange Farmer's Market

Fresh fruit & vegetables with special grocery items.
Flowers ~ Herbs ~ Plants

254 Bull Hill Lane
Orange
203-606-8981

St Gianna pregnancy resource center

UNPLANNED PREGNANCY? WE'RE HERE TO HELP. ¿Embarazo inesperado? ¡Estamos aquí para ayudarle!

Ofrecemos los siguientes servicios gratuitos y confidenciales:

- Prueba de embarazo
- Suministros de maternidad y bebé
- Información sobre adopción
- Recursos para atención prenatal

AYUDANDO A LAS MAMÁS A ELEGIR LA VIDA.
¡Visite nuestro sitio web para descubrir cómo puede apoyar la importante labor provida de nuestro centro en nuestra comunidad!

Free confidential support, including:
• pregnancy testing
• maternity and baby supplies
• adoption information
• referrals for pre-natal care
• and more!

1-203-624-BABY (2229) • www.giannacenter.org • 180 Sherman Ave., New Haven