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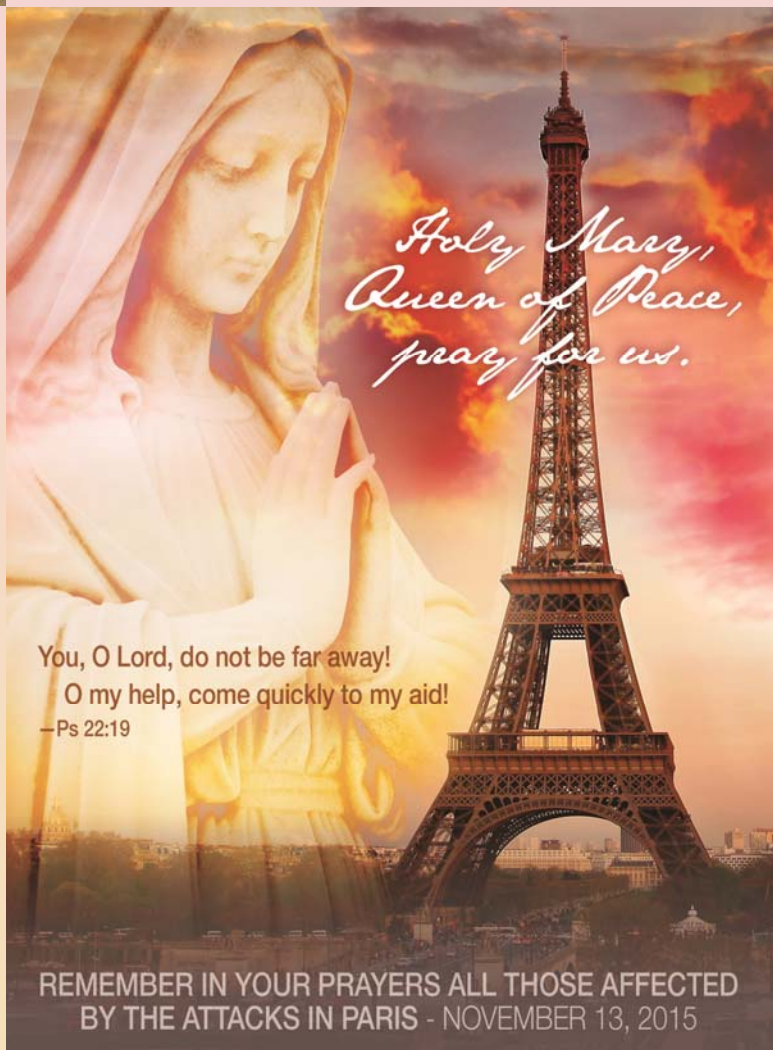
Call the Parish Office

MARRIAGES

Please set the date with the priest or deacon at least six months prior to the wedding. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

BULLETIN DEADLINE & INSERTS

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by 2pm 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.



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:

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

The Feast of Christ the King

MONDAY, November 23

9:00 **Ruby Sutherland (1st Ann)**, requested by the family

TUESDAY, November 24

9:00 **Amelia Napolitano**, requested by the family

WEDNESDAY, November 25

9:00 **In Thanksgiving**, requested by the Lachapelle Family

THURSDAY, November 26

9:00 **Joseph Savidge, Jr.**, requested by the family

FRIDAY, November 27

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, November 28

4:00 **JoAnn Mooney**, requested by Tony and Jackie Blaine

SUNDAY, November 29

7:30 **Silvio Brighenti**, requested by the family

9:30 **Robby Brisco**, requested by the Peregrin Family

11:00 **Robby Brisco**, requested by Charlie Anderson



If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with our office manager. You may call 860-673-9858 or stop by the parish office to register. If you are a visitor, we thank you for participating in worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, November 23

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church-
(Enter through door on the left side of the church)

TUESDAY, November 24

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, November 25

Lectio Divina: will resume next week

THURSDAY, November 26



FRIDAY, November 27

NO Christmas Pageant Rehearsal this week

SATURDAY, November 28

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room

SUNDAY, November 29

Turkey Express

THIS Weekend

Weekend of November 21/22, 2015
at Church of Saint Ann

Saturday: 3:30-5pm * Sunday: 7am-12:30pm
Look for the truck labeled "Turkey Express"

Please consider donating the following Thanksgiving dinner items for our Avon and Hartford neighbors:

Frozen Turkeys or Hams

Suggested Fixings:

stuffing mix, jellied cranberry sauce, fresh or canned vegetables, rice, small bag of potatoes &/or sweet potatoes, fresh or canned fruit, juice, dinner rolls, brownie/cake mixes, frosting, gravy, baby food, salad dressing, mayonnaise...



**Our Parish Goal is 500 Turkeys
and Lots of Fixings!**

Thank you for your generosity and
have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sponsored by our
Social Justice Committee
"Together We Serve All God's People"



Knights of Columbus



Annual Pie Sale

Pies will be available for pick-up on THIS weekend

Nov. 21st / 22nd after all masses.

Thank you for supporting the KoC.

**United
Way**



Many Hartford area companies will soon begin their United Way Campaigns. Last year, many parishioners were generous designating St. Ann's as the beneficiary of their United Way pledge, and for that I am most grateful. Please consider designating St. Ann's Church (**United Way code #AG0723**) for your United Way pledge. Thank you for your generosity.

-Fr. McHugh

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

November 15, 2015: \$7,384.14

Online Giving (week ending 11/17/15): \$2,741.00

Next weekend's second collection:

none

**HEARTS & SOULS**

Ministering to body, mind and spirit, the Health Ministry offers blood pressure screening, health counseling and referrals to our community of faith. Office hours are the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary. *

Marian Movement of Priests -Cenacle of Prayer
Monday evenings at St. Ann's from 7:15 8:15pm

The Cenacle format is very simple:

1. Invocation to the Holy Spirit, 2. Recitation of the Holy Rosary,
3. Prayers for our Holy Father, 4. Prayers for our Priests and Seminarians, 5. Reading and meditation on one of the messages given in the book—"To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons",
6. Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Please visit the official website of the MMP at www.mmp-usa.net for additional information.

If you are interested in joining us to pray a holy rosary, please come to the church on Monday evenings at 7:15. All are welcome! Come pray with us.

Communion For Shut-Ins

The Eucharistic ministers would be happy to those in our parish who are unable to come to church. Please call the Parish Office and leave your name and address if you wish to receive Communion **860-673-9858**.

Free Rosary Repair Service...

Free Rosary Repair Service at St. Ann's will resume in May. If you should need rosaries repaired from November to April, please send to Betty and Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd. #502, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. For more information you may call: 239-463-3993 or email them at: HoldenBnD@comcast.net



So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." — Jn 18:37

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONGrades K-8: UPCOMING CLASSESDecember 6th and December 20thNext Family Mass: November 22nd at 9:30am

Grades 4 & 6 sponsor Parish Coffee after the Mass

Thanksgiving Day Prayer 2015

O God, ever good and merciful, look graciously upon us as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Our nation has been richly blessed, and we thank You for the necessities of life that so many of us enjoy in abundance. May we never take these gifts for granted or forget that they come from You, the Creator and Author of Life.

We pray for those among us who suffer as a result of material, spiritual or moral poverty. Enkindle in us a greater charity toward our neighbor in need, and help us as a people to build a more just and peaceful society and world.

We pray in a special way for those who are persecuted for their faith throughout the globe.

*Thank you, Father, for all Your blessings,
In the Name of Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**Advent Music**

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
(from hymn 356, Red Hymnal)*

The first group of hymns in our hymnal, numbers 355 to 373, contains the hymns which we use to prepare ourselves in church to celebrate Christmas. While the commercial world of shopping malls and TV ads encourages us to use Christmas music to "get in the mood", the Church through the ages has developed its own repertoire of music specifically suitable for the season of Advent. We are fortunate to have contained in our hymnal beautiful poems of faith from many different countries and centuries, including a 9th century hymn (*Creator of the Stars of Night* #368) and one of the most famous European Advent hymns (*Savior of the Nations, Come* #372), which we will be singing during this season. If you have the opportunity to spend some quiet time in the church during Advent, consider reading some of the hymns in the Advent section, and use these lovely poems to help you to prepare spiritually for the Feast of Christmas.

SAVE THE DATE

Please Save Your Books to Donate to the
8th Annual Book Sale
at the Church of Saint Ann

All proceeds go toward scholarships for deserving Hartford students attending local Catholic High Schools.

Please donate books in good condition during the following book sale collection dates/times:

Wednesday, January 6th, between 9:30am - 6pm

Thursday, January 7th, between 9:30am - 6pm

Friday, January 8th between 9:30am - 11:30am

Please donate best sellers, fiction, non-fiction, religious, classics, biographies, memoirs, self-help books, vintage books, cookbooks, collectibles, large print, children's books, young readers and books-on-CD. Please do NOT donate encyclopedias, magazines, VHS movies, records, albums or cassette tapes. In addition to books, please donate sturdy computer paper boxes and lids. Thank you!

January 2016 Book Sale dates:

Friday, January 8th: 5pm - 8pm (\$5 adult admission)

Saturday, January 9th: 9am - 6pm (no admission fee)

Sunday, January 10th: 8am - 12:30pm (no admission fee)

Volunteers are needed for collection and sale week!

To volunteer at the January 2016 Book Sale, please contact Nancy Casey (860.673.3141) or Constance Rotondo (860.404.0204) constance.rotondo@comcast.net



The Men of Saint Ann's Annual Retreat

January 22-24, 2016

At Holy Family Passionist
Retreat Center
West Hartford, CT

Join Us!

For more information go to the Holy Family Retreat Center website, Click on Retreats, then Themed Retreats

Questions?

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Upcoming Youth Outreach Activities

A new family activity we are doing this year is Christmas Caroling at River Ridge in Avon. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30- 7:30pm to sing Christmas Carols to seniors. If any of your children have a musical talent and would like to perform a solo that evening, please let us know!



Join us for the next Youth Outreach meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1st from 6-7 pm in Rm. 2.

Kids of all ages are welcome! If you are unable to make the meeting but would like to learn more about Youth Outreach activities, please email Shawn George at segeorge12@gmail.com to be placed on the email list.

- Be well and God bless, The Youth Outreach Committee



2015 ANNUAL PARISH COLLECTION

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our "Annual Parish Collection."

If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

Q The liturgical year ends with the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. What is the significance of this feast?

A Kings and kingdoms are not part of the American cultural or political experience. Human beings in general--and Americans in particular--tend to resist and oppose any institution that does not allow people to play an active part in the decision-making process. Yet with this last Sunday in ordinary time, we celebrate the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

The feast was begun by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to counter atheism and secularism. Pius wanted to communicate the belief that Jesus is lord of all, the king of creation. The biblical reality, however, is that Jesus is not a king like the kings of this world. These kings "lord" it over their people exercising power, at times without restraint. Jesus is lord indeed; yet he came to serve, not to be served, and to give his life for the sake of all. A monarchical reign is not a characteristic of the kingdom of God.

The kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed is one in which all people are treated with dignity, and valued for who and what they are. It is a kingdom that actively cares for the poor, the homeless, the alienated, and the oppressed, as it mobilizes to establish justice and a right relationship with all. This is what every institution that models itself on Jesus the king has to be about. As we celebrate this feast, let us pray that all institutions, especially the church, model themselves on Jesus' servant leadership.

Question of the Week...

How does the kingdom of God differ from earthly kingdoms. How do you help it to spread.

Christ the King

When we were little children, we were given many examples of kings, mostly in fairy tales. These were usually red-robed gentlemen who either ruled with an iron fist or spent most of their time trying to marry off their beautiful daughters. As we grew, we learned of kings who constantly battled neighboring kings for territorial conquests. None of those kings seems to coincide with what we are taught about the greatest one of all, Christ the King. Where others lead by authoritarian rule, our King leads us by serving, and by giving us his greatest treasure, love. How can we now define king any other way?

Defending Our Religious Liberty

In this Thanksgiving season, let us give thanks for our God-given rights, and stand strong in our opposition to the current encroachments being made on our religious freedom through the passage of the Health and Human Services federal mandate.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

Readings for the Week of November 22, 2015

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
 Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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We are nearly to Advent, the time in which we all pause and celebrate the period of waiting for a coming Savior, a king for all the people. Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical calendar, and is the feast of Christ the King. In today's reading, Pilate repeatedly asks Jesus if he is king of the Jews. His answer? "You say I am a king." In the footnotes to the New American Bible, it says that this is a "reluctant affirmative" at best. In other words, Jesus probably felt Pilate would never understand the type of king Jesus was; it was best to answer with a non-answer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that we, the people of God, share in the royal office of Christ. In his kingship, he draws all of us to him, asking us to reign as he did, in service to others (CCC 786). The people of the time of Jesus' earthly life had heard of a coming king and savior for many generations; their own experience with kings led them to believe their king would be a mighty ruler as well. But this King of Kings, the greatest of all, spoke softly, served others, showed compassion for all, and asked only for love in return.

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McLean Hosts
Our
Tenth Annual Community Craft Show and Sale

Featuring Unique Holiday Gift Items

December 4, 2015

10:00 am — 4:00 pm

McLean Health Center Lobby

75 Great Pond Road, Simsbury

The McLean community has created a beautiful selection of unique, handmade items — perfect for gift giving and holiday entertaining.

knitted items • fleece and silk scarves • jewelry • cards
desk calendars • exquisite ornaments • coiled baskets
• baked goods • and many more surprises!



McLean is a not-for-profit senior living community in Simsbury, CT offering a continuum of services including independent living, assisted living, and memory care assisted living, on-site day program, short-term long-term skilled nursing, independent rehabilitation and wellness, and more care, home care and hospice.



**All-Avon Interfaith
Thanksgiving Gathering:
Wednesday, November 25th
7:30 p.m.**

West Avon Congregational Church

The annual Thanksgiving Eve service will be held this year at West Avon Congregational Church. Ministers and leaders from all of Avon's houses of worship will take part in the service, and singers from the churches will come together to provide the choral music. This is a lovely way to join our neighbors to offer thanks for our many blessings. Please join us for this special service. WACC is located at 280 Country Club Road.

**Ireland Pilgrimage
with
Fr. Philip Scarcella, PhD.
J.C.D.**

Join Fr. Scarcella and fellow diocesan Catholics on an amazing 10 day Pilgrimage to Ireland on May 11-20, 2016. Prices start at \$3,599* per person with only a \$350 per person deposit. For further info, contact Terri DeLuca at tdelucamusic@gmail.com or visit: www.ctscentral.net and search "scarcella". Space is limited. (*price reflects early registration & cash/check discount)



Northwest Catholic H.S. Entrance Exam

Northwest Catholic High School will administer its entrance exam on December 5th at 8 a.m. You can apply and register for the exam by going to www.NorthwestCatholic.org/Apply. Please contact Andrew Selig at aselig@nwcath.org with any questions.

**BEST
Advent
EVER!**

**GIVE YOURSELF AN EARLY
Christmas Present**

REDISCOVER GOD'S MERCY

Join Matthew Kelly and six other influential Catholic voices of our time on a life-changing journey through Best Advent Ever™ Rediscover Mercy. Each day you will receive an inspirational email with simple tools that will help you rediscover God's great mercy so you can be an instrument of mercy to others.

This program is simple and free! Let mercy transform your relationships, work, and ability to embrace and experience all of life.

TO LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP, VISIT

BestAdventEver.com

DynamicCatholic.com
Be Bold. Be Catholic!

corner Grocery

For our convenience, a labeled bucket is now in the Gathering Space to collect non-perishable food for the Town of Avon Food Pantry located below Fr. Bennett Hall. Many local families are helped and are grateful for this assistance. We plan to have this section in the bulletin often to list items that are needed in the pantry. Check back often!



Grocery list

**any
non-perishable
food items**