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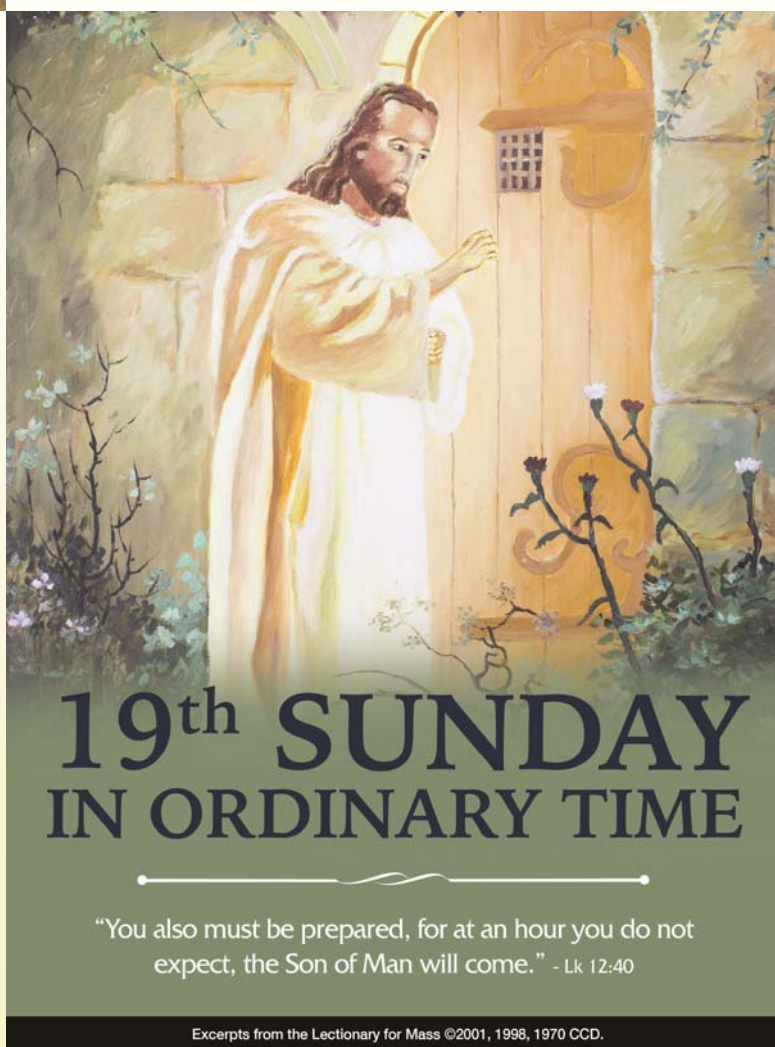
Call the Parish Office

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: 8:35 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

19th Sunday Ordinary Time

MONDAY, August 8

9:00 **Bill Ryan (2nd Ann)**, requested by the family

TUESDAY, August 9

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, August 10

9:00 **Marie Cheah**, requested by the family

THURSDAY, August 11

9:00 **John James Bruno**, requested by
Mary Ann & Michael Leigh

FRIDAY, August 12

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

SATURDAY, August 13

4:00 **In celebration of the wedding anniversary
of Nelson & Sandy Bondhus**

SUNDAY, August 14

7:30 **Special Intention**

9:30 **Julie-Ann Poll**, requested by
Sheri & Bill Fishberg

11:00 **Lois Winchester**, requested by the family



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, August 8

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church wing.
All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church)

TUESDAY, August 9

WEDNESDAY, August 10

Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, August 11

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 12

SATURDAY, August 13

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, August 14



CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



Can You Lend a Helping Hand?

We are looking for parishioners to volunteer their time to help with Confirmation and Youth Ministry Programs. Some things we need help with are hall monitoring and lending a hand with set-up and clean up after Teen Life Nights and group events.

If you are able to help us please contact
Rosemary Neamtz at
rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com
or 860-673-9858, ext. 226

WANTED Catechists

Although we have many catechists who are moving on with their classes, we still have a need of teachers for 8th Grade this coming Fall. If you are at all interested in sharing your faith with the children of Saint Ann's, we would welcome your coming forward to teach a class this year.

The requirements are a love of God and wanting to share that love with others.

If you fit the bill, please call Valerie St. Jean
in the Office of Religious Education
for more information: 860-673-2137.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

July 31, 2016: will be reported next weekend
Online Giving (week ending 8/3/16): \$2,236.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection: *none*



MINISTRY FAIR!
Sun., Sept. 18th, 12-3
St. Ann Backyard
 (rain location: Fr. Bennett Hall)
 Ministry Booths! Games! Food! Prizes!
 There's a place at St. Ann's for your talents, so come
Get in the GAME!



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 generally 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.

No Office Hours in July & August. See you in September!

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 ha 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

We have lots of parts. Leave broken rosaries in the rosary repair box which is now on a table in the Gathering Space . Repaired rosaries will be returned within the week. Also, donations of old and broken rosaries are accepted which will be repaired and sent on to the missions. Betty and Dick Holden at 860-658-6330 or holdenbnd@comcast.net



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education 2016/17 Religious Education Registration

Again this year we have automatically enrolled all existing students into the next grade assuming all requirements have been met. New students must complete a registration form available on our website

The Faith Formation program Grades K-8 will begin Sunday, September 25, 2016 (**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE**). Classes for grades K-8 will be held at Avon Middles School. Grades K-4 meet from 9:00am – 10:30am. Grades 5-8 will meet from 5:45pm – 7:15pm (**PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE**)

If payment has not been received on or before September 1st, your child (ren) will not be placed in a class. **NOTE:** *Please do not hold up your child(ren)'s registration because of financial issues. We are able to make arrangements and all information is confidential.*

The Confirmation Program will begin Sunday September 11 2016. Confirmation classes will meet Sunday evenings at the Church of Saint Ann. The deadline for Grade 9 & 10 registration is 9/02/2016, as activities are already scheduled.



Visit our website for news, events, to learn about our many ministries and for great resources: stannavon.org



*Church of Saint Ann
 Legacy Society*

Fr. McHugh is pleased to announce the formation of the Church of Saint Ann Legacy Society to recognize and honor parishioners who make a bequest that will benefit our parish. It is important to create this program in order to perpetuate the work of Saint Ann's parish ministries and outreach. All the proceeds from these estate plans will be used exclusively for the benefit of the Church of Saint Ann. Legacy gifts will be added to the parish endowment fund in order to strengthen the financial future of St. Ann. By honoring all parishioners who make bequests with membership in the Church of Saint Ann Legacy Society, the parish hopes to inspire others to contribute toward long term financial stability. (Of course, requests for anonymity will be honored.) **We thank those parishioners who have already responded to the May letter from Father McHugh.** If you are interested, please let him know of your intentions by filling out the confidential form that was mailed with his bequest letter and return it to him as soon as possible.

The Church of Saint Ann *Lives the Year of Mercy*

Take part in the "Good Summer Read" program for the Year of Mercy!

My Journey to Live from the Inside Out, by our own parishioner, **Shawn Elizabeth George**, is a compelling story about Shawn's awakening in faith, filled with practical wisdom on how our relationship with God can help our marriages, parenting and even our finances reflect mercy. **Stop by the parish offices to pick up your discounted copy of the book.** (\$15, checks payable to Shawn George) We'll gather for book talks in Sept. Questions? Contact Ann, ames.distefano@gmail.com; (860) 463-7495

Kids' Summer Mercy Challenge

Whether you're at home, at camp or on vacation, there are lots of ways you can do mercy this summer! Go on stannavon.org for more info and to download a Summer Mercy Challenge sheet. Bring your completed sheets to the Family Masses in the fall and we'll add them to our Mercy Quilt!

"Summer of Mercy" Daily Email Reflections

Continue to grow in faith and mercy this summer! Receive daily inspiration in your email inbox from Matthew Kelly and team, and the authors of *Beautiful Mercy*. Sign up via dynamiccatholic.com.

Mercy Stories

Check out the latest at stannavon.org.



Lifelong Faith Formation

This summer we are reflecting on excerpts from Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si'*. For the full text, please visit stannavon.org/news.

Laudato Si'

V. GLOBAL INEQUALITY

48. The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together... "Both everyday experience and scientific research show that the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest". For example, the depletion of fishing reserves especially hurts small fishing communities without the means to replace those resources; water pollution particularly affects the poor who cannot buy bottled water; and rises in the sea level mainly affect impoverished coastal populations who have nowhere else to go. The impact of present imbalances is also seen in the premature death of many of the poor, in conflicts sparked by the shortage of resources, and in any number of other problems which are insufficiently represented on global agendas.

49. ...there is little in the way of clear awareness of problems which especially affect the excluded. Yet they are the majority of the planet's population, billions of people. These days, they are mentioned in international political and economic discussions, but one often has the impression that their problems are brought up as an afterthought, a question which gets added almost out of duty or in a tangential way, if not treated merely as collateral damage... This is due partly to the fact that many professionals, opinion makers, communications media and centers of power, being located in affluent urban areas, are far removed from the poor, with little direct contact with their problems... (This) can lead to a numbing of conscience and to tendentious analyses which neglect parts of reality. At times this attitude exists side by side with a "green" rhetoric. Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach *always* becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear *both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*.

50. Instead of resolving the problems of the poor and thinking of how the world can be different, some can only propose a reduction in the birth rate. At times, developing countries face forms of international pressure which make economic assistance contingent on certain policies of "reproductive health"... To blame population growth instead of extreme and selective consumerism on the part of some, is one way of refusing to face the issues. It is an attempt to legitimize the present model of distribution, where a minority believes that it has the right to consume in a way which can never be universalized, since the planet could not even contain the waste products of such consumption. Besides, we know that approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, and "whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor."

VIRTUS –

Protecting God's Children and Vulnerable Adults

The Archdiocese of Hartford requires that all Archdiocesan employees and adult volunteers who deal with children on a regular basis are required to attend an intense 3-hour training session that deals with child sexual abuse. It is the policy of the Archdiocese that volunteers who are with children should complete the VIRTUS training before they begin their ministry, or within 30 days from the time they begin. Only volunteers and employees who have had the training and a background check should be working with children. For additional information please visit www.virtusonline.org

Upcoming VIRTUS Training Sessions:

August 18, 2016

St. Mary's School in Simsbury, 6pm

August 22, 2016

St Patrick's Church Farmington, 6PM
Registration, contact Eileen Dignazio at 860-676-0253
or email: eileen@stpatsfarm.com

September 12, 2016

Church of Saint Ann, 6PM
Registration contact, Valerie St. Jean
at 860-673-9858 x223
or email: valerie.stjean@stannavon.com

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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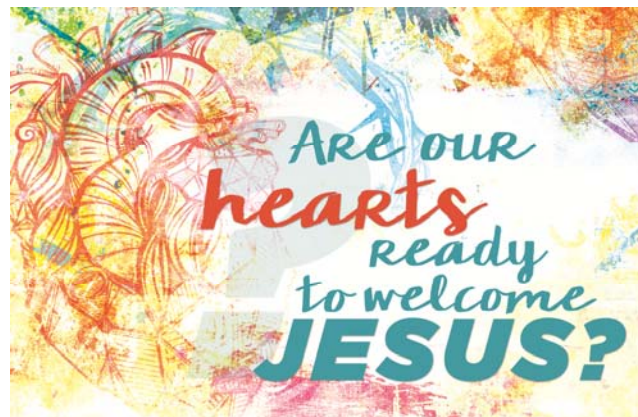
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For the Children...



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Consider the variety of ways we use the word "service" to describe the work of different people. Those who work in government are said to have given themselves to public service. Members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines are all part of the armed services. Hotel and restaurant

employees are said to work in the service industries, along with barbers, hair dressers, flight attendants, and entertainers, although it is a bit of a stretch to imagine folks like Jimmy Kimmel, Jay Leno, or Stephen Colbert in the same category as the hotel housekeeping staff. Every one of these service-oriented groups also has its caricature of the lazy, inefficient provider. There's the often joked about drivers' license examiner. There's Beetle Bailey of cartoon fame. And comedy skits about airline stewardesses or hotel maids abound. Yet all of these professions continue to distinguish themselves, despite the occasional "bad apple" that may turn up.

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus makes it clear that a servant (that is, a believer) must be constantly vigilant. Peter asked directly, "Is the parable meant for us or for everyone?" Jesus didn't answer him directly, but went on to add another parable describing the prudent, industrious servant and the lazy one.

We do not know when the Lord will return, and so we cannot rest on our laurels as though one good deed or one proclamation of the Gospel is enough. Yes, we have our employment, our family, our personal needs that we must attend to. But we are also servants of the Lord. When we get up in the morning, while we are preparing for the day and running through in our heads the list of everything we must accomplish that day, one of the things we can ask ourselves is, "What kind of a servant of God am I going to be today?" That can give us a sense of what can guide our actions as we work though the day.

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

On May 16th, the Supreme Court in a unanimous ruling sent the contraceptive mandate legal challenges back to the lower courts, vacated earlier judgments against those parties opposing the mandate, and encouraged the two sides to resolve their differences. Attorneys for the plaintiffs are hopeful that a compromise will be able to be reached in these cases.

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. If you have called, call again, our representatives need to listen to us.

Readings for the Week of August 7, 2016

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48
or 12:35-40

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8--3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21--19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-6/
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/
Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

THE BULLETIN BOARD



JOIN US TO HONOR FIRST RESPONDERS
at the
2016 Blue Mass

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 11 a.m.
Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford • All faiths are welcome • www.archdioceseofhartford.org

**Wisdom House Retreat & Conference Center in
Litchfield, CT**

**Experiences of Emerging Church
With Peggy Richard.**

**Wednesday, August 10 from 6:30 - 8:30
pm**

or Saturday, August 13 from 10 - noon

Donation: \$5 - For information or to register:
peggyrichard.ct@mail.com



Anniversary Mass 2016
Sunday, October 16th
Cathedral of Saint Joseph

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY CELEBRATION for couples who celebrate their Silver, Golden and Diamond Anniversaries of Marriage in 2016. A special Mass in St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. **ALL COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 25TH, 50TH, 60TH AS WELL AS OTHER SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR ARE INVITED.** Archbishop Blair will be the main celebrant. Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows, followed by a simple reception and an opportunity for a photo with Archbishop Blair. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Please call Kris in the parish office at 860-673-9858, x.221 to respond to this invitation by September 9th.

Questions regarding the Mass can be directed to Clarigsa Pena at 860-242-5573, x.2690.

Openings at St. Joseph's Residence

St. Joseph's Residence, in Enfield, has new openings on the independent living floors. If you are on a fixed income, you are living independently and you are at least 70 (or older) we would like to talk to you to see if our Home would be the perfect place for you in retirement. Call 860-741-0791 and ask for the social worker to discuss this wonderful opportunity!

Divorce and Beyond
Support Group Fall Session

Our Lady of Loreto
Church Hall
12 Ardsley Road, Waterbury, CT 06708
Beginning on September 28 2015
6:30 PM

Register by contacting Barbara Carrington-Lawlor at: (203) 910-1561
<http://www.ourladyofloretowtby.org/>
Registration Deadline: 9/21/2016
ALL INQUIRIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL



Would you like to study the Bible in depth, in the company of others?

The Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Biblical School offers a comprehensive Bible study from a Catholic perspective. Interested? Please contact the CBS office at St. Thomas Seminary *by August 15*. **Classes begin at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield in early September**, as well as at satellite locations in Hamden, Plantsville and Terryville. For more information, check the website www.ahhartford.org or contact BJ Daly Horell at 860-242-5573, ext. 2670 or catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org. If you'd like to talk to a St. Ann's CBS grad, please contact Ann DiStefano (see front page of bulletin).