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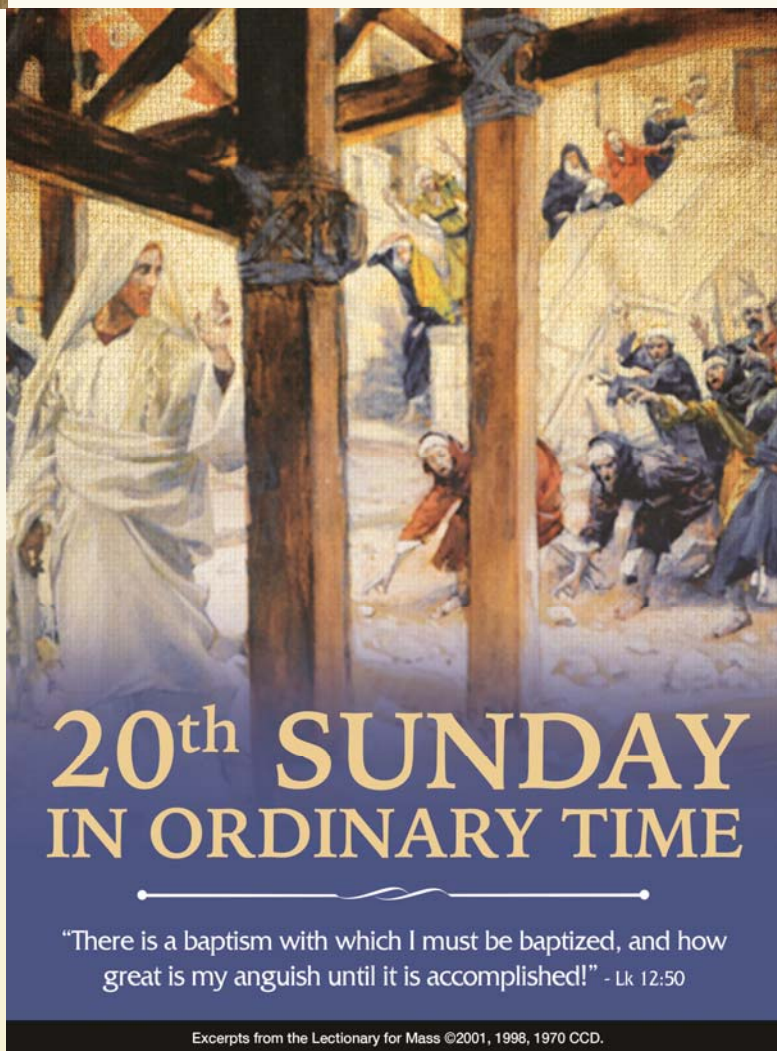
Call the Parish Office

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

20th Sunday Ordinary Time

MONDAY, August 15

9:00 **Dr. Theodore deGroot**, requested by his wife and family

TUESDAY, August 16

9:00 **Dorothy Kuzia**, requested by the St. Ann Eucharistic Ministers

WEDNESDAY, August 17

9:00 **Irene Collette**, requested by the Oscar & Ida Maillet

THURSDAY, August 17

9:00 **Special Intention**

FRIDAY, August 18

9:00 **Elizabeth Desmond Godbout**, requested by the family

SATURDAY, August 20

4:00 **Enrico Nori**, requested by his wife

SUNDAY, August 14

7:30 **Special Intention**

9:30 **Janet Carroll**, requested by her family

11:00 **Angelo Naples**, 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 15

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 16

WEDNESDAY, August 17

Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, August 18

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 19

SATURDAY, August 20

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, August 21

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



Tools for Schools Collection Through September 3/4

The leaves will soon be turning, air chilling, and school buses rolling... it's time for our annual Tools for Schools Collection, which will run through September 3/4. This collection is of great assistance to the Catholic Worker House, Hartford refugee families and the Avon Food Pantry families.

Any/all NEW school supplies are welcomed.

Backpacks are especially needed. Please place the items in the area marked "Tools for Schools" in the Gathering Space or bring down to church offices below Fr. Bennett Hall.

May you be blessed for your generosity!

Please consider these suggested items:

- *Backpacks * Calculators * Notebooks
- *Pencils * Dictionaries * Rulers *
- Pencil sharpeners * Pens
- * Notebook paper * Markers etc.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

July 31, 2016: \$7,483.25

August 7, 2016: \$6,916.11

Online Giving (week ending 8/3/16): \$.00

Next weekend's 2nd collection: *monthly*

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.



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



Q & A

What are we celebrating on the feast of the Assumption of Mary?

The Assumption, along with the Immaculate Conception, are two Marian dogmas that have been infallibly defined by the church. The Assumption proclaims the reality that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This was God's special gift to her in response to her total giving of self to God's plan and will.

The church believes that Mary was immaculately conceived, that is, conceived without original sin. This led the church to believe that she did not suffer one of the key consequences of original sin, death and corruption. The Orthodox Church celebrates the Dormition of Mary, the belief that Mary did not die but rather fell asleep and was thus assumed into heaven.

What significance does this feast have for our lives as Christians today? This feast is above all an assurance and hope of our continued life with God. Modeling ourselves on Jesus and living the Christian life molded by Jesus' values, is certainly the sure path to God. As a result, God will not leave us orphaned or alone to suffer the emptiness of death. Rather we believe that death is merely a transformation of our present state into an even more glorious and eternal relationship with God.

This is the hope and assurance that Mary's assumption celebrates. It is a celebration of our assumption as well. She is one of us, providing a model of what God has in store for all who love and give of themselves to God.

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

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.

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



*Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

August 15, 2016

Is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in 2016

Daily Mass at 9:00am

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

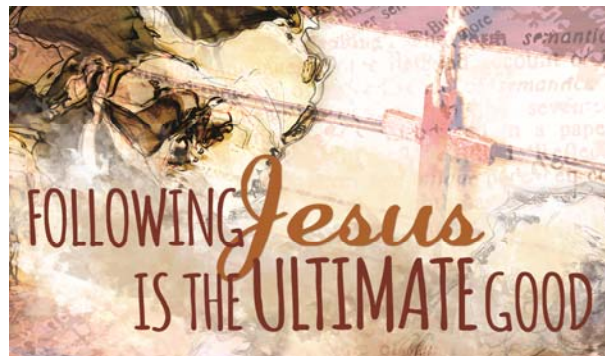
Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

seul	humble	Mighty
spirit	servant	great
Savior	blessed	holy

sulo	<u>s o u l</u>
Mythig	_____
srevatn	_____
hylo	_____
stirip	_____
belssde	_____
Soivar	_____
hmuleb	_____
gerta	_____

For the Children...



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Even one hundred and fifty years after it took place, the effects of the Civil War in the United States can still be felt. Even though the shifting population has tempered perceptions, those who work in the social sciences can still point to sections of the country where certain attitudes hold a greater sway than in others. And even though it may be unfair, there are times when a particular region will be categorized in a way that harkens back to an earlier era. The battles of the war are still fought by teams who meticulously reenact the events in a harmless historical hobby. More nefarious are those who use code words and false ideas to resurrect an era that should be consigned to history.

The divisions that Jesus attests to in this weekend's Gospel spring from the real experience of the early Christian community in the first century of its existence. For some, Christianity was a dangerous philosophy that needed to be eradicated. Some of its propositions threatened the security of the state, like the worship of the one God and the equality of everyone before the Lord referenced in Paul's famous words to the Galatians: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (3:28).

The Gospel today is not an encouragement to family arguments. Jesus is not asking households to be so rigorous that our faith becomes a point of contention. But the Scripture does allude to a stress point that many of us may confront in our lives. Being a believer means that sometimes we must take a stand. We are called to proclaim clearly what we believe and to do that when it may be uncomfortable for us. We won't necessarily become a martyr, but there are times when there is a cost to our faith.

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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 14, 2016

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

Monday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10,
13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10-12,
16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36/
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/
Lk 13:22-30

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HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:
State Department of Children and Families Care-line
1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:
Abuse Investigations Division of the Office of Protection and Advocacy
for Persons with Disabilities
1-800-842-7303

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:
Department of Social Services for the Elderly
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.



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.