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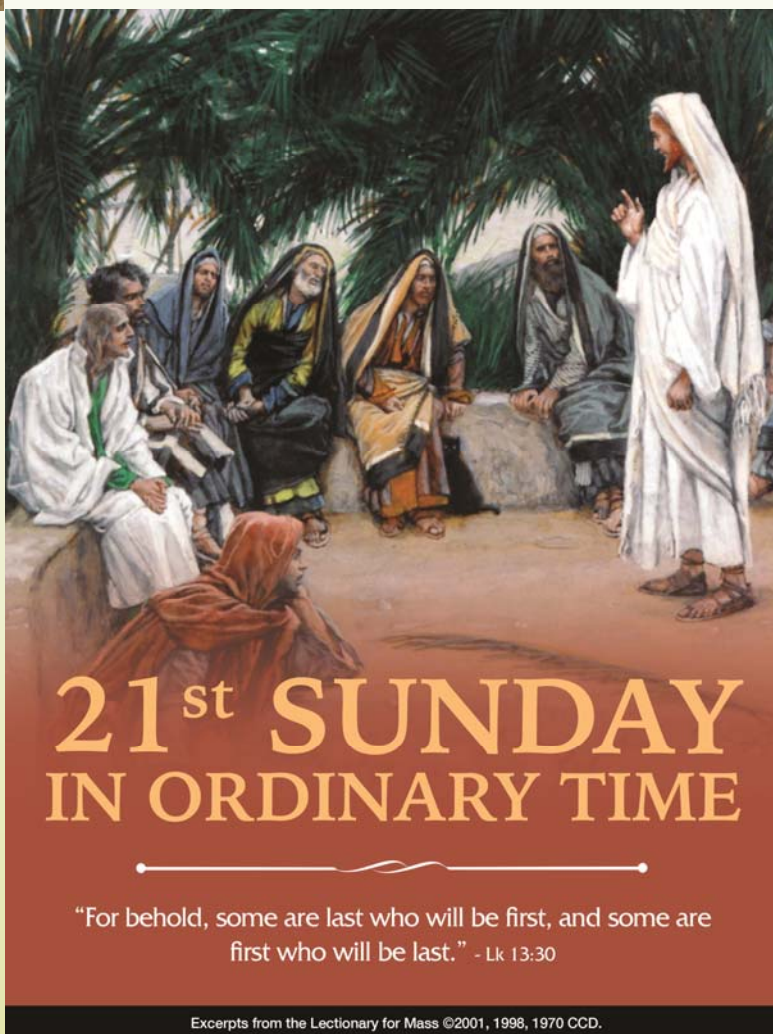
Call the Parish Office

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

21st Sunday Ordinary Time

MONDAY, August 22

9:00 **Vera Alft (1st Ann)**, requested by
Bill and Janet Newman

TUESDAY, August 23

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, August 24

9:00 **Michael Summers**, requested by
Rosanne Harutunian

THURSDAY, August 25

9:00 **Special Intention**

FRIDAY, August 26

9:00 **Carl and Mildred Lawryniewicz**, requested
by their daughter, Dottie Cialfi

SATURDAY, August 27

4:00 **For the deceased members of the Zippel
& Nori Families**, requested by Rose Nori

SUNDAY, August 28

7:30 **Special Intention**

9:30 **Robert Mansfield**, requested by his children

11:00 **Maria & Frank DiNardo**, requested by
the Ligato 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 22

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 23

WEDNESDAY, August 24

Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, August 25

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 26

SATURDAY, August 27

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, August 28

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

August 14, 2016: \$6,846.00

Online Giving (week ending 8/17/16): \$2,271.00

Next weekend's 2nd collection: none

MINISTRY FAIR!

Sun., Sept. 18th, 12-3

St. Ann Backyard
(rain location: Fr. Bennett Hall)



There's a place at St. Ann's for your talents, so come
Get in the GAME!

Come visit all the great ministries offered at the Church of St. Ann, and see where you might get involved and enriched! Door prize, free hamburgers and hotdogs, facepainting and games for kids, cake walk, and more!

Contact: Ann DiStefano, ann.distefano@stannavon.com

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.

Confirmation & YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation:

9th Grade incoming Confirmation Students
Confirmation Orientation, Sunday September 11th
5:30-7 pm. Meet in the church.
All teens and parent/s **must** attend.

10th Grade Confirmation Students
First Class, Sunday September 25th
7:15-8:45 pm. Meet in Father Bennet Hall.

Please remember to send in your registration with payment by September 2nd. We **will not** be able to place your teen in class after this date. If you have any questions or concerns about financial issues, please feel free to contact Rosemary Neamtz at 860-673-9858 ext. 226.

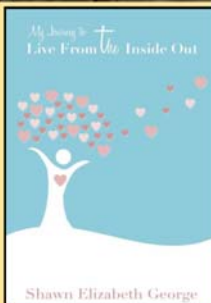
YOUTH MINISTRY:

First Meeting
Sunday September 25th
5:30-7pm. Meet in church.



Parish "Good Summer Read"
"My Journey to Live
From the Inside Out"

BOOK TALKS Sept 1st
9:30am or 7:15pm



Join author Shawn George on Thurs. Sept. 1st in Fr. Bennett Hall for a lively discussion of her compelling book. **RSVP by Aug. 28** to Ann below. Even if you haven't finished reading, please come and learn more about how faith can help your relationships (self, marriage, parenting) and even your finances!

Discounted copies of the book are still available in the parish office (\$15)



Contact: Ann DiStefano, ann.distefano@stannavon.com; (860) 673-9858, ext. 228

The St. Ann Parish Family Lives the Year of Mercy

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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 22, 2016

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

September 7, 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*

"Good Summer Read" BOOK TALKS: Sept. 1st, 9:30am & 7:15pm!

Join author/parishioner Shawn George on Thurs., Sept. 1st at 9:30am or 7:15pm in Fr. Bennett Hall for a lively discussion of her compelling book, *My Journey to Live from the Inside Out*. She'll share practical wisdom on how your relationship with God can help you live mercy in marriage, parenting and even your finances. **Stop by the parish offices to pick up your discounted copy of the book.** (\$15, checks payable to Shawn George) **RSVP by Aug 28 to Ann, ann.distefano@stannavon.com; (860) 673-9858, ext. 228.**

Kids' Summer Mercy Challenge

Whether you're at home, at camp or on vacation, there are lots of opportunities to 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!

Mercy Stories

Check out the latest at stannavon.org.

Matthew Kelly is Coming to CT!

You know Matthew Kelly from our *Rediscover Jesus* Lenten Program. See him live at his "Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose" event at St. Matthew Church, Norwalk, CT, Sept. 17, 6:30pm. Sign up via dynamiccatholic.com.

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

Acts of the Apostles

Acts is a story of hope. It's the story of a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They taught as Christ did. They performed miracles as he did. Some even gave their lives for him. They faced secular forces, internal strife, hostile crowds, and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men. Acts provides an historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament. Paul's letters in particular come alive in a new way when they are read within the context of the Acts narrative.

Join us beginning September 28th after the 9:00 AM Mass and continuing each Wednesday. This study is 20 sessions long with 10 sessions in the fall and 10 after the Christmas season. The cost of the study book is \$30. Space is limited.

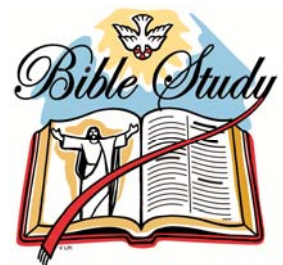
For more information or to register please call

Janet Newman at

860-573-3446

or via email:

wjnewman@sbcglobal.net.



FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JESUS
TAUGHT
SAVED

NARROW
LOCKS
KNOCK

DOOR
FEAST
KINGDOM

J U E S W A O N I H W
A K N O C K Y S O J E
R I U A L F E A S T M
H N E T N A U V G A H
T G P L A I T E H U T
W D O O R N S D A G N
I O V L R A L G E H S
S M E N O S O K D T H
H L O R W D C A R O E
N Y A F G O K I N G T
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For the Children...



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

State fairs are famous for their many contests. The best cow, the best pig, the best sheep are hailed as "Grand Champions." The best cake, the best raspberry jam, the finest pickles, and the most delectable pie are awarded blue ribbons. Cheese and

butter, honey and maple syrup, fruits and vegetables, agricultural products of all kinds win prizes of distinction based on criteria for their category. Handcrafted items are also entered into competition, and ribbons won displayed on the home mantle. While almost anyone can enter one of these contests, there is only one blue ribbon, only one grand champion.

In Sunday's Gospel we hear Jesus respond to a question posed to him about the number who will be saved. One of the tenets of our faith concerns the universal salvific will of God, that is, God wants everyone to be saved. But God has also given humankind free will, meaning that people have a choice in accepting God's invitation to salvation. For those of us who are believers, it can be difficult to comprehend that someone would not want to enjoy eternal life. But that is a choice that God offers, and the Gospel this Sunday reinforces the idea that being saved is more than just a casual acquaintance with Jesus.

Like a competition at the state fair, there are criteria for entering the kingdom of God. They are not mysterious. There is not some secret code that we need to know. What is needed is clearly spelled out just like the rules for entering a pie or jar of canned peaches. We need to love God. We need to listen to his word. We need to be compassionate toward others. We need to love our neighbor. The difference between these criteria and entering a state fair contest is that there is always more than one grand champion in the Christian life. Everyone who follows faithfully gets a blue ribbon.

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

Critics who say the Catholic Church is against universal health care are misinformed. The Catholic Church is founded on the Corporal Works of Mercy and helping others. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has always advocated for health care. The Catholic Church is opposing the health care mandate, because it violates the First Amendment, which is supposed to safeguard freedom of religion.

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 21, 2016

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/
Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-5/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/
Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-21/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11/
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

THE BULLETIN BOARD



Voices for Peace & Reconciliation September 11th at 2 PM

VOICES Gospel Group from Hartford is coming to Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center on 9/11. Deacon Art Miller, from St. Mary's in Simsbury, will lead the prayers as we remember the events of 9/11, the victims and their families and friends. On this day we also want to pray for healing, for peace, and for understanding and reconciliation among all peoples. For more information, please call (860) 677-8519, email olcretreat@sbcglobal.net, or visit www.ourladyofcalvary.net.

Avon Food Pantry

Please consider helping keep our town's food pantry stocked by picking up a few things for those in need when you are grocery shopping. You may leave your donations below Fr. Bennett Hall with the Parish Office Staff or in Room 2, across from the offices. Your help is greatly appreciated!

ITEMS NEEDED:

Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard and other condiments are greatly needed!



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 Clarissa Pena at 860-242-5573, x.2690.

Vatican International Exhibition Eucharistic Miracles of the World Presented for the entire weekend!



Sponsored by Real Presence Eucharistic
Education and Adoration Association

<http://www.therealpresence.org/>

When: The weekend of October 8th and 9th

Saturday, 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Sunday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Where: St. Ann's Church, Fr. Bennett Hall, 39 Arch Road, Avon Ct 06001

What: The Vatican International Exhibition - "Eucharistic Miracles of the World". This event is being offered free of charge for the entire weekend. Come to see and learn about over 150 extraordinary Eucharistic Miracles that continue to happen even today.

This event is free of charge