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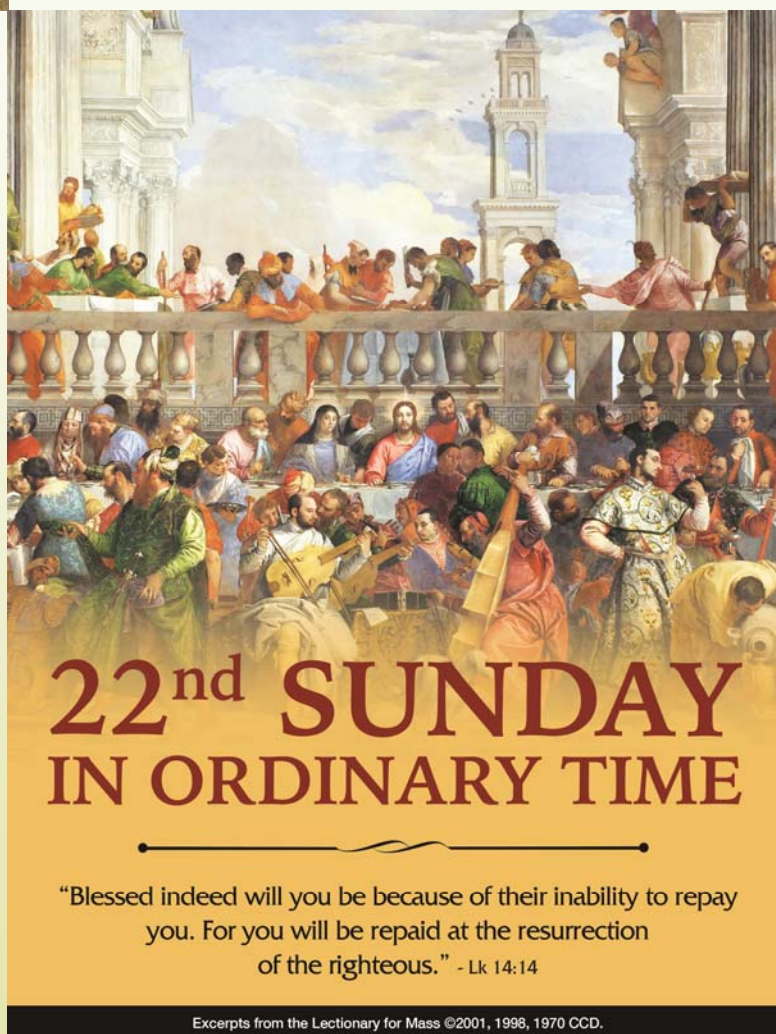
Call the Parish Office

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

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

MONDAY, August 29

9:00 **Dorothy Kuzia**, requested by
Gino & Barbara Calderone

TUESDAY, August 30

9:00 **Josephine Gilroy**, requested by
the Ledwidge Family

WEDNESDAY, August 31

9:00 **Palma Zamblerkon**, requested by
Rosanne Harutunian

THURSDAY, September 1

9:00 **Robert Collier (9th Ann.)**, requested by
the family

FRIDAY, September 2

9:00 **Fermin Alambra (2nd Ann.)**, requested by
the Henares Family

SATURDAY, September 3

4:00 **John & Teresa Sammataro**, requested by
the Ligato Family

SUNDAY, September 4

7:30 **Special Intention**

9:30 **Veronica Sauerbrunn (10th Ann.)**,
requested by the family

11:00 **Carl Wayne Huesgen**, requested by
the Suski 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 29

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 30

WEDNESDAY, August 31

Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, September 1

Year of Mercy Book Talk: 9:30 am in Fr. Bennett Hall

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Year of Mercy Book Talk: 7:15 pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

FRIDAY, September 2

SATURDAY, September 3

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, September 4

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.



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 21, 2016: \$7,425.56

Online Giving (week ending 8/24/16): \$2,396.00

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.

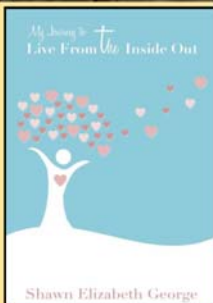
YOUTH MINISTRY:

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:

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

It's time to write down or draw a picture of the acts of mercy you've been doing! 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!

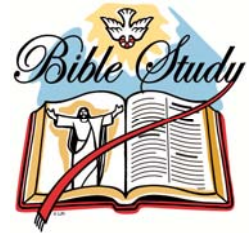
You know Matthew Kelly from our *Rediscover Jesus* Lenten Program. See him live at his "Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose" event at St. Matthew Church, Norwalk, CT, Sept. 17, 6:30pm. Sign up via dynamiccatholic.com.

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.



Save the Date



On the weekend of October 8th and 9th, St. Ann's is privileged to host the Vatican's International Exhibition of "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World".

The exhibition contains an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions, and presents some of the principal Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Church.

Using panels, one can "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place. The current exhibition includes 151 panels that are used to explain 153 Eucharistic Miracles with an additional 22 country and historical panel maps, all of which will be made available during the event on DVD in both high and low definition.

The event will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 8, (12 noon to 7pm) and October 9, 2016 (8 am to 6pm) in Father Bennett hall. We are extremely pleased to have this exhibition in our parish, and hope all our parishioners can take some time out to visit, so they can fully appreciate receiving the body and blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ each time they receive communion.

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

Sharing the Gospel

If you act bossy, you might get your way, but you won't make many friends. Jesus shared a secret about making friends. When you treat other kids with kindness, they will want to be your friends. Instead of telling other kids what to do, ask other kids to choose a game. If you want to play tag with other kids, offer to be "it" first. If it is time to line up to go outside, offer to go to the back of the line and let other kids in front of you.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to be a good friend.

Something to Draw

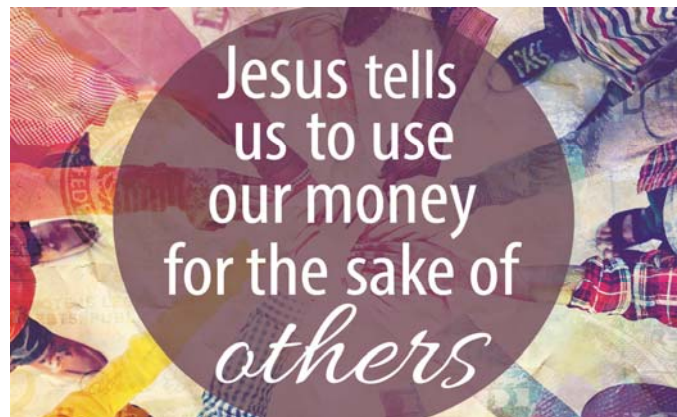
Draw a picture of yourself at the end of the line.

Mission for the Week

When you sit down with your family for dinner tonight, ask if you can serve the food. You may surprise your parents and get some pretty big smiles from them.

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For the Children...



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a story that has been circulating about Pope Francis. Whether all the details are accurate is not as important as the overall meaning. As it is told, after his election Pope Francis returned to live at the Vatican guesthouse, which he has now made his home. He got up early one morning and opened the door of his room to find a Swiss Guard standing at attention.

The pope asked the man how long he had been there and the guard responded, "All night, Holy Father." The pope brought out a chair and told the guard to sit down because he must be tired. When the guard responded that it was against the rules, the pope responded, "I'm the pope. Please sit." The guard uncomfortably took his seat, and the pope returned to his room. A few moments later, he came out with some bread and jam for the guard and wished him "Bon appétit!" before closing his bedroom door.

In this weekend's Gospel Jesus uses the example of dining with others to teach his disciples about life in the kingdom of God. He suggests that a person's sense of self-importance should not overtake the humbleness that characterizes the communal life of the kingdom. As citizens of God's realm there is only One who outranks everyone else, and that is the Lord.

People with power often get special places. The head table at a conference, meeting, or awards' banquet always has the "big shots" filling the seats. Political fund-raisers have the highest ranking elected leaders sitting up front. In the Gospel, Jesus suggests that we be more realistic about ourselves. As the story about Pope Francis indicates, esteem comes not because we get the most revered place at table, but because we care about others. The command that Jesus gives to invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind still binds us in charity today.

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Defending Our Religious Liberty


Those who say that the Catholic Church is discriminating against poor women by opposing the health care mandate are completely misinformed. The Catholic Church is against requirements contained in the mandate that would force them to pay for surgical procedures such as: sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception that go against our moral convictions, and therefore, impede religious freedom.

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 28, 2016

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
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97-102/Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-21/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/
Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33


THE BULLETIN BOARD

Come and Pray 

Fall Holy Hours for Vocations to the Priesthood

The Vocation Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford invites everyone to come and pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood in our Archdiocese at four special Holy Hours this fall, celebrated by Fr. Jeff Gubbio, Vocation Director for the Archdiocese. Each Holy Hour begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by a light "coffee-and" reception so we have a chance to meet one another. Please join us!

Wednesday, September 14th * 7:00 p.m.
St. Gregory the Great Church
235 Maltby St. in Bristol
Thursday, October 13th * 7:00 p.m.
St. James Church
896 Main St. in Manchester
Tuesday, November 22nd * 7:00 p.m.
St. Bridget Church
175 Main St. in Cheshire
Monday, December 19th * 7:00 p.m.
St. Rita Church
1620 Whitney Ave. in Hamden

 Please consider joining the St. John Vianney Vocation Prayer Society. Information can be found on our website, www.hartfordpriest.com.

Housing Needed for Refugee Families

Catholic Charities is in urgent need of large, affordable, multi-bedroom apartments for refugee families arriving in the very near future in the Greater Hartford Area. Some of the families are as large as ten members. It is also helpful if the apartments are situated near public transportation routes. These would be paid rentals with a lease period of one year with the option to renew.

If you know of an apartment that meets these criteria, please contact Mr. Jama Ahmed, Assistant Director of Migration, Refugee and Immigration Services at 860-248-5850 or email jahmed@ccaoh.org, or Ms. Alyce Menald, Administrative Assistant, at 860-240-5661 or email amenald@ccaoh.org.

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

For all who are divorced, widowed, or separated - there is a special heartache in finding oneself alone again...

DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN of all ages are encouraged to attend a Beginning Experience® weekend designed for those who wish to resolve the pain and grief of losing the marriage relationship and create a more peace-filled future. The Beginning Experience Weekend will be held September 30 – October 2 at the Archdiocesan Conference Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. The weekend begins Friday evening, September 30 and continues through Sunday afternoon, October 2, concluding with Mass. The weekend fee is \$235/person, which includes the program and materials, all meals on Saturday and Sunday and two nights' stay, as well as a follow-up event.

For more information and an application for yourself or for a friend, please call Victoria at 860-993-7866.

*For more information, go to:
www.beginningexperience.org/connecticut
Beginning Experience is endorsed by the Archdiocesan Family Life Office.*