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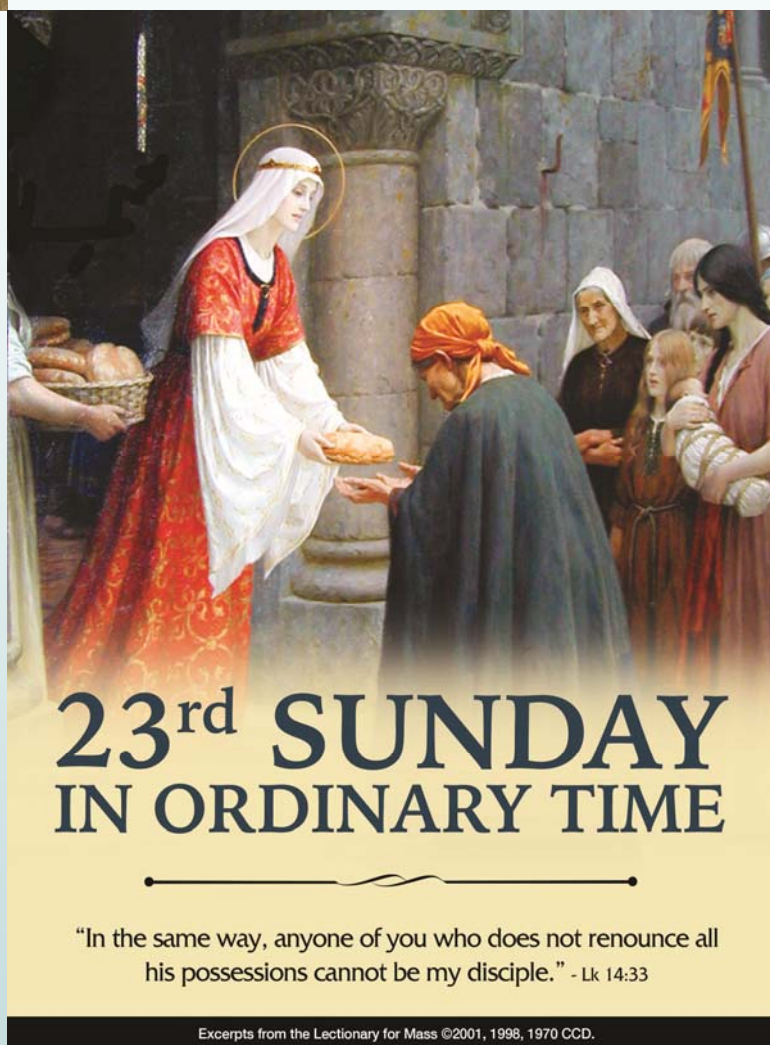
Call the Parish Office

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.



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:33

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

MONDAY, September 5

9:00 **Rev. Daniel Free & Rev. Henry Free,**
requested by Gino & Barbara Calderone

TUESDAY, September 6

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, September 7

9:00 **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, September 8

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, September 9

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, September 10

4:00 **Mary Hojnowski,** *requested by
Russell and Diane Koch*

SUNDAY, September 11

7:30 **Special Intention**

9:30 **Robert and Lucile Rubino,** *requested by
Michael and Mary Jane Rubino*

11:00 **Andrew Stencil**



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 8

Marthas + Marys Planning Meeting: 9:30am in Room 3
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

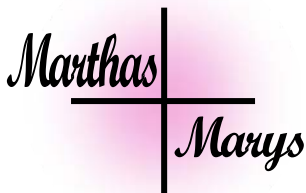
FRIDAY, September 9

SATURDAY, September 10

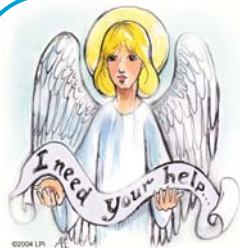
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, September 11

Join Us For a
Planning Meeting
Thurs., Sept. 8th
9:30am in Room 3



Looking for our Marthas to come forward. Our first planning meeting will be Thursday, September 8th at 9:30. Need to finalize the calendar, organize the Ministry Fair effort, and plan for our first event on September 22. Questions? Call Anne Yurch 675-1366.



**(1) 8th Grade
Catechist Needed!**

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 28, 2016: \$7,761.50

Online Giving (week ending 8/31/16): \$1,996.00

Next weekend's 2nd collection: *Bolivian Missions*

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.



St. Ann's Golf Tournament

Sunday, October 2, 2016

12:30 pm

Simsbury Farms Golf Course, Simsbury
\$75 (includes meal)

Open to all men and women in the parish

Please call/email your foursome or register as an individual and we will place you in a group

You don't golf? Join us for the meal only: \$30

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For Reservations

or information please contact:

John Kuzia
(kman@kuzia.com)
860.284.0020



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

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible

Would you like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of how the Bible relates to your life?

Join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, a new 8-session study offered Mondays at 7:30pm and Fridays at 9:30am in Rooms 1 and 3, beginning Sept 19. (K-8 parent sessions will be held Sundays at Avon Middle School during class times, beginning Sept 25.) You'll uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about: the Father's unfailing love for you, and your call to share that love with others. Each 90-minute session includes an engaging half-hour video, followed by a lively group discussion. Homework is optional, and you'll be able to stream the videos online if you miss a session.

To register, contact Ann by Sept. 14:

ann.distefano@stannavon.com;

(860) 673-9858, ext 228.

Monday PM Dates:

Sept. 19, 26

Oct. 3, 10, 17

Nov. 7, 14, 21

Friday AM Dates:

Sept. 23, 30

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28

Nov. 4, 11



Acts of the Apostles

This is an amazing story of how the Holy Spirit guided the Apostles into Truth and how they spread the Gospel witness outward in waves, from Judea and Samaria, and finally to the ends of the earth. Acts shows how the seeds of Church structure and authority take root and how conflicts were resolved even at that early stage. This study examines the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ and how the Spirit-filled Church adapted to new cultures also demonstrating how their experience applies to us today

Please join us beginning September 28th at 9:30 AM in Conference Room #3 and continuing each Wednesday. This study is 20 sessions long with 10 sessions in the fall and 10 in the spring. The cost of the study book is \$30.

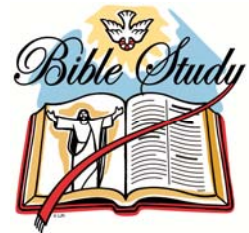
For more information or to register please call

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



Calling All Children Who Love to Sing! (Grades 4-8)

Children's Choir is about to begin! Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 15th in the choir loft. We rehearse from 4:15-5pm. Please know, you don't need to be a great performer to join this choir. All you need is a desire to show your love for God through singing – and to learn while having fun.

Our director, Mr. Carl Sauerbrunn, has an exciting season planned, so invite a friend and join us! (Parents, please accompany your child to this rehearsal to pick up a schedule and complete the registration form. We look forward to meeting you!)

Questions? Please contact Carl at: c.sauerbrunn@comcast.net or our Music Director, Tom Stockton at 860-673-9858, x.230 or email: tstockton@earthlink.net.



Defending Our Religious Liberty

If insurance companies offer vision and dental plans separately, why can't the federal healthcare mandate offer separate plans for services that violate the religious freedom of Catholic organizations

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 September 4, 2016

Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/ Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/ Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/ Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The late comedian Jack Benny crafted his on-stage persona as a bit of a miser. One famous bit from his radio show had him being held up at gunpoint by a robber. "Your money or your life!" the bad guy snarls. Benny just stands there, not saying a word, pausing for dramatic effect. "Well?" the robber demands. "I'm thinking, I'm thinking," Benny replies. What would you be willing to give up if asked?

Throughout most of the Gospels, Jesus is very subtle in his words and teachings and parables. He hopes that we will all see the truth through our own eyes of understanding. In today's reading from Luke, however, Jesus is as clear and as forthright as he can be. If we are not willing to give up everything, our parents, our spouses, our children, even our own lives, we cannot truly consider ourselves disciples of Christ.

It may be difficult at first to imagine being willing to sacrifice a loved one for something you believe in. But is that not exactly what God did for us? He gave his only son to sinners to be sacrificed for our reconciliation with him. (CCC 614) We are promised the glory of heaven and everlasting life, but Jesus is very clear on this point: In order to attain all, we must be willing to give all, even those we hold nearest our hearts.

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National Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities

The Archdiocese of Hartford is uniting with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Archdioceses and Dioceses across the U.S. in a *"National Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities."* It will be held on Friday, September 9th, the feast of St. Peter Claver. All churches are encouraged to observe this day through prayer and action on a local level. Prayers may be offered at Mass, during Eucharistic adoration, at schools and in homes.

Please join us in prayer at:

Hartford: St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St.
Hour of Prayer from 5 to 6 p.m. Archbishop Leonard P. Blair will preside. Other religious leaders from Greater Hartford will take part. All are welcome. Free parking is available across the street from the parish. Stop by after work, on your way home, and stay for an hour...stay for as long as you can!

According to Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, "Let us remember that Jesus says, *'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God'* (Mt 5:9). This is as necessary as it is challenging at a time of global and domestic unrest, in a world fraught with aggression, terrorism and mistrust. If we are to find peace, healing and hope, we must stand together and in the conviction that ultimately a loving God rules the world, not man, his selfish passions nor personal agendas."

ABC's of Annulments

Thursday, September 15, 2016 from 7-9pm
Church of the Assumption, Woodbridge, CT

The ABC's of Annulment Workshop Team will assist participants in writing their annulment application in follow-up sessions on Thursdays, September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20 from 7-9pm at Church of the Assumption. A donation is requested to defray costs. No registration required.

For more information call 203-937-7040

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...

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.