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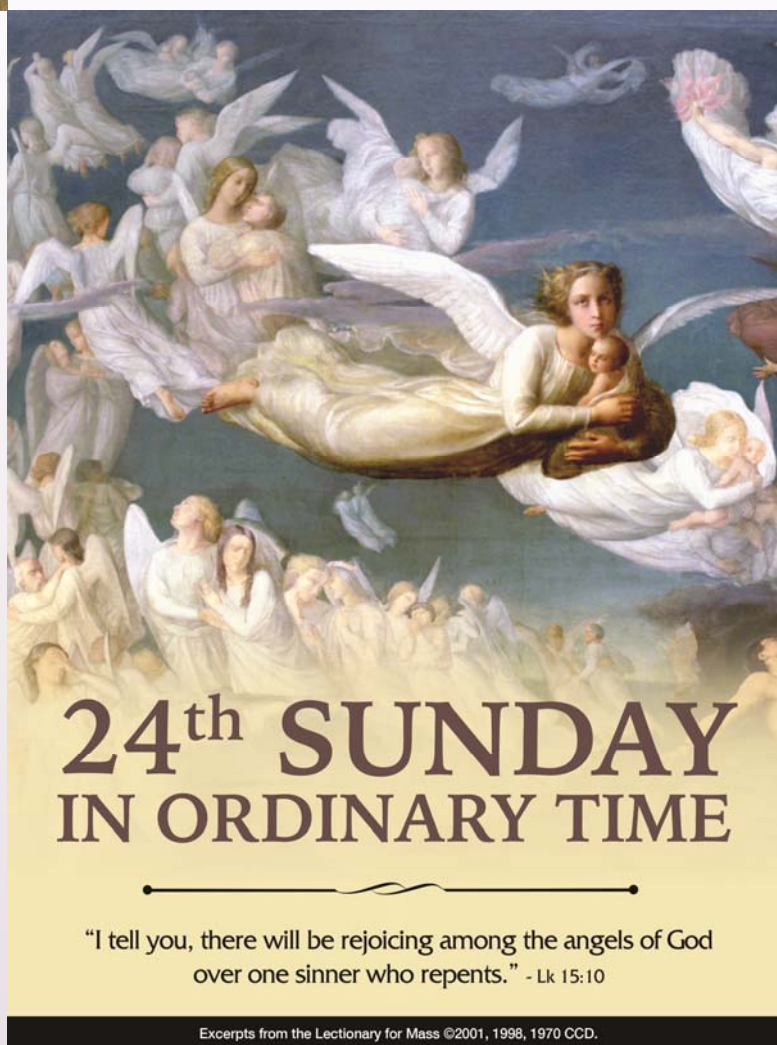
Call the Parish Office

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.



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." - Lk 15:10

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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

24th Sunday Ordinary Time

MONDAY, September 12

9:00 **Dorothy Kuzia,**
requested by her daily Mass friends

TUESDAY, September 13

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, September 14

9:00 **Gennaro DiPrisco,** *requested by*
Rosanne Harutunian

THURSDAY, September 15

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, September 16

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, September 17

4:00 **Louis J. Collacchi,** *requested by*
Laurie Hill and Bernie Shea

SUNDAY, September 18

7:30 **Special Intention**

9:30 **Jack Tromza,** *requested by Mary Jane Jeter*

11:00 **James Alu,** *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, September 12

M+M Moms: 12:30-2pm in the Activity Room

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.

All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church)

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

TUESDAY, September 13

Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7:30 pm in Room 2

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, September 14

Lectio Divina: 3pm in Room 3

Re-Employment Support Group: 7pm. in the Activity Room

THURSDAY, September 15

Marthas + Marys Planning Meeting: 9:30am in Room 3

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Children's Choir: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, September 16

SATURDAY, September 17

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, September 18

Ministry Fair: 12-3pm in the Church's "backyard" (if raining Fr.B.Hall)



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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The Men of St. Ann

For Reservations

or information please contact:

John Kuzia

(kman@kuzia.com)

860.284.0020



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!

Come visit all the wonderful ministries offered at our parish, and see where you might get involved and enriched. Door prizes: UCONN Men's basketball 4-pack & signed ESPN banner! Free BBQ lunch, kids activities, and more!

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

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

September 4, 2016: \$8,162.35

Online Giving (week ending 9/7/16): \$2,481.00

Next weekend's 2nd collection: *Monthly***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. **OFFICE HOURS FOR SEPTEMBER WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 18th (the 3rd Sunday)**

**Needed:**

Any volunteers to help with the Marthas and Marys Ministry Fair obligation, please get in touch with Anne Yurch (675-1366) anneyurch@gmail.com

Celebrate Marthas and Marys 10th Birthday! Thursday, September 22 @ 7 p.m.

We're having a real Birthday celebration- games, entertainment and a Birthday Cake. We're looking for some Marthas to pull this off. Offer to help and r.s.v.p. by the 19th to: sollestad@yahoo.com or Anne 675-1366



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The parish of St. Ann offers the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) to people who wish to become Catholic. RCIA for anyone who is uncatechized (baptized, but needing to be prepared to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation) as well as any unbaptized persons who wish to explore the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church. The program runs roughly one year, beginning in September and ending at Easter. Interested in RCIA? Call Maureen Fiedler @ [860-995-4026](tel:860-995-4026).



Saint Ann Religious Education (K-8) 2016-2017

Classes for Grades K-8 will begin on September 25, 2016

New Students:

Registration forms are online at www.stannavon.org

Returning Students:

No child will be assigned to a class until payment has been received.

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.



Unlocking the Mystery 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 Sundays at 10:45am, Mondays at 7:30pm & 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 "big picture" of the Bible and its main message: 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.

Sunday AM Dates:

Sept. 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20

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



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Save the Date:

St. Ann Annual Clothing Sale
November 4-5, 2016

Save Some Time:

We need volunteers to set up, organize and sell

Work Days:

Wed./Thurs., Nov. 2nd/3rd: 9am-7pm

Fri. Nov. 4th: 9am-12pm

Sat. Nov. 5th: Cleanup, 2:30pm till done

Sale Dates:

Fri. Nov. 4th: 6-8 pm;

Sat. Nov. 5th: 8:30-2:00

Save Some Clothes:

Gently used clothing, shoes, jewelry, accessories needed

Save Some Money:

Come and shop (bring friends!) on November 4th and 5th!

Please visit our table at the Ministry Fair on September 18!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Come be a part of our ministry!

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday,
Sept. 12, Oct. 3
7-8:30pm
in Room 2



All are welcome...
including brand
new knitters!

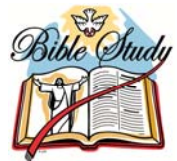
For more
information call
Pat: 860-673-3747
Tina: 860-674-1541

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.



Mo+Ms Calling all Moms!

M+M Moms Book Club is starting its 5th season! If you are a mom of young ones or old...please join us every other Monday afternoon in the Activity Room for prayer, fellowship and support. This Fall we will be reading the book **Present over Perfect** by Shauna Niequist. As always, children are welcome at our meetings! Regular meetings will begin on Monday, September 12th in the Activity Room from 12:30-2pm. For any questions, to join our email list, &/or to get more information, please contact Julianna Capozzoli: julthompson@AOL.com

Upcoming dates are: September 12, 26

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.

Readings for the Week of September 11, 2016

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
Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-8, 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Found" is a great word! It can have so many levels of meaning. Obviously it means having recovered something that was misplaced or lost. My aged mother is forever "finding" her glasses, even though they are usually on the table under the mail or the newspaper. Found can also mean to begin something or to set something up. The parish I worship at, like the one you belong to, had a founding pastor who organized the beginning of community in response to the bishop's request or the call of the people in the area. Anyone who works with molten material also knows that to found means casting that metal or glass object in a place called (of course!) a foundry.

Jesus tells the story today of a woman who has ten coins and lost one. All three meanings of the word "found" are part of parable. The coin was found (that is cast) by a treasury, either the emperor's or that of a local realm. Having lost the coin, the woman found (that is recovered) it after searching the whole house. The recovery of the coin occasioned the founding (that is the initiation) of her rejoicing. The parable of the lost coin is truly about founding.

Like that coin, we may be lost at times, but God finds us. He recovers us from whatever has separated us from him, whether that is sin, the distractions of life, or the fragility of our faith. In finding us, God renews us. He remolds us and forms us more and more into people with a lively faith. Like that molten metal that is founded into a coin, the love of God purifies us and remakes us anew, casting us into the image of Christ. By asking God's forgiveness and by praying for a renewal of faith, we gain a new foundation and so can begin again, living the way Christ has taught us, filled with the love of God and love for our brothers and sisters.



I remember driving to work and hearing on the radio about some plane that had crashed into the World Trade Center. I assumed at the time it was some daredevil stunt that had gone wrong. Upon my arrival, I went into the parish center and turned on the television. As I

was watching live coverage, I saw a second plane hit the second tower. As the events unfolded, a crowd gathered around the screen. I ran to open the church and light candles in anticipation of people who would be arriving to pray. We did not know what was really happening, but we knew it was horrible and we knew that people would be drawn to the parish to pray, unsure of what else to do.

There was a wide range of people who came by that day. Some we knew only from Sunday Masses; others were heavily involved in various ministries. A few were Catholics from another parish, while some were not Catholic at all. On that day, it did not matter where you were from or if you had ever graced the front door of our church. We knew who you were. You were family.

Tragedy and misfortune bring people together who, on a good day, fail to see that they have anything in common. What they have failed to realize previously is that they have the most important thing in common: they have one Creator and they are created in his image. Even though I pray that another day like that first 9-11 never befalls our country again, the sense of welcoming and family on that day and the days that followed is one I often recall.

Regardless of the reason why someone shows up at our church door, we need to be ready to welcome him or her with open arms. Hospitality can lead to many wonderful things, for both the faithful and the prodigal among us.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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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.

Prayer to Remember 9/11

Heavenly Father,
on this day, a terrible act of brutality was visited upon our people.
We ask for your grace upon the souls of those who died this day,
and the loved ones they left behind. Bless those who, today, work
unceasingly to protect us all from further acts of violence.
Change the hearts and minds of those who would murder the
innocent in your name. Help us to remember Christ's victory over all death.
Lead us all to you, Lord, in a true unity, begotten not of blood that was shed
in anger, but shed by your Son, out of love for us. Amen.



Courage & EnCourage Support Groups in September

Courage: Thurs. Sept. 8 and 22 at 7 p.m.

EnCourage: Wed. Sept. 14 at 7 p.m.

Courage is a Catholic support group for men and women who experience same-sex attraction and are seeking to live chaste lives in Christ. EnCourage helps the loved-ones of those who experience same-sex attraction to grow in understanding and love, while honoring the virtue of chastity. For meeting location and additional information you can contact Fr. Robert Landback, Chaplain at 203-265-0961 x2 or aohctcourage@gmail.com. The website for Courage International is couragec.org.

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

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

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!

