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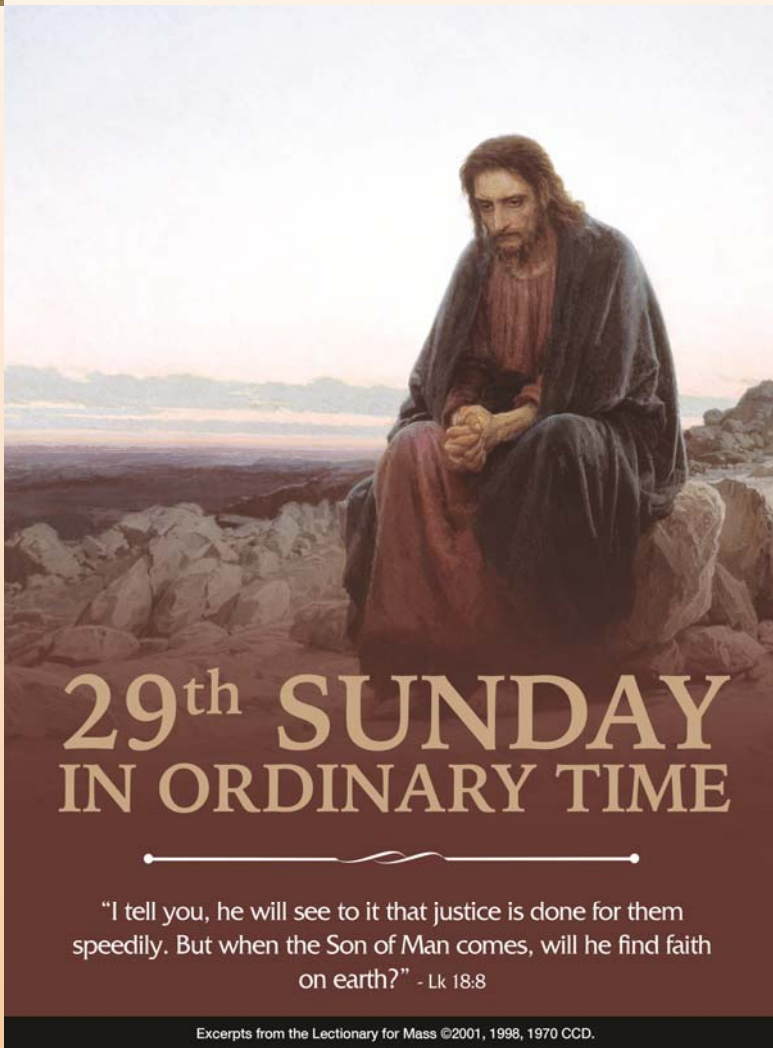
Call the Parish Office

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

29th Sunday Ordinary Time

MONDAY, October 17

9:00 **Special Intentions**

TUESDAY, October 18

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, October 19

9:00 **George Linn**, *requested by
The Faillace Family*

THURSDAY, October 20

9:00 **Laura Santiago**, *requested by the family*

FRIDAY, October 21

9:00 **Dave Milligan**, *requested by his wife*

SATURDAY, October 22

4:00 **Dominic Nardini**, *requested by the family*

SUNDAY, October 23

7:30 **Andrew Oh**

9:30 **Thomas & Ella Heavren**, *requested by
Tom and Pat Heavren*

11:00 **Kazimierz Grzybek**, *requested by the family*



Unpacking the Spiritual Works of Mercy

Sunday, Oct 23, 12:00 noon
Repeated Monday, Oct. 24,
7:15pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

Join popular speaker Bill Walsh as he helps us understand where these challenging teachings come from, and how we can put them into practice in our relationships with others. RSVP to Ann DiStefano at 860-673-9858, x228 or ann.distefano@stannavon.com

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

THIS Sunday, October 16th
2:30 - 3:30pm in the church
Living Rosary from 3:30-4pm

Please join us for this powerful
devotion!



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, October 17

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.
All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church)
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: 7:30pm in Rooms 1 & 3

TUESDAY, October 18

M+M Moms: 12:30 in the Activity Room
RCIA: 7pm in Room 3
Marthas + Marys VOGUE event: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

WEDNESDAY, October 19

Acts of the Apostles Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 2 & 3 (filled)
Lectio Divina: 3pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, October 20

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
Youth Choir: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, October 21

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: 9:30am in Rooms 1 & 3

SATURDAY, October 22

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3
Men of St. Ann Wine Tasting: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, October 23

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: 10:45am in Rooms 1 & 3
Bill Walsh Workshop: 12 noon in Fr. Bennett Hall

Flea Market

October 29th
9am - 2pm
Fr. Bennett Hall



Church of St. Ann's Confirmation & Youth
Ministry will be sponsoring a Flea Market on
Saturday, October 29th from 9am - 2pm.
Proceeds will be donated to the Avon Food
Pantry and Gifts of Love.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

October 9, 2016: \$7,917.93

Online Giving (week ending 10/12/16): \$4,539.00

Next weekend's 2nd collection: *Mission Sunday***Annual Parish Collection**

*We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our **Annual Parish Collection**. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your gift card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated. Thank you.*

United Way

Many Hartford area companies will soon begin their United Way Campaigns. Last year, many parishioners were generous in designating

St. Ann's as the beneficiary of their United Way pledge, and for that I am most grateful. Please consider designating St. Ann's Church (United Way code #AG0723) for your United Way pledge.

Thank you for your generosity. -Fr. McHugh

**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 OCTOBER WILL BE ON OCTOBER 16th (the 3rd Sunday)**

Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle
Monday evenings in the church from 7:15-8:15pm

The MMP is for priests and laity who are devoted to Our Lady and her Rosary. The Prayer Cenacles are gatherings of prayer that consist of the Holy Rosary and Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Message from the MMP Book "To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons" is read at every Cenacle. We are praying for an outpouring of The Holy Spirit, and for Our Lady's intercession. For more information on the Marian Movement of Priests, please visit the official website at www.mmp-usa.net

Come and see, come pray with us. All are welcome.

Communion For Shut-Ins

The Eucharistic ministers would be happy to bring Communion 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**.

Marthas + Marys Presents

VOGUE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
7:00 PM
FR. BENNETT HALL

Fashion Stylist
Trish Eigenbrode

HOW TO DRESS & FEEL YOUR BEST
ON ANY BUDGET

- Refreshments & Socializing
- Demo of Outfits
- One on One with Trish
- Bring that item of clothing or accessory that you don't know what to do with

\$15
PAYABLE TO THE MARTHAS & MARYS
BY OCTOBER 16TH

Mail to: Anne Yurch. 6 Stony Corners Circle, Avon 860.675.1366

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY**Please Return Baby Bottles for St. Gerard's**

Please remember to return the baby bottles/envelopes THIS weekend-October 15th & 16th. Please leave them in the blue buckets marked St. Gerards. Thank you for your generosity as we partner together to keep this pro-life mission alive in the greater Hartford area!

**October is Respect Life Month; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament This Sunday!**

October is Respect Life month and on Sunday, October 16th we will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 12 noon until the 9am Mass on Monday morning, October 17th. Check the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space to see if you can help out.

The Men of Saint Ann invite you to a

Wine Tasting

Saturday

October 22, 2016

7pm

Fr. Bennett Hall

The donation will be

\$15 per person

For reservations contact: John Kuzia at
860-284-0020 or kman@kuzia.com



*This year we will be comparing
wines from the
Northern & Southern
Hemispheres.
Come enjoy some
wonderful wine,
nosh on hors d'oeuvres
& gain in your wine
knowledge with
your friends.*

DO NOT BE AFRAID

TO TAKE A CHANCE ON
peace,

TO TEACH
peace,

TO LIVE
peace...

PEACE
WILL BE THE LAST
WORD OF HISTORY

-St. John Paul II

St. Ann's Annual Clothing Sale

Please save clean, gently used:
clothing (all ages), shoes, outerwear,
jewelry & accessories

DONATION DATES:

Wednesday, November 2nd
9am-7pm

Thursday, November 3rd
9am-7pm

ALL PROCEEDS
GO TO THE
ST. ANN'S
SCHOLARSHIP
FUND

SALE DATES:

Friday, November 4th
6-8pm (admission)

Saturday, November 5th
8:30am-2pm (no admission)



VOLUNTEERS Needed - CONTACT:

Meg Kundahl: 860-521-1051 or mkfk@sbcglobal.net



Food Collection THIS Weekend October 15/16

Pick up grocery bag in Gathering Space this weekend.
Drop food off next weekend in the Gathering Space.
Donations will be going to the Avon Food Pantry,
St. Michael Church and Catholic Worker House
in Hartford

The Church of Saint Ann Lives the Year of Mercy

**WANTED: YOUR STORIES, PHOTOS AND ART FOR
OUR MERCY QUILT!**

As the Year of Mercy draws to a close (Nov. 20), we are creating a paper Mercy Quilt to show the different ways we have been sharing mercy at St. Ann. ADULTS and CHILDREN, do you have a story, photo or piece of art to add to our display? Please contact Ann DiStefano by Nov. 10th (see front of bulletin).

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

STORY
PRAYING
JUDGE

WIDOW
FAIR
PROTECT

CONCERNED
HURRY
HELP

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

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For the Children...

Readings for the Week of October 16, 2016

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/
Lk 18:1-8
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/
Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Recently, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, decried comments made by Martin Castro, chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, who said that the phrases "religious liberty" and "religious freedom" were "code words" used to discriminate. "Today, Catholic priests, religious and laity can be found walking the neighborhood streets of our most struggling communities in places abandoned by a 'throwaway culture' that has too often determined that quick profits matter more than communities. We are there offering education, health care, social services, and hope, working to serve as the 'field hospital' Pope Francis has called us to be. We wish we were there in even greater numbers, but we are there to humbly offer the full promise of America to all. Rest assured, if people of faith continue to be marginalized, it is the poor and vulnerable, not the Chairman and his friends, who will suffer," said Lori.

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 state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

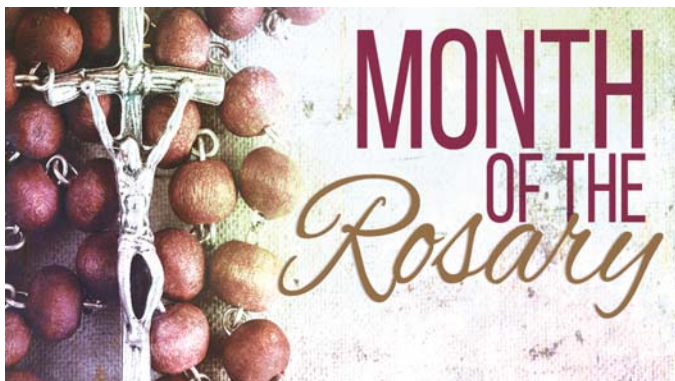
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have witnessed plenty of tragic events in our country's history. Very recent events, like the attacks on 9/11; Hurricane Katrina; the tornado through Joplin, Missouri; Super Storm Sandy; and plenty of other tragedies have affected wide swaths of the public. These events are so far-reaching, that almost everyone feels the impact. But these shattering events are no more devastating in their effects on the lives of individuals than the adversities that befall people each day: a diagnosis of cancer, a violent death in the family, a horrible accident, the loss of a job. Life's traumas can break into our own lives, or the lives of people we know, at any moment.

Jesus uses a curious example in the Gospel today. An unjust judge renders a helpful decision because of the incessant pestering of a widow. In the time of Jesus, widows were without recourse. They had no man to stand for them, so they were left to their own devices. The widow wears down the judge, who becomes fearful for his own well-being, unless he provides a just outcome.

We have seen it over and over again in our lives: when tragic events happen, people respond out of the goodness of their hearts. Whether it is a large-scale response as in the case of hurricanes or storms, or the compassionate outreach of a small group of neighbors and friends, in a time of need, it seems as though there is always someone who steps up to help. God is there too. We may not always be aware of God's presence, but he is with us in the darkest moments of life. Our prayer to God is not so much pestering an unjust judge (for God can never be unjust) as it is reminding ourselves that God is near to us. In the dark and difficult moments of our existence, God is there, and our prayer keeps us close to him.

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

Frassati on Tap

Thirsting for Truth

Calling all Young Adults!

Stony Creek Brewery in Branford, CT

Sunday, October 16th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.



October 16th

Archbishop Leonard Blair

Archbishop of Hartford

Q&A Session with Young Adults!

Come bring your questions!

Come enjoy a cold pint and listen to interesting discussions on Faith!

Hosted by Frassati New Haven,

a group of Catholic young adults in their 20s and 30s

FrassatiNewHaven.org

[Facebook.com/FrassatiNewHaven](https://www.facebook.com/FrassatiNewHaven)



CALLING ALL FATHERS, UNCLES, AND BROTHERS!

Be part of the Year of Mercy Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Goodwin College, East Hartford, CT

8 am to 4 pm

A day of spiritual enrichment with emcee Rev. John Gatzak and motivational speakers: Dr. Macellino D'Ambrosio, Marty Rotella, Rev. Jason Brooks, Deacon Art Miller and many more.

Archbishop Leonard P. Blair will host a Q&A session and celebrate Mass. Reconciliation and Music are also part of the day. Cost is \$40 / person, includes lunch. Register at: www.ctcatholicmen.org or call 860-484-7950.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **October 21-23, 2016 in Litchfield, CT**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Empowered for Life: the Thomas Awiapo Story



The Office for Social Justice and the Archbishop O'Brien Library will co-sponsor a presentation with Field Expert, Thomas Awiapo, who will talk about his experiences with Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Date: Saturday, October 29 from 10:30 a.m.—noon

One of four orphaned brothers, Thomas Awiapo would go to bed at night crying from hunger. Born into extreme poverty in northern Ghana, Thomas and his brothers would crouch over a single bowl to share what little food they had. Thomas' two younger brothers eventually died from malnutrition; his older brother walked off one day never to be seen again. "We'd wake up with no breakfast. We had no idea what lunch was. We cried for food," says Thomas.

One day, Thomas smelled lunch cooking at a CRS-supported school and it changed his life. Like millions of children who have received meals provided by CRS, a daily lunch lured Thomas into the classroom and kept him coming back.

Today Thomas is a field expert with Catholic Relief Services and travels every year to tell his story to American Catholics. As part of the CRS Rice Bowl Hunger Awareness Speakers' Tour, Thomas will be visiting parishes, schools and communities across the United States. This will be his last year with CRS.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will be held at The Archdiocesan Center at Saint Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Avenue in Bloomfield. Refreshments will be served. Registration is recommended. To sign up, call the Library at 860-242-5573, ext. 2608/2623. For further information contact the Office for Social Justice at 860-242-5573, ext. 2689.

OPEN HOUSE St. Mary's School - Simsbury

Curious about the benefits of a Catholic education? St. Mary's School invites you to attend our Open House for Pre Kindergarten through Eighth grade on Thursday, November 3, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Now accepting applications for the 2017- 2018 school year. For questions or to RSVP please contact Toni Chagnon at 860-658-9412 or tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net