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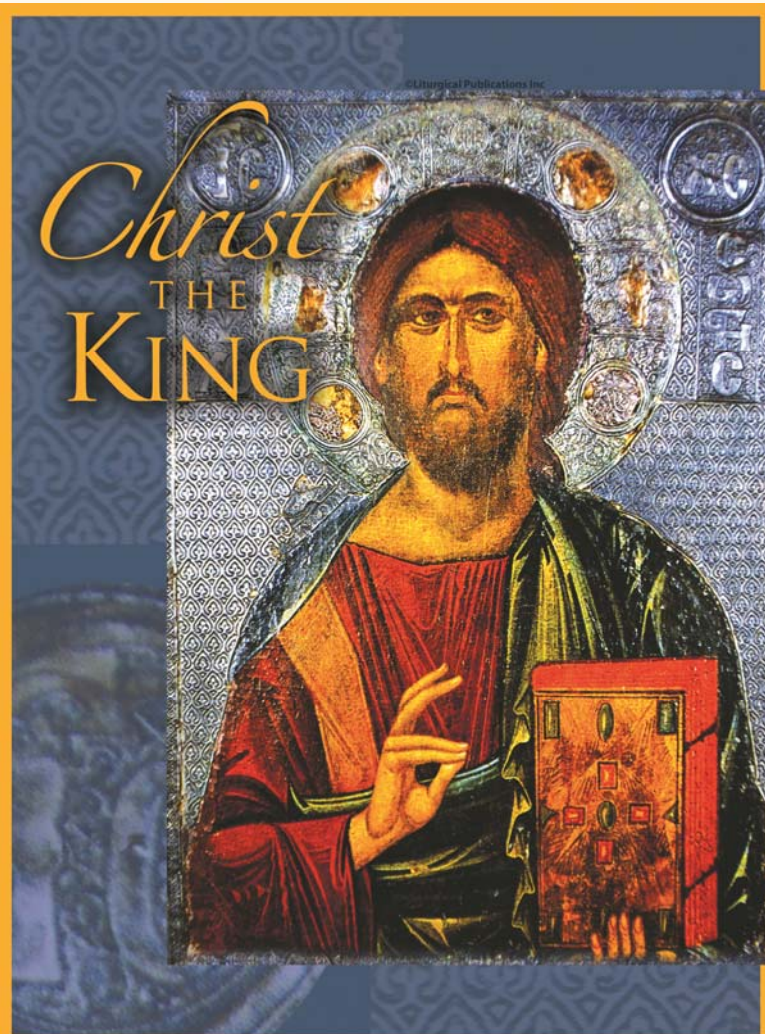
Call the Parish Office

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: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon

MASS INTENTIONS

*Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the
Universe*

MONDAY, November 21
9:00 **Special Intentions**

TUESDAY, November 22
9:00 **Christina LaBarca**, requested by
Josine and Alex

WEDNESDAY, November 23
9:00 **In Thanksgiving**, requested by
the Bondhus Family

THURSDAY, November 24
9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, November 25
9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, November 26
4:00 **Nancy Sullivan, Helen Kavanaugh and
Rev. Francis Wright**, requested by
the Juda Family

SUNDAY, November 27
7:30 **Silvio Brighenti**, requested by the family
9:30 **Edward Beaupre**, requested by
Paul and Fran Argay
11:00 **Kay O'Neill**, requested by her family

**Turkey & Fixings
Collection
After Masses
This Weekend!**



**Pick Up Your
Pies This Weekend!**

Please remember to pick up the pies you
ordered in Fr. Bennett Hall after all Masses.

Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for your support!

All proceeds go to benefit our St. Ann community!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.
PIUS XII COUNCIL 4376 - AVON

WELCOME!



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 worshiping with us and we
hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, November 21

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.
All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church)
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal: 2:30-5pm in the Choir Loft and
Fr. Bennett Hall—featured performers only
Advent Series: 7:30pm in Rooms 1 & 3

TUESDAY, November 22

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, November 23

Acts of the Apostles Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 2 & 3 (filled)
Lectio Divina: 3pm in Room 3
Re-Employment Support Group: 7pm. in the Activity Room

THURSDAY, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, November 25

SATURDAY, November 26

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, November 27

Advent Series: 10:45am in Rooms 3

PUMPKIN & CRANBERRY-ORANGE BREADS

THIS WEEKEND, in conjunction
with the Knights of Columbus Pie
Sale, our Confirmation & Youth
Ministry students will also have
freshly baked Pumpkin Bread &
Cranberry-Orange Bread for sale
after all Masses.



K-8 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Advent is more than a season; it's a SEE-SON! It's time to wait and watch eagerly for our Savior to appear!

Start the SEE-SON strong – Use an Advent Wreath as a family and make a commitment to light the wreath during family prayer time. This is a great opportunity to teach our children about the true meaning of Christmas.

Join us, **THIS Sunday November 20th**
for Family Mass at 4:30 PM
All are Welcome

The 4th grade Faith Formation students present their Advent wreaths to be blessed, all others are encouraged to bring a wreath to be included in the blessing.

Followed by refreshments in the gathering space.



*Stay focused on Jesus this
Advent season!*

Advent Reflection Series for Small Groups

Beginning Sunday, Nov. 27, Join us for four 90-minute sessions based on the booklet, *The Word Among Us*. Small Groups will gather weekly at church or at home to discuss the scripture readings and reflections from the week and explore four of the names of Jesus: "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Everlasting Father," "Prince of Peace." **Church-based Small Groups** will meet in Rooms 1 and 3 on Sundays at 10:45am, and Mondays at 9:30am and 7:15pm. Contact Ann DiStefano to sign up (contact info on front page of bulletin), or to register your **home-based Small Group**. All materials provided.

Online Reflection Series

"Best Advent Ever: Rediscover Advent," from the team who brought us *Rediscover Jesus!* Receive daily email messages featuring insightful video reflections, inspirational Christmas music, and practical tips for making Christmas more meaningful. Sign up via dynamiccatholic.com/advent.

Parish Reconciliation Evening - Monday, December 19th

Give yourself the gift of forgiveness and peace as you prepare your heart to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Monday, November 21st from 2:30 - 5 pm
for featured performers only.



Please consult your rehearsal schedule or contact Susan Rietano Davey if you are unsure whether your child(ren) should attend, or if you have any questions - srietano@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Prayer

*Almighty God,
you bring forth bountiful food
from the earth that our loved
ones may never grow hungry.
For this, we give thanks. You
give us families that meet at
this time to reunite and be one
with each other. For this, we
give thanks. You have let us
live in a land that has unbridled opportunity and
unparalleled freedoms. For this, we give thanks. For
those who are hungry today, we pray for their
fulfillment. For families that are separated, we pray for
their unity. And for people who live in the midst of
persecution, we pray for their deliverance. We ask all
these things through Christ, our ever-risen Lord.
Amen.*



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 attend this training session. For additional information please visit www.virtusonline.org

Upcoming VIRTUS Training Sessions:

November 21, 2016

6:30 pm at Saint Catherine of Siena West Simsbury, CT
860-658-1642

September 7, 2016

Church of Saint Ann at 6PM
Registration contact, Valerie St. Jean at
860-673-9858 x223
or email: valerie.stjean@stannavon.com

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

November 13, 2016: will be reported next weekend

Online Giving (week ending 11/15/16): \$2,356.00

Next weekend's 2nd collection:

Campaign for Human Development

Annual Parish Collection



Church of Saint Ann

*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.*



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.

Come Listen to Our Wonderful Teen Liturgical Band!

Our periodic Sunday afternoon Masses are not just for teens and families. In fact, parishioners young and old enjoy sleeping in and attending the 4:30 Mass where our talented teen band leads the music ministry.

Come worship with us on the following Sundays at 4:30pm:

- November 20 (Family Mass)
- January 22 (Family Mass)
- February 12 (Teen Mass)
- April 30th (Teen Mass)



The teen band also plays at Confirmation in March, and the Mass for Graduates in June (dates to be determined).

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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

All Souls Day Envelopes

All Souls Day envelopes are in the pews for those who wish to remember those faithfully departed souls who have played such an important role in our lives. What a beautiful way to remember our departed loved ones in our prayers. The envelopes will be placed on the altar, and your loved ones will be prayed for at every Mass during the month of November, continuing this beautiful Catholic tradition of remembering those who have passed.

The Church of Saint Ann Lives the Year of Mercy

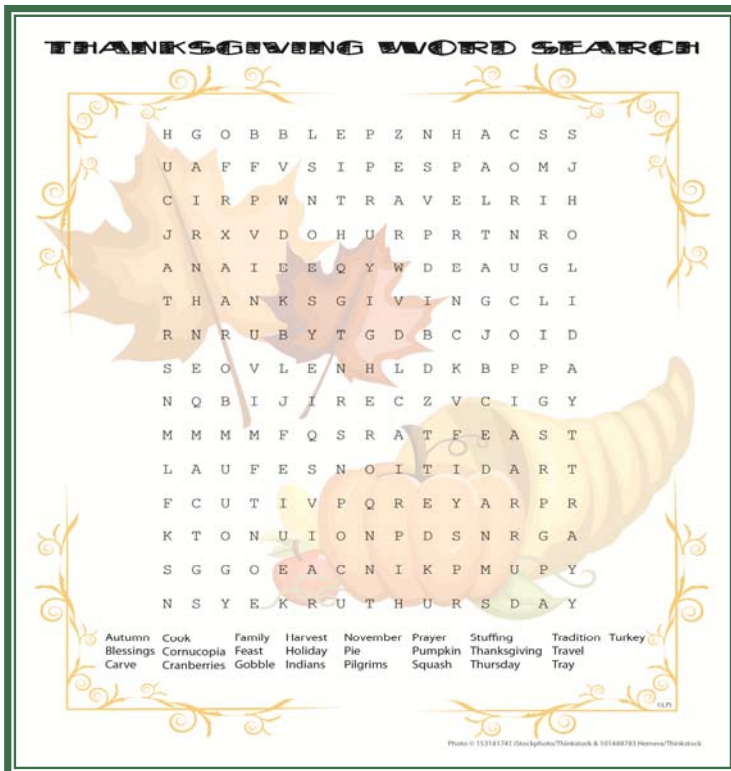
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A Prayer to Close the Year of Mercy

Merciful Father, as the Year of Mercy comes to an end and the Holy Doors close, help us to keep the doors of our hearts open to mercy. In our families and neighborhoods, schools and workplaces, help us open doors of love and attentiveness, so that we become more aware of one another's gifts and needs. In our parish, help us open doors of hospitality and inclusion, so that we may be a welcoming family of faith. In our towns, our state and our country, help us open doors of civility and respect, so that we may invite honest discourse and inspire concern for the welfare of all, especially those seeking refuge from violence and poverty. Most of all, help us each day to draw closer to You, God our Father, through Your Son, Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

This Sunday, November 20th, the Jubilee Year of Mercy comes to a close. Heartfelt thanks all who created and participated in the many inspiring "Mercy" events and efforts for our parish, including our clergy, staff, liturgy planners, ministry leaders, guest speakers, Small Group leaders, "Mercy Story" contributors, and more. Thanks also to each of you who chose to share mercy in your daily lives, in ways perhaps known only by you and God. Although the Jubilee has ended, let us remember that our call to be "merciful like the Father" continues until we meet Him face to face. *Ann DiStefano, Year of Mercy Coordinator*

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY



Readings for the Week of November 20, 2016

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/
Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10-13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1-3, 7-9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1-5/
Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2/Ps 84:3-6, 8/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/
Mt 24:37-44

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day this Thursday. This week will be one of the busiest for travel. Local news channels will broadcast stories about Thanksgiving meals and also about the poor who will be served by others. The president will pardon a turkey. Stores will gear up for Black Friday sales and a big shopping weekend. Financial markets in the United States will be closed down Thursday and have shortened hours on Friday. The collision of sentiments of gratitude and crass commercialism on a single weekend can make for a certain incongruence in one's experience of these few days.

As we celebrate the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we are presented with a seemingly huge incongruity in the Gospel that is proclaimed this year. We celebrate a great King, and in our human experience when we hear of a king we think of fine robes, sumptuous feasts, grand castles, and scores of courtiers and servants. The Gospel today gives us a broken man, abandoned by his friends, condemned, reviled by a criminal, and hanging on a cross. This is the King we honor today.

Thank God that we can live with a certain amount of dissonance in our lives. It is what allows us to hold in balance seemingly contradictory notions, like the fact that a crucified man is our Lord and King. One of the criminals crucified with Jesus asks that he be remembered when Jesus comes into his kingdom. That plea, uttered near the moment of his death, has become a prayer for Christians through the centuries, because we believe that the death of Jesus was not the end. We believe that his death was just the beginning, ushering in a new kingdom, and promising a new life that can be ours if we submit ourselves to the rule of this universal King. The promise Christ makes to the repentant thief is the promise he makes to us: we will be with him in paradise.

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

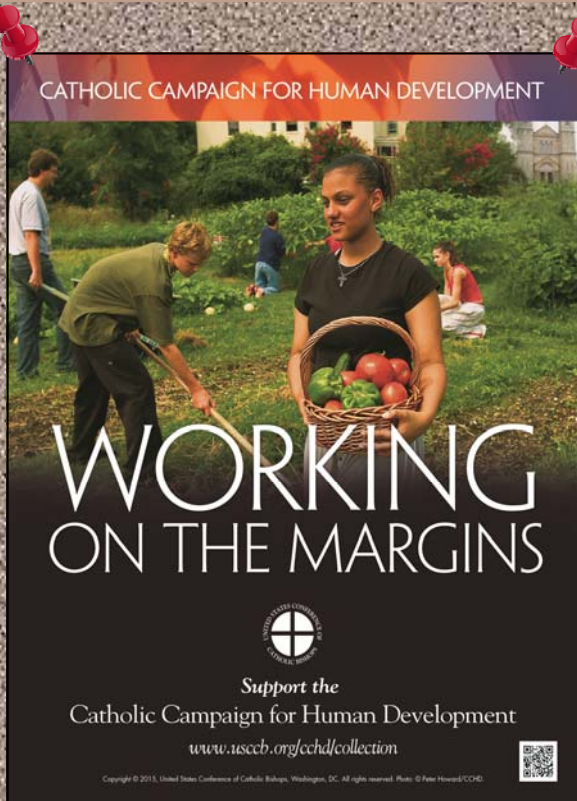
The Connecticut Catholic Conference notes that since 1919, the Catholic Church has been a longstanding advocate of universal, accessible and life-affirming health care. However, the Affordable Health Care Act harshly penalizes those employers, such as the Church, who do not provide abortions and other contraception coverage for their employees.

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

CHRIST THE KING



THE BULLETIN BOARD



The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please give to the CCHD Collection NEXT WEEKEND.

Northwest Catholic High School Entrance Exam Dates

Northwest Catholic will offer its Entrance Exam to 8th graders on Dec. 3 at 8 am. An application will serve as your registration for the exam. The cost for the exam/application is \$25. For more information or to apply online, go to NorthwestCatholic.org/Admissions.

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center West Hartford, CT

Retreat Theme: The Light of Simplicity - Join Holy Family's retreat team for a weekend of peace and reflection as we explore the simple and transformative message at the heart of Jesus' teaching. Discover how simplicity can shine a light on what is truly essential and important in our lives. Be renewed and inspired by the paradox of simplicity and the gift of faith.

The retreat includes: home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time, and workshops. The retreat begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon. www.holyfamilyretreat.org/lightofsimplicity or call Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT at 860.760.9705 for more info.

Men's Retreat Date: January 20-22, 2017
Women's Retreat Dates: January, March, April and June (check website)

The Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Biblical School
& The Office for Catholic Social Justice present

Bringing Laudate Si to Life During the Christmas Season and Beyond
Presented by Sr. Ruth Rosenbaum, TC, PhD
Executive Director, CREA (Center for Reflection, Education and Action)
Sunday December 4, 2016 1:30-4:00pm
St. Thomas Seminary * 467 Bloomfield Ave. Bloomfield CT

Our Christmas preparations offer the perfect opportunity to think about how our actions and life patterns impact the life of our common home, the earth. Drawing on a Bible-based spirituality, Sr. Ruth will lead us as we explore how we can live up to the challenges Pope Francis presents in *Laudate Si*.

Register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/4TVsBuu8vCHBTuG12>
or call Jill Costa or BJ Daly Horell in the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis at 860-242-5573.

