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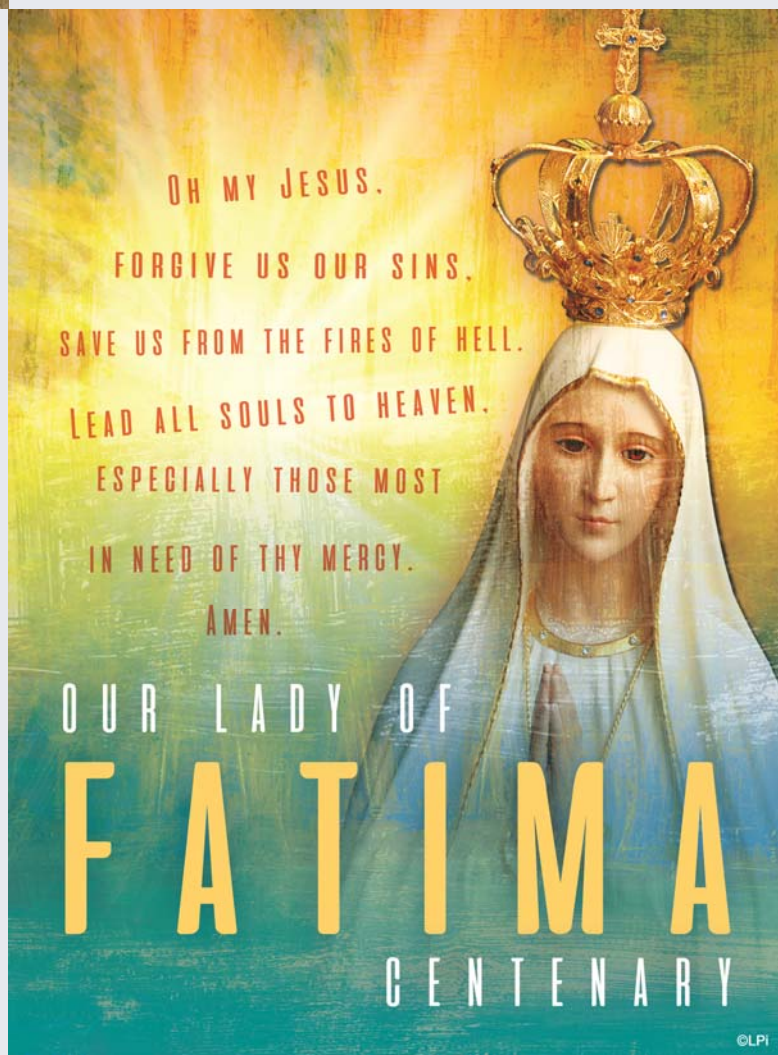
Call the Parish Office

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

**28th Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, October 16

9:00 **Special Intention (living)**, requested by
Lou and Eileen Del Prete

TUESDAY, October 17

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, October 18

9:00 **Paul Mozzicato**, requested by the family

THURSDAY, October 19

9:00 **Frank and Mary Alu**, requested by
their son

FRIDAY, October 20

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, October 21

4:00 **Special Intentions**

SUNDAY, October 22

7:30 **Antonio Rinaldi**, requested by
Paul and Bonnie Santarsiero
9:30 **Ann Tromza**, requested by *Mary Jane Jeter*
11:00 **Maureen S. McCall**, requested by
Richard McCall

There will be a second collection
throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford
this weekend, October 14/15, for the
victims of Hurricane Irma.

(Very sorry the date was incorrect last weekend)

Annual Parish Collection

Church of Saint Ann

*Every parish family should have received a letter
from Father McHugh asking for a contribution to
our 2017 Annual Parish Collection to help offset
our operating deficit. The participation of all pa-
rishioners is essential for the success of this effort.
Please return your gift card today. Thank you!*

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, October 16

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.
Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 7:15pm in Rm. 3

TUESDAY, October 17

Fatima Presentation: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall
RCIA: 7pm in Rm. 3

WEDNESDAY, October 18

Psalms Bible Study: 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3

Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

Matthew Bible Study: 7:15pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, October 19

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Adult Confirmation: 7pm in Room 3

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

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

Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, October 20

Matthew Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 3

SATURDAY, October 21

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, October 22

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 10:30am in Rm. 3

Fatima Presentation

Do you know the connection between Queen Esther in the
Old Testament and Queen Mary in the New Testament?
Or that Fatima was named after a Muslim princess?

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fatima,
parishioner, Elaine Atiyeh, will give a talk on Fatima and show a video
which presents a synopsis of the apparitions prefaced by such
well-known figures as Malcolm Muggeridge, Dr. James Hitchcock and
Dr. Alice Von Hildebrand who recount world events taking place at
that time. This video is considered the best presentation on Fatima!

**October 15, 2017 at 12:00pm - 1:15pm or
October 17, 2017 at 9:30am - 10:45am
in Fr. Bennett Hall**

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

October 8, 2017: \$6,132.88.00
Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 10/11/17): \$3,165.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Mission Sunday

ST. ANN'S ANNUAL CLOTHING SALE

Please save clean, gently used:
 clothing (men, women, teens, kids), shoes,
 outerwear, handbags, jewelry & accessories

DONATION DATES:

Wednesday, November 1st

9:30am-6pm

Thursday, November 2nd

9:30am-6pm

**SALE DATES:**

Friday, November 3rd

6-8pm (\$5 admission)

Saturday, November 4th

8:30am-11am (no admission)

12pm-2pm (\$15 bag sale)

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

VOLUNTEERS Needed - CONTACT:

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

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**.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Theme for 2017-2018:
Living as Missionary Disciples

PARENT ENRICHMENT

Our 8-session Bible Studies begin Oct. 15th in rooms 227 & 228 at Avon Middle School, offered Sundays at 9am and 5:45pm, while the kids are in CCD. Choose either "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" - get the big picture of Scripture (perfect for beginners) or "Ephesians - Discover your Inheritance" - finding your unique gifts and calling in Christ. Materials fee: \$20. Register with Ann, ann.distefano@sttannavon.com.

UNPACKING THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

Please DROP IN and join us as we take a closer look at the Sunday readings in context, and uncover what they mean for us individually today.
 All materials provided
 Sunday AM Group: 10:30am, Room 3 & Monday PM Group: 7:15pm, Room 3

Women's Day Retreat

Ladies, Come for an Afternoon Journey with Our God

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington
October 26th, 1:30pm to 4:00.

Join us for a journey through prayer and reflection into your heart, where God waits with gifts of love and grace. Explore the ancient ministry of Spiritual Direction and how this can aid you in finding God in all experiences of your life.

Our companions will be the writings of Paula D'Arcy (*The Gift of the Red Bird*), Saint John of the Cross, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Teresa of Avila, and Meister Eckhart.

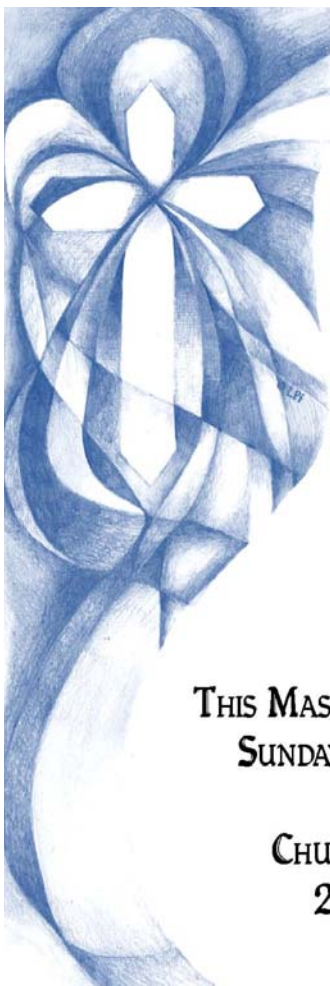
Facilitator: Sister Mary Bello, CSJ, certified Spiritual Director

Cost: \$10 per person at the door.

To Register: Please contact Ann by October 22:
ann.distefano@stannavon.com, (860) 673-9858, x228



Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, October 18th
at 7-8:30pm
Room 2 (under Fr. Bennett Hall)



**THE BEREAVEMENT
COMMITTEE
OF
SAINT ANN'S PARISH**

*Invites you to participate
in a special Mass to
celebrate the lives
of your deceased loved
ones, who meant so much to
you and others.*

**THIS MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017
9:30 A.M.
CHURCH OF SAINT ANN
289 ARCH ROAD
AVON, CT**

**LADIES: Announcing the first annual
ARCHDIOCESAN
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE!**

"Be Strong and Courageous"
Saturday, Nov 4, 9am-5pm
Hartford Marriott Downtown

Register online: <http://www.OEEOnline.org>

Please also notify Ann if you're attending:
ann.distefano@stannavon.com; (860) 673-9858, x228

Archdiocesan Residents: \$50; non-residents: \$60

**Captivating speakers, deli lunch buffet, Reconciliation,
Adoration, women-centric vendors, Vigil Mass with
Archbishop Blair**

Flea Market

**October 28th
9am - 12pm
Fr. Bennett Hall**



Church of St. Ann's Confirmation & Youth Ministry will be sponsoring a Flea Market on Saturday, October 28th from 9am -12pm. Proceeds will be donated to the Avon Food Pantry and victims of the recent hurricanes .

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Baby Bottle Drive for St. Gerard's



October is Respect Life Month. Baby bottles are available in the Gathering Space to gather donations.

Your generosity helps them to provide

- Free confidential pregnancy tests to indecisive women.
- Educate mothers about parenting, chastity, and safe childcare practices. They affirm her life-giving choice and provide alternatives to abortion.
- Give a layette of clothing, blankets, & diapers for the new baby
- Embrace a woman who has had an abortion and do all that they can to help her to heal.
- Their prayer team maintains a peaceful presence outside of the local abortion clinics.
- Recently, St. Gerard's purchased office space directly across the path from Hartford Gynecological Center. Now they are in close proximity to woman walking down the sidewalk perhaps contemplating an abortion. They offer them an ultrasound, support, and a clear alternative to the most important decision they will make for their unborn baby and themselves.

Thank you for your help as we partner together with St. Gerard's to keep this pro-life mission alive in the greater Hartford area.



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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Art Buchwald, the longtime humorist for the "Washington Post" who died in 2007 is credited with saying, "The best things in life aren't things." As Christians, we know this statement to be true. Certainly the best things in our lives are not those items that money can buy or things we can create in the material world. Faith, hope, and love are more precious than anything we can see with our eyes. Yet, as humans we often find ourselves longing for the very things that we claim are not nearly as valuable. We lose sight of what is real and true.

Paul wrote in the fourth chapter of his Letter to the Philippians that he has experienced both living with abundance and then with very little. Regardless of what we have in terms of worldly goods, Paul reminds us that God provides for all our needs. God may not provide for our wants, but he does give us what we need.

The flesh seeks what it wants, but the spirit seeks what it needs. In a stewardship way of life, we must always remind ourselves that true wealth never comes from material possessions and money. True wealth comes from the love we share, the faith we develop, and the hope we bring to others. The best things in life aren't free, though. They require work, commitment, and fortitude. We need to cultivate these things daily. If we are serious about living life in this way, we will find that when our days on this earth are through, we really had it all.
Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Therefore be merciful, even as your Father is also merciful.

- Luke 6:36

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

He will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. (Is 25:8)

Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:13)

Gospel:

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son? Tell those invited: 'Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.'" (Mt 22:2, 4bc)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 15, 2017

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



GOSPEL MEDITATION

"My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?" Today's Gospel parable is unsettling in several ways. The various images of rejection, mistreatment, and violence paint an unpleasant picture. Guests refuse to come to a feast, servants are killed, troops are dispatched. The King continues to try to fill his dinner hall, and then when someone finally does show up, the King throws him out for wearing the wrong clothes. What is going on here?

The message would have been a poignant one for his Jewish listeners. As the chosen people, they were the first to receive the "invitation" to share in the kingdom of God. But the chief priests and elders were uninterested in accepting Jesus and his authority; thus they didn't show up for the feast. But what about those who did come? Something is expected of them as well. Donning a "wedding garment" is like being properly prepared to enter God's kingdom. Just showing up isn't enough.

Here it's important to pay attention to the details. The King first calls his poorly dressed guest "friend." The approach begins with mercy and kindness. But the man gives no defense for himself, and displays no desire to change. It's as if he doesn't really care to be there at all.

The question this raises for us is whether or not we are "dressed" appropriately. We may hang around the banquet hall--going to church, professing to be Christian--but are we sincere guests of the King of kings? Do we truly accept Christ's teachings and live by them, or are we just showing up? The splendors of the invitation Christ gives us should not be taken for granted. We are called to share in a royal feast. May we all be grateful guests.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Pope Francis constantly reminds us of the wideness of God's mercy and its unconditional character. God is always patiently loving his children and opening the doors to his heart. We must, however, freely choose to accept God's invitation and join in the feast of his love. We desire many things and we have restless hearts. We often attempt to quench our desire with things that are short-lived and shallow. All of us long to be satisfied and at peace. How do we announce to the world, in ways that are convincing and without judgment, that it is really God whom we seek?

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Northwest Catholic \$10K Raffle Tickets Available at the Church of St. Ann, after all Masses on Sat 10/21 & Sun 10/22

Tickets will be available for purchase after all the Masses during the weekend of October 21/22 for Northwest Catholic High School's \$10K Raffle fundraiser, to benefit the *Northwest Catholic Fund*. The *NWC Fund* annually supports the school's operating budget and the significant financial aid and educational programs that distinguish Northwest Catholic. Tickets are \$20 each and only 3,000 tickets are available for sale. The grand prize is \$10,000, with a second prize of \$2,500 and a third prize of \$1,000. The drawing will be held on Sat., Nov. 18, 2017 at 10 pm during Northwest Catholic's 34th Annual *Saturday Night Live*. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win. Visit www.NorthwestCatholic.org/Raffle or margaret.cooper@comcast.net for more information. Thanks for your support for NWC and our students!



Northwest Catholic High School invites prospective students and parents to attend our annual **Open House on Sunday, October 29th from 1-3 p.m.** Come for a student-led tour of our building, meet our teachers and coaches, explore exhibits on clubs and athletics, visit the academic department displays, listen to performing arts groups or participate in a science lab. Please contact Andrew Selig at aselig@nwcath.org with any questions.

2017 Women's Conference

Registration Is Now Open!
To Register Visit
www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org

The Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis is pleased to announce the inaugural Archdiocesan Women's Conference – a day to celebrate our Roman Catholic faith. The event will take place on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Hartford Marriott Downtown in Hartford, CT and run from 9am-5pm – a full day of inspiration, spiritual nourishment, and sisterhood.

Veteran's Mental Health Awareness Presentation

Avon VFW Post 3272 is hosting a Veteran's Mental Health Awareness presentation on **Saturday, October 21, at 6:30, at the Avon Senior Center**. It addresses the tragic consequences of failed mental health policies within the US military. A video *Thank You for Your Service* (PG-13) will be shown, followed by a panel discussion facilitated by staff of the Farmington Valley Health District's project "Resilience Grows Here."

It is especially appropriate for veterans, active duty service people and their families, as well as community members who want to learn more about the challenges faced by people who have been called to serve our country. Tickets are available at the door, or from Deacon Tim, who is the Post's chaplain. The program is free to veterans who are students, \$4 for veterans and \$5 for the general public. It's not a fundraiser, and the price of your ticket includes a drink and light refreshments. Please consider joining us, and bring a friend or two along with you.

Annual Archdiocesan Social Justice Dinner

The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry (OCSJM) will present awards for exceptional efforts in social justice ministry at its Annual Dinner on Tuesday, October 24 at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT, beginning with a reception at 5 pm. Sr. Kathleen Erickson, RSM, will present the keynote address: "What Immigration has to Teach us About who We are". Sr. Kathleen, who spent 18 years at the US/Mexican border, will share her reflections on immigration and detentions of women and children.

Being honored with awards at the dinner are: Attorney Peter G. Kelly, St. Vincent de Paul Mission of Waterbury, and St. Augustine Church in Hartford.

For tickets call OCSJM at: (860) 242-5573 or visit the website at www.catholicsocialjustice.org. Tickets are \$70 per person, or \$650 for a table of ten.

Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017

YOU will be my witnesses Acts 18
The Apostolate of the Laity

Featuring:

Raymond Arroyo
EWTN The World Over
EWTN

Tim Staples
Catholic Answers
Catholic Answers

Bishop Frank J. Caggiano
Diocese of Bridgeport

Father Glenn Sudano, CFR
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

James Wahlberg
Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation

10th Anniversary

New Location All Indoors

St. Paul Catholic High School

1001 Stafford Ave., Bristol
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Registration: 8 a.m.

Inspiring Speakers
All day Adoration
All day Confession

Many more Vendor spaces
Box lunch included
Eucharistic Procession
Vigil Mass at 4pm

Purchase Tickets Online
www.ctcatholicmen.org
860-484-7950
Tickets: \$45

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Special 100th Fatima Anniversary Programming

EWTN Global Catholic Network is airing the most extensive coverage of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima.

For a full list of Fatima Programming go to ewtn/fatima/programming.asp. Use EWTN's Channelfinder at ewtn.com to find the companies that provide EWTN programming in your community. For more information, visit ewtn.com