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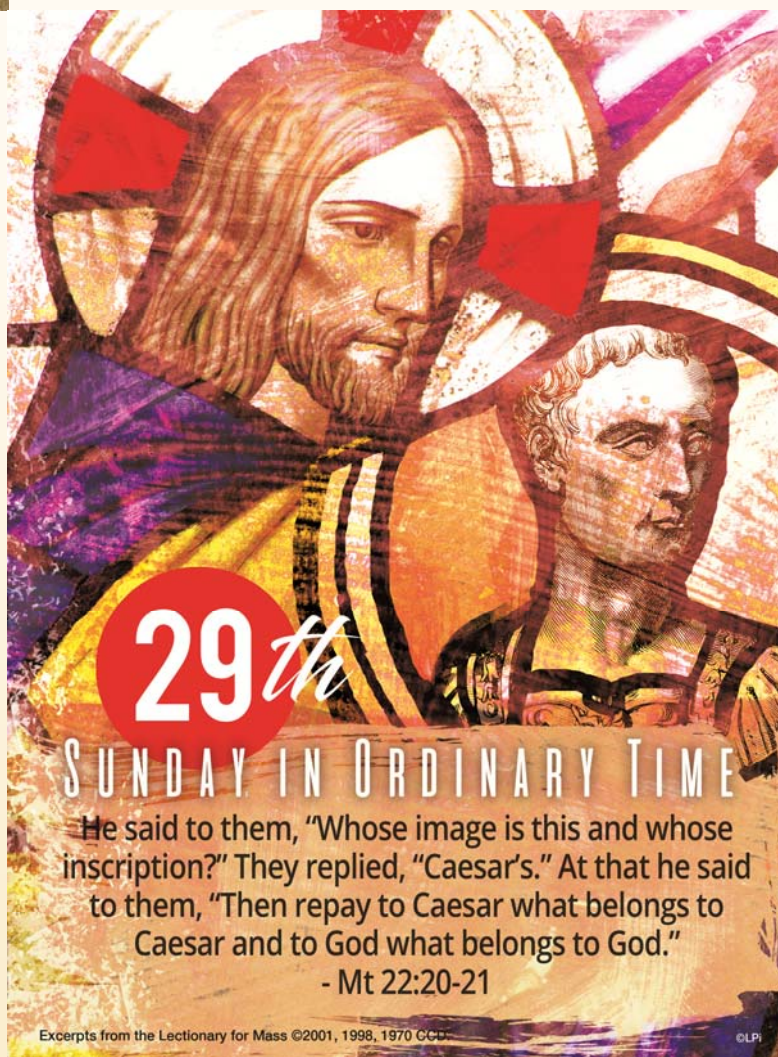
Call the Parish Office

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



**29th Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, October 23

9:00 **Valeria Miller**, requested by
Ron and Dorothy Miller

TUESDAY, October 24

9:00 **Dominic Nardini**, requested by the family

WEDNESDAY, October 25

9:00 **For the Intentions of Ryan (living)**,
requested by the family

THURSDAY, October 26

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, October 27

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, October 28

4:00 **Edith McCarthy**, requested by
Ross and Pat Fritschler

SUNDAY, October 29

7:30 **Rose & John King**, requested by the family

9:30 **Pietro DiTommaso**, requested by
the DiTommaso Family

11:00 **For the Souls of the Alphonso & Dias
Families**, requested by Nina & Ajoy Alphonso

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 23

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 24

Fatima Presentation: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

M+M Moms: 10am in the Activity Room

RCIA: 7pm in Rm. 3

WEDNESDAY, October 25

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 26

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 27

Matthew Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 3

SATURDAY, October 28

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

Confirmation Flea Market: 9am - 12pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, October 29

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

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**

Flea Market

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



Church of St. Ann's Confirmation classes will be holding a Flea Market on Saturday, October 28th from 9am -12pm. Proceeds will be donated to the Avon Food Pantry and to the victims of the recent hurricanes. Unfortunately we cannot take donations due to limited space and manpower.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

October 15, 2017: \$7,464.00
Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 10/18/17): \$3,541.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
none

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Theme for 2017-2018: Living as Missionary Disciples

PARENT ENRICHMENT

THERE'S STILL TIME to join our parent Bible Studies! We meet at Avon Middle School during CCD Sundays at 9am and 5:45pm, while the kids are in class. Choose either:

"UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE" – a fascinating overview of Scripture which traces the story of God's relationship with His people, from Adam & Eve to you. (Room 228)

"EPHESIANS – DISCOVER YOUR INHERITANCE" – learn about the many remarkable gifts given to Christians through the Church, and how God's love for you can transform your life. (Room 227)

\$20 fee includes workbook and online video access.

Register with Ann ASAP: ann.distefano@stannavon.com; (860) 673-9858, x228

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

Annual Parish Collection

Church of Saint Ann

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our 2017 Annual Parish Collection. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated. If you need a pledge card, please contact Kris in the Parish Office. Thank you!

Thank You!

To Elaine Atiyeh for her engaging presentation on Our Lady of Fatima, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions to the shepherd children of Fatima, Portugal. Thanks also to Marcia Lysack and her team for the delicious refreshments. Remember: Pray the Rosary for peace, dedicate your day to the Lord, and offer any disappointments and trials for the conversion of those who don't know Jesus.



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.

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**.

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

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>

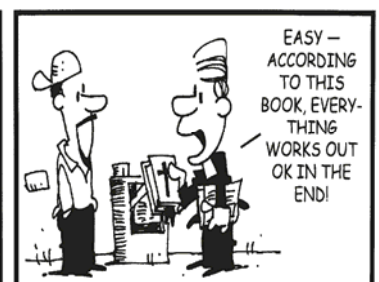
Please also notify Ann if you're attending:

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

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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Many years ago, during faith formation in my parish, one of the children wrote something that wasn't very nice on a textbook that belonged to someone else. Being the pastoral associate that oversaw the program, I began the investigation immediately. Slowly I began eliminating suspects until it became obvious who the perpetrator was. He denied he was the one, but after much pressure he broke down and confessed. Of course, I derived no satisfaction from finding out the culprit. Of course, it was my own son.

My son didn't want to come clean because he naturally feared what I would say and do when I found out. He also knew that our pastor would find out as well. He felt accountable for his actions and that made it very difficult for him. He realized he let himself, others that loved him, and God down. It was a lesson learned that wasn't much fun to go through. What I was grateful for was the fact that he felt the weight of what he had done. If he hadn't, things would have been very different.

That was a long time ago and when I reflect on it, I think about how often we all do things we regret and then have to face the consequences. But that's what being accountable is all about. We are accountable to those we love, to our neighbor, and to our God. When we begin to slide into a worldview that focuses too much on ourselves, we can easily make decisions that hurt others. We must always seek to do what is good in the eyes of God and that respects others. When we are children this is easier said than done. Alright, let's be honest--it isn't always so easy as adults either.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Do not be afraid to take a chance on peace, to live peace... Peace will be the last word of history.

- St. John Paul II

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other. (Is 45:5-6)

Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

Gospel:

"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:19-21)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 22, 2017

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/
Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-10, 17/
Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/
Mt 22:34-40



GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." The Pharisees, full of malice, were trying to "entrap Jesus in speech." They concocted a question that flattered him, saying, "You teach the way of God in accordance with the truth," but which also put him in a position to be in big trouble if he challenged the Roman laws. Jesus, of course, escaped the trap with his brilliant reply. We can appreciate the wisdom of his response, but more importantly, we can appreciate what it means for us.

To repay to Caesar, in this case, meant to give appropriate allegiance to the secular authorities. We too are under such authority, and although Uncle Sam is different than Caesar in countless ways, the fact remains that as constituents of this country who enjoy its many benefits, we are also called to extend a certain kind of tribute to our government. Taxes, yes, but more than that too. The loyalty and patriotism that offers our gifts in service to the good of our nation is also a tribute we Christians should make in good faith. Only when a law of our land contradicts the moral principles of God do we have to follow our primary allegiance instead, namely, our allegiance to Christ. Unfortunately, in our day we live under certain national laws that do conflict with the truth about human dignity, and thus a tension exists for us. But the course is clear. We must repay "to God what belongs to God" by defending the truth even when it may be unpopular. This kind of courage is what built the Church in those early centuries of persecution when practicing our faith was against the law. Heaven forbid this should ever happen to us. But if it does, we know what must be done.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

If the coin belongs to Caesar, then give it to him. Paying taxes is often unpleasant, but requires little self-investment. We know that a portion of our income must go back to the government, but what then, exactly, belongs to God? God does not seek our financial resources. What belongs to God is something that we sometimes want to keep to ourselves or divide in different places. What belongs to God is our hearts. We owe everything to God, even our very being. Without God we are nothing. God patiently continues to tell the world: "I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me." How do we unite the varied allegiances of our hearts into one under God?

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.

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.catholic-social-justice.org. Tickets are \$70 per person, or \$650 for a table of ten.

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.

An Invitation to all Eucharistic Ministers

Are you a Eucharistic Minister?

We would love to have you join our volunteer team at Hartford Hospital!

We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers to spend a few hours a month visiting Catholic patients who want to receive Holy Communion. It is a profoundly meaningful ministry for our patients & families; as well as, our staff and Eucharistic Minister volunteers.



To learn more call: Chaplain Rolando Hernandez or Chaplain Erica Nierendorf 860-972-2251

Hartford Hospital
A Hartford HealthCare Partner

Piano Concert

Rick Daddario,
music director for the parish of St. Mary Star of the Sea, Unionville, will once again present a piano concert at the church on Sunday, November 12th at 2:00 p.m.

Admission is FREE, with a free-will offering accepted by those wishing to donate to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), Greater Ct, Western MA Chapter.

The hour-long event will feature a medley of standard favorites as well as themes from Broadway and film.

Refreshments will be provided in the church's gathering space following the performance. Plan to attend with family and friends.

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