



# Church of Saint Ann

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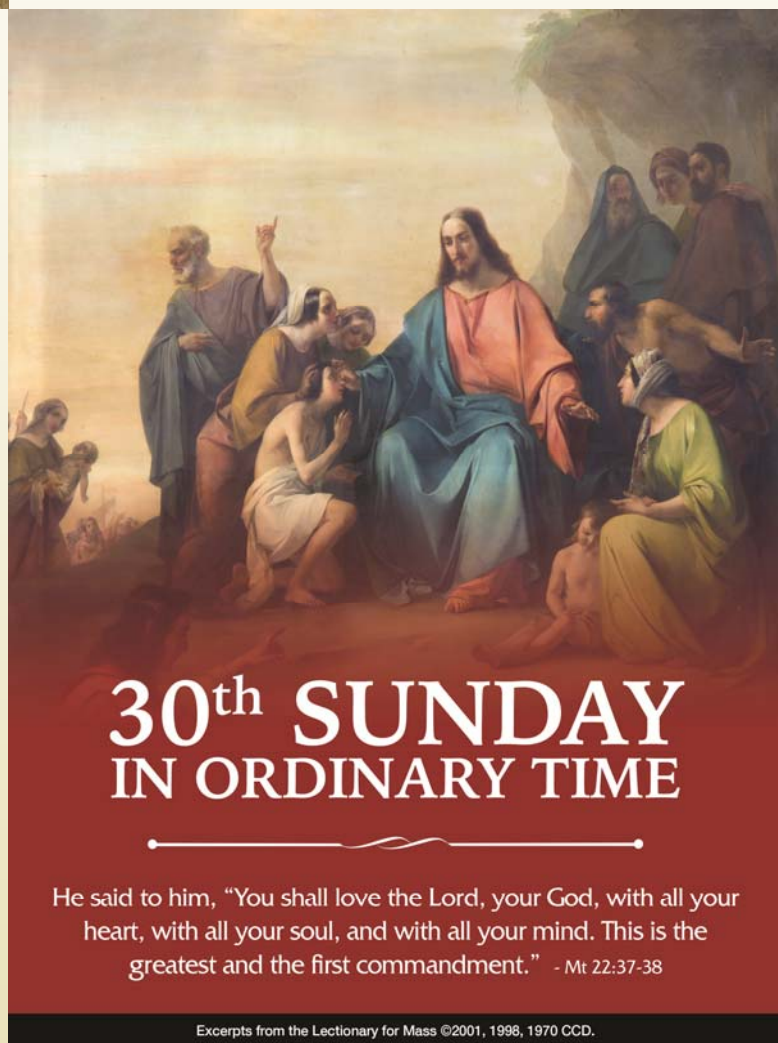
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## MARRIAGES

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.



## 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment." - Mt 22:37-38

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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: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon

# MASS INTENTIONS

**30th Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**

**MONDAY, October 30**  
9:00 **Special Intentions**

**TUESDAY, October 31**  
9:00 **Dr. Theodore deGroot**, requested by  
his wife and family

**WEDNESDAY, November 1, All Saints**  
9:00 **Christopher Hwang**, requested by the family  
12:10 Special Intentions  
7:00 Special Intentions

**THURSDAY, November 2**  
9:00 **Christopher Hwang**, requested by the family

**FRIDAY, November 3**  
9:00 **Christopher Hwang**, requested by the family

**SATURDAY, November 4**  
4:00 **Henry Hojnowski**, requested by  
Russell and Diane Koch

**SUNDAY, November 5**  
7:30 **Philip Atiyeh (15th Ann.)**  
9:30 **For the deceased members of the Prince  
Thomas of Savoy and Ladies Auxilliary**  
11:00 **Christopher Hwang**, requested by the family

## 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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

### MONDAY, October 30

**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 31

**RCIA:** 7pm in Rm. 3

### WEDNESDAY, November 1

**Clothing Sale Drop Off:** 9:30am-6pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

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

**Matthew Bible Study:** 7:15pm in Room 3

### THURSDAY, November 2

**Clothing Sale Drop Off:** 9:30am-6pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

**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, November 3

**Matthew Bible Study:** 9:30am in Room 3

**Annual Clothing Sale:** 6-8pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (\$5 admission)

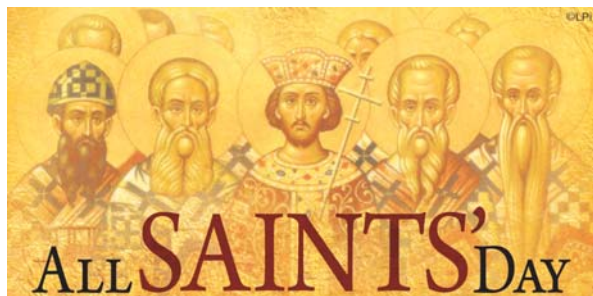
### SATURDAY, November 4

**Men's Breakfast Group:** 8am in Room 3

**Annual Clothing Sale:** 8:30-11am & 12-2pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

### SUNDAY, November 5

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



*Wednesday, November 1, 2017*

## All Saints Day

*Holy Day of Obligation*



*Masses will be at*

**9:00 am \* 12:10 pm \* 7:00 pm**

## All Souls Day

*Thursday, November 2nd*

The Feast of All Souls is the day when we commemorate our loved ones who have passed away. If you use our envelope system, an envelope for All Souls is included in the packet you received in the mail. You are able to write down the names of those you would like to remember. Additional All Souls envelopes are available in the pews. They can be dropped in any collection basket and will be placed on the altar throughout the month of November.



# ST. ANN'S ANNUAL CLOTHING SALE

Please donate 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)

**TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT:** Meg Kundahl: 860-521-1051 or mkfk@sbcglobal.net

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE ST. ANN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND...**  
*which awards partial tuition scholarships to deserving city students attending local Catholic High Schools.*

## VIRTUS Training

**Monday, November 6, 2017**  
**Fr. Bennett Hall from 6-9 pm**

*All volunteers and employees at Catholic churches are required to complete this training. The session will last approximately 2.5 hours.*

*If you volunteer or plan to and have not yet completed this course, you can get more information and register at:*

[www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).



Whenever we interact with our priests, do we see them as human and frail like the rest of humanity? Or on the other hand, do we see them as supermen, able to withstand all the stresses and strains of being human?

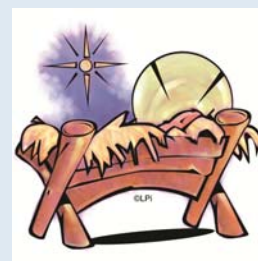
I hope you see your priest as very human.

Quite possibly, even more human than most of us. Why? Because they not only have their own struggles being human, but they accompany us in our humanness too.

Therefore, this Priesthood Sunday, turn the tables. Attempt to be the listener to the human side of your priest. Do not automatically tell him your troubles; begin by asking him what is going on in his life. Thank him warmly for giving up so much to spend his life in service to others. Try it. You might be surprised to find out your priest is just like you!

## Christmas Pageant Auditions

**Friday, November 3rd!**



Auditions and Sign-ups for the 2016 *Living Nativity, A Christmas Pageant*, will be held on Friday, November 3rd from 3-5pm in the Gathering Space.

Performers aged 3-13 are welcome and encouraged to participate in this beautiful St. Ann's tradition. The performance will take place on Sat., December 16th at 6pm.

**Please contact Susan Rietano Davey,**  
[srietano@gmail.com](mailto:srietano@gmail.com), with questions.



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**October 22, 2017:** \$6,478.65.00  
**Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 10/25/17):** \$2,768.00  
**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:**  
*Catholic Worker House*

## 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](mailto: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**



## 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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

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](mailto: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 to-day. All materials provided

Sunday AM Group: 10:30am, Room 3 & Monday PM Group: 7:15pm, Room 3



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*I read an interesting article about how tolerance has become a substitute for love. As Christians we often talk about tolerance toward others when truly the call of Jesus Christ is to love others, not simply tolerate them. The truth is tolerance is a lot easier than love.*

*In tolerance, we are asked to give nothing away. It costs us nothing to simply allow people to be who they are, where they are, and stay in the state in which they find themselves. Love requires us to step outside of our comfort zone and to offer a part of ourselves to others. This makes us vulnerable and open to possible pain and discomfort. Those whom we seek to love could take advantage of us. It is easy to see why tolerance seems a bit more popular these days.*

*Jesus could have tolerated the religious hypocrites of his day. He could have tolerated the Romans who oppressed the Jews. He could have simply tolerated the tax collectors, prostitutes, and outcasts of his day. Instead, he loved them. He made himself vulnerable and open to pain. When we look at the cross we see what can be the true price for love. It is easy to see why a policy of tolerance looks more desirable to many.*  
Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Be sure that you first preach by the way you live*

- St. Charles Borromeo



## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Thus says the Lord: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry." (Ex 22:20-22)

### Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

### Second Reading:

And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit. (1 Thes 1:6)

### Gospel:

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mt 22:37-39)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of October 29, 2017

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/  
Mt 22:34-40  
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17  
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 13:18-21  
Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a  
Thursday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/  
Jn 6:37-40  
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6  
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/  
Lk 14:1, 7-11  
Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b--2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/  
Mt 23:1-12

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." Jesus gives us a simple moral principle in today's Gospel. He speaks about two kinds of love: love of God and love of neighbor. He tells us that all the other laws and teachings of our faith fall under these two headings. So if we can master these, we will be in good spiritual shape!

First of all, regarding the love of God, Jesus tells us in essence that we must love God completely and entirely, with our whole being--heart, soul, and mind. If we are holding back from a full commitment to God, then we are falling short of this vision. So we would do well to examine ourselves and find those trouble spots where we are hesitant to give God everything. Is there a relationship we hold in our heart that is somehow separating us from God, either by negative association, lingering bitterness, or a kind of idol-worship of the relationship itself? What about our souls? Are we deeply attached to any pastimes, pleasures, or pursuits that cloud our soul from clearly welcoming the presence of God? An examination of our minds is in order as well. How do we direct our thoughts? Do we strive to form our conscience and understanding in the truth, or do we passively allow public opinion or popular consensus to direct our conclusions about the Church, the world, and our own identity?

It follows that the closer we come to loving God with our whole being, the better we will be at loving our neighbors. The more we are filled with God's love, the more that love radiates out to those around us, and the less we concern ourselves about what we can get out of the deal. So let us truly love God, and all the rest will follow.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

God insists that we treat each other with fairness and love. No compromise is offered here. The great commandment is specific: love God, neighbor, and self. Who is my neighbor? It is not just the person sitting next to me today or the people who live next door. Our neighbor is everyone, especially those most in need: those alien to you or to our country, those who are poor, alone, or abandoned, and even those who are the greatest of sinners. We really struggle with how to live these words. How do we open ourselves to the stranger, the immigrant, those who harm us, those in need, or those with whom we disagree? Pope Francis gives excellent guidance here. We are challenged to stretch our thinking and become more unconditional with others as God is unconditional with us.



## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### HOLLY BERRY FESTIVAL TO BENEFIT RETIRED SISTERS

The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are holding its annual Holly Berry Festival on Friday, November 17, and Saturday, November 18, at Sacred Heart Academy, 265 Benham Street in Hamden. The Holly Berry Festival is a craft fair with raffles, a bake sale, food, entertainment, and kid's area. A baked ziti dinner will be held on Friday, November 17, from 5:00 to 7:00. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children, and are available at the door. All proceeds benefit our retired sisters. For more information, visit our website at [ascjus.org](http://ascjus.org) or call us at 203-248-4225.

### PLEASE SUPPORT THE WJMJ RADIOTHON

WJMJ FUNDRAISING EFFORT NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT: WJMJ, your Catholic radio station in the Archdiocese of Hartford, is having its semi-annual Radiothon fundraiser Thursday, November 9 through Monday, November 13. Help keep this great station on the air! WJMJ plays music you won't find anywhere else, and broadcasts news and weather you get on regular stations – but without the commercials! Father John Gatzak's daily reflections and observations on the Gospel, "Saint of the Day," "The Archbishop's Corner" and other original features make this faith-filled station fun to listen to and inspirational. WJMJ is on 88.9 FM in greater Hartford, 107.1 FM in New Haven, 93.1 in Hamden or online at [www.WJMJ.org](http://www.WJMJ.org). WJMJ, Where Faith Meets Life!

### Vocation Reflection...

*You shall love your neighbor as yourself. It's a big world, in need of lots of neighborly people. Extend your hand today, tomorrow, for the rest of your life. If you want to extend your hand to God as a priest or religious, call Fr. Jeffrey Guvviotti, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary: 860-242-5573 or email: [vocations@aohct.org](mailto:vocations@aohct.org) or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com)*

### 2017 Women's Conference

Registration Is Now Open!

To Register Visit

[www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org](http://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.

### HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

Using beads to count prayers is an ancient tradition, and not unique to the Catholic faith. The rosary as we know it today has evolved over time from its original loop of fifty beads marked out three times (to account for 150 prayers representing all the psalms) to its present configuration of five decades with some additional prayers. The rosary is begun by reciting the Apostles' Creed while holding the cross that hangs from the loop. The Lord's Prayer is prayed on the first bead on the way up from the cross to the loop joiner. Then three Hail Mary's are prayed on the next three beads (often interpreted as prayers for an increase of faith, hope, and charity), followed by a Glory Be. Another Lord's Prayer opens the first decade, which continues with ten Hail Marys, and concludes with a Glory Be, prayed while holding the chain between the final Hail Mary of the decade and the next bead for the Lord's Prayer. The prayer and meditation of the five decades is directed to one of the mysteries of which there are four sets (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous). There are booklets that offer scriptural meditations for each of the beads as well, providing an opportunity to enrich this traditional prayer with excerpts from the word of God.

### 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

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