



# Church of Saint Ann

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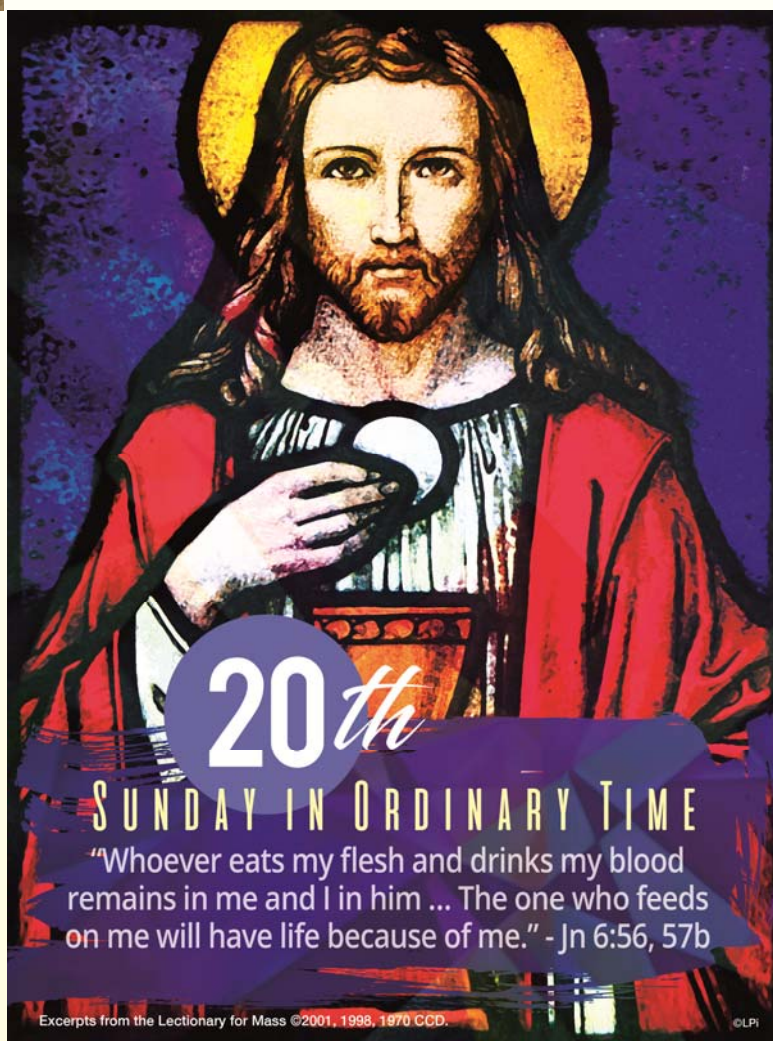
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## MARRIAGES

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.



## 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

MMP Cenacle

Monday: 7:15pm

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon

# MASS INTENTIONS



**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MONDAY, August 20**  
9:00 **Special Intentions**

**TUESDAY, August 21**  
9:00 **Patrick Downey**, requested by the Ledwidge Family

**WEDNESDAY, August 22**  
9:00 **Special Intention**, requested by the family

**THURSDAY, August 23**  
9:00 **Special Intentions**

**FRIDAY, August 24**  
9:00 **Michael Sumers**, requested by Rosanne Harutunian

**SATURDAY, August 25**  
4:00 **Derek Stockwell (1st Ann.)**, requested by his mom and dad

**SUNDAY, August 26**  
7:30 **Dennis Sullivan**, requested by a friend  
9:30 **Greg Godbout**  
11:00 **Robert Mansfield**, with love from his children

## 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, August 20**

**MMP Cenacle:** 7:15pm in the church.

*Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!*

**Young Adult Bible Study:** 7pm in the Activity Room

**TUESDAY, August 21**

**WEDNESDAY, August 22**

**Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible:** 9:30am in Room 3

**Parent Book Talk/Kids Ice Cream Social:** 7pm in FB Hall

**THURSDAY, August 23**

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

**Marthas + Marys Planning Meeting:** 5pm in the Activity Rm.

**FRIDAY, August 24**

**SATURDAY, August 25**

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

**SUNDAY, August 26**

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

## Kids Ice Cream Social & Parent Book Talk

Wednesday, August 22nd at 7pm  
Fr. Bennett Hall

While the kids enjoy ice cream and activities, the adults will talk about "The Prayer List and Other True Stories of How Families Pray" by Jane Knuth. Share some laughs and get some inspiration for family life.

**Come, even if you haven't read the book!**

RSVP to Ann, [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com), (860) 673-9858, x228

Sponsored by:  
St. Ann Knights of Columbus and the Office of Adult Faith Formation.



## Tools for Schools Collection Through September 8/9

The leaves will soon be turning, air chilling, and school buses rolling... it's time for our annual Tools for Schools Collection, which will run through September 8/9. This collection is of great assistance to the Catholic Worker House, Hartford refugee families and the Avon Food Pantry families. Any/all NEW school supplies are welcomed. Backpacks are especially needed. Please place the items in the area marked "Tools for Schools" in the Gathering Space or bring down to church offices below Fr. Bennett Hall. May you be blessed for your generosity!

**Please consider these suggested items:**

- \*Backpacks \* Calculators \* Notebooks
- \*Pencils \* Dictionaries \* Rulers \*
- Pencil sharpeners \* Pens
- \* Notebook paper \* Markers etc.



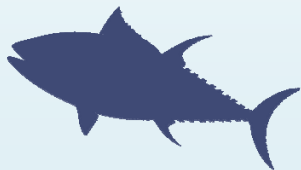


## GOT TUNA?

### Something Fishy is Going On Here In August...

We will be collecting canned tuna, mackerel and chicken during August. This protein rich food will be shipped to Haiti in September and distributed to families fostering children. Chunk, light, oil packed...you chose! It all mixes well with their daily rice meal. *Please place donations in the labeled bins in the Gathering Space.* Thank you! St. Ann parishioners are the best!

Gratefully,  
Your Social Justice Committee



## K-8 Faith Formation Classes

### Begin on September 16<sup>th</sup>

Registration materials for 2018-2019 are online [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org) hard copies are at the Faith Formation office. Classes are filling quickly, only registered children whose tuition and fees are paid will be placed into classes. If there are financial concerns, please call Jennifer Soucy, Registrar 860-673-9858 x227 for confidential arrangements. **Reminder:** Children who are entering our program for the first time must provide all sacramental documents. We will return originals or copies to you. If the sacraments were made here at Saint Ann's, please give us approximate dates and we will look up the information. For Additional Information contact: Valerie St. Jean, Director of Religious Education K-8, 860-673-9858, ext. 223.

**Grades K-4** are held on Sunday mornings at Avon Middle School from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

**Grades 5-8** are held on Sunday evenings at Avon Middle School from 5:45 PM to 7:15 PM.



## Young Adult GROUP

The St. Ann Young Adult Group welcomes all adults in their 20s and 30s to join us for

- community
- growing in faith
- exploring how our relationship with God can help us navigate life

We hold socials, offer Bible Study, and more. We meet Monday nights at 7:30pm, generally in the Activity Room beneath the left wing of the church. To get on our communications list, contact Kylie Brasel: [kylie.brasel13@gmail.com](mailto:kylie.brasel13@gmail.com).

To explore further, visit us at [www.stannavon.org/young-adults](http://www.stannavon.org/young-adults). Come check us out – we can't wait to meet you!

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### Fall Offerings for Adult Education and Enrichment

Visit [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org) for full details. To register, contact Ann: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com); 860-673-9858, x228

#### Explore Becoming Catholic/Confirmed

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and Adult Confirmation programs will begin soon. For information, contact Maureen Fiedler, 860-995-4026, [maureen\\_fiedler@ethelwalker.org](mailto:maureen_fiedler@ethelwalker.org)

#### Grow in Faith with Friends

Form a Small Group with your friends/neighbors to explore your faith and deepen your friendships, at your pace and from the comfort of home. Materials and support are waiting for you!

#### Encounter God in the Bible

"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" ...

helps you make personal connections to the Sunday readings. Drop in, all materials provided.

- Sundays, 10:30am, Room 3 with Chip Janiszewski
- Mondays, 7:15pm, Room 3 with Jim Serruta

"Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom"

20-session series begins Sept 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

- Wednesdays, 7:00pm, Room 3 with Terry Pendergast
- Fridays, 9:30am, Room 3 with Pat Wall

Materials fee: \$29

"The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy"

10-session series begins Sept 26.

- Wednesdays, 9:30am, Rooms 2 & 3 with Janet Newman

Materials fee: \$25

"Luke – Stories on the Road"

Entertaining dramatic presentation by Hollywood actor Frank Runyeon, not to be missed.

- Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, in the church.

#### Parent with a Purpose

Learn about our great offerings on parenting, marriage and faith at the **Parent Socials** on Sunday, Sept 16, at 9am and 5:45pm, during the kids' classes at Avon Middle School. Childcare for infants – preschoolers available at the 9am session!

Contact Ann above for info.



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

August 12, 2018: \$5,546.58  
 Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 8/15/18): \$2,952.00  
 Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: none

*"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly."*  
 - Lk 1:48b-49, 52



### Ladies!

All women of St. Ann's are welcome and encouraged to attend the Marthas & Marys planning meeting. Please join us to set the calendar for the upcoming year with inspiring, interesting and entertaining events!

**What:** **Marthas & Mary's Reboot planning meeting**

**When:** **Thursday, August 23rd at 5:00-6:00pm**

**Where:** **Activity Room at St. Ann** *(below the wing, the room with the couches!)*

For questions or more information please contact  
 Sue Ollestad at [sollestad@yahoo.com](mailto:sollestad@yahoo.com) or 860-693-4477.



## Our Faith, Our Future Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Thanks to the generous support of our parishioners the Church of Saint Ann has reached its goal for the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal **"Our Faith, Our Future"**. Our efforts as a family of faith provide a wonderful opportunity to touch and improve the lives of thousands. Thanks to your commitment and dedication we support and enhance ministries and charitable initiatives that respond to our brothers and sisters who are hurting or in need of a helping hand.

Unfortunately, the Archdiocese is still short of their goal so if you have yet to make a donation, please consider doing so. Call the parish office for Information on how to make a donation.

## CHURCH OF SAINT ANN 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

In 2019 we mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Ann Parish! This is a great milestone in the life of the parish community of St. Ann and is an occasion of great celebration. It is difficult to imagine the impact that St. Ann Parish has played in the lives of thousands of believers who have come through our doors, who have been educated in the faith, have received the graces of sacramental life, the dignity of Christian burial and have been assisted in their material needs.

It is my intention to begin organizing this event in earnest beginning in September. Presently, a small committee has been formed to plan for this monumental occasion, others are needed. If you would like to be part of the planning committee please call Kris in the parish office. More information is to follow.

Fr. McHugh





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OFFICE OF  
THE ARCHBISHOP

August 14, 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For some years now attention has been focused, and continues to be focused, on the sexual sins and crimes of some of our Catholic clergy and the failure of the hierarchy in many cases to respond in an immediate and decisive way to remove the offenders from ministry.

Since 2002 enormous strides have been made to remedy this situation and to protect minors and vulnerable adults from sexual abuse on the part of anyone working in the Church. An upright moral life, including sexuality, is an expectation that has been made abundantly clear to all our clergy and seminarians, whose screening and training programs have been critically evaluated and strengthened. Given the commitments that have been made by the bishops, and the norms that have been implemented, there has been great reason for encouragement.

Now the wounds are renewed by media reports about past abuse by clergy in other States, and in particular by recent revelations about the former Cardinal and retired Archbishop of Washington, Theodore McCarrick. Multiple allegations of the abuse of minors and of homosexual activity, including preying on seminarians and young priests, are abhorrent to me and to you, and a cause of renewed hurt and anger, of extreme scandal and shame for the Church.

What is deeply troubling is that although some of the former cardinal's alleged activities were known and reported by some, nothing was done to remove him from office or to charge him with the canonical and potential civil consequences of his actions. Clearly, more needs to be done to ensure fraternal correction and accountability among bishops. According to Church law accused cardinals and bishops are to be judged, at the mandate of the Pope, by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome. I would want, and fully expect that cardinals and bishops be held to exactly the same rigorous norms and subjected to the same rigorous procedures that are applied to priests and deacons when it comes to allegations of sexual misconduct and crimes.

In a sinful world, despite our vigilance, there can be no absolute guarantee that there will not be clerics who betray or violate their sacred office sexually or in other ways. Christ's betrayer, Judas, was one of his chosen Apostles. Against the stratagems of the devil St. Paul says we must "put on the armor of God" (Eph. 6:13).

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Our hearts continue to go out to all victims of abuse, especially by clergy. The facts that have come to light over the years have been a painful and a rightfully humbling cross for all bishops, and I have experienced it very deeply and personally since becoming a diocesan bishop in 2003. I pray daily for the victims of clerical sexual abuse, I offer Mass for them, and I ask you to pray for them as well.

Recently I published for our archdiocese a prayer I had written some years ago to Mary, Mother of the Church, during the height of the sexual abuse crisis. It reads, in part: "Like you, the Church's first and most perfect member, we too stand at the foot of the cross as witnesses to what human sinfulness is capable of inflicting on the body of Christ. As your Son crushed the head of the ancient serpent who is the father of lies, so now intercede for us with God, that our archdiocese may be delivered from all evil and be preserved in holiness and truth. By your prayers hasten the coming of the justice and mercy of God." Please join me in saying this prayer, and the traditional prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, each and every day.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Leonard P. Blair*

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair  
Archbishop of Hartford

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### Lecture on "'Haunted House,' Skeletons of Racist Past, and the Origin of US Buddhism"

Our **Fr. Joe Cheah** has received the Sister Murphy Scholarship Award from the University of St. Joseph for his exceptional scholarly work on changing how the origin of US Buddhism is understood. As part of the Murphy Award recipient, he will be giving a lecture with a Halloween theme on "'Haunted House,' Skeletons of Racist Past, and the Origin of US Buddhism" on Tuesday, October 30, from 7 pm to 8 pm at the Reception Room of the University of St. Joseph. This lecture is by invitation only. If you're interested in attending, please print your name and email address on the sign-up list in the vestibule of the church. The University will send you an invitation.

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Drawing will take place at our 60th Year Anniversary Celebration on October 6, 2018 at 9:00 pm. It will also be live-streamed on our website. ([www.OurLadyofCalvary.net](http://www.OurLadyofCalvary.net))

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