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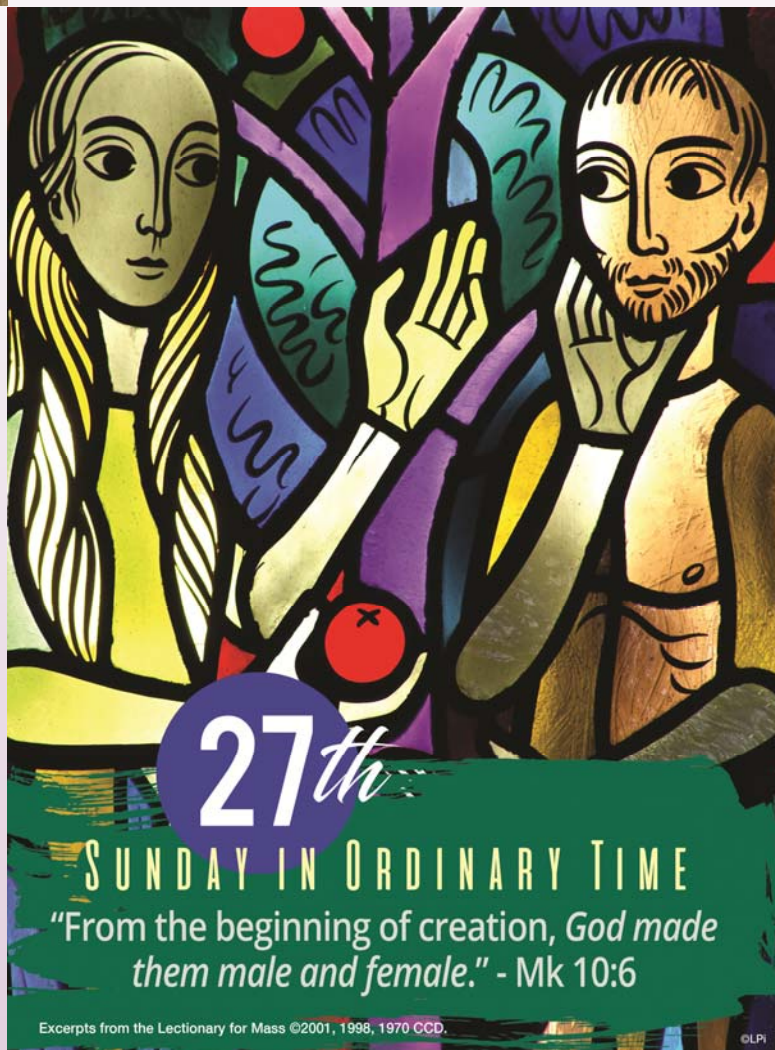
Call the Parish Office

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

MMP Cenacle

Monday: 7:15pm

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon

MASS INTENTIONS



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, October 8

9:00 **Elizabeth Carr**, requested by Cathy de Simas

TUESDAY, October 9

9:00 **Valerie Schaeffer**, requested by Dante and Andrea Pizzuti

WEDNESDAY, October 10

9:00 **Maria Xuan Ha Nguyen**, requested by the family

THURSDAY, October 11

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, October 12

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, October 13

4:00 **Phyllis Folia (11th Ann.)**, requested by the Folia Family

SUNDAY, October 14

7:30 **Richard Tourville**, requested by Anne and Robert Yurch

9:30 **Douglas Blood**, requested by Anita and Dick Sullivan

11:00 **Zoraeda and Ramon Lange**, requested by Virginia

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 8

MMP Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.

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

Young Adult Bible Study: 7:30pm in the Activity Room

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

TUESDAY, October 9

RCIA (morning group): 9:30am in Room 3

RCIA (evening group): 7pm in Room 3

Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, October 10

Prophets Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 2/3

Acts Bible Study: 6:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, October 11

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

Youth Choir: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

Children's Rosary Group: 4:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

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

FRIDAY, October 12

Acts Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 3

SATURDAY, October 13

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, October 14

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

Respect Life Sunday

The **Marthas & Marys** will host a
Bread of Life Sale
on October 20 - 21 after all Masses.

All proceeds will go to
an anonymous parishioner
in need of assistance.

There will be a variety of
home-made breads
for your family to enjoy.

If you are interested in
baking or selling, please contact
Karen (theJedgars@comcast.net).

Chairpersons Chris Tyler & Karen Edgar



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

New Date!

**Sunday,
October 28th**

**2:30 - 3:30pm
in the church**

The recitation of the rosary will follow to honor Our Lady on the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Please join us for these powerful devotions.

ST. ANN'S ANNUAL CLOTHING SALE

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

DONATION DATES:

Wednesday, October 31st

9:30am-6pm

Thursday, November 1st

9:30am-6pm

Donations of empty hangars appreciated!



SALE DATES:

Friday, November 2nd

6-8pm (\$5 admission)

Saturday, November 3rd

8:30am-11am (free 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@sbcbglobal.net



St. Ann's New Welcome Ministry Looking for Volunteers

We are forming a new Welcoming Ministry at St. Ann and we would love some help! If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry please contact Dianne Simpson at 860-673-6831 or diannesimpson360@gmail.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Fall Offerings for Adult Education and Enrichment

Visit www.stannavon.org for full details. To register, contact Ann: ann.distefano@stannavon.com; 860-673-9858, x228

Explore Becoming Catholic

Our rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) groups are welcoming inquirers! For information, contact Maureen Fiedler, 860-995-4026, 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 19th and 21st

- 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

Parenting with Purpose

Video series on parenting begins Oct 14th at 9am and 5:45pm, Room 228, Avon Middle School. Childcare for babies-preK is available at the Morning Session - sign up by Thurs, Oct. 11 with babysitters Lisa, lrg1010@comcast.net AND Paula, uconnloves@att.net



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Acclaimed Hollywood Actor and Church Scholar FRANK RUNYEON Comes to St. Ann

PRESENTING

"Luke: Stories on the Road"

Friday, October 19th at 7pm in the church

Don't miss this inspiring and entertaining live dramatic presentation.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

September 30, 2018: \$7,474.50
Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 9/26/18): \$3,440.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
monthly

YOUTH CHOIR: CALLING ALL KIDS IN GRADES 4-8 WHO LOVE TO SING!



We rehearse on Thursdays in the choir loft from 4:15 - 5pm and we sing several times a year. It's fun, and you'll learn a lot too! We have a great season planned, so invite a friend and join us! Can't commit for the entire season? Come when you can! Youth Choir Director: Carl Sauerbrunn, c.sauerbrunn@comcast.net or (860)673-5882.

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

THIS
Weekend!

Coming to St. Ann's October 6 & 7 (Feast of the Holy Rosary)

Commissioned by Lucia, one of the three children who the Blessed Mother appeared to in Fatima. Travels the world & was displayed at the United Nations last year

- Displayed in Father Bennett hall October 6, & processed into the church for viewing during all Masses the weekend of October 6th & 7th
- The statue's custodian will talk following each mass on the statue's history & on the statue's healing properties

A Rosary will follow the 4pm mass on October 6, as well as the 7:30am and 11am masses on October 7



HEARTS & SOULS

Ministering to body, mind & spirit, the Health Ministry offers blood pressure screening, health counseling & referrals to our community of faith. Office Hours are generally the 2nd Sunday of the month from 8:15am-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). PLEASE NOTE for October Hours will be the 1st Sunday of the month. No appointment necessary.

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 & leave your name & address if you wish to receive Communion 860-673-9858.

Church of St. Ann

Celebrating Our

100th Anniversary



2018 ANNUAL PARISH COLLECTION

"Rejoice, Rejoice again I say Rejoice"

These words taken from the sacred scripture underscore the 100th Anniversary of Saint Ann Church. It is difficult to imagine the number of Catholics that have come through the doors of Saint Ann Church who receive the Grace of the sacraments, or have had their spiritual and material needs met. Truly, this is a momentous occasion in the lives of our parish. Plans are already underway to celebrate this event during the months of May and June. Part of this celebration is to increase our **Annual Parish Collection** to preserve the financial stability of our parish now and in the future. After consultation with the Finance Council, we have set our financial goal for this year's appeal at **\$375,000**. I would ask you to please be generous as we celebrate this momentous occasion.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Baby Bottle Drive for St. Gerard's Center for Life

St. Gerard's Center for Life is very grateful to be welcomed back into St. Ann's Parish on the weekend of October 6th and 7th for its annual baby bottle drive. Pledge cards or baby bottles will be distributed after all weekend Masses and collected after the weekend of October 27th and 28th. Thank you for your generosity as we partner together to keep this pro-life mission alive in the greater Hartford area.



New Dates!

**October is Respect Life Month
Sign up for Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament!**

St. Ann's Parish is again taking part in the 40 Days for Life Campaign sponsored by the Archdiocese. There are two parts to this peaceful and prayerful mission. We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, October 28th beginning at 1 p.m. and continuing until Monday, October 29th at 8 a.m. **PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE POSTERS IN THE GATHERING SPACE.** We must have 2 adorers for each hour. On Sunday, October 21st a peaceful prayer vigil will take place outside the Hartford OB/GYN Clinic on Jefferson Street in Hartford. Our parish will cover the hours of 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Please sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space for an hour or more if you would like to stay longer. Thank- you in advance for your support with our parish's Pro-Life Mission.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

People can spend their entire lives looking for their most suitable partner. Some have an unattainable ideal in their minds that makes the search impossible. Others may choose a different partner over and over again without any real discernment, leading to a long series of breakups and heartache. Perhaps the greatest obstacle for people lies in their assumption that the most important criteria for choosing a partner is that the person they choose to love needs to be devoted to them and be faithful to them above all others. The truth is that if you want to have a suitable partner who you find yourself drawing ever closer to as the years go by, then the focus of both people involved needs to be on a much more important being than the two of you.

When I was a teenager, I remember seeing a triangle used as a visual aid in explaining how true love works. God is the top point and the two lovers, friends, or family members involved are the bottom points. If the two involved in the relationship love God more than each other, than in time it will be their love for the Divine that will bring them ever closer, like how a triangle narrows at the top point.

The more I give of myself to my God, the greater I find my love is for my wife, my children, and my friends. A stewardship way of life will eventually strengthen all our relationships, for a surrender to the One who is love means an increase in the love we have to give to others. For those who continue to search for the "one," pause, pay attention, and see the One who has always loved you and will do so forevermore.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

"The Church does not offer to the [people] of today riches that pass, nor does she promise them a merely earthly happiness. But she distributes to them the goods of divine grace."

- St. John XXIII

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"This one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." (Gn 2:23b)

Psalm:

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. (Heb 2:10)

Gospel:

"So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." (Mk 10:8b-9)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 7, 2018

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/
Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/
Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [69]/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/
Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." This verse is part of a beautiful reflection on childlike faith. We're reminded of the innocence of children, how eager they are to experience life and how quick they are to trust. Rarely do we hear it with the story that immediately proceeds it. The Pharisees question Jesus on the lawfulness of divorce! Hardly the sort of thorny moral conversation one typically has in front of children. Yet here we are.

Jesus' response goes further back than the Mosaic law. "From the beginning, God made them male and female ? the two shall become one flesh ? what God has joined together, no human being must separate." Jesus cites a particular set of passages from Genesis 1 and 2, before the Fall in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve possessed original innocence. How eager they were to encounter one another and to explore the garden! How immediate their initial trust in God. We no longer live in Eden. As we age in our fallen world, our childlike trust is wounded and betrayed. We become hardened to the beauties of life. We're quick to find a way around difficult moments.

In brief, things become complicated as we lose our innocence. The teachings of Christ and the Church on sexuality become more challenging or more objectionable. Jesus recognizes this in today's Gospel. His invitation is not to compromise with our broken reality. It is a return to beauty, to the fullness of life as it was meant to be. We can affirm our trust in God. We can view life with gratitude. We can experience healing of our lost innocence. This is possible today -- now! -- by grace. Indeed, "the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

As a disciple, an extremely important question must always take precedence in decision making. What does God want me to do? In discerning answers to life's questions and difficulties, it doesn't matter what humans permit or even what popular choice dictates. It is what God says that matters. God's will is often dismissed, even by those who claim to believe in Him. We discern God's will by developing a strong and mature prayer life, listening to Scripture and church teaching, consulting church tradition, paying attention to the rhythms of life, and seeking His presence in all we experience and observe. As Jesus realized in his final hours, it is "not my will but yours be done." Are we ready to follow his example and give ourselves over to what God wants?

THE BULLETIN BOARD



Northwest Catholic High School invites prospective students and parents to attend our annual Open House on Sunday, October 28th from 1-3 p.m. NWC will offer an entrance exam on Saturday, November 17th at 8 am. A completed application serves as registration for the exam. Walk-ins are welcome!
You can apply online at: www.northwestcatholic.org/apply. Please contact Andrew Selig at aselig@nwcah.org with any questions.

29th Annual Rosary Rally October 7, 2018 Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Waterbury

The 29th Annual Rosary Rally will be held at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury on October 7th from 2-3:30pm. There will be a procession, rosary, talk and Benediction. Fr. Greg J. Markey, stationed at St. Lawrence Church in Shelton, professor of Latin and Philosophy at St. John Fisher Seminary in Stamford, will be the guest speaker. The topic of his talk is "The Rosary and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary". For more information call: Lorraine Greski at 203-736-9606.

Frassati On Tap: Calling all young adults!

Want to enjoy a cold pint, meet fellow Catholic young adults, and listen to interesting discussions about the faith? The 2018 season finale of "Frassati on Tap" will be held at Stony Creek Brewery in Branford on Sunday, October 21st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the upper event room. This month we welcome Kevin Becker, an American young adult who received a healing miracle from Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati in 2011 that is in the process of being approved by the Vatican, for the miracle that might make him a saint! Come listen to Kevin share his incredible story. If you are unable to make it, or fall outside of the age range for the event, you can watch a video about Kevin's story here at <https://youtu.be/S4JPnDZWQoo>. Food may be purchased at the food trucks located in the Brewery parking lot, or you may bring your own! Hosted by **Frassati New Haven**, a young adult ministry for Catholics in their 20's and 30's which focuses on prayer, service, and fellowship after the charism of Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati. Visit www.FrassatiNewHaven.org or www.facebook.com/FrassatiNewHaven to learn more and stay connected for other events!

The Archdiocese of Hartford Welcomes
Bishop-elect Juan Miguel Betancourt
Torres, SEMV as Auxiliary Bishop
of Hartford



Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis
presents:
The Archdiocese of Hartford
2018 Women's Conference



"Woman is the World's Harmony"

-Pope Francis' Morning Meditation 2/2017

Saturday, November 3, 2018
Hartford Marriott Farmington

<https://catholicedaohct.org/programs/archdiocesan-women-s-conference>

Registration is Now Open

Keynote Speaker: Kerry A. Robinson,
founding executive director and current
Global Ambassador of Leadership
Roundtable.