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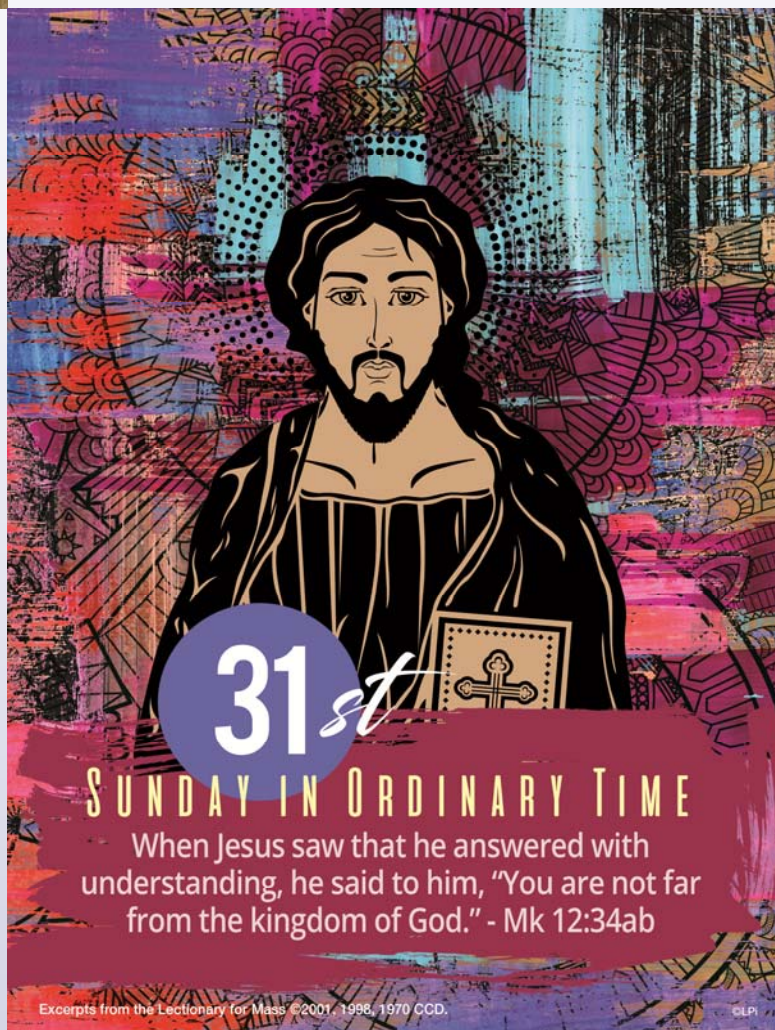
Call the Parish Office

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.



SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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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

MMP Cenacle

Monday: 7:15pm

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



MASS INTENTIONS

**31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, November 5

9:00 **Albert and Blanche Hoy**, requested by
the Waldeck Family

TUESDAY, November 6

9:00 **James Edward Cruz**, requested by
the Savarese Family

WEDNESDAY, November 7

9:00 **Alberto D'Windt**, requested by
Luis and Virginia Fernandez

THURSDAY, November 8

9:00 **Georgia Azzopardi**, requested by
the Ledwidge Family

FRIDAY, November 9

9:00 **Carolyn Calcagni**, requested by her family

SATURDAY, November 10

4:00 **Byron Cooper**, requested by
the Cooper Family

SUNDAY, November 11

7:30 **Richard Tourville**, requested by
Doris and Lionel Cyr
9:30 **William Dowden**, requested by
Al and Carol Quartiero
11:00 **Kenneth Krul**, requested by
Cindy, Bryan and Megan Rourke

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, November 5

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church.

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

Young Adult Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30pm (Activity Rm)

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

TUESDAY, November 6

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

RCIA (evening group): 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, November 7

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

Acts Bible Study: 6:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, November 8

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, November 9

Acts Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 3

SATURDAY, November 10

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, November 11

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



Knights of Columbus Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Sold after Masses on November 3/4 and November 10/11

Pick up after Masses on November 17/18

Still only \$10 each our locally sourced pies are made just for you!

Apple * Peach Praline * Pumpkin * Very Berry

All proceeds benefit St. Ann's ministries and charities within
our local community!





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 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.

You can pick up a pledge form in the Gathering Space, Parish Office or print one out from our website:
www.stannavon.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

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. *Lectio Divina* prayer included. Drop in, all materials provided.

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

Parenting with Purpose

"The video presenters are so relatable." *"These are great tips not just to help me raise my kids, but to help me be a better person!"* Come see what your peers are talking about! Join us for our engaging video series on parenting on CCD Sundays at Avon Middle School, Room 228.

* 9am – "Sharing Faith" For K-4th Grade parents

Childcare for babies-preK is available at this session - sign up by Thurs prior with babysitters Lisa, lrg1010@comcast.net AND Paula, uconnloves@att.net

* 5:45pm – "Families of Character" for 5th-8th Grade parents

Young Adult Group

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of the month at 7:30pm in the Activity Room (beneath the left wing of the church). Unwind, connect and explore faith with other men, women and couples in their 20's and 30's.

Contact: Kylie Brasel, (860) 951-6211, kylie.brasel13@gmail.com.

Find us on Facebook: St. Ann's Young Adult Group

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 the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month at 7:30pm, generally in the Activity Room beneath the left wing of the church.

To get on our communications list, contact Kylie Brasel: brasel13@gmail.com. To explore further, visit us at www.stannavon.org/young-adults.

Come check us out – we can't wait to meet you!

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

October 21, 2018: \$5,560.35

October 28, 2018: \$7,671.98

Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 10/31/18): \$3,513.00

Next weekend's 2nd collection: *monthly*



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.

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.

CENACLES of the Marian Movement of Priests



Question: Is the cenacle primarily for priests?
Answer: No. In Message #34 (1-17-74), Our Lady introduces this question, "Why do I want them to come together in cenacle with me?" In this message she addresses herself to the priests, but what she tells them is also applicable to the laity. She wants all her children—priests, religious, laity, families, to gather together with her in cenacles of prayer, to pray with her and to learn how to love one another. Also, the cenacle helps us to deepen our understanding and live the obligations we have undertaken through our consecration to her

Immaculate Heart. We refer you to the message dated Nov. 1, 1973, "my Faithful Cohort." (#25)

Excerpt from Cenacles of the Marian Movement of Priests Purpose/Guide

Our cenacle meets every Monday at 7:15pm in the church.
Come pray the Rosary with us.

Turkey Express

Weekend of November 17/18, 2018

at Church of Saint Ann

Saturday: 3:30-5pm * Sunday: 7am-12:30pm

Look for the truck labeled "Turkey Express"



Please consider donating the following Thanksgiving dinner items for our Avon and Hartford neighbors:

Frozen Turkeys (or some Hams or Chickens)

Suggested Fixings:

stuffing mix, jellied cranberry sauce, fresh or canned vegetables, rice, small bag of potatoes &/or sweet potatoes, shredded cheddar cheese, fresh or canned fruit, juice, dinner rolls, brownie/cake mixes, frosting, gravy, baby food, salad dressing, mayonnaise...

**Our Parish Goal is 400 Turkeys
and Lots of Fixings!**

Thank you for your generosity and
have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sponsored by our
Social Justice Committee
"Together We Serve All God's People"



*"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God."
- Mt 5:3, 9*

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Cemetery Cleanup

The weather has turned cool and the leaves are finally beginning to fall which means our annual fall cleanup at the cemetery will begin soon. Please remove any personal items so that they aren't damaged or discarded during the cleanup.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday,
November 5, 2018
7pm in Room 2

*All are welcome! We can also
help teach you to knit!
For more information call
Tina: 860-674-1541*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

You can ask many Christians if God is the most important person in their life, and without much thought, they will respond, "Yes." However, just saying it does not make it true. It is the answer that we have been programmed to give, but I am not sure most people reflect too long on what the answer really means. Is God more important to you than all your worldly possessions? Is God more important to you than your spouse or your children?

Oftentimes, we would like to believe that God holds the most important position in our lives, but our actions give us away. We do and say things demonstrating that position of top importance belongs to things, circumstances, or simply ourselves. If we placed God first in our lives, we would be more generous, happier, and more fulfilled. The amazing thing here is that the ultimate self-help action is to turn from our own wants and desires and focus all that energy on God. We actually help ourselves the most by thinking of ourselves the least and turning it all over to someone else. Of course, God knows that. God does not ultimately benefit by anything we give Him. The fruits come to us by putting Him at the top of the list. Then we give Him those fruits to find we have now even more than when we started.

How important is God in your life? Your answer could be the key to life that you have been looking for all along.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

"Our perfection does not consist of doing extraordinary things, but to do the ordinary well"

- St. Gabriel Possenti

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments." (Dt 6:2a)

Psalms:

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

Second Reading:

But Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. (Heb 7:24)

Gospel:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." (Mk 12:30)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 4, 2018

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/
Mk 12:28b-34
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32 [26a]/
Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"You are not far from the kingdom of God." What does it mean to be close to God's kingdom? In today's Gospel, Jesus is in a dialogue with teachers of the law. They know well the Law of Moses, with its complex codes, expectations, and punishments. What will Jesus say?

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength ... You shall love your as yourself." Jesus effortlessly distills all the books of law into two commands. The simplicity of the Gospel message doesn't mean it's easy to follow. Far from it! The simplicity of the Gospel indicates its totality. Anything that requires the passions of our heart, the choice of our soul, the reason in our mind, or the strength of our body -- all of this ought to be animated by love. As you can imagine, that means pretty much everything! The love of God and love of neighbor is meant to flow into our entire lives.

The Gospel can appear complicated because life is complicated. Not every outcast is easy to love. We lack the knowledge or compassion to heal everyone who suffers. Personal sacrifice is not always noticed or valued. In the face of the unknown, fear can be easier than faith. Life's circumstances can seem like obstacles to God's love, not opportunities. And yet Jesus' command still stands. As you reflect this week, examine those areas where it's easy to love. Thank God for them! But take some time to consider the people and circumstances that challenge you. Ask God to show you what it means to love there. How is He inviting you to enlarge your heart, strengthen your soul, open your mind, and persevere in your strength? How is He inviting you to love?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately bound together. You cannot have one without the other. Who are my neighbor and how do I love them? It is easy to confess with our lips that we love our neighbor. But how does this get translated into action? Our neighbors are not only those who live around us or are most familiar to us. Everyone is our neighbor: those who are foreign to us, those who have come here illegally, those who have hurt us, those we envy, those we take for granted, and those who are poor. Embracing humanity in all of its forms is not always an easy task, and doing so can quickly take us out of our comfort zones. Working for justice, as God desires, often means adjusting how much I can have and sacrificing our wants and desires. The very image of God is on the faces of our neighbors, and our face can be found there as well. How much do we really love them?

THE BULLETIN BOARD

**St. Timothy Middle School
is hosting an OPEN HOUSE
on Tuesday, November 6th at 9:30AM**

All prospective families are invited to tour the school and meet faculty, students, administrators, and parents to learn more about what STMS has to offer. Please email hmacclroy@stmswh.org to register.

**Take a Tour!
of a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence!
St. Mary's School PreK thru 8th Grade
Open House Tuesday, Nov. 6th.
9am to 3pm**

Stop by during the day and see our classrooms & teachers in action during the school day OR 6:30pm - Join us in the evening, meet & ask questions of our faculty, staff parents and students. To RSVP contact Toni Chagnon 860-658-9412 or tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net

**11th Annual Craft Festival & Marketplace
to benefit Medical Aid to Haiti (MATH)
Nov. 10 & 11
Church of St. Peter Claver Parish Hall,
West Hartford**

45 Regional artisans present handcrafted wearables, edibles, jewelry, decorative arts, housewares and more. Live music! Live alpacas to pet, Café featuring homemade soups and baked goods.

Info: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/CraftFestivalforMATH>



Join us!

Quilts2Heal is creating quilts for survivors of Hurricane Florence on November 6 from 10am to 4pm at Sew Inspired Quilt Shop, 8 Wilcox Street, Simsbury. No sewing experience required. There is something for everyone to do. Come for the whole time or just an hour or two. More information - contact Paula deSilva - quilts2heal@comcast.net.

**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, NOVEMBER 18, 2018
9:30 A.M.**

**CHURCH OF SAINT ANN
289 ARCH ROAD
AVON, CT**

**Veterans Day
Celebration**

WWII IWOJIMA TRAVELING MUSEUM VISITS AVON

To the residents, family, friends, staff, and neighbors of River Ridge at Avon who served or are serving our country, we salute you for your patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

This Veterans Day, we honor those who have served our beloved country. Please join us for a tribute to our veterans as we raise our flag.

WE CELEBRATE OUR VETERANS

**Monday
November 5
12noon - 4pm
Lite Lunch Served**

**River Ridge
at Avon**
A Benchmark Senior Living Community

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860.677.2155
RiverRidgeAtAvon.com

