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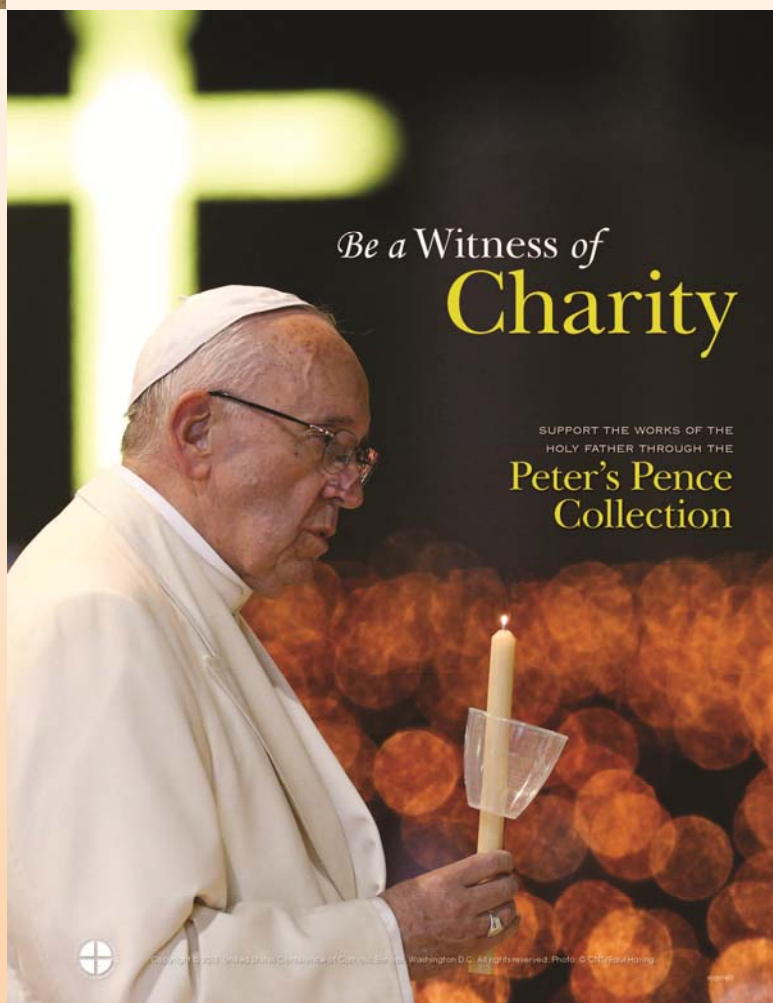
BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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:

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays 9:30-10:30am

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri.

9:30-9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon

MASS INTENTIONS



**The 13th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, July 1

9:00 **Charles Vouno**, requested by
the Bonhus Family

TUESDAY, July 2

9:00 **Mary Hashmi**, requested by
the ZuWallack Family

WEDNESDAY, July 3

9:00 **William V. McGuinness, Jr. (20th Ann.)**
requested by the family

THURSDAY, July 4

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, July 5

9:00 **The Machlarz Family**, requested by
Kasia Machlarz

SATURDAY, July 6

4:00 **Janet & Dick Buckley**, requested by
the Bridge Group

SUNDAY, July 7

7:30 **Dr. Theodore deGroot and Parents**,
requested by the family
9:30 **Rita Vamvakas**, requested by
Dottie and Richard Cialfi
11:00 **For the deceased members of the
Vallee & McMaster Families**, requested by
the Alphonso 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, July 1

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church .
All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church)

TUESDAY, July 2

WEDNESDAY, July 3

Video Series: Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother:
9:30am in Room 3

THURSDAY, July 4

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church



FRIDAY, July 5

SATURDAY, July 6

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, July 7

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

9-Day Novena to St. Ann Weekdays July 16-26, 2019



In honor of St. Ann's 100th Anniversary we will be saying the 9-day Novena to St. Ann following the 9am daily Mass.

The Divine Mercy will be said following this Novena.

This will take place on weekdays from July 16th through July 26th. Please join us!



Short shorts, tank tops and other beach attire are fine for the beach but are inappropriate for church.

**Thank you in advance for
dressing respectfully.**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

2019 Summer Programs

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures

Come make personal connections to the Sunday readings through the lens of historical context and the popular *Lectio Divina* prayer method.

Sundays, 10:30am-12pm, Room 3, with Chip Janiszewski

All materials provided. (Bring your own Bible if you like.)

Register with Ann DiStefano (see bulletin front) or drop in!

Summer Video Series:

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother



The Better We Know Mary, the Better We Know Jesus!

Have you ever wondered why Mary is so important to our faith? Join us for an extraordinary study that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this series will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Mary will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Wednesdays, July 3-Aug 21 (come as often as you can)

9:30-11:30am, Room 3

Leader: Eileen DiMauro

RSVP by June 24 to ann.distefano@stannavon.com

Book fee: \$25 (checks payable to Church of St. Ann)



VETERANS MEMORIAL WAY

*Honor a veteran with
an engraved paver*

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Veterans Memorial Way is almost complete! Orders for engraved pavers are now being accepted. Each paver that is purchased will be engraved with a veteran's name and information regarding their service. Pavers may honor veterans who are living or deceased. If you are purchasing a brick in honor of a deceased veteran, it is not required that they are buried at St. Ann's Cemetery.

Order forms are available in the Gathering Space, Parish Office and can be downloaded from our website.



Looking For A Fun & Simple Way That Your Family Can Help Others?

The St. Ann Community Garden provides fresh, healthy produce to the Avon Food Pantry located at our church. The garden was started as a way for kids & families to help others in need. Eagle Scout Ian D'Archangelo built the garden, and St. Ann families maintain it. We **plan, plant, tend and harvest** the garden. In the process, we have lots of **fun** together, **pray** about the people we are helping, and **learn** a few things about growing veggies.

Here's How Your Family Can Get Involved:

- Families are needed June - August to water and tend the garden. Many hands make light work!
- Contact: Leo - leo.distefano@comcast.net for more information.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

June 23, 2019: \$6,669.95
Online Giving (week ending 6/26/19): \$2,526.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
none



Today throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.

-from LPI

2019 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:

Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations

THANK YOU!! To the more than **32,000** generous donors, who have pledged over **\$8,250,000** to the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, ***Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations!!*** It is only through the generosity of donors to the Appeal that we are able to continue to fund Archdiocesan ministries that provide life's basic necessities to so many; a warm meal, a bag of groceries, a safe place to sleep, or a place to turn for guidance and support. Your gift to the 2019 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

If you have not yet made a gift, please prayerfully consider, making your pledge or gift today. Every gift makes a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals and families throughout our Archdiocese, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link ***Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations***, to learn more and make your gift today. All pledges can be paid through December 31st 2019 towards this year's Appeal.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at: <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/>.

No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Chairman of U.S. Bishops' Pro-Life Activities Committee Applauds AMA's Action Reaffirming Opposition to Physician-Assisted Suicide

WASHINGTON—Yesterday, the American Medical Association's House of Delegates voted by a 2 to 1 margin to affirm its longstanding opposition to physician-assisted suicide. Following the vote, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities has issued the following statement:

"We strongly applaud today's action by the American Medical Association's House of Delegates to reaffirm its policy against physician-assisted suicide. The practice and promotion of assisted suicide poses grave consequences for our entire society but particularly for persons living with illness, disabilities, or socioeconomic disadvantages. The AMA was right to reaffirm its longstanding view that physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer."



Summer Tips from Our Parish Nurse...

As the summer months are upon us, it is ever more important to be mindful of three simple preventive measures:

Sunscreen - to protect you from the sun's harmful rays.

Be sure to get to those places that are more often forgotten: earlobes, tops of the ears, and back of the neck.

Apply frequently if swimming or perspiring.

Insect Repellent - to protect you from mosquito and tick born illnesses. Apply prior to outdoor activities. It's a good idea to keep some in the car...you never know when one of our State's Hiking Trails may appeal to you!

Hydration - to protect you from becoming dehydrated. Be sure to pack your water or sports drink when cycling, running, walking, etc. outdoors. A good alternative to plain water is Scratch Labs' exercise hydration mix which can be added to your water.

Summer is a time for friends, family and fun. May you be abundantly blessed with a safe & happy one. See you in September!



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Some conversion stories people tell are so profound and meaningful that they make you want to invent a story for yourself. Some of us have these type of stories to tell, but most of us can only tell stories of slowly coming into a greater maturity of faith over many years and many mistakes. I personally was baptized as an infant, grew up in the Church, and never experienced a time when I was fully the prodigal son. I have sinned quite often throughout my years, but I never drifted so far away where I needed that moment of truth to help me see the light.

However, that does not diminish the fact that I have been made new in Christ and I need to live in a way that leaves the old me behind. If you are like me, you must admit there are times when that former self comes into view. There are times when we fall into our sin to the point where no one would believe we were baptized disciples of Jesus. Thank God there is forgiveness through the sacraments. When we fall, we can always recover and be made new again.

So maybe it is not true that people like me don't have a profound conversion story. Maybe the truth is we simply have MANY conversion stories. As we continually strive to pick up our crosses and follow Him, we fall away and need to come back to Him. Each time, we have a new story. Each time, God's love and healing are profound. Each time, we have something new to tell.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting for an instant.

- St. Maria Goretti

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Please, let me kiss my father and mother good-bye, and I will follow you." (1 Kgs 19:20a)

Psalm:

You are my inheritance, O Lord. (Ps 16)

Second Reading:

But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law. (Gal 5:18)

Gospel:

Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." (Lk 9:62)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 30, 2019

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [cf. 5a]/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 [3a]/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [3a]/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Have you ever heard that the Gospel is radical? In our times, we hear that word and think of fundamentalists, radical activists, or extremists - people who go beyond limits to achieve their goals and may not consider themselves bound by normal propriety or morality. Their ethos might not be so different from James and John in today's Gospel. "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" This isn't so foreign to some of the stories of the Old Testament. Yet Jesus rebukes them. He won't be exacting in the way his contemporaries expected. There will be no radical rain down of fire and brimstone. Jesus is radical in another way: the call to discipleship.

"The Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks back to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." These can be difficult passages to read. These are not normal things to hear! It can be easy for many of us to avoid the exacting nature of the Gospel, which might not be what we think it is. James and John wanted to set the bar high for others on the outside and to punish those who didn't meet that standard. Jesus sets the bar high for his disciples, those who say they want to follow him. He may be using some hyperbole, but it's only to send a clear message. This is a radical call, one that has a cost. To truly put God and others first, before ourselves, will involve sacrifice. How is Jesus asking you to be radical today?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." Jesus' words may seem a bit harsh but are directly on target. The life of discipleship can be costly. Upholding the tenets of the Gospel can put us at odds, even with those most close to us. Jesus never misses an opportunity to spend time with outcasts and sinners. It matters little to him whether doing so breaks a Sabbath law. The Gospel may seem unrealistic, but it is the Gospel nonetheless. We respect the dignity of all persons, from conception to natural death. We work on behalf of justice, which calls us to be with the poor, lonely, confused, and broken. The old "eye for an eye" mentality no longer applies when it comes to dealing with those who hurt us. When Jesus asks you to follow him, will you go?

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Peter's Pence Collection This Weekend!

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

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BLESS young people with the gift of courage to
respond to your call.
Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and
giving—
for vocations blossom in the
good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish
ministries, and families with the confidence
and grace to invite others to embrace
the bold and noble path of a life
consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament,
so that we may cooperate
with you in building your reign of mercy
and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

— Pope Francis

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Trinity Health New England Home Hospice

As you know, there are many traditions and reflections that surround end of life within each faith; our goal is to have many faiths represented within our hospice so that we may better serve our community. Our hospice volunteers spend time with our patients at end of life. They can go to the patients home, skilled nursing facility, or hospital. Sometimes they are a quiet presence or keeping a vigil with a family; other times they may be offering companionship to the patients with conversation or activities, or providing respite time allowance that they are required to give to the program- it is all up to them and what they can offer for time.

The open house/sign up for interested Volunteers will be held August 14th from 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. and August 17th from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. refreshments will be provided and a small raffle. They will get the chance to meet the staff and learn more about this opportunity.