



# Church of Saint Ann

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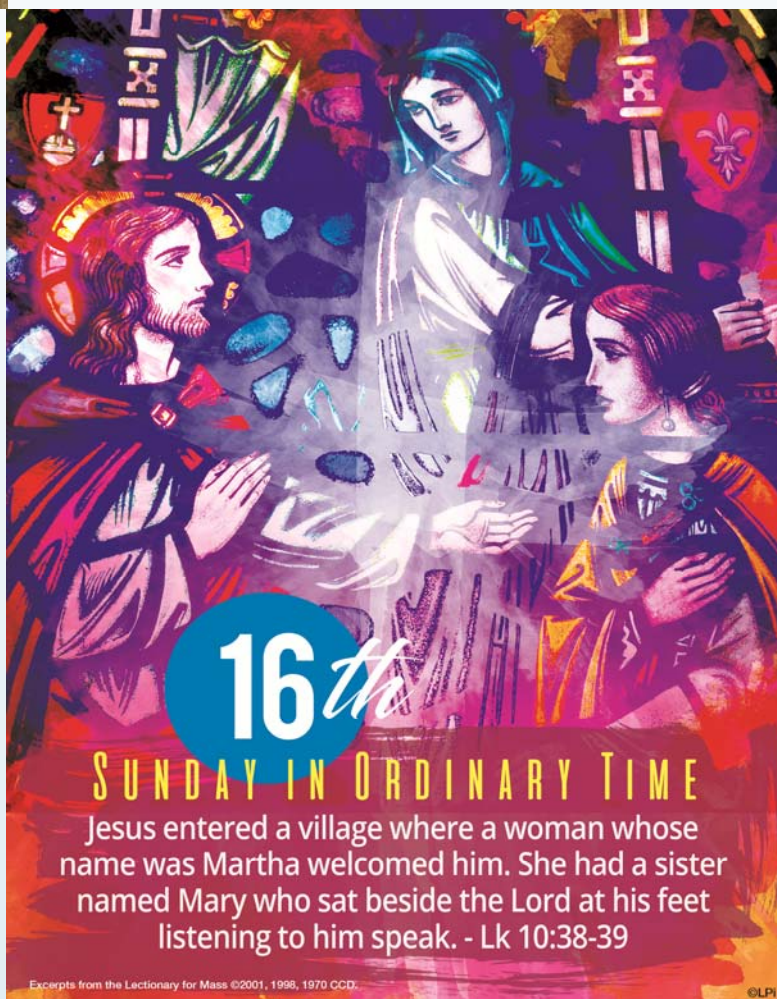
**BAPTISMS:** Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

## 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



**The 16th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**MONDAY, July 22**  
9:00 **Special Intentions**

**TUESDAY, July 23**  
9:00 **Special Intentions**

**WEDNESDAY, July 24**  
9:00 **Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy**

**THURSDAY, July 25**  
9:00 **Elizabeth Keiffer, requested by the family**

**FRIDAY, July 26**  
9:00 **David Miller, requested by  
Ron and Dorothy Miller**

**SATURDAY, July 27**  
4:00 **Angelo (Bob) Galiette (1st Ann.),  
requested by the family**

**SUNDAY, July 28**  
7:30 **Donald Studley, requested by  
Patricia Studley**  
9:30 **Patricia Fahey Brighenti, requested by  
her sisters**  
11:00 **Lazara Luis (2nd Ann.), requested by  
her daughter and grandchildren**



*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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

### MONDAY, July 22

**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 23

### WEDNESDAY, July 24

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

### THURSDAY, July 25

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

### FRIDAY, July 26

### SATURDAY, July 27

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

### SUNDAY, July 28

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

## Library Exhibit



*When you visit the Avon library this summer, be sure to stop by the History Corner to view the St. Ann exhibit, which spans 100 years of history. You may be surprised at the number of priests who have cared for our parish over the years, and maybe you will recognize someone you know in one of the photographs. We are sharing the space with the West Avon Congregational Church, which is celebrating 200 years. The exhibit will remain there through the end of August.*

## 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!



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### 2019 Summer Program

#### 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!

#### Free Rosary Repair Service will be offered at St. Ann's from now until the middle of September.



Leave your broken rosaries in the box on the table in the gathering space.

Repaired rosaries will be returned within the week.

Also, we accept donations of old or broken rosaries for the missions. Leave them in or near the same box.

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#### 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.



## GOT TUNA?

### Something Fishy is Going On Here in July & August...

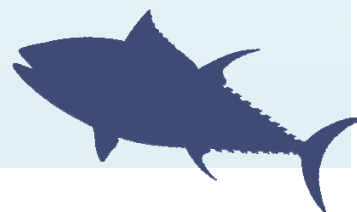
We will be collecting canned tuna, mackerel and chicken during July & August. This rich food will be shipped to Haiti in September and distributed to families fostering children. Chunk, light, oil packed...you chose! It all mixes well with their daily rice meal.

**Please place donations in the labeled bins in the Gathering Space. Thank you!**

St. Ann parishioners are the best!

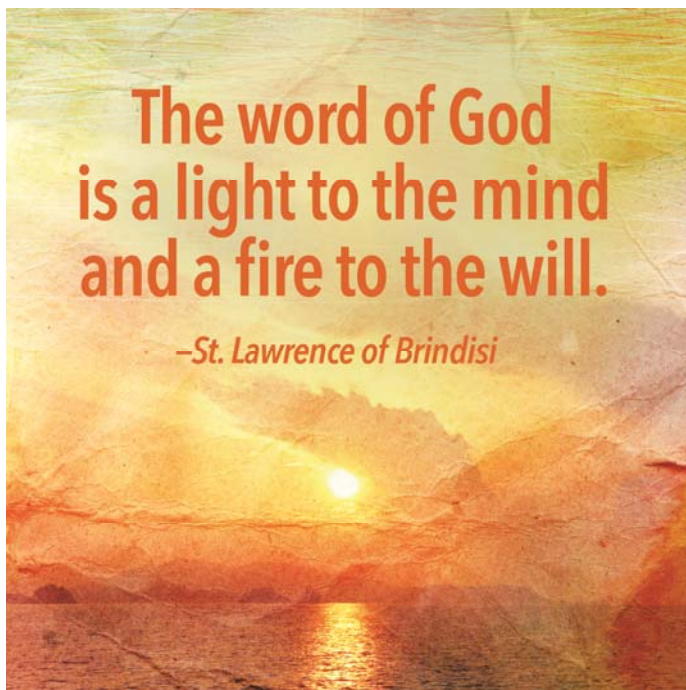
Gratefully,  
Your Social Justice Committee

**Protein bars would also be much appreciated!**



**The word of God  
is a light to the mind  
and a fire to the will.**

*—St. Lawrence of Brindisi*



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**July 14, 2019: \$5,358.50**  
**Online Giving (week ending 7/17/10): \$2,311.00**  
**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:**  
*Parish Special Needs*

## PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

God of Life and love,  
 You created us in your image and sent your Son to bring us life.  
 Instill in us a respect for all life, from conception to natural death.  
 Empower us to work for justice for the poor.  
 Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry.  
 Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn.  
 Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill.  
 Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect.  
 Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

## Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Gifts to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided by the Archdiocese. Join your fellow parishioners with a pledge or gift to this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Please visit the Appeal website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



## HONOR A VETERAN WITH A AT VETERANS MEMORIAL WAY

Veterans Memorial Way is almost complete! Orders for engraved pavers are now being accepted. Each paver that is purchased will be 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.*



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*As I get older, what really matters to me changes. I remember being in high school and having to wear certain brands and to look a certain way. Now, many days I simply wear what is clean! I used to collect certain things that I no longer seem to care about much now. I wanted certain things for my children, and now I am happy if they are happy, regardless of what happens. I have changed political stances a few times. I even follow different sports teams today than I did when I was younger. Time, circumstance, wisdom, and even disillusionment all play a part in my ever-changing attitude toward what really matters in life.*

*All has changed except my faith. My faith is the one constant in my life. It is the most precious of all the gifts God has given to me. Life hasn't been a constant high, and there have been several low valleys along the way. It has been my faith that has seen me through all times, good and bad. If anything has changed, it is that Jesus matters more today than he did yesterday.*

*What really matters to you? What's the main thing in your life? I have witnessed once-strong disciples place politics, wealth, career, and family ahead of Jesus over time. All those things are enticing, but they are things that change. Even your family grows and changes as the years go by, as does your relationship with them. The one thing that does not change is God. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It can bring great peace to your life when what matters to you is the one thing that remains constant. The main thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing. That main thing is Jesus.*

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Never miss an opportunity to do good  
- St. Francis de Sales*

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

[Abraham] said, "Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant." (Gn 18:3)

### Psalm:

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

### Second Reading:

It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. (Col 1:28)

### Gospel:

"There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." (Lk 10:42)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of July 21, 2019

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/  
Lk 10:38-42  
Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/  
Mt 12:46-50  
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/  
Mt 13:1-9  
Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/  
Mt 20:20-28  
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23  
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30  
Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/  
Lk 11:1-13

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Active and contemplative. At work and at rest. These are dynamics we all face in our lives, and if we're honest, we might not always balance perfectly! In this Sunday's Gospel, our daily tensions play out in two sisters. Mary "sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak." Martha, on the other hand, is "burdened with much serving." This, as it turns out, is not necessarily "the better part."

All of us reading this have some sort of labor we engage in. We have different trades or careers. We have responsibilities as family members, some of which may take up most of our time. In the time of Scripture, showing hospitality to guests was one of the most important values in society. Our work is important. Jesus himself spent decades as a carpenter. So what's the problem with Martha? Martha is burdened, anxious, and worried. Not only that, but she resents her sister's choice. "Tell her to help me," she demands of Jesus.

How easy it is to get very busy doing good things. We need to provide for our families and plan for retirement. We need to make sure children are clothed, fed, and educated. Our committees, ministries, and sports schedules need to stay on track. However, without a balance of work with rest, without contemplation in the midst of our action, we will miss the point. While many parts are required for our life in the world to function, the better part is our relationship with God. This week, make time in your busy schedule to sit at Jesus' feet. Maybe this is 20 minutes with Scripture, participating in a daily Mass, or a quiet walk alone in the park. Receive what Christ wants to speak to you.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

We all have a tremendous amount of responsibility. Every day presents more challenges and lists of things we need to accomplish. Life, however, is more than just to do lists. Life is more about who we are and how present we are to what is happening around us. Our relationship with God is the same. It is not just about doing the right things or showing up in the right places, even though these are certainly important. What is more important is the quality of our presence in God's presence. How attentive are we to His revelations of presence to us? If life's demands, however noble they be, overly consume us, we will miss being surprised by God's presence: in creation, in sacrament, in our brothers and sisters, and in ourselves. Listen carefully to Martha and Mary's story today.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

These past months have been marked by escalating tensions at our southern border. Most recently we were confronted with the tragic images of the drowning deaths of Óscar Martínez and his 23-month-old daughter, Angie Valeria, who were fleeing the dangers of El Salvador for the safety of the United States. Other immigrants have crossed the border with their lives, but have been captured and are now detained in overcrowded conditions as a result of political gridlock in our nation's capital.

We, the Catholic Bishops of Connecticut, urge our government to act for a complete overhaul of existing immigration policies. Those responsible in government need to undertake an examination of conscience as to what they have done and have failed to do when it comes to respect for human persons and the enactment of fair and balanced legislation. This overhaul needs to ensure a welcome for immigrants in keeping with our history and laws as a land of immigrants as well as the integrity of our borders.

In recent decades U.S. governments led by both of our major parties have fallen woefully short of enacting immigration reform and of honoring the basic humanity of migrants and refugees. According to the U.S. Border Patrol, over the last twenty years there have been an average of 357 immigrant deaths annually in our southwest border sectors. The governments of other nations also need to be encouraged and aided where necessary to remedy the conditions that force people to flee their homeland.

As one nation under God, not only founded by immigrants, but made what it is in large part by immigrants, the United States can and must do better. Those fleeing the hazardous conditions of their homeland to make the perilous journey to the safety and freedom of America are currently facing treatment that undermines our shared values of freedom and belief in human dignity.

We urge everyone to work and pray for a better way forward in addressing this humanitarian crisis.

+ Leonard P. Blair

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