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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 21st Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

MONDAY, August 26

9:00 For Divine Peace, Divine Love and Divine Will on Earth

TUESDAY, August 27

9:00 Teresa Lopez, requested by her husband

WEDNESDAY, August 28

9:00 For the deceased members of the Machlarz Family, requested by Kasia Machlarz

THURSDAY, August 29

9:00 For Divine Peace, Divine Love and Divine Will on Earth

FRIDAY, August 30

9:00 For Divine Peace, Divine Love and Divine Will on Earth

SATURDAY, August 31

4:00 For the deceased members of the Nori and Zippel Families, requested by Rose Nori

SUNDAY, September 1

7:30 Robert Collier (12th Ann.), requested by the family
9:30 Mitchell Hoffman, requested by John and Doris Hoffman
11:00 Wade Horsey IV, requested by Dick Portfolio

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

to help assemble nutritious food
to be shipped to hungry families in Haiti

All ages: 6-96 welcome!
Saturday, August 31st
9am - 12pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

Sign up for a 1.5 hour shift
in the Gathering Space



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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, August 26

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, August 27

WEDNESDAY, August 28

THURSDAY, August 29

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 30

SATURDAY, August 31

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3
Food Packing: 9am -12pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
(volunteers needed, see bottom of this page)

SUNDAY, September 1

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



Tools for Schools Collection Through September 7/8

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 7/8. 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.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Ongoing...

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 cover*) or drop in!

Coming This Fall...

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

Have you ever wanted to unpack the mysteries of the book of Revelation? Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an 11-week Bible study that will take an intriguing look at one of the most talked about books in Scripture. Explore how the kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. Learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation represent, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history. This video series, presented by Jeff Cavins, will also include study questions and small group discussions. (*missed sessions can be viewed online*)



Wednesdays: 9:30am in Room 3

Workbook fee: \$27 (*checks payable to Church of St. Ann*)

For questions or to register contact: Janet Newman at 860-573-3446 or wjnewman@sbcglobal.net

First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians addresses many of the same topics that appear in our daily news: scandals, promiscuity, debates and controversies, and issues related to prosperity versus poverty.

Come find much-needed wisdom for our times!

Fridays: 9:30-11am in Room 3 (September 13 - November 22)

Materials fee: \$27 (*checks payable to Church of St. Ann*)

Leaders: Kenna Daly Andrea Pizzuti

RSVP to Ann DiStefano (*contact info. on bulletin cover*)

K-8 Faith Formation Classes Begin on September 22nd

Registration materials and our calendar for 2019-2020 are online 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. Please don't let any financial worries stop you from registering your children. We are here to help! Please call our Registrar, Jennifer Soucy, at 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.

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.

Volunteer Catechists spots are available for the following grades: 1st, 5th and 6th.

For Additional Information contact: Valerie St. Jean, Director of Religious Education K-8, 860-673-9858, ext. 223.

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in exploring the Catholic faith?

Come and see what being Catholic is all about! We're here to answer your questions.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m.
Room 3

All are welcome!

RSVP to Maureen Fiedler
via the parish office
at 860-673-9858

Church of St. Ann
Engaging Worship • Caring Community
Meaningful Service • Lifelong Faith Formation

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

August 11, 2019: \$5,690.00

August 18, 2019: \$6,813.09

Online Giving (week ending 8/21/19): \$2,361.00

Next weekend's 2nd collection: none

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center in Torrington is in need of gently used summer baby clothes, or cash donations for diapers, formula, etc. (checks payable to "Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center")

**Please drop off to Ann DiStefano in her office
beneath Fr. Bennett Hall.**

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.



St. Ann Exhibit at Avon Public Library

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. The exhibit will remain there through the end of August.

Canned Tuna, Chicken & Protein Bar Collection...One Week to Go! 760 Cans So Far...Fantastic!

We are still collecting canned tuna, mackerel and chicken through 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 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

Do You Know Anyone Who Could Use the Comfort of a Prayer Shawl?

St. Ann's Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls available!

If you know of someone who is going through an illness or time of need and feel a prayer shawl will lift their spirits or provide comfort, please contact Tina Dibble, 860-674-1541, to pick one up. In addition, we have a few lap robes, which are ideally suited for someone who is wheelchair bound.



HONOR A VETERAN WITH A PAVER AT VETERANS MEMORIAL WAY

Veterans Memorial Way is 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

Get to Know Jesus

When I speak and write, I mention my family quite often. Those of you who have been reading these reflections for the past 5+ years - or who have read my books - may think you know them. When I travel, I do get asked about my family by those who have entered my life through the words on a page. My hope is that by sharing stories about my family and life the reader gets a chance to see himself or herself in the story as well. Then the point being made in the article or reflection can take on stronger meaning because it hits home. However, no matter how much I write about my family and how much you read about them, you will only have a glimpse as to the real people. It will take an actual relationship with one of them to get you to the point where you can say you know them.

That is the same way with Jesus. First, more Catholics need to read more and learn more about Jesus. Bible studies should be the norm and not the exception in our lives. Second, too many of us in the Church can explain who Jesus is from our past formation classes and reading, but we do not actually know him. Jesus is not a topic, a theological term, or simply an historical figure. He is a real being who is alive! He is not dead, but alive! He calls us to do more than read about him. He calls us into an intimate relationship with him. We grow in relationship with Jesus by worshipping at the Mass, spending time with him in adoration, resting in him in the quiet, and by having the Jesus in us meet the Jesus in others. If you do not know him personally, get to know him. I would love for you all to meet my family in person someday, but I would much rather you get to know Jesus instead.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

We must come to God together...what would God say to us if some of us were to return without the others.

- Charles Peguy

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Thus says the Lord: I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117) or Alleluia

Second Reading:

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed. (Heb 12:12-13)

Gospel:

"For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." (Lk 13:30)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 25, 2019

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/
Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
[cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/
Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/
Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Have you ever seen a celebrity? Have you ever met a political representative? Did the encounter leave you with newfound acting or musical abilities? Did it give you a grasp of the intricacies of the latest city ordinance or controversial law? Talents, expertise, and skill are hard-won traits, not rewards that spread by contact. Our life of faith is also not so easy.

"We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!" In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus notes that it requires moral strength to enter the kingdom of God. It's not mere proximity to righteousness that saves. Rubbing elbows with the righteous is not the same as being truly holy ourselves. Unfortunately, we can have this attitude in many areas. It's easy to see who may seem "first" in the eyes of the world. This occurs in our workplaces and among our public figures. It can also happen in our schools, local parishes, and the larger Church. For some of us, the temptation to have the popularity and prestige rub off on us can be fairly strong. If only we are in the right place with the right people, surely others will associate us with what they possess!

But salvation is worked out in each individual life. It is our task not merely to show up, but to be transformed. And the truly transformed may not be everyone we expect. "People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south... some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Some who seem first in reputation now may be last in the kingdom of God. Others who appear now on the furthest fringes of society - but better imitate the lowly holiness of Jesus - will be first in his kingdom. What are your concerns? Proximity and reputation? Or prayerful righteousness?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Developing healthy relationships with others requires discipline. This is also true of our relationship with God. As Christians, we are called to be like Christ. This does not just happen randomly or when it is convenient for us. It happens when we spend time with Christ every day and strive to be and think like him. This is no small task. It entails a willingness to see things, people, and God differently. Abandoning our self-focused needs and desires and putting on Christ is a challenging discipline to follow. However, if we choose to enter through the narrow gate of discipleship, we will find peace, live virtuous lives, and understand what it means to be saved. Resting and being cradled in God's lap and enjoying His presence is where we really desire to be, even though we have to give up some things in order to do so.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

OUR LADY OF CALVARY CELEBRATES OPENING OF THE SEASON

Mariachi Mexico Antiguo will celebrate the opening of the 2010-2020 retreat season at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Sunday September 8.

Mexico Antiguo, established in 2010, is noted for its vibrant sound, traditional core, and restored focus on the antique traditions of the genre. The dedicated and talented musicians of **Mexico Antiguo** have performed by invitation throughout the western United States as well as in the New England area. They have worked with such renowned artists as Beatriz Ariana, Graciela Beltran, Gildardo Alvarez, Jesus "Chuy" Guzman, and Juan Valentin. In 2005 they even performed with Placido Domingo.

Free will offering. Sign up by visiting www.OurLadyofCalvary.net or calling 860-677-8519.

Little Sisters of the Poor

1365 Enfield Street - Enfield, CT

29th Annual
golf tournament

MONDAY September 9th

Contact Christina for Details 860-265-1872



Many open spots for
Golfers & Sponsorships

Marriage Help

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love. The program is offered locally three times a year. The next upcoming weekends are

September 27-29, 2019; and January 17-19, 2020.
For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230,
or email cherylandsteve@cox.net,
or visit our website www.helpourmarriage.com.

Bereavement Workshops (Autumn 2019)

St. Thomas Parish in Southington

St Thomas Parish of Southington offers two bereavement workshops for anyone grieving the death of a loved one. The first is called New Day and it serves the needs of those who are in the earlier stages of grief. It consists of nine facilitated workshops, and the autumn 2019 group is being formed. The first meeting will begin Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 PM. To enroll, or for more information, call Deacon Vinny Raby 860-628-9425. The second option is called Solace & Peace and it serves the needs of those who are in the later stages of grief and desire additional collaboration while adjusting to life without their loved one. It is an open group that meets monthly. The next meeting will be September 10 at 6:30 PM. To enroll, or for more information, call Sandra Sequenzia (860) 877-2290.

ST ANTHONY CHURCH MINI GOLF FUNDASIER

Come play 18 holes in
St Anthony's Parking Lot
Sunday, August 25th
1pm to 5 pm

Cost:
\$5 per person
(family cap of \$20)



Food and Drinks will be
available for purchase



All proceeds for the restoration of our church hall.
If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation
Please send to: St. Anthony Church, Attn: Mini-Golf Fundraiser
4 Union City Road, Prospect, CT 06712
www.stanthonyprospect.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Archdiocese of Hartford
2019 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
Set the World Ablaze!

November 9, 2019

Northwest Catholic High School (West Hartford, CT)

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. "Coffee and" and lunch are included!

Keynote: Sarah Hart

For information on workshops, spiritual workshops and registration
information click here: <https://catholicedaohct.org/programs/archdiocesan-women-s-conference>

Early Bird Registration Begins Monday, July 15!