



# Church of Saint Ann

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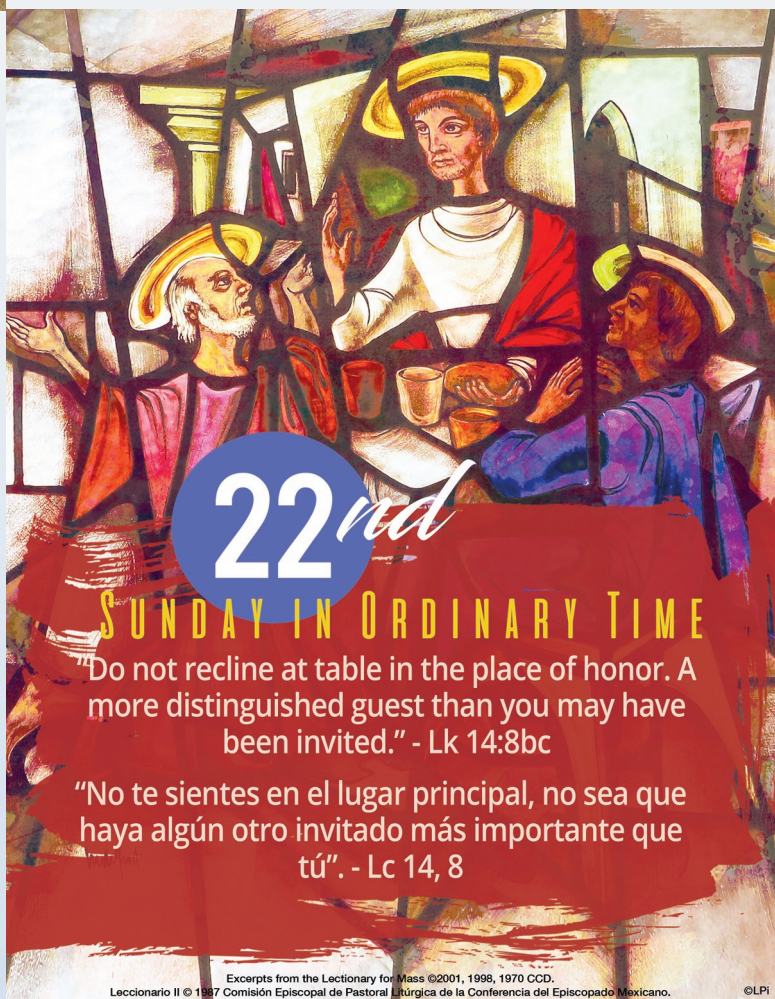
**BAPTISMS:** Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

## 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.



22<sup>nd</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited." - Lk 14:8bc

"No te sientes en el lugar principal, no sea que haya algún otro invitado más importante que tú". - Lc 14, 8

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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:

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 22nd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

## **MONDAY, September 2**

9:00 **Del Tepley**, requested by Dottie Cialfi

## **TUESDAY, September 3**

9:00 **John and Teresa Sammataro**, requested by the family

## **WEDNESDAY, September 4**

9:00 **John Vohecawicz**, requested by Mrs. Edward Stepien and family

## **THURSDAY, September 5**

9:00 **Del Tepley**, requested by Dick and Lorraine ZuWallack

## **FRIDAY, September 6**

9:00 **Yang-Jin Kim**, requested by her daughter

## **SATURDAY, September 7**

4:00 **Mary Hojnowski**, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

## **SUNDAY, September 8**

7:30 **Robert Collier**, requested by the Keating Family

9:30 **Norah Breton**, requested by a friend

11:00 **Dr. Theodore deGroot**, requested by his wife and 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, September 2**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 9:30-10:30am in the church  
**MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group:** not meeting (Lab)

### **TUESDAY, September 3**

### **WEDNESDAY, September 4**

### **THURSDAY, September 5**

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

### **FRIDAY, September 6**

### **SATURDAY, September 7**

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

**Wine & Cheese Welcome Back:** after 4pm Mass in FB Hall

### **SUNDAY, September 8**

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

**Coffee & Refreshments:** after all Masses in Fr. Bennett Hall

*It's time to fall back into the swing of things!*

Join us for

## *Welcome Back Weekend!*

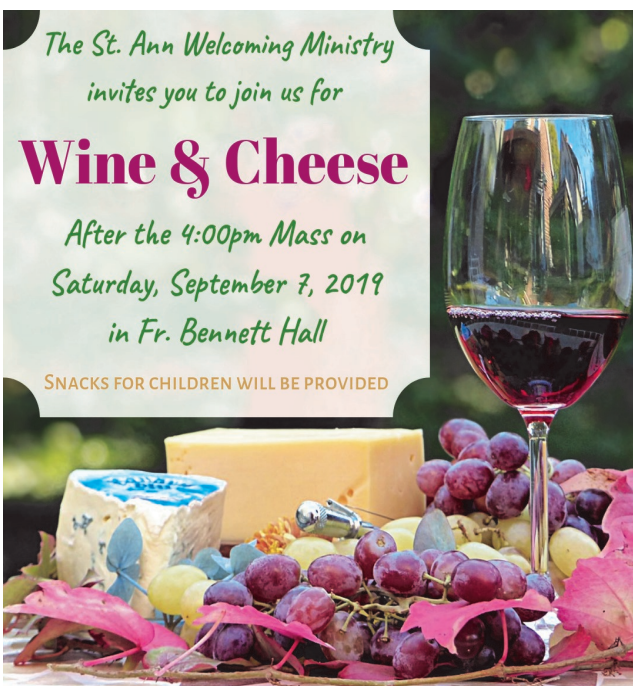
**Saturday, September 7th:**  
**Wine and Cheese after 4pm Mass**

**Sunday, September 8th:**  
**Coffee and sweet treats after all Masses**

*Events will take place in Fr. Bennett Hall*

Plus hear a special update at all Masses about our Parish Engagement Process (PEP).

Sponsored by our:  
Welcome Ministry,  
Adult Faith Formation  
PEP Team



*The St. Ann Welcoming Ministry  
invites you to join us for*

## **Wine & Cheese**

*After the 4:00pm Mass on  
Saturday, September 7, 2019  
in Fr. Bennett Hall*

SNACKS FOR CHILDREN WILL BE PROVIDED

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### 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**

**Mondays starting Sept. 9th, 7:15pm, Room 3, with Jim Serruta**

**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](mailto: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)**

### For the Ladies...

Ladies, clear your Wednesday nights! A new, 7-week book discussion series is starting Sept 25 at 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall. The book - Lisa Brennkemeyer's "Walking With Purpose: 7 Priorities That Make Life Work" - is relevant for women of all ages and stages of life. *This program isn't one more thing to add to your plate; this is the plate that enables you to juggle everything else!* For more info, visit [stannavon.org](http://stannavon.org), or contact Eileen DiMauro at 860-675-4330.

## Confirmation:

This is a reminder that the Year One Confirmation Orientation will be held on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:15 pm in the Church.

The Year Two Confirmation Orientation/Faith Night will be held on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm in the Church, as well.

We look forward to seeing all Teens and Parents on these two nights.



This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 15, 2019. The 2019 theme will be "Stay With Us." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

All Catechists and Adult Faith Formation leaders are asked to join us at either the 9:30 or 11:00 Masses to receive a special blessing.

*A K-8 Faith Formation Meet and Greet will be held in Fr. Bennett Hall after each Mass. All are Welcome!*

## K-8 Faith Formation Classes Begin on September 22nd

**Registration materials and our calendar for 2019-2020** are online [www.stannavon.org](http://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: 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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



**WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME****August 25, 2019: \$5,350.33****Online Giving (week ending 8/28/19): \$2,421.00****Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: none**

## Annual Parish Collection

*Church of Saint Ann*

*Every parish family should have received a letter from Father McHugh asking for a contribution to our 2019 Annual Parish Collection to help offset our operating deficit. The participation of all parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Please return your gift card today. Thank you!*

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

**Office hours are NEXT Sunday, September 8th**

**St. Ann Cares News:**

Homefront announces that free home repair assistance is available to low income homeowners in our communities. Fueled by a mission of keeping deserving neighbors in their homes with an improved quality of life, the Homefront staff invites members of the community to consider someone you know who may have no other recourse for making necessary repairs. If you know someone who could benefit from free repair assistance application forms are available in the St. Ann Cares box near parish offices.

You can also call 1-800-887-HOPE or go to Homefront website: [www.homefrontprogram.org](http://www.homefrontprogram.org) Applications are due by November 15, 2019 to be considered for spring of 2020.



**Are you, or someone you know, interested in exploring the Catholic Faith? Come see what being Catholic is all about!**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Tuesday, September 17  
7pm in Room 3**

**RSVP to the Parish Office  
860-673-9858**

**All are welcome!**

**VIRTUS Training****Tuesday, September 10, 2019****Fr. Bennett Hall from 6:30 - 9 pm*****Protecting God's Children for Adults***

The VIRTUS program for adults is a live awareness session that instructs adults of the Church that to protect children you must have continuous awareness and vigilance. This awareness session helps trainees understand signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five empowerment steps to prevent child sexual abuse. **All volunteers and employees at Catholic churches are required to complete this training.**

**For more information and to register:**

**[www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)**



## 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.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry****Monday, September 9th****7-8:30pm in Room 2**

*Come be a part of our ministry!*

**All are welcome...including brand new knitters!  
For more information call Tina: 860-674-1541**

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*Give Graciously*

*I love the verse in Sirach where it says, "My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts." This is an interesting concept for those of us who think a stewardship way of life is all about the giving of gifts. When we start to think that all we are called to do is give for the sake of giving, we have missed the point.*

*We are called to be gracious givers. We are called to allow the Jesus in us to encounter the Jesus in others. Humility does not mean that we hide away after we give, but we give in a way that has less to do with us and more to do with the one in whose name we give. Our world needs philanthropy and generosity, but it needs Jesus even more. We want to be good examples to others of how to be generous, not because we want them to be like us but like Jesus.*

*Give all things with a gracious heart and disposition. Do not take any credit for that generosity but instead let it point to Jesus. After all, it is Jesus who calls us to a mature faith where we answer the call every day regardless of the cost. Without that maturity and answering the call, would we really be driven to be generous givers? Knowing that left to our own devices we would probably not be very successful as a giver of gifts should make us very humble anyway.*

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*I used to think you needed to be special for God to use you, but now I know you simply need to say yes.*

-Bob Goff

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God (Sir 3:18)

### Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor. (Ps 68)

### Second Reading:

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering. (Heb 12:22)

### Gospel:

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 14:11)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of September 1, 2019

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  
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/  
Lk 4:16-30  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11  
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5  
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/  
Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Can you imagine if Jesus threw a party? From the wedding feast at Cana, we know he wouldn't let the wine run out. From this Sunday's Gospel, we know there would be quite a lively array of guests! We also knew who the most important people would be - everyone. Jesus advises throwing a party that turns everything upside down. Everyone should assume they're the least important attendee, and the guest list shouldn't include the neighborhood "who's who." Rather, we should go looking for "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" and hope they RSVP. Jesus describes a particular posture towards our own hospitality.

Parties are about the other people. "Do not recline at table in the place of honor." How often can small talk become a one-upmanship of job promotions, home renovations, and our children's achievements? We've all been to parties where being the most interesting guest is the highest achievement. Yet so often, we know the best party guests are the ones who listen well to our stories. Whether we are guests or hosts, we have the opportunity to look on others with humility and awe.

Parties are opportunities to serve. Jesus advises us to be careful who we invite "in case they might invite you back and you have repayment." Does Jesus literally mean we shouldn't invite our friends over? Of course not! But he does invite us to special consideration when we offer hospitality. When we invite people over to our home, what motivates us? Who we want to spend time with? Who we'd like to impress? These ultimately have only ourselves in mind. How about asking: Who could use some extra care right now? Who could benefit from a fun evening out? In other words, who can I serve?

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

Humility is often misunderstood as feeling inferior about ourselves and carrying around feelings of unworthiness. For many, humility is not considered a strength of character but a negative attribute and sign of weakness. Conversely, in fact, authentic humility is found in the person who is firmly grounded in reality, able to be honest with him or herself, and in right relationship with others and God. A humble person understands his or her place in life and who they are. While placing themselves at the service of others, they are comfortable in their own skin and able to step aside and let others go first. Knowing our proper place in life, offering appropriate respect, and looking to the needs of others are things that will enhance our lives and the lives of our brothers and sisters. Are you humble?



## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### Wedding Anniversary Celebration Cathedral of Saint Joseph Sunday, October 13, 2019 2:00pm

Married couples observing 25th, 50th, 60th and other special wedding anniversaries are invited to this special Mass. The liturgy will include a renewal of Marriage vows followed by a simple and opportunity for a photograph with Archbishop Blair.



**St. Ann Parishioners**  
**If You'd Like To Attend:**  
Please contact Kris the Parish Office  
to register by Sept. 20th  
kris.martino@stannavon.com  
860-673-9858, ext. 221

### All Are Welcome to the Order of Malta's Sixth Annual **Lourdes in a Day Pilgrimage** a day of grace and healing



Saturday, September 21, 2019 9:30 am - 3:00 pm  
St. Peter Claver Church in West Hartford, Connecticut  
please register by September 15, 2019 with Mark Sullivan silvrchth@yahoo.com 860 523-1405



### Northwest Catholic Open House

Northwest Catholic High School invites prospective students and parents to attend our annual Open House on Sunday, October 20th from 1-3 p.m. NWC will offer an Entrance Exam on Saturday, October 26th 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](http://www.northwestcatholic.org/apply). Please contact Andrew Selig at [aselig@nwcath.org](mailto:aselig@nwcath.org) with any questions.

### 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.



### 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.



### 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!**