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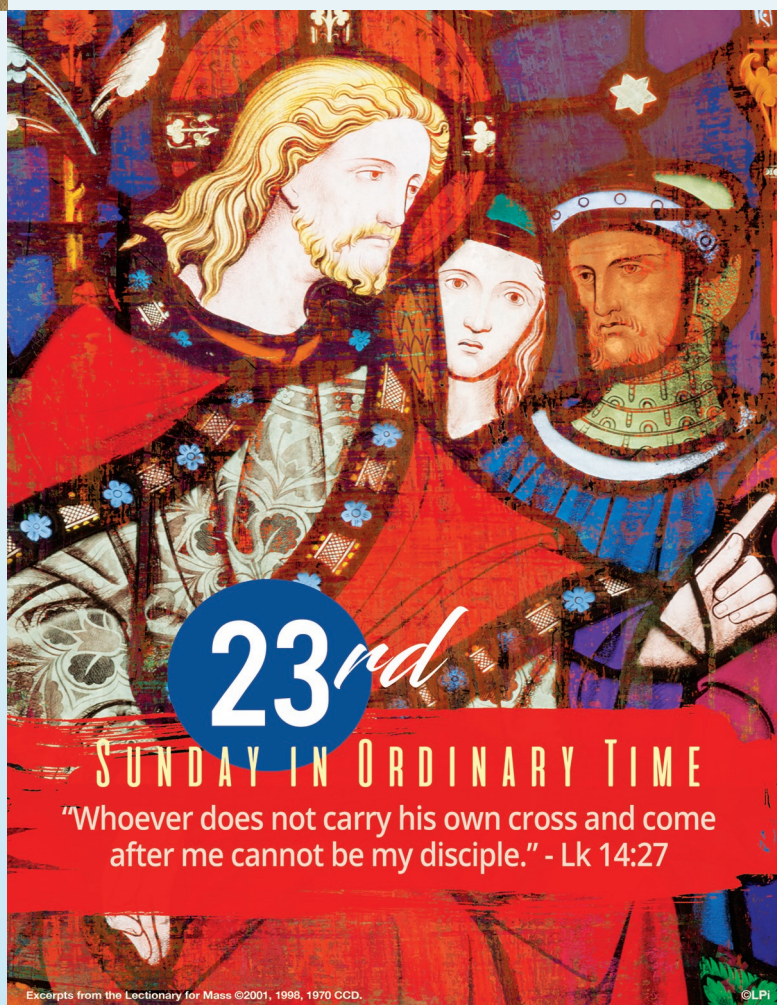
BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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.



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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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 23rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

MONDAY, September 9

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

TUESDAY, September 10

9:00 **Greg Godbout**, requested by
Kathy and Scott Gill

WEDNESDAY, September 11

9:00 **Louis Gallo (10th Ann.)**, requested by
Lesley, Sarah and Rebecca Fox

THURSDAY, September 12

9:00 **Frank and Marie Gallo**, requested by
the family

FRIDAY, September 13

9:00 **Christopher Hwang**, requested by
the family

SATURDAY, September 14

4:00 **Mary Ann Murphy**, requested by
Faith and Jim Weiss

SUNDAY, September 15

7:30 **Christopher Hwang**, requested by
the family
9:30 **Karen Walsh**, requested by a friend
11:00 **Elena Carlesi**, requested by a friend

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 9

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*)

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

TUESDAY, September 10

VIRTUS Training: 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

WEDNESDAY, September 11**THURSDAY, September 12**

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, September 13**SATURDAY, September 14**

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, September 15

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

Catechetical Sunday: 9:30 and 11am Masses

Meet & greet afterward in Fr. Bennett Hall



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!

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



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

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, or contact Eileen DiMauro at kjdimauro@comcast.net.

Confirmation:

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

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

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

Parents:

Join us for PANEL DISCUSSIONS on:

"The Blessings and Challenges of Being a Kid Today, and How We Can Help Them Thrive"

Dedicated specialists in elementary and middle school education and healthcare will share their thoughts and take your questions.

- Sunday, September 22, in the Avon Middle School Cafe
- 9-10:30am: K-4th Gr Parents, w/ childcare*
- 5:45-7:15pm: 5th-8th Gr Parents

*Childcare for birth-PreK siblings is available in the Small Gym at the 9-10:30am program, but you must sign up by Thursday, Sept 19 with Paula, uconnloves@att.net, 860-690-8346 or Lisa, lrg1010@comcast.net, 860-471-3776

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 and 6th.

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

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

August 25, 2019: \$6,542.46
Online Giving (week ending 9/4/19): \$2,726.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection: monthly

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 (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary. **Office hours are THIS Sunday, September 8th**

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



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!



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 the parish offices.

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

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.



Tools for Schools Collection

Through September 7/8

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!



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Reach Out in Love

We are all called to be accountable to one another. As brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we have a responsibility to reach out in love when we see someone lost and to offer support when the need is the greatest. In that same regard, we must never stand between a loved one and him. Our goal when it comes to those we love is to lead them toward heaven and eternal life with the source of all love, Jesus Christ. This is the "why" of our stewardship. Our generosity and our giving of very selves back to God need to bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus. It is easy to fall into the trap of loving someone so much that we place them before God. We make our human relationships the main thing and ultimately make decisions that keep our loved ones away from that which they need the most. If we truly love another, we will offer them the example of how we love God even more than them.

We live in a world where romantic and parental love are seen as the highest forms of affection. Stories are often told in books and on the screen of how nothing will keep someone from his or her beloved. Although we are called to love one another, we must never be trapped into the portrayal of love that comes from the world. We are gifts from God to one another, and like all other gifts given to us, we are accountable to God for that which He has given. If you can give a loved one back to God completely, then you are worthy of their love in the first place.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Nothing is so strong as gentleness,
nothing is so gentle as real strength.*

- St. Francis de Sales

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Who knows God's counsel,
or who can conceive what the LORD intends? (Wis 9:13)

Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

Second Reading:

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while,
that you would have him back forever,
no longer as a slave,
but more than a slave, a brother. (Phmn 15-16a)

Gospel:

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Lk 14:27)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 8, 2019

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
Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/
Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/
1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

GOSPEL MEDITATION

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, *really* following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device — "*his own cross*" — and for the need even to "*hate*" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments — our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. *"This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"*

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Hearing and listening are two different things. Even in our human relationships, people can hear what we are saying, but are they really listening? This is true with God as well. We hear God's word as it comes to us through Sacred Scripture, but are we really listening to it? Listening requires a good dose of humility and openness to the one who is speaking. It requires that we free up some of our personal space so that we can be available and receptive to another person and to God. Listening does not require the use of words. We can listen to God through art, creation, the unfolding of life, and the human story. Truly listening to God provides us with the direction of where we need to go, how we are to live, what we are to choose, and what we must avoid. Listening prepares and anchors us. Are you listening?

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Wedding Anniversary Celebration Cathedral of Saint Joseph Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 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.



YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE AT:

www.hartfordmarriage.com/wedding-anniversary-mass-registration

OR CONTACT:

Kris in the Parish Office to **register by Sept. 20th**
kris.martino@stannavon.com or 860-673-9858, ext. 221



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. Please contact Andrew Selig at 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!