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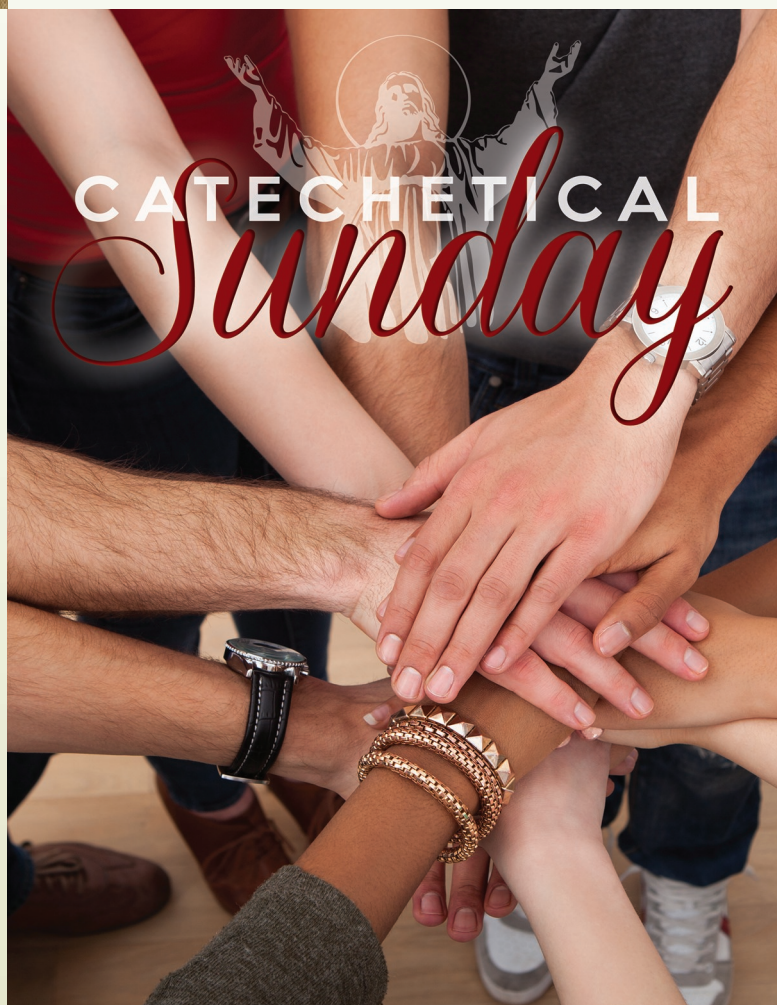
BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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 24th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, September 16

9:00 **Del Tepley**, requested by Pat Wall

TUESDAY, September 17

9:00 **Divine Peace, Divine Love & Divine Will on Earth**, requested by Judith Stafford & David Woolley

WEDNESDAY, September 18

9:00 **Divine Peace, Divine Love & Divine Will on Earth**, requested by Judith Stafford & David Woolley

THURSDAY, September 19

9:00 **Dante Ong Laguitan**, requested by the deGuia Family

FRIDAY, September 20

9:00 **Fred Bielefeld**, requested by the family

SATURDAY, September 21

4:00 **For the health of Ellen Lamothe (living)**, requested by her family

SUNDAY, September 22

7:30 **Divine Peace, Divine Love & Divine Will on Earth**, requested by Judith Stafford & David Woolley

9:30 **Virginia Lewis**, requested by a friend

11:00 **Alvina Fretto**, requested by the Argay 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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, September 16

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)

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 7:15pm in Rm. 3

TUESDAY, September 17

RCIA Open House: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, September 18

Revelation Bible Study (full): 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3

Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, September 19

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, September 20

1st Corinthians Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 3

SATURDAY, September 21

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, September 22

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



This Sunday, September 15th, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday. 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!

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

*Fall 2019 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

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!

Still Time to Join us!

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)

Refreshing Catholicism

Has it been a while since you were in catechism class, and you could use a refresher? OR Are you a non-Catholic, interested in exploring the faith? **Join us for Refreshing Catholicism, Part 2!**

(you do NOT have to have completed Part 1 to participate!)

Topics include...

1) **The Sacraments:** Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation

2) **The Sacraments:** Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, Holy Orders

3) **Living as a Disciple of Jesus:** Conscience and Social Justice

4) **Living as a Disciple of Jesus:** Call to Holiness and Mission

5) **Prayer**

October 3 – November 14, 2019 (six sessions)

Thursdays, 9:30am OR 7:15pm Room 3, lower level of Fr. Bennett Hall

Book Fee: \$10 – checks payable to Church of St. Ann

Register by Sept. 16 ann.distefano@stannavon.com;

860-673-9858, x228

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:

Year Two Confirmation Orientation/Faith Night

THIS SUNDAY, September 15th

6-7:30pm in the Church

We look forward to seeing all Teens and Parents!

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

September 8, 2019: \$6,103.74
Online Giving (week ending 9/11/19): \$2,806.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Catholic Elementary Schools



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.

CENACLES

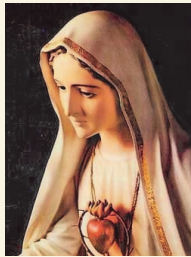
of the Marian Movement of Priests

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



Free Rosary Repair Service is no longer available at St. Ann's but you may send in a padded envelope your broken rosaries for repair or rosaries for the missions to:

Betty and Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd. #502, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Repaired rosaries will be returned within the week.

Any questions? Call Dick Holden at 239-463-3993 or

Betty Holden at 860-595-6370 or holdenbnd@gmail.com.

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!

Knights of Columbus Meeting



Wednesday, September 18th
at 7-8:30pm in Room 2
(under Fr. Bennett Hall)

30th Annual Rosary Rally of Connecticut

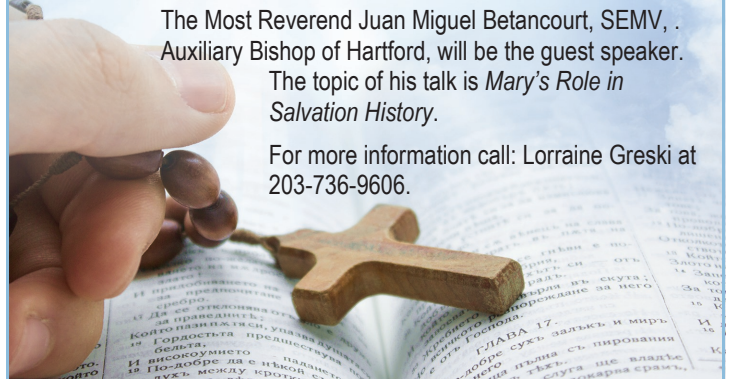
October 6, 2019
Basilica of the Immaculate Conception
Waterbury

The 30th Annual Rosary Rally will be held at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury on October 6th from 2-3:30pm. There will be a procession, rosary, talk and Benediction.

The Most Reverend Juan Miguel Betancourt, SEMV, Auxiliary Bishop of Hartford, will be the guest speaker.

The topic of his talk is *Mary's Role in Salvation History*.

For more information call: Lorraine Greski at 203-736-9606.



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.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Patience in All Things

St. Francis De Sales said, "Have patience with all things, but, first of all with yourself." Life has a way of knocking us down or off the path we are traveling. If it is a path that God has called us to, then it will be easier to get back to the journey, but nevertheless, it is difficult. The hardest thing to bear is that too often what we blame on life is really about our own choices or shortcomings. The refrain of many a blues singer sounds something like, "Nobody to blame but me!"

What is the Good News? God's patience is far superior to our own. We do need to follow the words above and cultivate in ourselves a greater sense of patience in all things. However, we should take great comfort in knowing that God's patience will always be there as we struggle to grow and advance in our life as a disciple.

You're trying to live a stewardship way of life but keep falling onto the side of the road? God wants you to reach Him on the road but will wait for you. You want to be holier and more committed to your faith? God will take what you give Him. The danger is when you lose your patience and stop moving toward Him. You decide that it doesn't really matter and that what you can offer God doesn't amount to anything of worth. We must never cease our journey. You and I may get fed up, but our God never will. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say. Yes, to be sure, but He does what is still more wonderful: He makes saints out of sinners.
– Soren Kierkegaard

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

So the Lord relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people. (Ex 32:14)

Psalm:

I will rise and go to my father. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Tm 1:15a)

Gospel:

"In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (Lk 15:10)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 15, 2019

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
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 [6]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 [2]/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain?" In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn the context for the forthcoming parables about the lost and found. A great mixed crowd surrounds Jesus. The religious elite are present, along with all manner of local lowlifes. The Pharisees seem a bit upset that this wasn't the lecture series they were hoping for. Why would Jesus welcome sinners?

Jesus responds as if it's the most obvious thing in the world. "Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep... rejoice because I have found the coin that I lost? let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine... was lost, and has been found!" Each of the parables features a dramatic example. Of 99 sheep, one has gone astray. Of 10 coins, one has gone missing. The welcomed son has previously been a covetous scoundrel. Jesus' point to the Pharisees is clear. If the Gospel really is "good news," if our faith really has the power to save, why wouldn't we want everyone drawing near? Why wouldn't we do everything in our power to eke out that possibility for every single person, no matter where they have wandered? After all, if this message is not of value to everyone, why is it of value to anyone?

Our Christian faith is not a matter of rule adherence for the perfectionist elite. In our own ways, each of us is the lost sheep, the prodigal son. There is no one who "has no need of repentance." The Church is a mixed crowd. And we are mixed people. And the Gospel has good news for each of us today! There is no one Jesus doesn't go after, no one he does not catch sight of "while... still a long way off," no one to whom he does not run to embrace and welcome home.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

We all struggle with worshipping things that are not God. These are things that we place in our lives and reverence more than God himself. Things such as our self-image, power, status, possessions, securities, and even ideologies can be allowed to make great claims on us. Sometimes, who "god" is for us is what we make this "god" out to be. Our self-constructed gods serve little purpose, other than placating us and making us feel better about ourselves and our world. This is not the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, nor the God whom Jesus called Father. The true God challenges us out of our comfort zones and pushes us to discover our potential. But, He does so patiently and with great love. He knows how fickle we can be and is always eager to welcome us home.

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.



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.

CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNULMENTS

Many Catholics have asked the following questions about the Church's position on divorce, annulments, and marriage:

- "Can a divorced person receive Holy Communion?"
- "Can a divorced person marry in the Catholic Church?"
- "Why might a non-Catholic consider or need an annulment?"
- "Does a divorced person need an annulment when the marriage was performed only by a Justice of the Peace?"

Often these questions and others have been met with misleading, misguided, and sometimes wrong responses. Perhaps you, a family member, or a friend needs sound, clear information. If so, please contact the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Hartford at 860-541-6491 or e-mail at Tribunal@aoht.org. You can also visit our website at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/metropolitan-marriage-tribunal/>.



Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference Saturday, October 19, 2019

St Paul Catholic High School, 1001 Stafford Ave, Bristol
Doors open at 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Vigil Mass
Our Theme is "FORGE Your Path To Holiness"

Experience the camaraderie of your fellow Catholic men.
ADDED FOR 2019 – St Joseph's Golden Hammer Contest

ALL DAY ADORATION, CONFESSION, Exhibitors & Vendors
LUNCH INCLUDED - Receive your Spiritual Booster shot!

BUY TICKETS ONLINE NOW (www.ctcatholicmen.org) and AT THE DOOR