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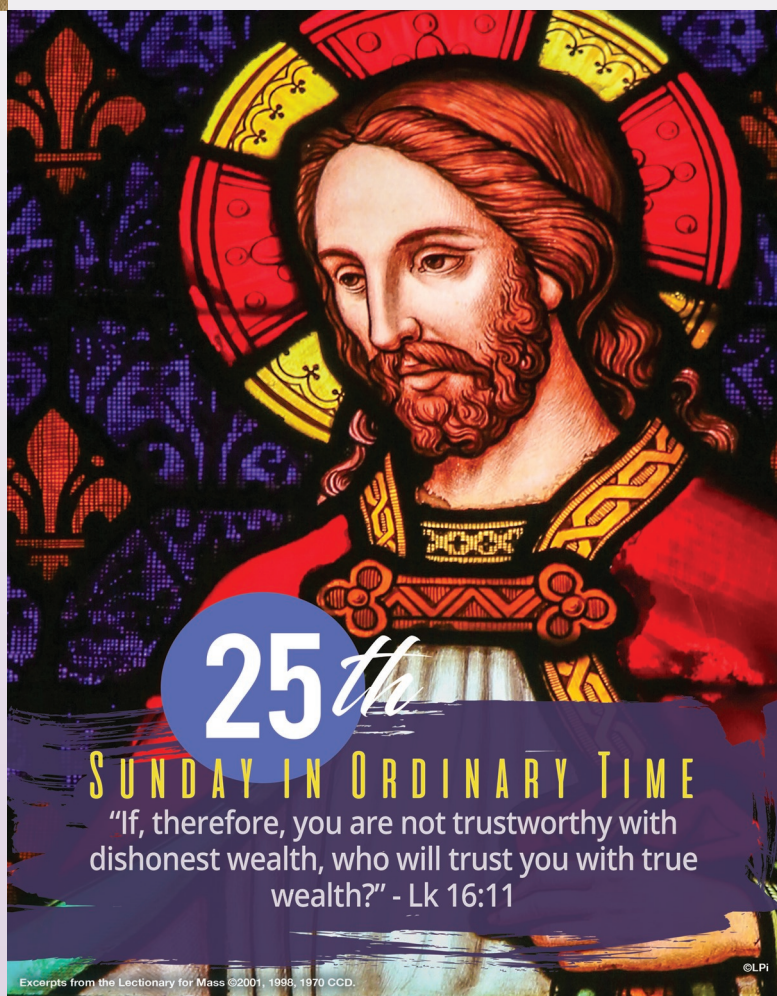
BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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 25th Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

MONDAY, September 23

9:00 **Fran Aiello**, requested by the family

TUESDAY, September 24

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

WEDNESDAY, September 25

9:00 **Edith McCarthy**, requested by John Lloyd & family

THURSDAY, September 26

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

FRIDAY, September 27

9:00 **For the Intentions of Kathryn Woolley (Living)**, requested by David Woolley

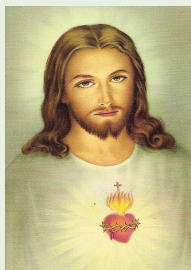
SATURDAY, September 28

4:00 **Divine Peace, Divine Love & Divine Will on Earth**, requested by Judith Stafford & David Woolley

SUNDAY, September 29

7:30 **Bethany Fischer & her son, Alexander**, requested by her mother
9:30 **David K. Matthes**, requested by the Book Club
11:00 **Special Intentions**

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



**Next Sunday,
September 29th
2:30 - 3:30pm
in the church**

Our Lord Jesus told Saint Faustina that Divine Mercy was given for the present time. Please join us for this powerful devotion to implore God's Mercy for yourself and the whole world.

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 23

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 24

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, September 25

Revelation Bible Study (full): 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3
Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, September 26

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, September 27

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

SATURDAY, September 28

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, September 29

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

*Ladies, Come
for Some "Me Time!"*

Please Join Us for a 7-Week
Women's Book Study of

**Walking With Purpose:
Seven Priorities That Make
Life Work**
by Lisa Brenninkmeyer

**Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM
in Father Bennett Hall
Beginning September 25**

RSVP to Eileen: kjdimauro@comcast.net

Cost: \$15.00

*For Women of All Ages and Stages
- Bring a Friend!*

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

K– 8 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 This Weekend

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: Sundays, 9:00am - 10:30am at Avon Middle School

Grades 5-8: Sundays, 5:45pm - 7:15pm at Avon Middle School

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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

September 15, 2019: \$5,988.92
Online Giving (week ending 9/18/19): \$2,366.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
none



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

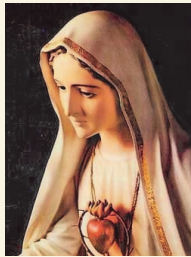
of the Marian Movement of Priests

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



Annual Parish Collection



We are very grateful for the generosity shown by those who have already contributed towards our 2019 Annual Parish Collection. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

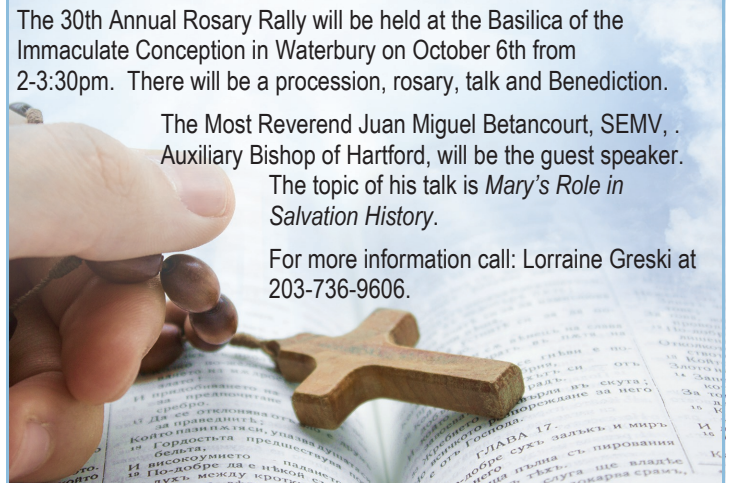
30th Annual Rosary Rally of Connecticut October 6, 2019 Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Waterbury

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.



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.



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

What's Most Important?

I hold to the belief that you cannot have allegiances to both Duke and UNC, the Packers and the Bears, or the Yankees and the Red Sox. In Matthew 6:24, it says, "He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other." That verse isn't talking about sports! It's talking about God and money. Most of us love both of those and that can be a problem. If you were to love any of the sets of teams mentioned above, you have a huge problem as well.

Simply put, you can only have one thing that is the most important in your life. When I ask my children what is the most important thing in their lives, they know to respond, "God." But just because you know that is the right answer doesn't make it the truthful answer. Total allegiance to a sports team seems easier. You won't find a Packers fans secretly wearing a Bear's jersey. However, we can find Christians secretly hoarding their money or doing things based solely on the love of money.

Maybe the problem lies in the fact that, at times, we are merely lukewarm fans of Jesus and not disciples. If we truly have matured in our faith and strengthened our relationship with him, then real commitment comes easier. There will always be a temptation for money to take the place of Jesus, but the more committed we are, the harder it is to allow anything to come between us and our God. The question we all must continually ask ourselves is, "Is God truly the most important thing in my life?"

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Patience is power...it is "timing"; it waits on the right time to act, for the right principles and in the right way

- Ven. Fulton Sheen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!" (Am 8:6)

Psalms:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. (Ps 113) or Alleluia

Second Reading:

This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. (1 Tm 2:3-4)

Gospel:

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" (Lk 16:11)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 22, 2019

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

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/
Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/
Lk 16:19-31

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Compartmentalization or consistency? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top.

Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time?

Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? "No servant can serve two masters." These week, take stock of your life. All of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

"No servant can serve two masters." We struggle with where we put and give our allegiance. Who has the ultimate authority and claim over us? While our minds want to answer "God," our lives often reveal other conflicting allegiances. Because we are made in the image of God, we are not given a ticket of entitlement or privilege. On the contrary, we are given a level playing field where we are one among many and called to live just and trustworthy lives. To serve God is to serve others and to see the primary purpose and focus of our lives as being good stewards. As God lifts up the poor, so too do we. As much as we want the world and God to serve our own self advancement, we have to resist this temptation at all costs. Injustice has no place in the kingdom of God.

THE BULLETIN BOARD



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.

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@aohct.org. You can also visit our website at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/metropolitan-marriage-tribunal/>.

2019 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:

Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations

It is not too late to join your fellow parishioners with a pledge or gift to this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Together, we make a difference in the lives of countless individuals. Visit the Appeal website at 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 31st 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.

Touched By Mercy

A Day of Reflection for those Affected by Suicide

Saturday, October 12, 2019

Chiara Center, 275 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Presented by Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, FSE



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.



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