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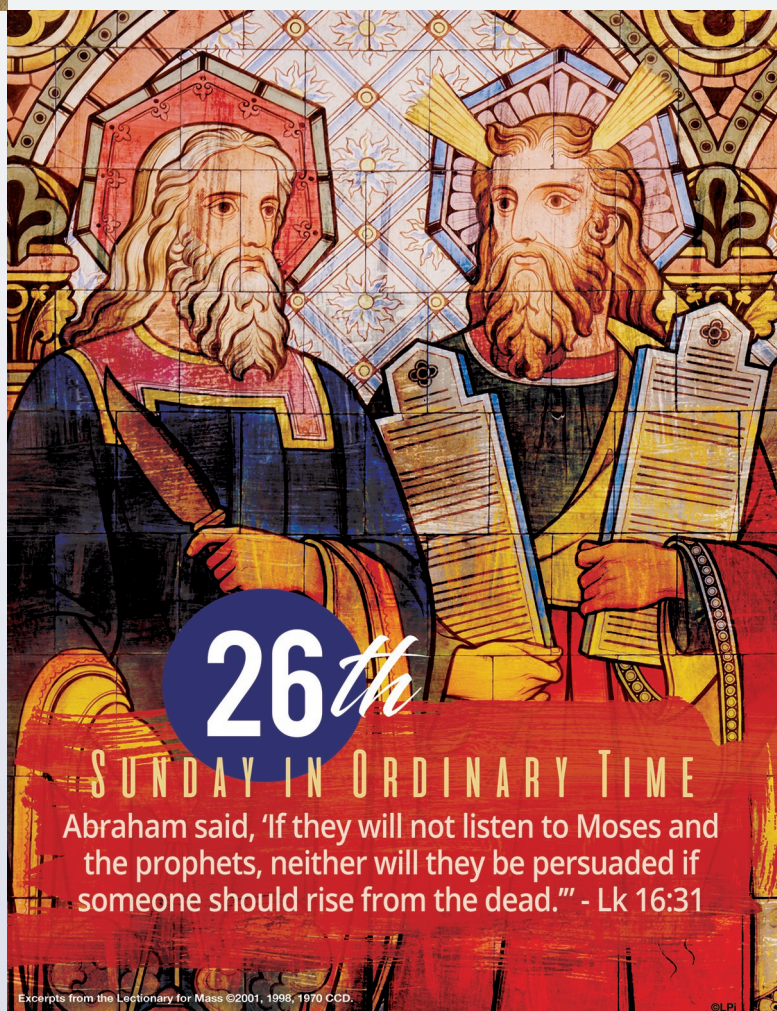
BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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 26th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, September 30

9:00 **Virginia Spence**, requested by
Rosanne Harutunian

TUESDAY, October 1

9:00 **Maureen Fox**, requested by
Bill and Janet Newman

WEDNESDAY, October 2

9:00 **Milena Masdonati**, requested by
the Walmsley Family

THURSDAY, October 3

9:00 **Elizabeth Carr**, requested by
Cathy deSimas

FRIDAY, October 4

9:00 **Amelia Grace Duda**, requested by
the Osiecki Family

SATURDAY, October 5

4:00 **Virginia Lewis**, requested by
Kathy and Scott Gill

SUNDAY, October 6

7:30 **Peter Pavlik (11th Ann.)**, requested by
the family

9:30 **Ann Tromza**, requested by
Mary Jane Jeter

11:00 **John and Kay O'Neill**, requested by
the O'Neill 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 30

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, October 1

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, October 2

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

Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, October 3

Refreshing Catholicism: 9:30am in Room 3

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

Refreshing Catholicism: 7:15pm in Room 3

FRIDAY, October 4

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

SATURDAY, October 5

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

Social Justice Food Collection: in the Gathering Space

SUNDAY, October 6

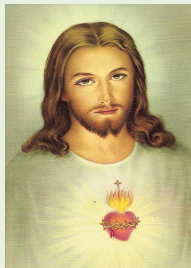
Parish Coffee: after 9:30am Mass,
sponsored by our Music Ministry

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

Social Justice Food Collection: in the Gathering Space

Living Rosary: 2:30—3:30pm in the church

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



**This 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.



Food Collection Next Weekend October 5/6

Pick up grocery bag in Gathering Space this weekend.
Drop food off next weekend in the Gathering Space.
Donations will be going to the Avon Food Pantry, and
Catholic Worker House in Hartford

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 Parent Enrichment

Thank You!

A big St. Ann THANK YOU to the inspiring professionals in youth education and healthcare, who led Sunday's panel discussions on how to help our children thrive: Karen Edgar, Jen Janaskie, Karla Neville, Pam Rose, Jennifer Travers and Chris Tyler. Thanks also to the many parents who attended, and shared some wonderful tips on raising faith-filled kids.

ST. ANN'S ANNUAL CLOTHING SALE

Please save clean, gently used: clothing (men, women, teens, kids), shoes, outerwear, handbags, jewelry & accessories

DONATION DATES:

Wednesday, October 30th

9:30am-6pm

Thursday, October 31st

9:30am-6pm

DONATIONS OF
EMPTY
HANGARS
APPRECIATED!

**SALE DATES:**

Friday, November 1st

6-8pm (\$5 admission)

Saturday, November 2nd

8:30am-2pm (free admission)

ALL PROCEEDS
GO TO
ST. ANN'S
SCHOLARSHIP
FUND

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - CONTACT:

Meg Kundahl: 860-521-1051 or mkfk@sbcglobal.net

**TIRED OF SMALL TALK?
Try ALPHA**

"Alpha" is a relaxed, friendly environment where we talk about the big questions in life - *love, truth, meaning, purpose, suffering* —questions deep in the hearts of every person, including our kids. We enjoy food, a video and discussion. *All are welcomed to come and to comment freely, especially those who question God and religion.*

Upstairs in Room 228 at Avon Middle School, while the kids are in class

- 9-10:30am (*with childcare – must register: see below*)
- 5:45-7:15pm

Beginning Oct 6th & following the K-8 Faith Formation calendar

RSVP to Ann DiStefano (see bulletin cover)

Join us when you can!

*To register for childcare, contact Paula Love by the Thursday prior to the session:
uconnloves@att.net; 860-690-8346.

Alpha



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

September 22, 2019: \$5,191.65
Online Giving (week ending 9/25/19): \$2,546.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Retired Religious Fund

Annual Parish Collection

Church of Saint Ann

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.



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

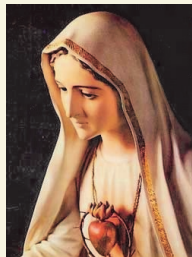
of the Marian Movement of Priests

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 us.



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.



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**

RSVP to Eileen: kjdimauro@comcast.net
 Cost: \$15.00

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

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Baby Bottle Drive for St. Gerard's Center for Life

St. Gerard's Center for Life is very grateful to be welcomed back into St. Ann's Parish on the weekend of October 5th and 6th for its annual baby bottle drive. Pledge cards or baby bottles will be distributed after all weekend Masses and collected after the weekend of October 26th and 27th.



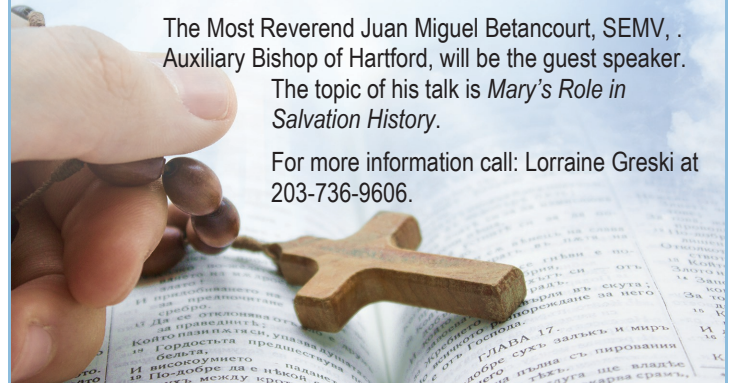
*Thank you for your generosity as we partner together to keep
 this pro-life mission alive in the greater Hartford area.*

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.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Called to Compassion

What does a homeless person need? That may seem like an odd question since being homeless would indicate they certainly need a home. Beyond that though, what does a homeless person need? Most would guess the person needs food, money, clothing, medical care, and toilets. Many parishes put together drives for those items. Is that all the person needs? It is easy to get caught up in all the things that easily come to mind so that we miss a key thing needed by someone homeless as well as all human beings: to be seen.

How many of us pass by homeless people and pretend they are not even there. We don't have money in our pocket, we don't have food to give, and we don't have material items that they need, so we offer them nothing. We don't even offer ourselves.

Welcoming someone with a kind word is free. Amazingly, we act like it costs us more than anything else. It is easier to hand someone \$5 than it is to engage in a 15-second exchange of words. We talk about being generous, but we need to remember that sometimes the greatest gift we have to give is simply ourselves. The Jesus in me meets the Jesus in you. One day, you or I may find ourselves in a tough spot, and we will be looking for compassion. Let's hope that all those who profess to know Jesus don't simply pass on by pretending not to see us.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Never get tired of doing little things for others.
Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest
part of their hearts.*

– St. Therese of Lisieux

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (Am 6:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146) or Alleluia

Second Reading:

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. (1 Tm 6:11)

Gospel:

"Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" (Lk 16:31)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 29, 2019

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/
Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/
Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab]/
Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/
Lk 17:5-10

GOSPEL MEDITATION

If you saw someone dead come to life tomorrow, what would you change about your life? Would you say "nothing"? That's what Jesus seems to hope. After all, we already know what to do. In this Sunday's Gospel, a rich man and a poor man pass away, the former to damnation and the latter to peaceful rest alongside the Jewish patriarchs. The rich man asks if the poor man can appear to his brothers and advise them to live a more virtuous life. The parable offers a strong rebuke: "They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them." In other words, they should already know what to do.

We, too, know what to do. More than Moses, Jesus Christ himself has spoken, and continues to speak through his Church. The rich man did not heed the wise words, despite knowing them. If we are convicted against certain Christian teachings in our heart, how much good will miraculous "proofs" do? We know more than the law and the prophets - we know the prophetic law of love proclaimed by Jesus Christ. Are we living like we believe it?

Where in our lives are we like the rich man? Do we know how to treat the poor but still we ignore them in our excess? Do we know the third commandment, but the Sunday liturgy feels "optional" when other weekend commitments arise? Have we heard Christ's teachings on sexuality, but consider them out of reach for us? We have received a great many truths as Christian people. We are blessed by God with the sacraments and the abundance of His graces. We have what we need - in Him - to begin to live a virtuous life now.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

People often think that if they witness something miraculous, it would bring them to a greater faith and motivate them for greater involvement. Such is not necessarily true, as coming to a real and authentic faith still requires that we struggle with ourselves a bit and change our approach to living. Authentic faith is acquired when we see wisdom and life in the words of the prophets and in the teachings of Jesus Christ. All of these point us to a God who has a particular set of priorities for how life is meant to be lived. We have to avoid the trap of complacency that is rooted in preserving our own self-interests and living lives that pursue "righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness." (1 Tm 6:11) Complacency keeps us stuck in the status quo and prevents us from working toward respect for life,

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Attention Business Owners, Professionals, Self Employed and Families! Bulletin Advertising Opportunities Available!

Gail Stone from Liturgical Publications will be in our office the week of October 14, 2019, working on securing new ads for the advertisement section of our bulletin. We need your help! Please consider purchasing an ad. Your ad and participation makes our bulletin successful and you attract customers!

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, a family, a charity, In Memory of a Loved One or to support the church or a community service organization like emergency pregnancy counseling, the March of Dimes, etc. We need and appreciate your help.

If you would like to run an ad or would like more information, please call Gail Stone. Gail can be reached directly at 860-558-0233 or via e-mail at gstone@4lpi.com.



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.



WWW.FATHERLEOFEEFS.COM

Celebrating a Faithful Harvest: Faith, Family, and Food with Fr. Leo

This "Plating Grace" event will include a cooking demonstration, and a discussion on the transformative power of eating with those you love. Fr Leo Patalinghug, a dynamic international speaker, a chef, and a Catholic Priest will be our guest speaker on Thursday evening October 17, at 7:00 p.m. in St Peter Claver Parish Hall on 47

Pleasant St West Hartford, CT. Tickets will be on sale beginning after Masses on the weekends of September 28/29, October 5/6, and in the parish office during the week until all tickets are sold. With a limited number of tickets available we expect to sell out. Adults \$20, children 12 and under \$5. Please make checks payable to St Peter Claver Parish. All are welcome. This event does not include Dinner. For more information contact Gigi Frailey at ggfraileyspc@gmail.com.

Lay Carmelites "Come and See" Meeting

The Hartford Area Third Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Community is opening its October meeting to everyone who would like to know more about us. Our charism is prayer, and we also emphasize community and service. Please consider joining us Wednesday, October 23 at Sacred Heart Church, 56 Hartford Ave., Wethersfield. There is ample parking in the lot behind the church. We will begin with Holy Mass at 5:30, followed by Evening Prayer, the Rosary, refreshments and the meeting. For more information please call Art Youman, Director, at 860 582-5395, Susie Okamoto, Formation Director, at 860 231-8893.



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