



# Church of Saint Ann

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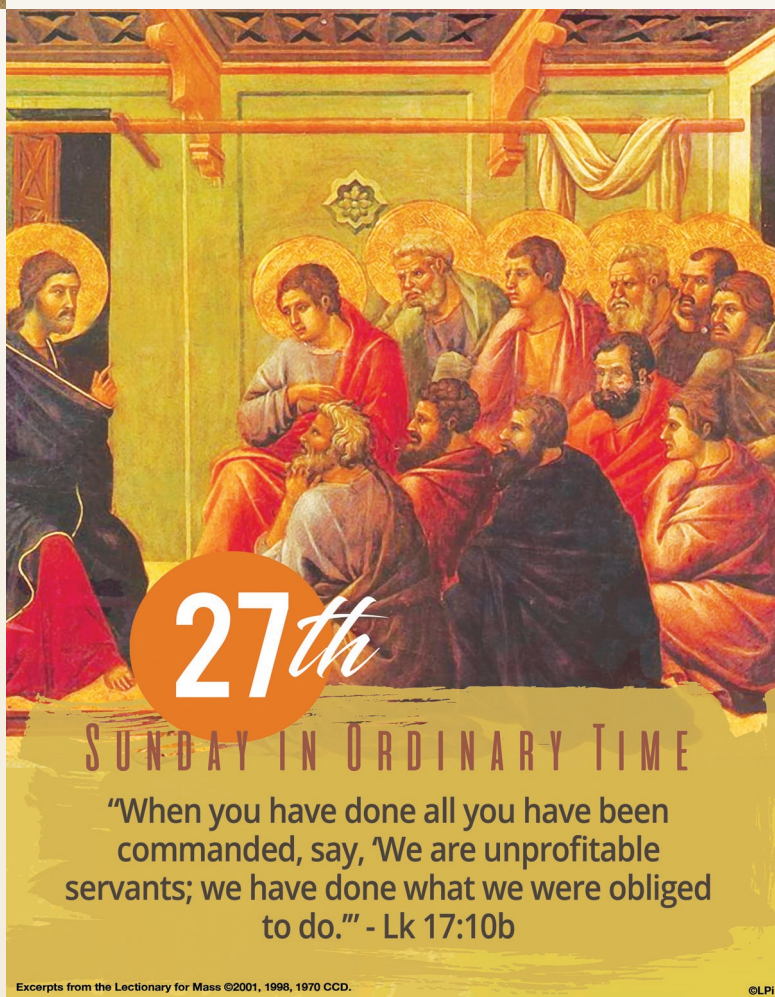
**BAPTISMS:** Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

## 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.



## 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 27th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

**MONDAY, October 7**

9:00 **Virginia (Jennie) Thomas**, requested by  
Kevin Koch

**TUESDAY, October 8**

9:00 **Maria Xuan Nguyen**, requested by  
the family

**WEDNESDAY, October 9**

9:00 **Richard Tourville**, requested by  
the family

**THURSDAY, October 10**

9:00 **Robert Simon (1st Ann.)**, requested by  
the family

**FRIDAY, October 11**

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

**SATURDAY, October 12**

4:00 **Douglas Blood**, requested by  
Anita and Dick Sullivan

**SUNDAY, October 13**

7:30 **Phyllis Folia**, requested by  
the Folia Family  
9:30 **Robert C. Simon (1st Ann.)**, requested by  
his family  
11:00 **Josephine and Carmelo Sammataro**,  
requested by the family



*We are Going Public for  
the 102nd Anniversary  
of Fatima on Saturday,  
October 12th at the  
Avon Town Green  
Gazebo*

We would like to invite you to join other members of St. Ann in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 12th at 12 noon at the Avon Town Green (gazebo) adjacent to the Police Station. This Rosary Rally is sponsored by America Needs Fatima. Therefore, over 20,00 rallies will take place that day. Please join us to show God and His Blessed Mother our love, reparation, and veneration as we pray for the conversion of the United States.

# 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, October 7**

**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 Fr. Bennett Hall  
**Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures:** 7:15pm in Rm. 3

**TUESDAY, October 8**

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3

**Social Justice Committee Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

**WEDNESDAY, October 9**

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

**THURSDAY, October 10**

**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 11**

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

**SATURDAY, October 12**

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

**Public Square Rosary Rally:** 12 noon at Avon Town Green Gazebo

**SUNDAY, October 13**

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



# Food Collection

## This Weekend

# October 5/6

Drop food off this 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](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com);**

**860-673-9858, x228**

**K-8 Parent Enrichment**

See the Alpha program announcement on this page.

**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](mailto:uconnloves@att.net); 860-690-8346.

**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](mailto:mkfk@sbcglobal.net)



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**September 29, 2019: \$7,370.45**  
**Online Giving (week ending 10/2/19): \$2,826.00**  
**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:**  
*Monthly Collection*

## 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

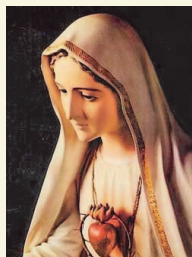
Ministering to body, mind and spirit, the Health Ministry offers blood pressure screening, health counseling and referrals to our community of faith. **Office hours for October 2019 will be on October 27th** from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy ( 2<sup>nd</sup> door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

## 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](mailto:holdenbnd@gmail.com).



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

Please Join Us for a  
 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](mailto: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 this weekend, October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> for it's annual baby bottle drive. Pledge cards or baby bottles will be distributed after all weekend Masses and collected after the weekend of October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.



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

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Come be a part of our ministry!*

**Upcoming Meeting: Monday, October 7th  
 at 7-8:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall**



All are welcome...including brand new knitters!

For more information call  
 Tina: 860-674-1541

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### How Much Is Enough?

*During a conversation about good stewardship of money and time, my daughter shared that sometimes doing the best thing was so hard for her to do. It wasn't always a matter of right and wrong, black and white, but a matter of better and best. I began to reflect on the truth of her statement. When confronted with a decision, we can sometimes be given a choice of good, better, and best. We fool ourselves into believing that the good choice is not a bad one, so it must be enough. However, we have essentially placed a limit on our generosity or commitment with our false sense of good stewardship.*

*Jesus calls us in different ways every day. Sometimes the cost to us is clear. Yet sometimes there is no clear metric. When called to love, how much love is enough? When someone needs our time, how many hours is enough? When a small gift will bring about a positive outcome, what could a larger gift accomplish?*

*Don't be fooled by Jesus' teaching of the mustard seed. He was speaking to those who were caught up in concerns of status, uncertainty of heart, and lack of true faith. Jesus taught with parables and then demonstrated true faith and generosity by his crucifixion. Perhaps the mustard seed of faith allows us to move mountains and trees so that we may see through to the horizon of the cross. In the cross, we find the real metric of love and generosity that is for all who follow Him.*  
-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*The Rosary is the "weapon" for these times.*  
-St. Padre Pio

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hab 2:4)

### Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

### Second Reading:

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

### Gospel:

"So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" (Lk 17:10)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of October 6, 2019

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  
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/  
2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" The metaphor in the story could seem harsh to us today. A servant has worked hard all day, and rather than receiving a much-needed respite, the master commands an additional task. Jesus, however, is appearing to their sensibilities. This was a hierarchical society in which everyone had a place. His listeners would know this. No servant would presume a reward for good deeds.

It's important to remember that we do have a place at God's table. But we don't "earn" it. Dining with the Lord at the heavenly wedding feast requires surrender. It requires deep faith in God and His promises. It also requires commitment. The kingdom takes work! There are fields to plow and initiatives to prepare. There are sheep to tend to and family to care for. There are people waiting for our yes to generous service. When we serve dinner at a homeless shelter, we are waiting on the table of Christ. When we visit an ill relative, we're imitating the Good Samaritan. We're visiting Jesus! We're growing his kingdom of life and love.

The Gospel today reminds us to check our motives. Are we serving because we're seeking a reward? Or because we have faith that this is who we're meant to serve? That is, is this where we're meant to be? The Gospel reminds us that this faith can do powerful things! "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." But, ultimately, we're not the ones doing the deeds. We're not the ones "earning" the grace. Faith, and the good we do for others, is a gift.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

All of the violence and unrest we regularly witness in our world can easily distress us. We can also find ourselves wondering how long it will take before God intervenes and does something about it. Then we remember our call to discipleship and spreading the Good News of the Gospel. We recall the persecutions the early disciples endured and the fate of so many martyrs throughout history, both past and present. It is not God's responsibility to fix our mess but ours. God has given us the power of love and a strength of endurance that comes from Him alone. Our request of God becomes that of the disciples: "Increase our faith." It is our task to stand up for the values of the Gospel and live them regardless of the price.



## 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](mailto:gstone@4lpi.com).*

Charity event to support:



HELPING  
HAITIAN  
CHILDREN

Join us for an evening of classic rock music featuring:

**Hammersmith**

Suggested tax-deductible \$20 donation at door to benefit Helping Haitian Children. Cash bar at event. Clubhouse restaurant will be open downstairs.

Farmington Woods Clubhouse

43 Heritage Dr., Avon, CT

(enter at Rt 167/W. Avon Rd. security gate)

Saturday, November 9, 2019

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

[www.helpinghaitianchildren.com](http://www.helpinghaitianchildren.com)

[www.hammersmithband.com](http://www.hammersmithband.com)



Calling All High School Teens

### REALITIES OF LIFE "CARNIVAL"

This Sunday, October 6, 2019 from 1-4pm

St. Catherine of Siena

265 Stratton Brook Road, West Simsbury

THIS SUNDAY

Games  
Prizes

Interactive Booths

Therapy Dogs

Food and Ice Cream

Inflatable Obstacle Course

Community Resources

and more...

Fun and relaxation  
for all teens!

Live music by:

"The Conscious Club"

For more information:

860-658-1642

[freshcheckday.com](http://freshcheckday.com)

St Catherine of Siena - Women's Club Ministry

Invites you to our free

**HOLIDAY VENDOR CRAFT FAIR.**

**Bake Sale & Cafe!**

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9am - 3pm

St Catherine of Siena Parish

Russell Hall, Atrium & Kitchen

265 Stratton Brook Rd, West Simsbury, CT

BEAT the crowds! SHOP early with us!

Benefit: "Hands of Christ" service awards

*We Hope To See You There!*



### 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](http://www.ctcatholicmen.org)) and AT THE DOOR**