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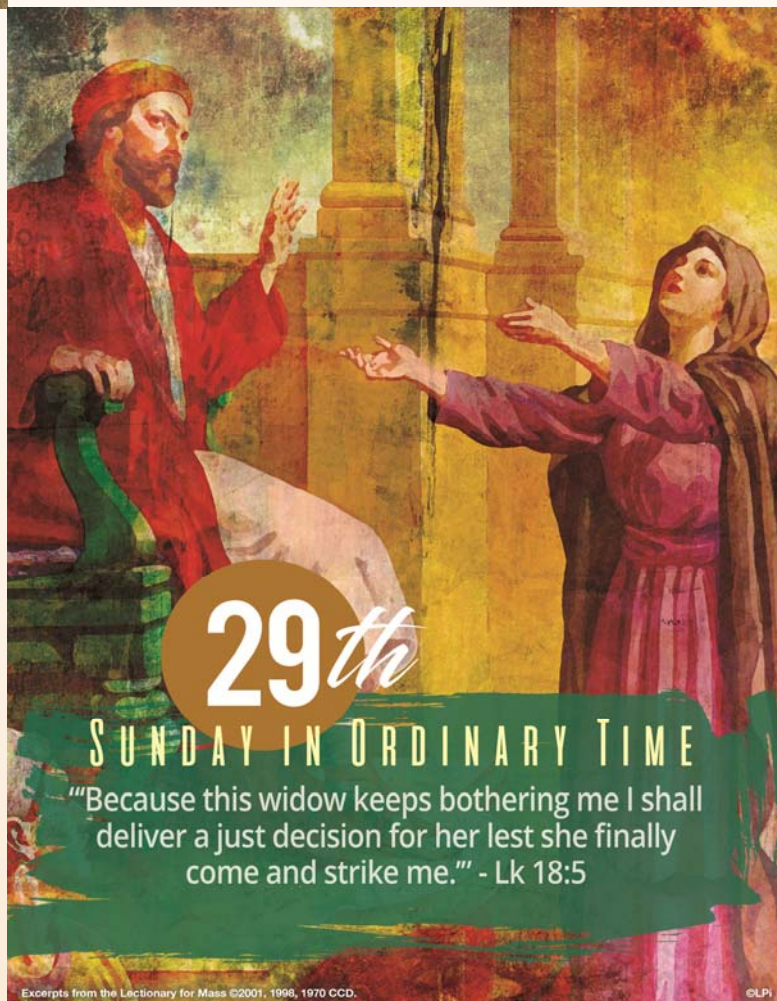
BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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 29th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, October 21

9:00 **For the intentions of Kathryn Woolley (living),** requested by David Woolley

TUESDAY, October 22

9:00 **For Divine Peace, Divine Love and Divine Will on Earth,** requested by James Woolley and Melissa Dalton

WEDNESDAY, October 23

9:00 **For the intentions of James Woolley and Melissa Dalton (living),** requested by Kathryn Woolley

THURSDAY, October 24

9:00 **Grace Vuono**

FRIDAY, October 25

9:00 **Gerald Conaty,** requested by the Ledwidge Family

SATURDAY, October 26

4:00 **Lewis Brucker,** requested by the family

SUNDAY, October 27

7:30 **Rose & John King,** requested by the family

9:30 **David Matthes,** requested by the Breakfast Group

11:00 **Chester A. Case, Jr.,** requested by the Suski 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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, October 21

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 22

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, October 23

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

Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, October 24

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 25

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

SATURDAY, October 26

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, October 27

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

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. If you are in need of a pledge form please contact the parish office. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated.

Thank you.

We are looking for volunteers to support various communication initiatives for the parish. Specifically we are looking for photography and video support and someone to help manage future issues of the NEXUS newsletter.



If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities please contact:
meredith.springer@stannavon.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Fall Programs - Drop In and Join Us!

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

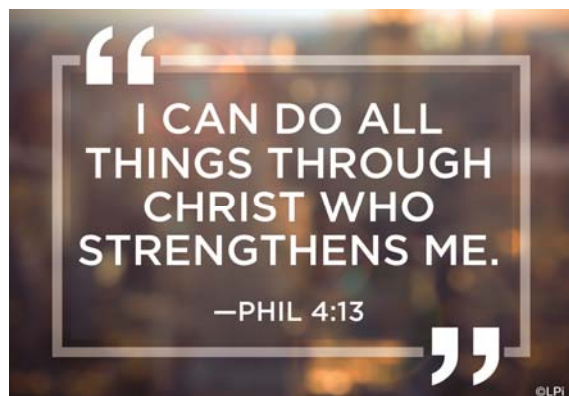
Mondays starting Sept. 9th, 7:15pm, Room 3, with Jim Serruta

All materials provided. (Bring your own Bible if you like.)

Register with Ann DiStefano (see bulletin cover) or drop in!

K-8 Parent Enrichment

See the Alpha program announcement on this page.



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

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

Cost: \$15.00

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

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

Follows the K-8 Faith Formation calendar. Next: October 20th

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.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

October 13, 2019: \$4,990.10
Online Giving (week ending 10/16/19): \$2,311.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Catholic Worker House



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 next Sunday, October 27th from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

Ladies Save these Dates!

Marthas + Marys Comedy Night/Fall Social

featuring comedienne/parishioner Sara Shea
 Thursday, November 7th at 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
 More details to follow:

<https://www.stannavon.org/marthas-marys>

Archdiocesan Women's Conference

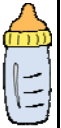
"Set the World Ablaze"

Featuring singer/speaker Sarah Hart
 Sat, Nov 9th, 10am-5pm at Northwest Catholic High School
RSVP: <https://catholicedaohct.org/programs/archdiocesan-women-s-conference>

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

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

Baby bottles and pledge cards will be collected next weekend, 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.



Sign up for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament!

St. Ann's Parish is again taking part in the 40 Days for Life Campaign sponsored by the Archdiocese. There are two parts to this peaceful and prayerful mission. We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, November 3rd following the Divine Mercy Holy Hour and continuing until 8 a.m. on Monday, November 4th. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE POSTERS IN THE GATHERING SPACE. We must have 2 adorers for each hour. Sunday, October 20th a peaceful prayer vigil will take place outside the Hartford OB/GYN Clinic on Jefferson Street in Hartford. Our parish will cover the hours of 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Thank you in advance for your support with our parish's Pro-Life Mission.



Admission is a baby item from the following list that will be donated to Two Hearts:

- Financial donations
- Gift cards to Walmart
- Diapers: sizes 2,3,4,5,6
- Baby wash/shampoo/wipes
- Socks: size 6 months to 3t
- Footie pajamas: 18 months 24 months (girls & boys)
- Winter coats: size 18 months, 24 months, 2T, 3T, 4T
- Winter mittens
- Winter hats to fit toddlers
- Baby bottles
- Baby food/cereal
- Receiving blankets
- New (grow with me) car seats
- Baby crib/mattress



UNPLANNED

movie will be shown

November 10th
2pm
Fr. Bennett Hall

The incredible movie "*Unplanned*" will be shown at our parish on Sunday, November 10th at 2 p.m.

This powerful true story of Planned Parenthood clinic director Abby Johnson's dramatic transformation from abortion advocate to one of the most passionate prolife promoters and speakers in America was a smashing box office success.

Three dynamic guest speakers, **Deacon David Reynolds** liaison to the Catholic Conference of Bishops, **Lynn Reynolds** director of Two Hearts Pregnancy Crisis Center in Torrington, and **Ann Boers** coordinator for 40 Days for Life will present and facilitate an engaging follow up Q & A session.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Where Is the Evidence?

The US Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," sees a life of stewardship as the fruit that comes from an authentic life with Jesus. Faith in Jesus is the minimum requirement that begins this journey from discipleship to stewardship living. There are those who believe in Jesus but do not know him. It becomes very hard to contemplate responding to the call of someone you do not know.

The last sentence of Luke 18:8 should give a reason to pause and reflect. Jesus says to his disciples, "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on Earth?" We can easily respond affirmatively to the question, but if we want to look at the Earth ourselves without being able to see into people's hearts, where is the evidence of the faith that Jesus seeks? When we look at our world, do we see evidence of large amounts of faithful people living in a way that faith would lead them to live?

Our stewardship way of life is evidence of our faith. It is hard to argue that one truly has faith if they do not seek to live as Jesus calls us. An unfortunate cycle is then created when those who not believe do not see any reason to have faith. Our stewardship is not only evidence, but it is our testimony and witness to faith. If Jesus returned today, what would he see? Where is your evidence? Has your witness brought others to him?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

In God's plan, nothing happens by chance.

-St. John Paul II

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11a)

Psalm:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

Second Reading:

Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. (2 Tm 4:2)

Gospel:

"I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Lk 18:8)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 20, 2019

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/
2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17
[8a and 9a]/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68b]/
Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-1

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Render a just decision for me against my adversary." Today's Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? "Because the widow keeps bothering me." Jesus' recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We've all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something "fair," which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in our image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones." Sometimes, He may well seem "slow to answer them."

In the face of these very real questions, it's important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God's thoughts "are not [our] thoughts." His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God's better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to "faith on earth." ©LPI

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

As we live out our life of faith, it is easy to lose heart and lose confidence in God's power and effective presence. We can fall into apathy. Given the immensity of the concerns that abound, we feel powerless and can become unmotivated to persevere. To combat this weariness, Jesus tells his friends to pray always. Persisting in prayer allows us to find the determination, strength, and conviction to continue on course even when presented with difficulties. If we are determined in our pursuit of God, we will eventually find God breaking through our darkness with the light of His presence, gifting us with contemplative sight so that we can see as He sees and love as He loves. It is only when we take on the person of Christ that we are able, with God's help, to touch the world's pain and loneliness. ©LPI

THE BULLETIN BOARD

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/>.

Workshops and informational sessions about annulments are now being offered. The current schedule is as follows:

10/28 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Hamden 7:00 pm

10/29 – St Monica Parish, Northford 7:00 pm

12/4 – St Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Manchester 6:30 pm

12/5 – St Peter Claver Parish, West Hartford 7:00 pm

November 1 Holy Day Mass Online for the Homebound

Is someone you love unable to join us at church for the November 1 Holy Day Mass in celebration of All Saints Day? Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to experience the spiritual comfort of this joy-filled Catholic Mass. Online video will be available at www.HeartoftheNation.org all day. (For those who can attend at church, the online liturgy will not fulfill the Holy Day Mass obligation.)

Olive Wood Gifts from the Holy Land Coming to the Church of Saint Ann on October 9/10

Representatives from Catholic Bethlehem Christian Families will be with us on the weekend of Nov 9 & 10, 2019, to ask for your help and blessing for the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem. These families, sixty years ago, made up 18% of the population. Due to recent events in the Middle East, it has caused these families to face devastating economic strain, and caused the population to decrease to less than 2% in the Holy Land. These families have relied on the income from their religious hand carved olive wood artifacts to tourist. So we have come to the USA to try to help support these families by bringing their artifacts here to sell in the USA. All the proceed from sales will be send back to the families of the Holy Land so that they may be able to keep their homes and provide their families. The last few years were very tough for the Christian families, and this is the only source of income for them.

PLEASE BROWSE THEIR ITEMS AND HAVE SOMETHING FROM THE Holy Land.

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

www.hammersmithband.com



St. Ann (Bristol) Craft Fair
Saturday, November 23, 2019

8:30 a.m. ñ 3:00 p.m.

St. Ann (Bristol) Church Hall

215 West St. Bristol CT

50+ Craft Tables, Music, Food and Fun!

Free Admission, Ample Parking

GRIEF SUPPORT

Grief Support Weekend Retreat for those who have lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation. November 8 - 10, 2019 at Our Lady of Calvary, Farmington, CT. For additional information contact 860-993-5469, info@beginningexperience-ct.org or www.beginningexperience-ct.org.