



# Church of Saint Ann

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Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

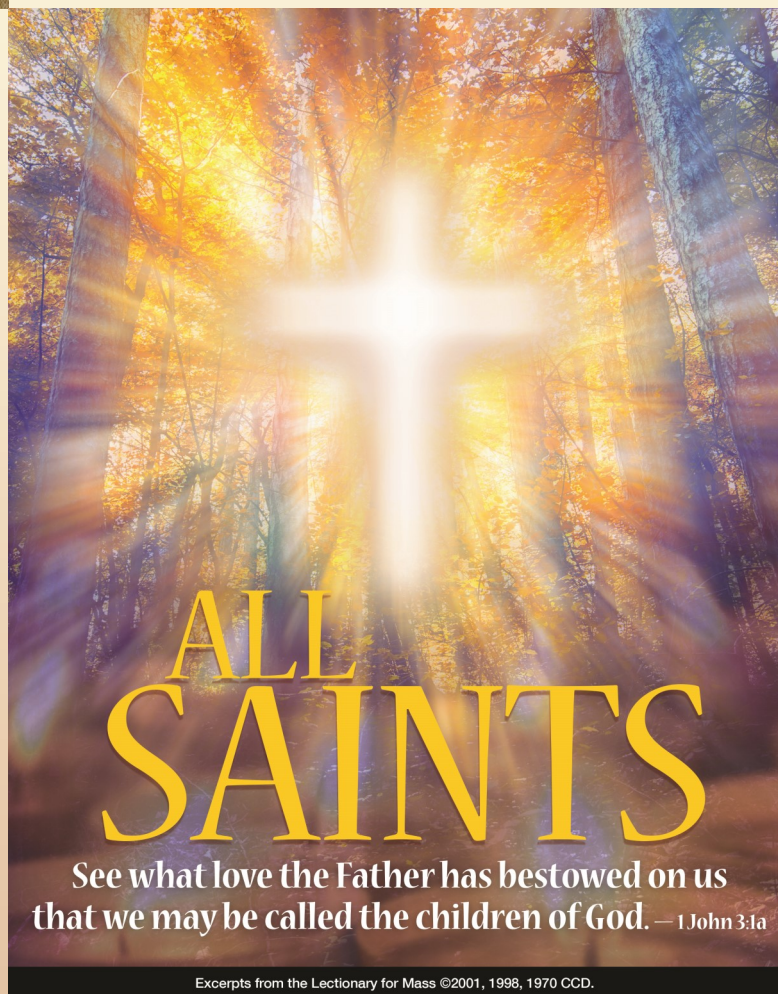
## MARRIAGES

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.



See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God. — 1 John 3:1a

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## 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

## All Saints

### MONDAY, November 2

9:00 Christopher Hwang, requested by the family

### TUESDAY, November 3

9:00 Christopher Hwang, requested by the family

### WEDNESDAY, November 4

9:00 Klaudia Kusmierz, requested by the Osiecki Family

### THURSDAY, November 5

9:00 Special Intentions

### FRIDAY, November 6

9:00 Kazimierz Dukacz, requested by the Osiecki Family

### SATURDAY, November 7

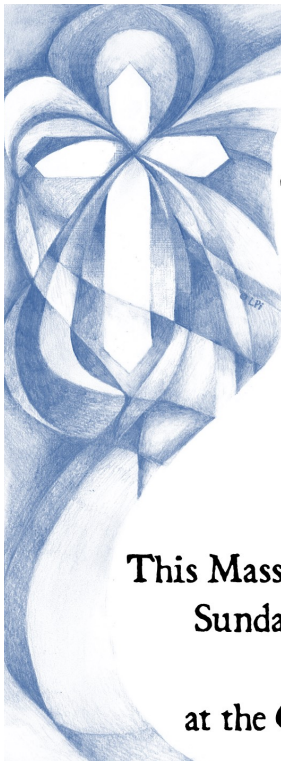
4:00 Jean Tepley, requested by the ZuWallack Family

### SUNDAY, November 8

7:30 Stephen Brighenti, requested by the Connors Family

9:30 Jack Tromza, requested by Mary Jane Jeter

11:00 Danilo Ocenar, requested by Numer and Ethel de Guia



## The Bereavement Committee of Saint Ann's Parish

*Invites you to  
a special Mass to  
celebrate the lives  
of your deceased loved  
ones, who meant so much  
to you and others.*

**This Mass will be celebrated on  
Sunday, November 1, 2020  
9:30 a.m.  
at the Church of Saint Ann**

# 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, November 2

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 9:30-10:30am in the church  
**Lectio Divina Live!:** 7:15pm via Zoom\*

### TUESDAY, November 3

**Walking with Purpose:** 10am in Fr. Bennett Hall  
**RCIA:** 7:15pm in the Activity Room

### WEDNESDAY, November 4

**Wednesday Morning Study Group:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall  
**Unemployment Support:** 3-5pm via Zoom \*  
**Walking with Purpose:** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

### THURSDAY, November 5

**The Bible Timeline:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall  
**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church (wear face masks/social distance)

### FRIDAY, November 6

**Lectio Divina Live!:** 9:45am via Zoom\*

### SATURDAY, November 7

### SUNDAY, November 8

**Lectio Divina Live!:** 10:30am 10:30 am via Zoom\*

**Masks & social distancing required at all times!**

\* **Instructions on how to work Zoom are on our website, under the COVID-19 tab.**

## Annual Parish Collection

Church of Saint Ann

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our **2020 Annual Parish Collection**. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. We are hoping every household that is "able" to help, will decide to do so. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated.

This year's collection is critically important due to the pandemic which has greatly reduced our parish revenue over the past six months. COVID-19 has certainly changed all of our lives. We have lost loved ones, members of our parish and local community. Our Lord calls us to press forward to serve those in need, to think and act on behalf of others. Last year we received donations from around 26% of our parishioners. Our hope is that more parish families will consider participating this year. As always, making a contribution that is based on your means and circumstances. Thank you!





## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

The Holy Eucharist is the central pillar of the Catholic Faith. St. John Paul II wrote, "The Eucharistic Sacrifice is a single sacrifice that embraces everything. It is the greatest treasure of the Church: an inexpressible gift." We should always be aware of WHOM we are receiving when we approach Holy Communion. We should not be passive, but have an ardent and true desire for union with Jesus. The greater our desire for intimacy with Our Lord, the greater the graces that we shall be open to receive. Recall that Our Lord gives us His all in this Sacrament of His Divine Love.

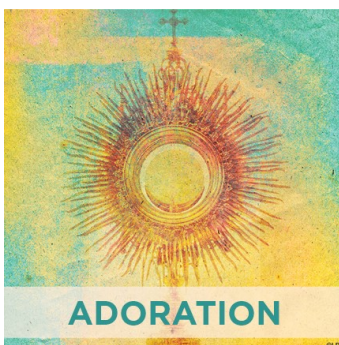
Reflection: When Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealed to her His Sacred Heart, he said, "Behold the Heart which has so loved humankind and which is so little loved in return." Our prayer time after the reception of Holy Communion is precious, intimate, one on one time with Our Lord. We should cherish those minutes.

**Please join us each week as we probe the depths of this Sacrament of Sacraments.**

## Thank You!

What a helpful, enlightening and even humorous conversation we had on **Managing Stress in These Tumultuous Times** with clinical psychologist Dr. Tom Finn, on Oct. 26. Thank you, participants, for your excellent questions; Fr. McHugh, for your leadership and prayers; and Deacon Tim, for your insights and for recommending Dr. Finn.

Please visit <https://www.stannavon.org/special-events-1> for access to the video recording, Dr. Finn's slides, as well as additional resources for mental health support.



**Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament  
is resuming on Mondays  
from 930 - 1030 am  
which is after our  
Daily Mass at 9am**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**We have many offerings to keep you connected and enriched during social distancing! Please visit <https://www.stannavon.org/spiritual-enrichment-during-covid-19-crisis> for instructions on using Zoom and for links to access our Zoom video meetings.**

### Lectio Divina, Live!

Find God's message to you in the coming Sunday Gospel reading through the popular *lectio divina* prayer practice. Meets weekly via Zoom:

- + Sun, 10:30 with Chip Janiszewski
- + Mon, 7:15pm with Jim Serruta
- + Fri, 9:45 am with Ann DiStefano

### Hungry For More?

Are you a non Catholic, or a Catholic who was baptized only? Are you finding that satisfying your appetites doesn't satisfy your deepest hunger? Perhaps it's time to look more closely at this persistent desire for meaning that won't let itself be pushed away. St. Ann's RCIA team is a friendly, welcoming group of Catholics who love to help seekers explore a deeper relationship with God. Come spend some time with one of us, at your convenience. No pressure, no obligation; just conversation and an invitation to find what fills you up. Contact: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com).

### The Kerygma:

- 1) God is Love and created us for relationship with Him.
- 2) When we make unloving choices (sin) we damage our relationship with God/self/others.
- 3) Jesus restores this relationship through his life, death and resurrection.
- 4) Jesus invites us to new life by living like Him now, and with Him forever.
- 5) When we accept Jesus' invitation, we receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to empower us to love.



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**November 2020:** For those attending Mass, we have placed Offertory baskets placed within the church. For others, if possible, please consider continuing to support St. Ann via U.S. Mail or Online Giving (via our website) during these challenging times. Thank You!

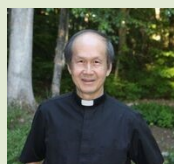
**Online Giving Oct. 21-28, 2020: \$3,286.00**

**The second collection next weekend:**  
monthly

## All Souls Day

*Monday, November 2nd*

The Feast of All Souls is a wonderful Catholic tradition whereby prayers are offered for the departed souls who have made such a wonderful impact in our lives. If you use our envelope system, an envelope for All Souls is included in the packet you received in the mail. You are able to write down the names of those you would like to remember. They can be dropped in any collection basket and will be placed on the altar throughout the month of November. If you would like an All Souls Day envelope please pick one up in the Gathering Space.



You can now watch **Fr. Cheah's** talk on **"The Asian-American Experience"**

on our website: [stannavon.org](http://stannavon.org)  
by selecting "Fr. Cheah on Race"

under the COVID-19 tab on our home page

(direct link: <https://www.stannavon.org/fr-cheah-on-race>)

*Fr. Joe speaks about racism and racial micro aggressions experienced by Asian Americans historically and today.*



## Guidelines and Sign-Up Information for Attending Mass In Person

### Guidelines from the Archdiocese of Hartford

- Face masks/coverings required.
- Please bring hand sanitizer for use during the liturgy.
- There will be limits on the number of socially distanced persons that may be present at a given Mass. Due to our limit of 100 we will need to have sign-ups. (see below)
- Dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation has been extended through Nov. 28th, so the elderly, those with pre-existing conditions, even those who are anxious need not be concerned if they miss Mass. Continue to watch from home.

*You can find more information about attending Mass in person and the links to sign up for Masses on our website: [stannavon.org/mass-times](http://stannavon.org/mass-times). If you aren't able to sign up online, please call the Parish Office and let Kris know the date, time, family name and number attending and she will do it for you.*

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Come be a part of our ministry!*

Upcoming Meeting on Monday evening, November 2nd will be virtual. Please contact Tina Dibble for more information 860-674-1541.



**Do You Know Anyone Who Needs the Comfort of a Prayer Shawl?**

St. Ann's Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls available! If you know of someone who is going through an illness or time of need and feel a prayer shawl will lift their spirits or provide comfort, please contact Tina Dibble, 860-674-1541, to pick one up.

## Discerning Your Vote

With local and national elections coming up, please take a look at the helpful materials from the US Council of Catholic Bishops on our parish website: [stannavon.org/faithful-citizenship](http://stannavon.org/faithful-citizenship). These resources will NOT tell you who to vote for, but rather, they will guide you in how to form your conscience so you can make your choices with greater clarity and peace.

### Topics include:

- What Does it Mean to Form My Conscience
- Knowing Catholic Social Teaching is Key to Faithful Citizenship
- Fostering Civilized Dialogue
- A Prayer for the Election



## Unemployment Support

**3-5pm on Wednesdays via Zoom**

A weekly, virtual networking meeting to share your experiences coping with job loss to help everyone navigate the transition back to employment. If you prefer more anonymity you may call (646) 558-8656 and use meeting code 3671752517.

### Upcoming discussion topics:

November 4: Networking during a pandemic  
November 11: Interviewing techniques on Zoom or Skype  
November 18: Creating balance in your life  
November 25: No meeting. Enjoy Thanksgiving with family & friends!

For more information contact: [BrianJud@comcast.net](mailto:BrianJud@comcast.net)  
Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/3671572517>  
(Zoom tutorial at: [www.stannavon.org/zoom-tutorial](http://www.stannavon.org/zoom-tutorial))

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### Everyday Saints

Growing up I thought saints were larger than life people with extraordinary stories. The thought that I could one day be revered as a saint by anyone seemed crazy. I wrote my essays on different saints every year in Catholic school right around All Saints Day. These were stories about people I had never met, and I assumed I would never meet anyone like them going forward.

Now that I am older, I realize that I was wrong back then and my immaturity of both mind and heart did not allow me to see that there are saints among us all the time. I have met many people in my life that I would call living saints. They are holy people who give of themselves to God and others in profound ways. Their relationship with Jesus is evident and they live their lives in ways that people witness the transformative power of love.

Find the As a child I was wrong about saints, but even more importantly, I didn't fully realize that all of us are called to be saints! Me, a saint? Holiness is not something simply studied in books. It is the way of life we are all called to live. The call comes from Jesus Christ and each of us must respond. If we are still thinking like children, we may choose to stay silent and live accordingly. If we are more mature in our faith then we might not only respond, we might one day have a school child write a report about us.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

Especially with regard to living the Gospel, we are not alone. A great cloud of witnesses journey with us offering us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. We look to them for the example of perseverance we desperately need in order to be faithful, and for what it means to "walk the talk!" The Beatitudes are indeed a blessed vision that people hunger to hear and embrace. But, they also clearly remind us that following Jesus is difficult. Poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, and peace making are not virtues readily accepted by the world. Pursuing a purity of heart and acknowledging the hunger of our souls require not only a courageous stance, but a single-minded devotion to God. And, after going against the grain of the world and meeting resistance along the way, the true disciple may find themselves persecuted and paying a high price. Look to all the saints for the secret to happiness and the example of fidelity. Their lives speak volumes of how God can use even the weakest and most humble among us in tremendous ways. Saints are not even close to being perfect. They are just ordinary folks like us trying to give honor to God with their lives. ©LPi

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. (Rev 7:9)

### Psalm:

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face. (Ps 24)

### Second Reading:

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure. (1 Jn 3:2b-3)

### Gospel:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of November 1, 2020

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/  
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a  
Monday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11 or  
Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40  
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 [26a]/  
Lk 14:15-24  
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33  
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10  
Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 16:1-8  
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or  
4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

### All Saints

I remember as a child the meticulousness my father would bring to a task. Whether it be tending to a chore in the yard, repairing something, or painting a room, the tiniest of every detail demanded his attention. He had great patience. I benefited greatly by his example and remember these lessons well. We all need examples to follow. It is important to identify folks who excel at simple things and show us how to do things well. There are those among us and those who have gone before us who serve as these models and witnesses. They are ordinary people who in their "extraordinary ordinariness" capture our attention and allow us to see things more clearly.

These are the prophets, martyrs, teachers, witnesses, heralds, and innovators who bring a single-minded devotion to God to even the simplest of tasks they perform. They have an openness to being used and become vessels of Divine justice, mercy, and presence. They call us to the "more" of life and point us to the Gospel in all of its simplicity and splendor. They remind us of the little ones of the Kingdom and the values we all need to cultivate and possess. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemaker who often are rejected not only by those who have far different agendas but by those you think would welcome them.

All of the saints in heaven and on earth form this cloud of witnesses who journey with us as we make our way through life. They offer us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. They direct us toward true happiness and remind us that we are all called to be saints. All it takes is desire, love, and fidelity. There is much we can learn from the official saints of the church. Their guidance is ever before us and ever with us. But there is also a lot to learn from the unofficial saints of the church. They sit beside us every Sunday, are our neighbors and ordinary people we meet every day. Because of the devotedness of their faith, they remind us to keep going, remain focused, and cultivate purpose and meaning, and give voice to those who have none. The inspiration is all around us.

Pay attention to the details. Do what you do with great love. Know that you are not alone. Believe that you can persevere. Have great faith. ©LPi



# THE BULLETIN BOARD

## Women's Conference: Going Virtual!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Archdiocesan Women's Conference, originally scheduled for November 7, 2020, has been postponed in-person.

However, the experience of the Women's Conference will take place in an extended virtual format, running from November 2020 to May 2021.

A chance to "attend" a workshop and prayer experience will be available monthly. These virtual events will take place on **the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.**

Attendees will register in advance for the virtual event and are welcome to come as they are - yoga pants or sweatshirt or stilettos, glass of wine or cup of tea - to partake in spiritual nourishment and time in community as a taste of the experience of the Women's Conference (a workshop and prayer experience) in this socially distant time.... and of course, it will be free of charge!

Visit [www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org](http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org) to register for these monthly events!



## St Mary's Mission

### Religious Articles Collection

St. Mary's Mission has been working with Catholic churches, Convents, Schools, etc., in helping find new homes for used Religious items that are no longer needed. Over the last few years, our mission work has successfully expanded, and we have recycled several items by donating them to those in need. We can take in just about anything of Religious nature, such as Crucifixes, Statues, Rosaries (also broken and damaged), Chalices, Altar Ware, Vestments, Tabernacles, Relics, Holy Medals, Linens, etc. Please do not throw anything out that may be questionable.

**Please, no furniture type items or books at this time, if in question, please contact us. (717-381-5816)**  
St. Mary Mission will be in the area for pick ups

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT:

**Our Lady of Calgary Retreat Center  
Farmington, CT**

**Visit: [ourladyofcalvary.net](http://ourladyofcalvary.net)  
for registration & more information**

**At Home 4-Day Guided Retreat  
on Zoom**

**November 5-8**

**Entering the Silence Within**

An at-home 4-day guided retreat based on Sacred Scripture

- This will be a retreat made in the comfort of your own home
- Each day will begin with input based on Sacred Scripture
- Time for personal prayer and communal prayer
- Opportunity to meet individually with a facilitator/spiritual director.



## St. Mary - Simsbury Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary

Every Thursday at St. Mary's in Simsbury there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:00 AM Mass until 9:00 AM. Come and spend some time with Jesus.

We encourage those who attend Exposition to recite the Rosary privately before the Blessed Sacrament for the welfare of our Church and Country.

## New Cookbook from St. Patrick's in Farmington



The **Secrets from the Confessional and other culinary delights, Part 2** cookbooks are spectacular! They will be sold for \$35 each with all proceeds to go to the St. Patrick Church Addition. You can order one by calling St. Patrick's Parish Office at (860) 677-2639. You won't want to miss this - lots of culinary delights in here!

**COVID-19 RESOURCES:** VISIT: [www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus) for all Archdiocesan pandemic related updates

**Please visit St. Ann's website: [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org)**

Look under the "COVID-19" tab for updates and spiritual enrichment ideas for adults, children & families.

**Check out St. Ann's YouTube Channel!** There is a link on our website or you can visit us & subscribe at:  
[www.youtube.com/channel/UCQb8GEZT-REAvzOGVM4-9UA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQb8GEZT-REAvzOGVM4-9UA?view_as=subscriber)

## Mass: If you are unable to attend Mass here are some options to watch at home

- The Office of Radio and Television of the Archdiocese of Hartford broadcasts Mass every day at 10:00am on WCCT. Channel 11 on our local cable. It is celebrated by one of our own Archdiocesan priests in the ORTV studio.
- Bishop Robert Barron: "Word on Fire" Daily Mass webpage: [www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/)
- EWTN, either on your TV or online at: [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)

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Please visit our cemeteries during our Fall Open House Program. Stop in and speak with our Family Service Advisors from 9 AM to 2 PM, get a tour of the park and take advantage of our **Open House Special Offers** just for those who visit during the following schedule:

**Saturday, October 24, 2020**

St. Mary Cemetery - 1141 Stanley St. New Britain, CT  
All Saints Cemetery - 700 Middletown Ave. North Haven, CT  
Mt. Olivet Cemetery - 669 Platt Rd. Watertown, CT

**Saturday, October 31, 2020**

Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery - 1 Cottage Grove Rd. Bloomfield, CT  
St. Francis Cemetery - 863 South Main St. Torrington, CT  
Mt. St. Peter Cemetery - 219 New Haven Ave. Derby, CT  
St. Lawrence Cemetery - 280 Derby Ave. West Haven, CT

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