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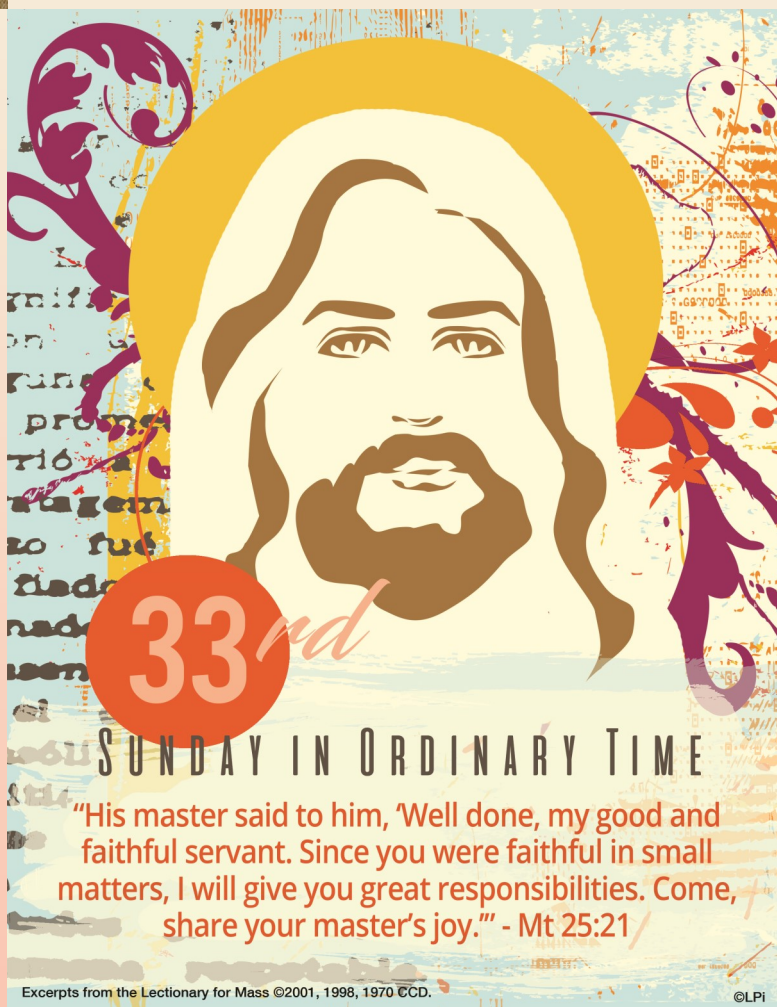
MARRIAGES

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.



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'" - Mt 25:21

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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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, November 16

9:00 Mary Mongan, requested by Kenna Daly

TUESDAY, November 17

9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, November 18

9:00 Liam James Manning, requested by John and Maria Manning

THURSDAY, November 19

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, November 20

9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, November 21

4:00 Joseph and Marie Joyce, requested by Tom and Pat Heavren

SUNDAY, November 22

7:30 John Vignati, requested by a friend

9:30 Sivert Jacobson, requested by Numer and Ethel de Guia

11:00 For the intentions of Judith Stafford & Family (Living), requested by the family

Turkey Express

Weekend of November 21/22, 2020

at Church of Saint Ann

Saturday: 3:30-5pm * Sunday: 7am-12:30pm
Look for the truck labeled "Turkey Express"

Please consider donating the following Thanksgiving dinner items for our Avon and Hartford neighbors:

1. Gift Cards to Stop & Shop or Big Y
2. Frozen Turkeys

Suggested Fixings:

stuffing mix, jellied cranberry sauce, fresh or canned vegetables, rice, small bag of potatoes &/or sweet potatoes, butter, cheddar cheese, fresh or canned fruit, juice, dinner rolls, brownie/cake mixes, frosting, gravy, mayonnaise...

Our Parish Goal is 220 Turkeys and Lots of Fixings!

Thank you for your generosity and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sponsored by our
Social Justice Committee
"Together We Serve All God's People"



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

MONDAY, November 16

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church

MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church

Lectio Divina Live!: 7:15pm via Zoom*

TUESDAY, November 17

Walking with Purpose: 10am in Fr. Bennett Hall

RCIA: 7:15pm in the Activity Room

WEDNESDAY, November 18

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 19

The Bible Timeline: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church (wear face masks/social distance)

FRIDAY, November 20

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

SATURDAY, November 21

SUNDAY, November 22

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!

(Extra pledge cards can be obtained on the pews in the Gathering Space or in the Parish Office or by calling or e-mailing the Parish Office, 860-673-9858, ext. 221, kris.martino@stannavon.com)



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

The Holy Eucharist is NOT a symbol. Jesus is ALIVE in the Eucharist. We know this because what Jesus says IS. He is the WORD made flesh. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1) Whatever Jesus says happens. "Lazarus, come forth." And the dead man came forth from his tomb. (John 11:44-45) "Little girl, arise." And the little girl awoke. (Luke 9:55-56) At the Last Supper Jesus said, "This is my body, which will be given for you, do this in memory of me." And "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which shall be shed for you: (Luke 22:21) There was therefore a change in substance from bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Our Lord.

Reflection: The Second Vatican Council states that, "God makes things by His words." We read in the Book of Genesis how God creates by saying the words, "Let there be...." And it happens. (Genesis 1) Faith enters into accepting the word of God. Faith enters into accepting the true Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. But for those who need scientific proof, Google "The Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano". God wishes to reveal the Miracle of the Eucharist to doubters. He wishes all to come to Him and be saved. He loves each of us, as if we were his only child.

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

Dispensation from the Sunday Mass Obligation Extended Through Tuesday, February 16, 2021

From the Archdiocese of Hartford

"In light of the recent increase in the coronavirus cases within the state of Connecticut and continued uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the coronavirus in the state and throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, Archbishop Blair has now extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for all the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford through Tuesday, February 16, 2021, which is the eve of Ash Wednesday.

The Archdiocese of Hartford continues to monitor the severity of the situation surrounding the pandemic and will provide updates regarding decisions reached for the Archdiocese as they are made."

For the full statement go to: [archdioceseofhartford.org/further-extension-of-dispensation-from-Sunday-mass-obligation/](https://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/further-extension-of-dispensation-from-Sunday-mass-obligation/)

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.

Put stress aside this Advent and focus on HOPE!

Our Advent Reflection Series, "Jesus Will Be Home HOPE For Christmas," begins soon.

Don't miss this 4-part program, where we will explore the HOPE that comes when we *Discover, Follow, Worship and Share Jesus*. This is part of our focus on The Kerygma (see below) this year, and its timely message of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

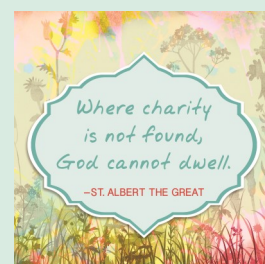
- + Groups will meet online weekly via Zoom, for 90-minutes. (We'll walk you through Zoom - it's simple!)
- + You'll enjoy fellowship, prayer, music, video, reading and discussion; materials provided; no homework!
- Sundays, 10:30am (Nov 22, 29; Dec 6, 13)
- Mondays, 7:15pm (Nov 23, 30; Dec 7, 14)
- Fridays, 9:45am (Nov 20; Dec 4, 11, 18)

Contact Ann DiStefano to register : 860-673-9858, ext. 228
ann.distefano@stannavon.com

ADVENT

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 Nov. 4-11, 2020: \$3,621.00
The second collection next weekend: none

RCIA 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: ann.distefano@stannavon.com or 860-673-9858, x.228.

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



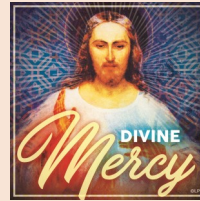
Guidelines and Sign-Up Information for Attending Mass In Person

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 Feb. 16, 2021, 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.

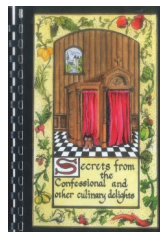
You can find more information about attending Mass in person and the links to sign up for Masses on our website: stannavon.org/mass-times. If you aren't able to sign up online, please call the Parish Office and let Kris know the date, time, family name and number attending and she will do it for you.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



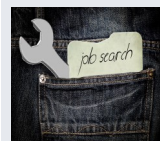
Next Sunday, Nov. 22nd
2:30-3:30pm in the church

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated on Sunday, November 22nd from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please join us for this powerful devotion.



This Weekend: St. Patrick's (Farmington) Cookbook to be Sold After Masses

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 Farmington Church Addition. You can pick one up after Mass or call the Parish Office (860) 677-2639 to reserve your copy today! You won't want to miss this - lots of culinary delights in here!



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 18 : Creating balance in your life

November 25: No meeting. Enjoy Thanksgiving with family & friends!

For more information contact: BrianJud@comcast.net

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/3671572517>

(Zoom tutorial at: www.stannavon.org/zoom-tutorial)

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Buried in Your Backyard

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried 25 years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone — the current students as well as those now grown — laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.

I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those 25 years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?

We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to Him and those around us for His glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard, we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

God has entrusted his possessions to us. God's possessions are not earthly, physical things like ours: a home, bank account, personal items, and so forth. God's possessions are far greater and deeper. God's greatest possession is His very Self and it is precisely this pearl of great price that He bestows freely upon us. What are we going to do with it? Nourishing the fruits of wisdom is of the first order in determining how we are going to use what God have given. Understanding that His gift has not been given purely for our self-benefit is another. Wisdom asks us to broaden our horizons to embrace all avenues of human life, including the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and the needy. Manifested primarily in the virtues of faith, hope, and love, what God has entrusted to us can multiply exponentially if we invest His gift wisely and reap the greatest benefits. While it requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work, we will experience tremendous joy when we realize just how much confidence God has in us. Not acting on something out of fear or lack of trust serves no purpose and is of no use to either God or ourselves.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates. (Prv 31:30-31)

Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober. (1 Thes 5:5-6)

Gospel:

"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'" (Mt 25:21)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of November 15, 2020

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/
1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/
Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/
Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/
Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/
Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

Please join at The House of Bread's 35th Annual Hunger Banquet - Drive Thru

Wed., Nov. 18, 2020, from 12 –1pm
at St. Patrick/St. Anthony Church parking lot, 285 Church Street, Hartford
Cost is \$25 per person

You never have to leave your car; we'll bring the food (and other gifts) to you. You can pay when you arrive. RSVPs are encouraged and can be sent to info@hobread.org. If you can't make it and would like to donate, your donations can be mailed to The House of Bread at 1453 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06120.

Webinar: Responsible Consumption

On Nov. 19, 7:00 PM, The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will present "Responsible Consumption" as part of their webinar series: Examining the Teachings in Pope Francis' Encyclical "On Care for our Common Home". As Christians, we have an obligation to participate in society and to influence public policy, law, economics and politics to foster the well-being of all people, especially the poor and vulnerable, while being responsible stewards of creation. Presenter: Jennifer Schloat, Lead Teacher, St. Gabriel School, Windsor, CT For more information visit www.catholicsocialjustice.org



The presenter,
Jennifer Schloat, is a
parishioner here at the
Church of St. Ann!
Please check out her
presentation.

St. Mary's Mission (Lancaster, PA)

Religious Articles Collection

*** Deadline Extended ***

Please, no furniture type items or books at this time, if in question, please contact us.
(717-381-5816)

If you have any religious items that you'd like to donate, please bring them to the St. Ann Parish Office by December 4th. St. Mary Mission will be in our area for pick ups the week of December 7th.

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), Chalice, Altar Ware, Vestments, Tabernacles, Relics, Holy Medals, Linens, etc. Please do not throw anything out that may be questionable.

The Spirit of the Franciscan Christmas Fair November 21-December 20, 2020

This year, because of the pandemic, our Franciscan Christmas Fair, benefitting the Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care will be online. We invite you to join us for *The Spirit of the Franciscan Christmas Fair* November 21 - December 20, 2020. We will be recapturing the spirit of our Living Crèche from past years, selling fair items online including Christmas trees, wreaths, centerpieces, pottery, handmade miniature reindeer, handmade candles, Merry Miscellaneous items, Holy Land pieces and more. There is a Basket Raffle and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be live from the North Pole. Please join us in supporting *The Spirit of the Franciscan Christmas Fair* by visiting franciscanchristmasfair.org.

COVID-19 RESOURCES: VISIT: www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus for all Archdiocesan pandemic related updates

Please visit St. Ann's website: 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

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/
- EWTN, either on your TV or online at: www.ewtn.com

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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. Waterbury, CT
Saturday, October 31, 2020
Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery - 1 Cottage Grove Rd. Bloomfield, CT
St. Francis Cemetery - 883 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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