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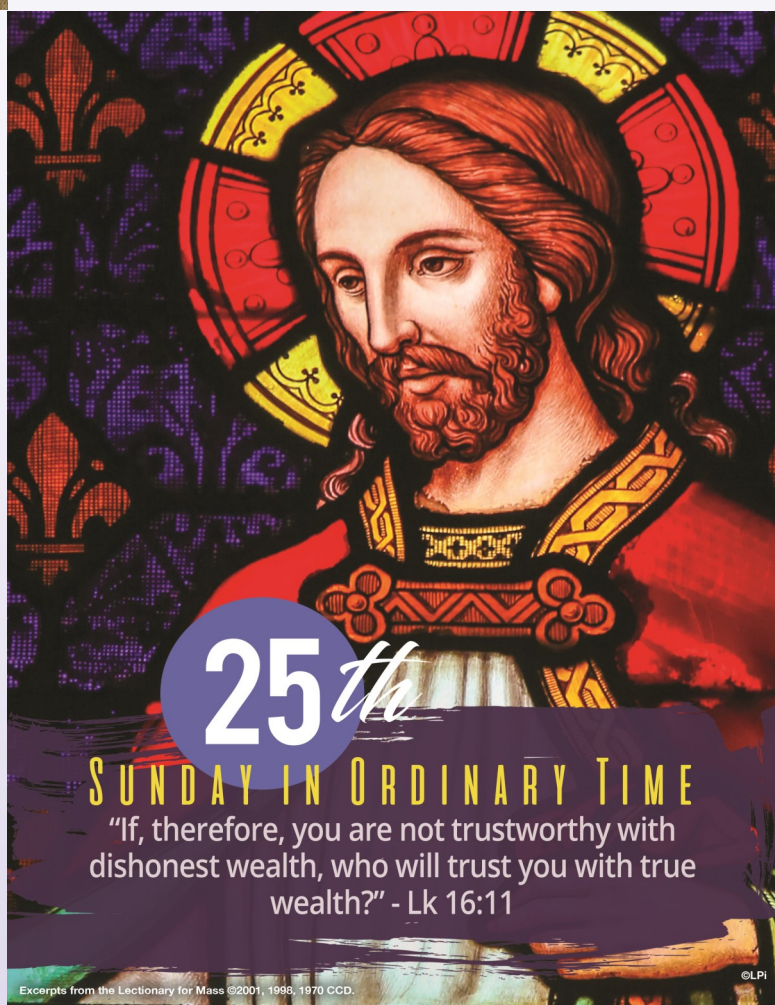
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Please schedule marriage dates at least 6 months ahead. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

## 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



**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*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.*

**MONDAY, September 19**

**9:00** Eric Perodeau, requested by the Neagle Family

**TUESDAY, September 20**

**9:00** For the intentions of Klaudia Kusmierz (Living), requested by the Osiecki Family

**WEDNESDAY, September 21**

**9:00** Joseph Faillace, requested by Marcia Lysak

**THURSDAY, September 22**

**9:00** Marilyn Meade Daley, requested by the Daley, Hull & Kozuch Families

**FRIDAY, September 23**

**9:00** Kathleen Gordon, requested by the Waterbury Family

**SATURDAY, September 24**

**4:00** Concetta & Sando Burgio, requested by the family

**SUNDAY, September 25**

**7:30** Mary Pierni, requested by Mr. & Mrs. James McGinn

**9:30** Estelle Girard, requested by the DiStefano Family

**11:00** Donald Sopelak, requested by the Knowles Family

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN**

**MONDAY, September 19**

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

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

**Lectio Divina:** 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

**TUESDAY, September 20**

**WWP Reclaiming Friendship:** 10:15am via Zoom

**Step by Step:** 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

**WEDNESDAY, September 21**

**Romans Bible Study:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

**Knights of Columbus:** 7pm in Room 2

**WWP Reclaiming Friendship:** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

**THURSDAY, September 22**

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

**Acts Bible Study:** 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall and via Zoom

**FRIDAY, September 23**

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

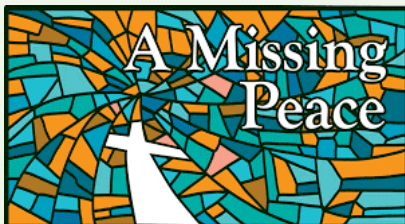
**SATURDAY, September 24**

**Men's Breakfast Group:** 8:00 am in Room 3

**SUNDAY, September 25**

**Lectio Divina, Live!:** 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom

***Attention Women of St. Ann – This is a special invitation for you!***



**What:** The Annual Women's Themed Retreat titled *"A Missing Peace"*

**Where:** Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT

**When:** There are six weekends from October 2022 - June 2023 (refer to Parish website; click Ministries tab then Women's Retreats in the drop down) for further information.

***\*I understand some of you have the desire to go on a retreat but are unable to make a weekend commitment. Therefore, please join me on October 1, 2022 for the "Saturday Only" portion of the fall Women's Retreat titled "A Missing Peace". This is a great opportunity for spiritual renewal and rest for a day!***

If you are interested in attending on October 1st please contact me for further details. I would love to see you there.

Peace,

Eileen DiMauro ([ecdimauro@yahoo.com](mailto:ecdimauro@yahoo.com)), Holy Family Women's Retreat Promoter

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## ACTS:

### The Spread of the Kingdom

The Acts of the Apostles is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom is a Bible Study that traces how the gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. It shows how the struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today.

St. Ann's will begin a 20 week Bible study; ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom. Participants will meet weekly to view an engaging video presentation followed by a group discussion

#### WHEN:

On Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Starting September 15, 2022

#### WHERE:

In person in Father Bennett Hall or on Zoom  
 \*We will take a break for the holidays.

#### QUESTIONS?

Contact Eileen DiMauro (facilitator):  
 ecdimauro@yahoo.com

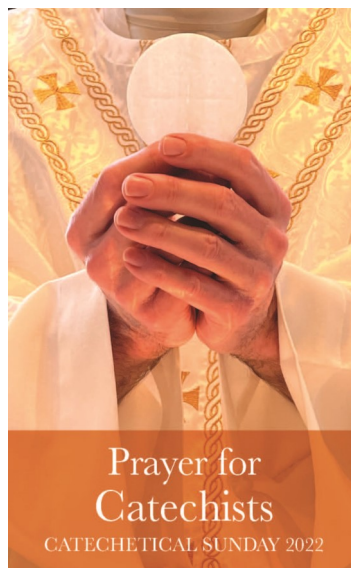
#### TO REGISTER:

Contact Ann Distefano: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

## Annual Parish Collection

Church of Saint Ann

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many of our parish households to our 2022 Annual Parish Collection. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated. The collection, if successful, will provide funding for the roof replacement of the Parish Wing. The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. If you need a pledge card, please contact the Parish Office. You may also make an online donation on our website: [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org). Look right under the "Welcome" message on our home page. Thank you!



### Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning, right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## God Has a Personal Message For You!

Join us for the popular *Lectio Divina* way of praying scripture, where you listen for what God is saying to you in the Gospel for the coming Sunday. It's also a great way to connect with others, and engage more fully in Mass.

*Friendly groups meet via Zoom & in person.*  
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**Sundays at 10:30am both in Room 3 & via Zoom**  
**Mondays at 7:15pm in Rm 3 and via Zoom**  
**Fridays at 9:45am via Zoom**

For registration details and inspiring testimonials, visit:  
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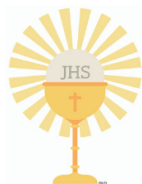
## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 9/11/22: \$6,875.50

Online Giving (Sept. 7-14, 2022): \$2,593.50

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:

*Catholic Elementary Schools*



## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

### This week's theme: Battle Fatigue

There was a recent news story about some in the secular media calling the Holy Rosary an instrument of violence and terrorism against society. A Catholic artist published a cartoon showing a caricature of "Dirty Harry", who was holding a rosary up to a cowering figure of Satan with the caption, "Go ahead. Make my day!". YES indeed! The rosary is our weapon for the battle against evil, as was proclaimed by Our Blessed Mother, St. Pio and Pope St. John Paul II among many other saints.

**Reflection:** Are you praying the rosary daily? Perhaps what is needed is a spark to light our hearts on fire with a love for Our Lady and her daily rosary request for world peace. If you need some inspiration, please consider the words of St. John Damascene, "The Eucharist is a fire which inflames us." Why not turn to Jesus in prayer after Holy Communion and ask for this grace, which will so please His Mother.

## "Curious About Catholicism?" Meetups

Bring a friend, enjoy a drink, and chat about exploring the Catholic faith, in a relaxed atmosphere.

### STOP BY:

Tuesday, Sept 20th  
10-11am  
The Coffee Trade, Avon  
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Thurs, Sept 29,  
5:30-7pm  
Seasons Bar  
Avon Old Farms Hotel



**Hosts:** St. Ann's RCIA Team

## STEP BY STEP: A Guided Journey Through the Catholic Faith



Catholicism is so broad and deep, it can be a challenge to navigate. Let us guide you "Step by Step" through the high points of our faith, via the engaging video series, *Symbolon*, from **FORMED.org**

**WHO:** Anyone who wants to better understand what Catholics believe, and why we gather, pray, celebrate and serve the way we do, from cradle Catholics to seekers curious about the Faith.

**WHEN:** Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm, Sept 20-Nov 22

**WHERE:** Fr. Bennett Hall

**HOST:** Andrea Pizzuti

**COST:** \$20 (for printed materials)

**RSVP:** By Sept 13 via  
<https://www.osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/step-by-step-2022>

For more info and a video preview, visit  
[stannavon.org/step-by-step](http://stannavon.org/step-by-step)



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Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 PM  
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All those in the Archdiocese of Hartford who are observing 25th, 50th, 60th, and other special wedding anniversaries in 2022 are invited to join Archbishop Blair for this special anniversary Mass.

Couples can register to attend online at  
[archdioceseofhartford.org/marriagemass](http://archdioceseofhartford.org/marriagemass)

If you don't have internet access, please call Kris in the Parish Office and I can register you over the phone.  
860-673-9858, ext. 221

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### Fixing the Scales

Most people don't intend on being selfish. The reality of selfishness usually lies in the grey shades of our decision-making. We would never go out of our way to kick a homeless person begging by the highway exit. We would never steal money from our parish collection plate.

But would we drive past the homeless person without even extending a thought or a prayer toward his need? Would we justify stinginess in time, talent, and treasure because of our own comfort? We all have been guilty of transgressions such as these in the past. We will fall again in the future.

Most of the evil in this world can be traced back to a feeling of entitlement that lurks deep within each of us — a frantic concern for our own good that we find difficult to shake. The same instinct that compelled Eve to reach for the fruit that would give her the knowledge of good and evil still compels people to focus on what they are owed, on what they have “earned,” on what they have “coming to them.” We are so tempted to fix the scales. We are so tempted to keep score.

We would do well to remember that our God is not a God who keeps score. He is not a God who acts entitled or who tacks on extra dues, taking as much as He can get. He is a God who seats the lowly with princes. He is a God who seeks avenues for reconciliation and mercy.  
- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of September 18, 2022

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13  
Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13  
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45  
Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land!  
(Am 8:4)

### Psalm:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. (Ps 113) Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. (1 Tm 2:3-4)

### Gospel:

“No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other.  
You cannot serve both God and mammon.” (Lk 16:13)

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## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Human beings are often very clever when managing money and making a profit. Sometimes, we place so much of our sense of security in money that we lower ourselves to deceit and fraud. Our need to produce a profit can easily lead to economic injustice and exploitation. Money is necessary to conduct the business of our lives. However, it cannot become the god we serve. Being smart, savvy, and creative with financial wealth can be good. Being smart, savvy, and creative with living out our relationship with God is even better. Our hearts have to find a home somewhere. Jesus reminds us of a choice we must make: God or mammon. We need to be cautious about “selling our souls” to what cannot fully satisfy us and falling into the traps of lust, gluttony, pride, and greed. Instead, we can better direct our efforts and our talents to the management of God's kingdom, which in the end is the only thing that matters. Any ideas on how we can use the talents and skills God gave us to make for a better world?

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

“You cannot serve both God and mammon.” Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real “god” we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, *Wealth, Riches and Money*, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon's influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over “never having enough,” an “I can't afford it” mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world's problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

“Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God's will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.).” This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God's kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God's kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.

-LPi

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A collage of words in various colors and fonts, including 'Faith', 'Teaching', 'Integration', 'Ministry', 'Familia', 'Acción', 'Unidad', 'Love', 'Change', 'Comunidad', 'Social Justice', 'Catechesis', 'Joy', 'Service', 'Jesus', 'Discipleship', 'Life-long', 'Responsibility', 'Community', 'Advocacy', 'Evangelize', 'Servicio', 'Peace', 'Dignity', 'Justice', 'Equality', 'Faith Formation', and 'Fe'. A silhouette of a person's head is on the right.

# Dreaming Together

## Forming Disciples for Faith and Justice

September 17, 2022 at the Omni New Haven

**Keynote Speaker: Rev. James Martin**  
The Center for Catholic Education & Formation and the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford will sponsor a joint conference on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at the Omni New Haven at Yale. The theme, *Dreaming Together: Forming Disciples for Faith and Justice* takes its name from "Let us Dream" by Pope Francis, who encourages us to dream of a better future. The conference will include educational and practical pieces on faith formation topics such as lifelong formation, parent and family engagement, social justice issues, and Catholic social teaching. Attendees will gain skills in integrating social ministry and Catholic social teaching into classroom, parish, and family life.

Father James Martin, SJ will provide the keynote address. The address will emphasize the need to re-ground ourselves in why we do the work that we do. This conference will also include three (3) break-out sessions with a choice of 24 workshops, lunch and exhibits. Simultaneous translation will be available for the keynote and limited number of workshops will be offered in Spanish.

For more information visit [www.CatholicEdaohct.org](http://www.CatholicEdaohct.org).  
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