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Please call the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221

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.



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”

- Mt 18:33-35

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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



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, September 18

9:00 Richard Simpson, requested by
Kenna Daly and Kirk Tavtigan

TUESDAY, September 19

9:00 Nikodem Smolinski and Andrew Sopelak,
requested by the Sopelak Family

WEDNESDAY, September 20

9:00 Juliet Sielski, requested by Kenna Daly

THURSDAY, September 21

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

FRIDAY, September 22

9:00 Judy Nimons, requested by
the Waterbury Family

SATURDAY, September 23

4:00 Michael L. Girard, requested by Aunt Elaine

SUNDAY, September 24

7:30 Lillian Vizzola, requested by Father Al & family
9:30 Bob Marino, requested by Valerie St. Jean
11:00 John & Ida Franciosi, requested by
the Roselli 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 parish. You can do so by stopping by or calling the Parish Office (860-673-9858, ext.221).

You can also register online at:
www.stannavon.org/register-at-st-ann

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, September 18

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church
Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome)

TUESDAY, September 19

K-8 Catechist Meeting: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall
Walking With Purpose: 10:15am via Zoom
K-8 Catechist Meeting: 6:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall
Social Outreach Meeting: 7pm in Room 2
Adult Confirmation Class: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, September 20

Jesus: The Way, the Truth & the Life: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall
Walking With Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, September 21

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church
Children's Choir Rehearsal: 4pm in the Choir Loft
Adult Choir Rehearsal: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, September 22

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, September 23

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

SUNDAY, September 24

Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM
Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30-3:30pm in the church

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LOVE, HOPE
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Maybe it's time to check out what it's like to be Catholic! No commitments; just friendly conversation.

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860-673-9858, x228

Annual Parish Collection

Church of Saint Ann

Every parish family should have received a letter from Father Fontana this past week inviting their financial participation in our 2023 Parish Annual Collection. The collection, if successful, will provide funding to assist the parish in balancing the operations budget and earmarking funds for capital improvements. The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Thank you!

**THREE KEYS TO UNLOCK THE
TRANSFORMING POWER OF JESUS
IN THE EUCHARIST:**



PRESENTATION by Noel Terranova
Thursday, October 5, 2023,
7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall, St. Ann, Avon

Welcome back this popular speaker from Holy Family Retreat Center, who will show us ways to engage with Jesus that have the power to change us

Light Refreshments + Free Will Offering
RSVP by Oct 1: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

St. Ann Parish celebrates the National Eucharistic Revival



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Beholding His Glory reminds us how all Scripture points us to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We'll learn to recognize and appreciate God's plan for our own lives, His awe-inspiring majesty, and His desire for personal intimacy with each one of us.

Choose the session convenient for you.



Tuesdays: 10:15am via Zoom or
Wednesdays: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
Only 9 Sessions
September 12/13 through November 14/15

Questions?

Colleen Waterbury: 203-913-8764
or Pat Wall: 860-508-0947

ST. ANN'S ANNUAL CLOTHING SALE

DONATE

Tuesday-Thursday, September 26-28
9:30am - 4pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

Collect gently worn, up to date styles of Children's Clothing; Outerwear; Jeans, sweaters, casual clothing and Activewear for Men or Women, Jewelry, Purses & Scarves.

VOLUNTEER

Any help is appreciated!
For questions or to sign up to volunteer contact:
Meg Kundahl at 860-521-1051 or
mkfk@sbcglobal.net

SHOP

Friday, September 29th:
5-7pm (\$5 admission fee)

Saturday, September 30th:
9am-2pm (most items \$3)

Sponsored by the Saint Ann Scholarship Committee.
All proceeds go towards scholarships for deserving urban students attending local Catholic High Schools.



PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

40 Days For Life Campaign

October 1st is Respect Life Sunday. Pro-Life Ministry has chosen this day to pray for the lives of the unborn on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood at 1030 New Britain Avenue in West Hartford to fulfill the Prayer Vigil piece of the 40 Days For Life Commitment.

We are responsible to cover 6am-6pm but have pledged to definitely cover 7am-2pm so please sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space for these hours first.

As Catholics we **MUST** take a stand for Life, especially the most vulnerable. God is the Creator of all Life and He expects us to do all that we can to respect and protect it. Please pray to the Holy Spirit for the gift of Courage. No one prays alone for at least 2 people must cover each hour. All prayer participants must sign a Peaceful Prayer Commitment Sheet found next to the poster and leave it there. Life is God's Precious Gift to us.

Please be a witness to this TRUTH on Sunday, Oct. 1st in West Hartford.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 9/10/23: \$4563.00

Votive Candles for the week: \$175.00

Online Giving (Sept. 6-13, 2023)

Weekly: \$2,451.00

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:

Catholic Elementary Schools

St. Ann's YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling All Confirmed St. Ann Teens!

Our 2023/2024 Youth Ministry will be starting monthly meetings in October. Come join your peers in the next part of your Faith Journey. Open to all Confirmed Teens.

Please email Rosemary Neamtz with Interest: rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com

Congratulations, Dr. Peter J. Deckers!

The Jim & Cathy Smith Community Leadership award will be bestowed upon Hartford Bishops' Foundation (HBF) Founding Director Peter J. Deckers, M.D., who has shown leadership in his commitment to improve his community, schools, parishes, and ministries in the Archdiocese of Hartford.



HONORING DR. PETER J. DECKERS
FOUNDING HBF DIRECTOR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 JOIN US!

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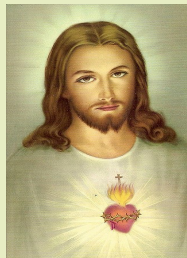
Board Meeting (HBF Directors Only) 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Social Hour 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Award Presentation 7:00 p.m.

CELEBRATING PETER J. DECKERS, M.D.

Dr. Peter Deckers joined HBF as a founding director in 2016. He provided outstanding leadership as a member of the Executive Committee; Chair of Forward with Faith Vibrant Parishes Council; and member of the Audit Committee. He now serves as HBF Emeritus Director.

Dr. Deckers also serves as Dean Emeritus of the School of Medicine at the University of Connecticut Health Center. At UConn Health, he served as Chair of the Department of Surgery, Dean of the School of Medicine, and Executive Vice President.

Please click here to RSVP



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday, September 24, 2023

2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Please join us for this powerful devotion!

Saint Ann's Adult Choir

Sing to the Lord a New Song!



If you can match pitch, have a basic musical ability and love to sing, share your musical talents with your fellow parishioners! Consider joining the church choir, it is a wonderful way to connect with yourself, your community, and God.

Rehearsals will start on September 14 and meet on Thursdays at 7:30pm.

SAINT ANN'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

St. Augustine once said, "to sing is to pray twice."

Encourage your children to share in this gift of music!



The St. Ann's music program is looking for children grades 4 to 7 (flexible) to join the new children's choir. Rehearsals will start on September 14 and meet on Thursdays at 4:00pm. If your child/children are interested, please email: mercedes.featherston@stannavon.com. Thank you!

Feel free to visit Mercedes in the Choir Loft after our weekend Masses for more information on either choir!



Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, September 20th

at 7-8:30pm in Room 2

(under Fr. Bennett Hall)



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

When we pray the "Our Father" before receiving the Eucharist, should we pause on the words, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"? Today's Gospel is from Mathew 18: 21-35 and it focuses our attention on forgiving our brothers from our hearts. Jesus is teaching us that as God the Father forgives us, so too must we forgive our fellow human beings. This is not always an easy task. Yet, it is required of us. St. Jean Vianney the saint of the confessional wrote, "Sin is the assassin of the soul." Unforgiveness is the sin that will gnaw on us and slowly destroy us from within.

Reflection: The main requirement for the worthy reception of Holy Communion is that we receive Holy Communion in the state of grace. When we are in serious sin, we need the sacrament of Reconciliation before approaching Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. (CCC 1385) We know that in the sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives us and pours out a flood of His tender mercy upon us. St. Jean Vianney also wrote, "The Lord is more anxious to forgive our sins than a woman is to carry her baby out of a burning building."



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THE ARCHBISHOP

September 8, 2023

Dear Monsignor/Father,

Now that at my request Pope Francis has appointed a Coadjutor Archbishop for the Archdiocese of Hartford, the time to receive and welcome him officially is drawing near.

I invite and encourage you and your parishioners to attend the **Mass of Welcome for Coadjutor Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne, on Monday, October 9, 2023**. The procession will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the Mass beginning at 2:00 p.m.

All are invited to attend. You may wish to sponsor a parish bus or collaborate with local parishes, as parking will be at a premium. Bus parking will be reserved on Farmington Avenue. Those driving their own vehicles are requested to park in Aetna's parking garage lot off Sigourney Street. There will be Knights of Columbus and signage to direct both auto and foot traffic to the Cathedral. There will be limited handicap parking in the Cathedral parking lot.

Everyone is likewise invited to attend a Welcome Reception for Archbishop Coyne immediately following the Mass in Aetna's auditorium across the street from the Cathedral.

Any questions regarding the Mass of Welcome may be directed to rsvp@aohct.org.

Please publicize the Mass of Welcome to your parishioners and encourage them to attend this special event in the history of the Archdiocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford

MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!



Catechists Still Needed!

It is through caring, sharing and praying that our community has grown in love and support of one another. The success of our religious education program depends on the dedicated individuals in our parish willing to share their time, talents and faith with the future Church and our parish children.

For more information or if you would like to be a catechist, please contact Julie Dombrowski at: julie.dombrowski@stannavon.com

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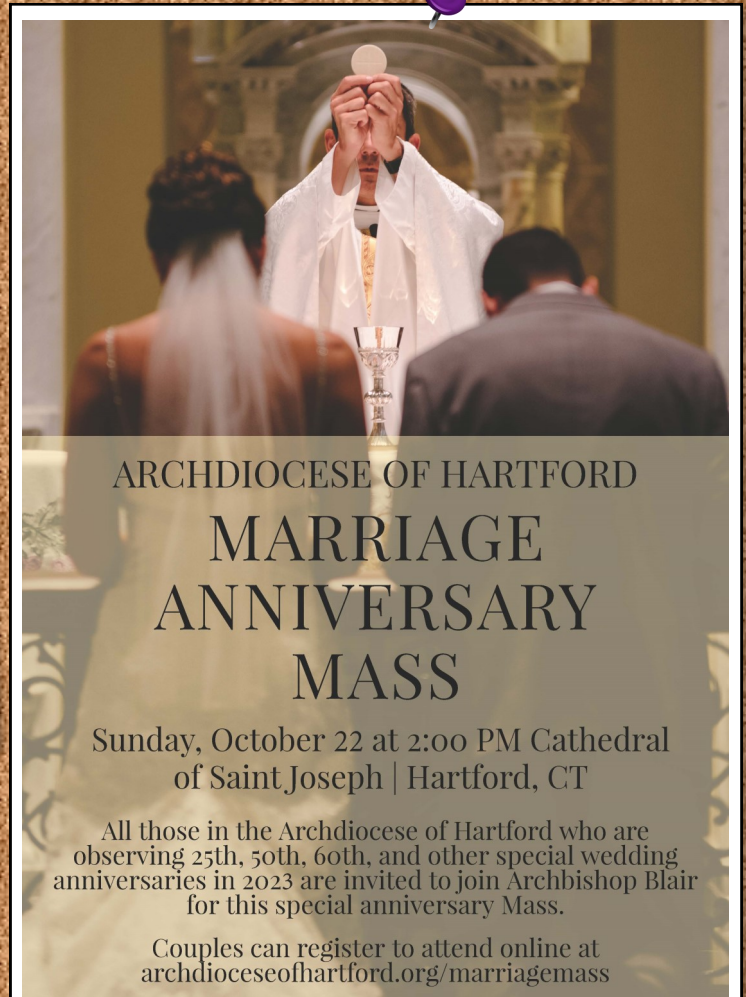
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St. Mary's School Wants You! Looking for engineers or anyone who likes to make things work!

Our St. Mary's School Middle School Robotics Team is looking for coaches to help us for the 2023-2024 season. Last year we made it to the State Championship finishing 5th. We also won the *Sportsmanship* and *Energy* Awards. We are in need of some coaching and guidance this year! Our club meets on Thursdays right after school from 3:30 - 4:45 with some Saturdays. You do not have to commit to every meeting. If you'd like more information please contact Gina Raymond at graymond@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net. All volunteers are required to be Virtus trained.

Help us keep our records up to date...

If you have recently moved, changed your email address or had a phone number change (maybe you cancelled your landline and/or added a phone number), please call the parish office or email: kris.martino@stannavon.com. Thank you!



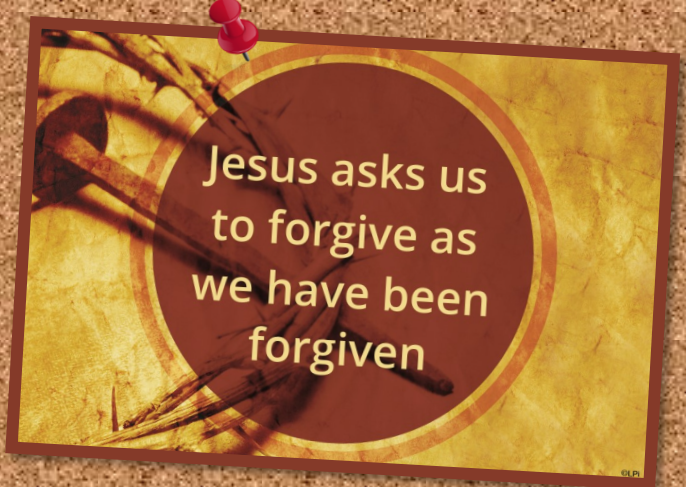
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MASS**

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All those in the Archdiocese of Hartford who are observing 25th, 50th, 60th, and other special wedding anniversaries in 2023 are invited to join Archbishop Blair for this special anniversary Mass.

Couples can register to attend online at 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



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