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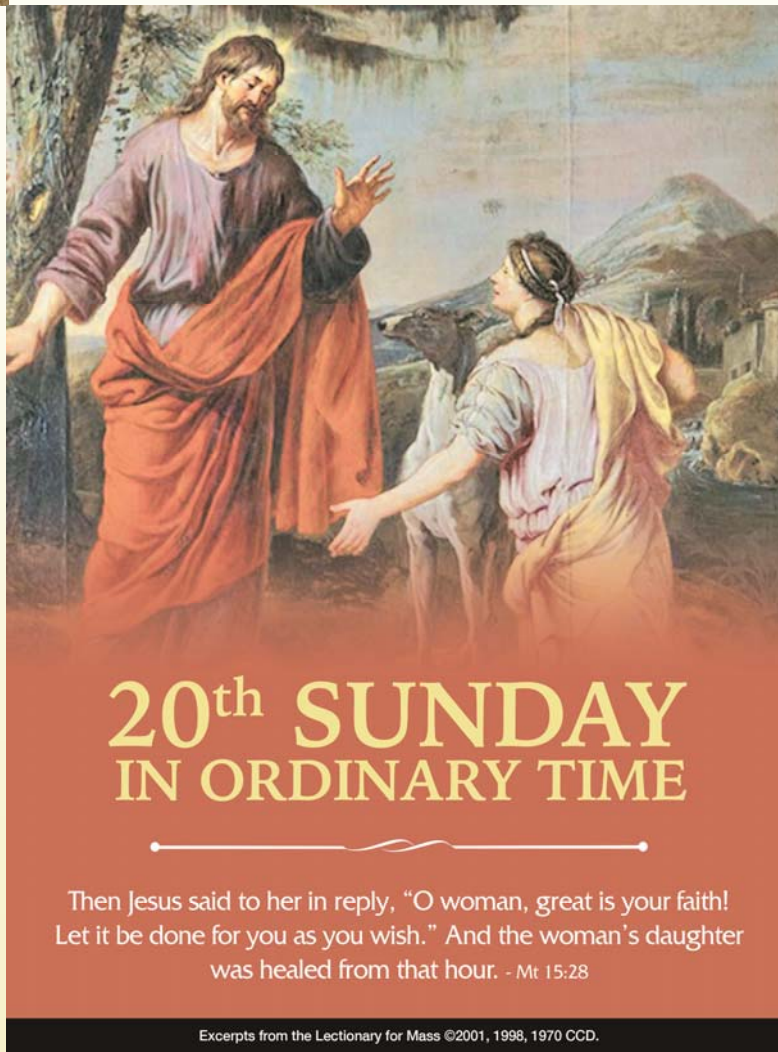
Call the Parish Office

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.



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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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:

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



20th Sunday
In Ordinary Time

MONDAY, August 21

9:00 **Patricia McGuire**, requested by her cousin, John McCluskey

TUESDAY, August 22

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, August 23

9:00 **Milton Ward**, requested by Lou & Eileen DelPrete

THURSDAY, August 24

9:00 **Michael Sumers**, requested by Rosanne Harutunian

FRIDAY, August 25

9:00 **Carol DeVita**, requested by Dottie Cialfi

SATURDAY, August 26

4:00 **For the deceased members of the Nori & Zippel Families**

SUNDAY, August 27

7:30 **John Thomas Vallee**, requested by the Droste Family

9:30 **Teresa Lopez-Lebron**, requested by her husband

11:00 **Robert Mansfield**, requested by his children

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, August 21

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church. Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!

TUESDAY, August 22

WEDNESDAY, August 23

THURSDAY, August 24

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 25

SATURDAY, August 26

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, August 27

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

VIRTUS Training

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Fr. Bennett Hall

6:00pm

All volunteers and employees at Catholic churches are required to complete this training. The session will last approximately 2.5 hours. If you volunteer or plan to and have not yet completed this course, you can get more information and register at: www.virtusonline.org.



**Tools for Schools
Collection
Through September 2/3**

The leaves will soon be turning, air chilling, and school buses rolling... it's time for our annual Tools for Schools Collection, which will run through September 2/3 This collection is of great assistance to the Catholic Worker House, Hartford refugee families and the Avon Food Pantry families.

Any/all NEW school supplies are welcomed. Backpacks are especially needed. Please place the items in the area marked "Tools for Schools" in the Gathering Space or bring down to church offices below Fr. Bennett Hall.

May you be blessed for your generosity!

Please consider these suggested items:

- *Backpacks * Calculators * Notebooks
- *Pencils * Dictionaries * Rulers *
- Pencil sharpeners * Pens
- * Notebook paper * Markers etc.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

August 6, 2017: \$6,876.00
August 13, 2017: \$6,192.46
Online Giving/Payments (week ending 8/16/17): \$2,495.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection: none

Adults: There's Still Time to Get Your Summer Reading In!



"I invite all Christians...to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least and openness to letting him encounter them.... If we have received the *love which restores meaning to our lives*, how can we fail to share that love with others?" Pope Francis. In his work, *The Joy of the Gospel*, the Holy Father reminds us of the blessings of knowing Jesus and our call to share Jesus with others in today's world. Read this inspiring document online via stannavon.org/book-discussions-1, or in book form via Amazon, etc.

- **BOOK TALK with Deacon Jeff Sutherland:**
Wed., Sept. 6th, 7-8pm, Fr. Bennett Hall

WHY ARE RELATIONSHIPS SO COMPLICATED?

The Five Love Languages by Dr. Gary Chapman shows how understanding the different ways people receive and express love can strengthen all our relationships.

- **BOOK TALK: Wed., Sept. 6th, 8-9pm, Fr. Bennett Hall.**

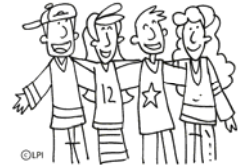
HOW CAN I BE SURE MY CHILDREN FEEL LOVED?

The Five Love Languages of Children by Gary Chapman, PhD and Ross Campbell, MD teaches parents, grandparents and godparent how to express love to each child in a language they understand.

- **BOOK TALK: Monday, August 28th at 7:00pm.**

St. Ann's YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Ann's Youth Ministry is seeking 9th - 12th Grade Teens who are interested in further exploring their faith and continuing to serve those less fortunate. We will meet once a month, starting in September. Please email Rosemary Neamtz at: rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com to register. Why not grab a friend and join us!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Fall 2017 Offerings

Gather with others to connect faith and life!
 We meet in Room 3, beginning the week of September 10th:

***UNPACKING THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES** (ongoing program)

- Sunday Group: 10:30am-12pm (Chip Janiszewski)
- Monday Group: 7:15-8:45pm (Jim Serruta)
- Materials provided; bring your New American Bible, Revised Edition
- Register with Ann DiStefano (bulletin front), or **drop in**

***BIBLE STUDY: "Matthew: The King & His Kingdom"**
 (24-session series)

- Wednesday Group: 7:15-8:45pm (Ann DiStefano)
- Friday Group: 9:30-11am (Pat Wall)
- \$28 for workbook (scholarships available)
- Register with Ann DiStefano (see website)

*Both programs will also be offered to parents during K-8 CCD.

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
 CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED**

Question: What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

Answer: Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus' public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: "For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people."

It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God's grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches.

And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." - Mt 15:22, 24-25

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St. Ann's Re-Employment Group

meets every other Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Activity Room at St. Ann's. For more information, or if any working member of the parish hears of a job opening: **JOHN DRAKE, 860-989-2377** or email at: johndrake.humancapital@live.com.

**Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle
Monday evenings in the church from 7:15-8:15pm**

The MMP is for priests and laity who are devoted to Our Lady and her Rosary. The Prayer Cenacles are gatherings of prayer that consist of the Holy Rosary and Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Message from the MMP Book "To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons" is read at every Cenacle. We are praying for an outpouring of The Holy Spirit, and for Our Lady's intercession. For more information on the Marian Movement of Priests, please visit the official website at www.mmp-usa.net
Come and see, come pray with us. All are welcome.

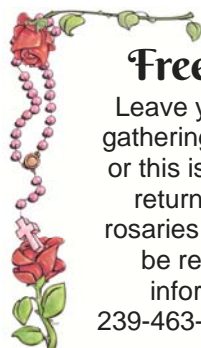
Communion For Shut-Ins

The Eucharistic ministers would be happy to bring Communion to those in our parish who are unable to come to church. Please call the Parish Office and leave your name and address if you wish to receive Communion **860-673-9858**.



HEARTS & SOULS

There will be no office hours in July and August.
See you in September!



Free Rosary Repair Service

Leave your rosary for repair in the box in the gathering space. Mark repair and return to me or this is a donation. Repaired rosaries will be returned within the week. Old and broken rosaries may be left for the missions. They will be repaired and then sent on. For more information call Betty & Dick Holden at 239-463-3993 or Email holdenbd@gmail.com.

**Prayer to Care
For Our Common Home**



Father of all,
Creator and ruler of the universe,
You entrusted your world to us as a gift.
Help us to care for it and all people,
that we may live in right relationship--
with You,
with ourselves,
with one another,
and with creation.

Christ our Lord,
both divine and human,
You lived among us and died for our sins.
Help us to imitate your love for the human family
by recognizing that we are all connected—
to our brothers and sisters around the world,
to those in poverty impacted by environmental devastation,
and to future generations.

Holy Spirit,
giver of wisdom and love,
You breathe life in us and guide us.
Help us to live according to your vision,
stirring to action the hearts of all—
individuals and families,
communities of faith,
and civil and political leaders.

Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and the cry of the earth, so that we may together care for our common home.

Amen.

*This prayer from the
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is based on
Pope Francis' Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*



**Anniversary Mass 2017
2pm, Sunday, October 15th
Cathedral of Saint Joseph**

**ALL COUPLES
CELEBRATING THEIR 25TH, 50TH, 60TH AS WELL AS
OTHER SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR
ARE INVITED.**

Archbishop Blair will be the main celebrant. Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows, followed by a simple reception and an opportunity for a photo with Archbishop Blair. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Please call Kris in the parish office at 860-673-9858, x.221 to respond to this invitation by September 11th. Questions regarding the Mass can be directed to Clarigsa Pena at 860-242-5573, x.2690.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Jubilee Year of Mercy is now in the history books and looking back I wonder if I have been changed at all by the observance. Certainly the focus on mercy wasn't all about God's mercy toward me? Yes, I focused on my sin and the need for God's forgiveness and grace, but hopefully that changed how I live my life and how I offer mercy to others.

The mercy we receive from God is not something we are to keep bottled up or hidden from others. Jesus taught us to treat others the way we would like to be treated and to love everyone, even our enemies. When Jesus healed the Canaanite woman I wonder what she did next. I would hope she in turn offered mercy and healing to others. Of course, I know she was imperfect just like me so I am sure in no time she was back to needing the mercy of Jesus. Her demon was gone, but there is always a new evil around every corner.

However, the fact that we are a broken people always in need of mercy does not lessen the command for us to offer mercy. Mercy is a gift like so many others that God lavishes on us with great generosity. We are called to cultivate this and share it with others as well. If we cannot do that then what was the real effect of God's mercy in our lives? If we do not allow God to change us into more generous stewards ready to offer mercy and love to all, then perhaps we are fooling ourselves that we are true disciples of Jesus at all.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Nothing is far from God.

- St. Monica

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. (Is 56:1)

Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. (Rom 11:29)

Gospel:

"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. (Mt 15:26b-28)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 20, 2017

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



GOSPEL MEDITATION

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." This woman was an outsider. She was a Canaanite, not an Israelite, and as such she would have been considered ritually unclean. But she approached Jesus nonetheless and asked for his help. And Jesus used this opportunity to teach his disciples an important lesson.

In the verses directly before today's passage, Jesus had told Peter that what defiles a person comes from the heart, not from ignoring external purity practices. Then, Jesus traveled with his disciples from Galilee to the region of Tyre and Sidon where they were much more likely to encounter someone considered to be unclean.

At first it appeared that Jesus wasn't going to acknowledge the woman who begged for help. His comment, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs," was a common comparison between Jews (the children) and Canaanites (the dogs). But, in fact, Jesus said this only to go right ahead and break this social code! He showed by his actions that it did not matter whether someone was Jewish or not, what mattered was the faith in a person's heart. And this woman proved to Jesus and the doubting disciples that she had great faith. How many others would have even approached Jesus to ask for his help? How many others would have persevered when he appeared unresponsive? By pausing in his response, and first mentioning the standard reply, Jesus gave this woman the opportunity to demonstrate her great faith. And then, he answered her request and praised her extraordinary faith. What a lesson for his prejudiced disciples! And what a lesson for us, both to persevere in faith, and never to judge others on mere appearances.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Our relationships often need reconciling and healing. While it is easy to say, it is often difficult to achieve. Sometimes, reconciling requires that we take down the barriers that are sources of division, remove our prejudices, look beyond differences, and see the "sameness" that connects us one to another. Of course, each party has to be willing to do this in order for healing to occur. Our Gospel shows us the healing that can occur when both parties are willing participants.

THE BULLETIN BOARD



DID YOU KNOW?

That St. Mary's School's Mission is: "To ignite spiritual growth and promote academic excellence within a nurturing faith community. United together, we inspire students to know love and serve God." There is still time to explore St. Mary's School as the education solution for your family! Serving students in grades pre-k through 8, the school consistently graduates students fully prepared for the finest high schools and colleges. The consistency of being part of a school community for many years helps students grow in caring for one another and in becoming all that they can be! Call, drop in on Wednesdays or make an appointment. Mrs. Chagnon, Advancement and Admissions Director or Mrs. Williamson, Principal, will be happy to meet with you!

Contact us at 860-658-9412 or tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net.

Our Lady of Calvary 2017-18 Theme Retreat for Women

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace
"Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace," a weekend women's retreat, will take place at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat, Farmington from Friday evening on October 27 at 7:00pm to Sunday October 29 at 12:00 PM. The powerful and timely theme is taken from the well-loved Peace Prayer of St. Francis. Offering is \$250. To register, contact OLC at 860-677-8519, olcretreat@sbcglobal.net or www.ourladyofcalvary.net.

Link to Theme Retreat flyer:
<https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Theme-Retreat-2017-2018.pdf>



The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry shares these quotes on Church Teaching.

For more information visit: www.catholicsocialjustice.org

Catholic Teaching on Solidarity: We are one human family. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Pope John Paul II insists, "We are all really responsible for all." Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice." The Gospel calls us to be "peacemakers." Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we be "sentinels of peace" in a world wounded by violence and conflict. —USCCB Administrative Committee, *Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility*, p. 15

Catholic Teaching on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person: Every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, each person's life and dignity must be respected, whether that person is an innocent unborn child in a mother's womb, whether that person worked in the World Trade Center or a market in Baghdad, or even whether that person is a convicted criminal on death row. We believe that every human life is sacred from conception to natural death, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of