



# Church of Saint Ann

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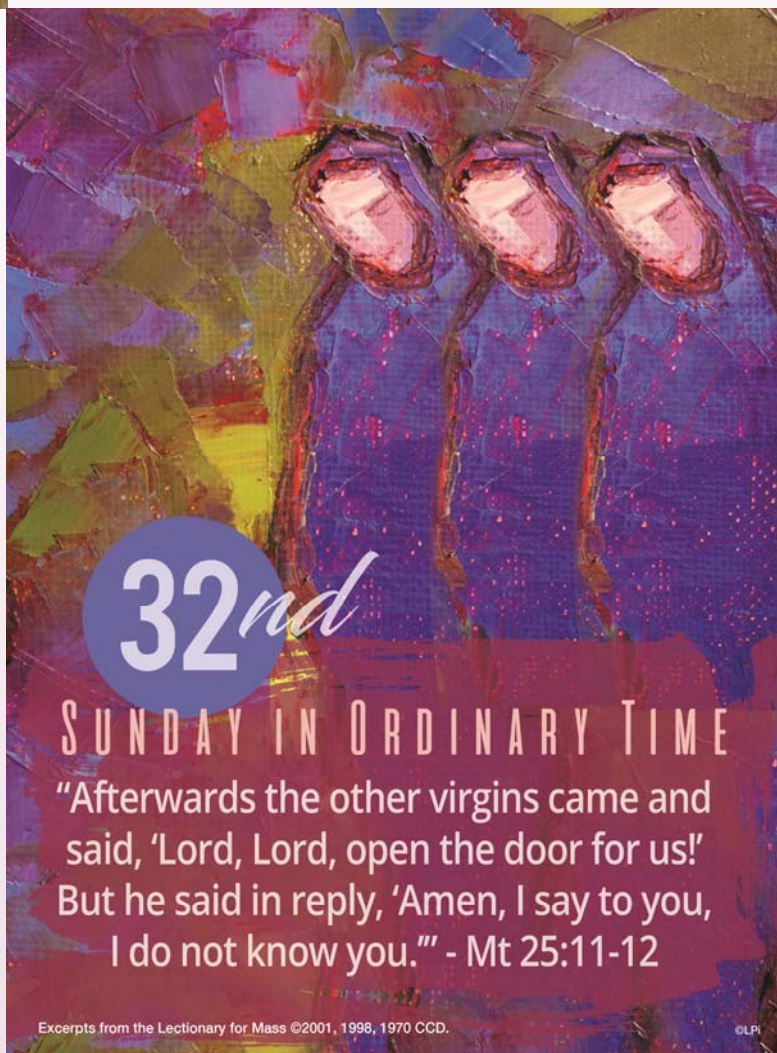
Call the Parish Office

## 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.



32<sup>nd</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

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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

# MASS INTENTIONS



**32nd Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**

# 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.*

### MONDAY, November 13

9:00 **Edward Stepien (5th Ann.)** requested by Lorraine and family

### TUESDAY, November 14

9:00 **John Mercureo(10th Ann.)**, requested by the Rosato Family

### WEDNESDAY, November 15

9:00 **Lucille Edstrom**, requested by Paul and Constance Rotondo

### THURSDAY, November 16

9:00 **Carol DeVita**, requested by the family

### FRIDAY, November 17

9:00 **Special Intentions**

### SATURDAY, November 18

4:00 **John O'Neill**, requested by Heidi O'Neill

### SUNDAY, November 19

7:30 **Special Intentions**

9:30 **Josefa and Antony Poprawa**, requested by the Osiecki Family

11:00 **Joseph and Marie Joyce**, requested by Tom and Pat Heavren

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

### MONDAY, November 13

**MMP Cenacle:** 7:15pm in the church.

*Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!*

**Youth Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Room 1

**Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures:** 7:15pm in Rm. 3

### TUESDAY, November 14

**Social Justice Committee Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

**RCIA:** 7pm in Rm. 3

### WEDNESDAY, November 15

**Psalms Bible Study:** 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3

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

**Matthew Bible Study:** 7:15pm in Room 3

### THURSDAY, November 16

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

**Adult Confirmation:** 7pm in Room 3

**Traditional Choir:** 2pm in the Choir Loft

**Children's Choir:** 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

**Folk/Contemporary Choir:** 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

### FRIDAY, November 17

**Matthew Bible Study:** 9:30am in Room 3

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (featured performers only):** 2:30pm in the church

### SATURDAY, November 18

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

### SUNDAY, November 19

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

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour:** 2:30pm in the church

# Knights of Columbus



## Annual Pie Sale

Our Knights of Columbus will be in the Gathering Space taking orders for the annual Pie Sale after all Masses this weekend, November 11/12

The pies are \$10 each and choices will be:

- Pumpkin \* Apple*
- Very-Berry \* Peach-Praline*

Pies will be available for pick-up on the weekend of Nov. 18/19 after all masses. Thanks for your support!

## PUMPKIN & CRANBERRY-ORANGE



## Bread Sale After Masses Nov. 18/19

In conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Pie Sale, our Confirmation students & Youth Ministry will also have a limited number of freshly baked Pumpkin Bread & Cranberry-Orange Bread for sale after Masses on Nov. 18/19.

First come, first served.

## Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Next Sunday,  
November 19th  
2:30 - 3:30pm  
in the church



Come and experience  
God's transforming  
Love and Mercy!

## Christmas Pageant Rehearsal



**Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**2:30-5pm**  
**For Featured Performers**  
**ONLY**

Please consult your rehearsal schedule or contact Susan Rietano Davey if you are unsure whether your child(ren) should attend, or if you have any questions - [srietano@gmail.com](mailto:srietano@gmail.com).

## St. Ann's YOUTH MINISTRY



### Calling All Teens!

Our next Youth Ministry meeting will be held on:  
Monday, November 13th from 7-8pm in Room 1  
 (beneath Fr. Bennett Hall)

Please come and see what it's all about and bring a friend!  
 RSVP by November 9th to: [rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com](mailto:rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com)

**Pizza will be served!**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### Theme for 2017-2018: Living as Missionary Disciples

#### UNPACKING THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

Please DROP IN and join us as we take a closer look at the readings from Sunday Mass. We uncover what the Scriptures meant at the time they were written, and then explore what they mean to us personally through the ancient, but increasingly popular prayer practice called *Lectio Divina*. Newcomers warmly welcomed. All materials provided, but bring your Bible if you like.

- Sunday AM Group: 10:30am, Room 3
- Monday PM Group: 7:15pm, Room 3

#### PARENT ENRICHMENT

THERE'S STILL TIME to join our parent Bible Studies! We meet at Avon Middle School during CCD Sundays at 9am and 5:45pm, while the kids are in class. Choose either:

"UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE" – a fascinating overview of Scripture which traces the story of God's relationship with His people, from Adam & Eve to you. (Room 228)

"EPHESIANS – DISCOVER YOUR INHERITANCE" – learn about the many remarkable gifts given to Christians through the Church, and how God's love for you can transform your life. (Room 227)

\$20 fee includes workbook and online video access.

Register with Ann ASAP: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com);  
 (860) 673-9858, x228

### IT'S ALMOST TIME TO GET YOUR SMALL GROUP BACK TOGETHER!

Our *Advent Reflection Series* for Small Groups will begin the week of November 26. Our resource will be *Do You See What I See?* the Advent meditation booklet from The Word Among Us. (Free booklets will be available shortly.)

- Gather with friends weekly at home or at church
- Read and discuss insightful, inspiring reflections on the Christmas story
- Explore the connections between the Sunday readings and your life, via *Lectio Divina*

Beginning Nov. 26, church-based Small Groups will meet:

Sundays, 10:30am-12pm, Room 3  
 Mondays, 7:15-9:45pm, Room 3  
 Thursdays, 9:30-11am, Activity Room

Please contact Ann DiStefano, Director of Adult Faith Formation  
[ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com), (860) 673-9858

- To register for one of the church-based groups
- To learn more about how to form your own Small Group
- To register your at-home Small Group and get your discussion guide



**WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

**October 29, 2017:** \$7,979.56  
**November 5, 2017:** \$9,533.63  
 Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 11/8/17): \$5,248.00  
**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:**  
*Campaign for Human Development*

**Early  
 Bulletin  
 Submission  
 Deadlines!**

Bulletin for:	Deadline for Submissions:
November 19th	7pm on Sunday, November 12th
November 26th	2pm on Monday, November 13th

**CENACLES  
 of the Marian Movement of Priests**



**Question:** Is the cenacle primarily for priests?  
**Answer:** No. In Message #34 (1-17-74), Our Lady introduces this question, "Why do I want them to come together in cenacle with me?" In this message she addresses herself to the priests, but what she tells them is also applicable to the laity. She wants all her children-priests, religious, laity, families, to gather together with her in cenacles of prayer, to pray with her and to learn how to love one another. Also, the cenacle helps us to deepen our understanding and live the obligations we have undertaken through our consecration to her Immaculate Heart. We refer you to the message dated Nov. 1, 1973, "my Faithful Cohort." (#25)  
*Excerpt from Cenacles of the Marian Movement of Priests Purpose/Guide*  
**Our cenacle meets every Monday at 7:15pm in the church. Come pray the Rosary with us.**



**HEARTS & SOULS**

Ministering to body, mind and spirit, the Health Ministry offers blood pressure screening, health counseling and referrals to our community of faith. Office hours are generally the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy ( 2<sup>nd</sup> door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

**The St. Ann Scholarship Clothing Sale on  
 November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Was a  
 Huge Success!**

The Scholarship Program provides partial tuition support for deserving urban students to attend area Catholic high schools. We currently sponsor 16 students who attend Northwest Catholic, East Catholic and St. Paul High Schools.

Great thanks to the core team who planned and organized, the many hard working volunteers who put the plan into action, the generous people who donated and the discerning shoppers who supported the sale. Along with many parishioners, we received

**Turkey Express**

**Weekend of November 18/19, 2017  
 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:

**Frozen Turkeys** (or some Hams or Chickens)

Suggested Fixings:

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

**Our Parish Goal is 500 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"*



**Knights of Columbus Meeting  
 Wednesday, November 15th  
 at 7-8:30pm  
 Room 2 (under Fr. Bennett Hall)**

**Annual Parish Collection**  
*Church of Saint Ann*

*We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our 2017 Annual Parish Collection. Thank you for your care and concern for our parish!*

donations from the three Catholic high schools mentioned above as well as St. Mary's in Simsbury.

We deeply appreciate the community support that made this all possible. THANKS!



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

For all I know this Everyday Stewardship reflection is the last one you will ever read. That's not because I fear you will no longer get something out of reading these. At least, I hope not! It is because Jesus may very well return by this time next week. Then there will be no more need for reflections like these in bulletins, on websites, or wherever else you are reading this. You think the odds are against this happening in the next few days? I can gamble from time to time but I guess this is not something I am willing to say won't happen for sure. We do believe Jesus will come again, don't we?

For all of us there are things we put off until tomorrow. Sometimes, that tomorrow never comes. We act like we have all the time in the world. However, time on this earth is for certain one thing that does not exist in unlimited supply. Death is the primary way earthly time ends for us. Yet there will come a time when Jesus returns and if you and I are still living at that time, I hope he finds us ready.

Are you ready for such an event? Have you taken seriously your decision to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Has that decision moved you to live a life of stewardship where all you have and are belongs to God? Or have you put all of that off to somewhere down the road? Chances are you will be reading next week's reflection and nothing too earth changing will have happened. But then, maybe, just maybe, this time is when we all lose that bet.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*How could I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns? And bears it for me!*

- St. Elizabeth of Hungary

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

### Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

### Second Reading:

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:13-14)

### Gospel:

"The bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" (Mt 25:10b-12)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of November 12, 2017

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/  
Mt 25:1-13  
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-10/Lk 17:1-6  
Tuesday: Wis 2:23--3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10  
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps /Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19  
Thursday: Wis 7:22b--8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25  
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5ab/Lk 17:26-37  
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/  
Lk 18:1-8  
Saturday: Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Ps 98:1-6/Mt 14:22-33  
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/  
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"But the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps." The foolish versus the wise. Today's parable sets these two groups in stark contrast to one another. Two crowds of young women wait for a wedding feast. One group comes prepared for the unexpected, the other just assumes everything will go according to schedule. But it doesn't! The Bridegroom is late, and the foolish virgins are left out in the dark--literally--while the wise ones enjoy the feast inside.

The lesson here is not just about having foresight and gathering the corresponding equipment. It's about being ready for the second coming of Christ. Jesus himself is the "Bridegroom." Traditionally we refer to the Church as the "Bride of Christ" and we, as the people of God who constitute the Church, are even now awaiting the real feast, the culmination of time when Jesus returns. But are we standing among the wise or the foolish as we wait?

Jesus tells us today, "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Are we spiritually awake? Do we have extra oil to see us through, or are we hitting the bottom of the barrel and running on spiritual fumes so to speak? Do we think it's enough to do the bare minimum as we wait for Christ--stepping into church without really being present, or calling ourselves Christian without really taking up the challenge of the cross? In order to avoid standing outside the feast with the foolish, we will want to make sure we fill our flasks with oil or, in other words, fill our hearts with the love of God, fill our minds with his word and his teachings, and fill our souls with the virtues that unite us to his will. If we stock up on these important supplies, we can count ourselves among the wise!

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

Are we ready and prepared for what life will ask of us? The answers to life's challenges, especially those that involve purpose, meaning, and happiness are not found in material things or by searching the Internet. Many things in life require a journey of the heart and the acquisition of wisdom. When one acquires wisdom, one acquires priceless wealth. Sadly, pursuing wisdom is not valued by our world these days. Examining our lives, pondering the bigger questions, reflecting on where we have been and where we are going, are invaluable exercises that not only bring us wisdom but open our eyes to God's presence. Those who seek wisdom shall not be disappointed and will always be ready for whatever comes their way.

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### HOLLY BERRY FESTIVAL TO BENEFIT RETIRED SISTERS

The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are holding its annual Holly Berry Festival on Friday, November 17, and Saturday, November 18, at Sacred Heart Academy, 265 Benham Street in Hamden. The Holly Berry Festival is a craft fair with raffles, a bake sale, food, entertainment, and kid's area. A baked ziti dinner will be held on Friday, November 17, from 5:00 to 7:00. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children, and are available at the door. All proceeds benefit our retired sisters. For more information, visit our website at [ascjus.org](http://ascjus.org) or call us at 203-248-4225.

### PLEASE SUPPORT THE WJMJ RADIOTHON

WJMJ Radiothon: Be part of the WJMJ Radiothon starting Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> and keep your favorite uplifting music, inspirational messages and religious news on the air. WJMJ, "Where Faith Meets Life," on the FM dial near Hartford at 88.9, around New Haven at 107.1 and online at [www.WJMJ.org](http://www.WJMJ.org).

### Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, Grotto Gift Shop

Beginning Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> until December 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Grotto Gift Shop at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield will be open from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Saturday & Sunday, 11:30 am (after Mass) until 4:00 pm. The Shrine is located on 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield, CT. There is a varied selection of Advent wreaths and candles along with many new Christmas ornaments, cards & Fontanini Nativity sets. Also, unique gifts and books are available for all occasions, particularly baby & children's items.

### Fourth Annual Trinita Christmas Fair Saturday Nov. 11th - 8:00am-4:00pm.

Homemade apple pies, seasonal decor, hand crafted jewelry, soaps, candles and so much more!  
Free coffee and muffins and lunch will be available for purchase.

Trinita Retreat Center  
595 Town Hill Road New Hartford,

### Volunteers Needed

Capital City Education Alliance (CCEA) in Hartford is need of some adult volunteers.

CCEA teaches early intervention workforce readiness skills and essential life skills to middle school aged students in Hartford. These skills are the foundation to obtaining and maintaining successful employment. Their curriculum includes a focus on first impressions, a proper handshake, making eye contact, being prepared (wearing their uniform), clocking in and out (being on time), working collaboratively with a team, and taking directions. Students will also learn the importance of having a resume and how to create one. All of these skills, and more, are practiced while learning the "art of commercial painting". As a member of our "Paint Crew" students help transform their school with vibrant paint color creating a welcoming and inviting environment. An important part of their program is the interaction students have with adult volunteer mentors. Students teach the volunteer how to paint while also learning how to effectively communicate and ask questions. During a break in painting, students introduce their volunteer, practicing their public speaking skills. Volunteer opportunities are available for individuals or groups to paint alongside students. CCEA's Let's Paint! program is currently being conducted at the Burns Latino Studies Academy in Hartford from October-January. Join CCEA to help students transform their school.

For more information contact CCEA at 860-206-3778 extension 2 or email: [Colleen@cceahartford.org](mailto:Colleen@cceahartford.org)

### An Invitation to all Eucharistic Ministers Are you a Eucharistic Minister?

We would love to have you join our volunteer team at Hartford Hospital!

We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers to spend a few hours a month visiting Catholic patients who want to receive Holy Communion. It is a profoundly meaningful ministry for our patients & families; as well as, our staff and Eucharistic Minister volunteers.



To learn more call: Chaplain Rolando Hernandez or Chaplain Erica Nierendorf 860-972-2251

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