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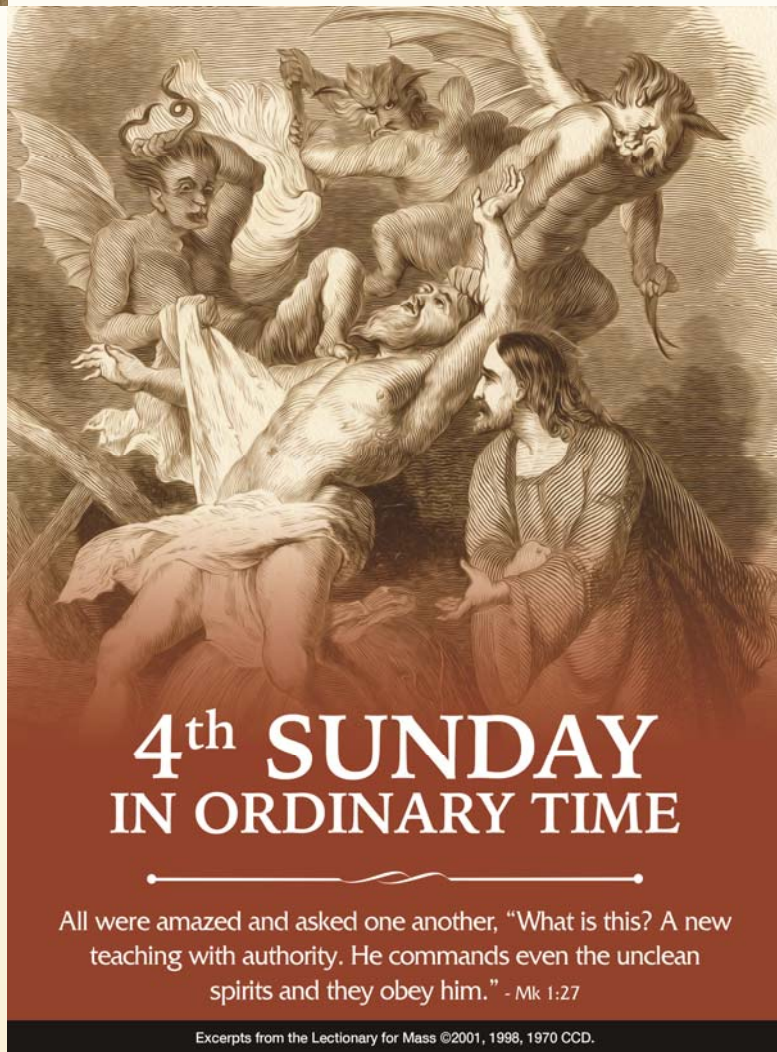
Call the Parish Office

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.



4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." - Mk 1:27

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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



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, January 29
9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, January 30
9:00 Roy Stone, requested by his friend

WEDNESDAY, January 31
9:00 Leonie Lozier, requested by the Cyr Family

THURSDAY, February 1
9:00 Herta Droste, requested by the family

FRIDAY, February 2
9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, February 3
4:00 Ann Patton, requested by Sarah Vukalovic

SUNDAY, February 4
7:30 Doris Zumbroski, requested by the Anderson Family
9:30 Edward, John and Dennis Poirier, requested by the Poirier Family
11:00 Msgr. David Q. Liptak, requested by a friend

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, January 29
MMP Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.
Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!
Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 7:15pm in Rm. 3

TUESDAY, January 30
RCIA: will resume January 9th

WEDNESDAY, January 31
Matthew Bible Study: 7:15pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, February 1
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
Children's Choir: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft
Adult Confirmation Preparation: 7pm in Room 2
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft
St. Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 1
Marthas + Marys Re-Boot Get Together: 7pm in the Activity Room.

FRIDAY, February 2
Matthew Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 3

SATURDAY, February 3
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, February 4
Parish Coffee: after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall
(sponsored by Faith Formation)

Calling All Ladies of the Parish...

Marthas + Marys

Re-Boot!

Thursday, February 1st

7:00pm

Activity Room



Please join us for wine & nibbles and help us shape a new phase for the Martha's & Mary's.

Casual Setting - All Are Welcome!

RSVP - to Sue Ollestad at sollestad@yahoo.com

A special thank you to Anne Yurch and the exceptional job she has done over the past 10 years leading the Marthas + Marys. Her vision (and parties!) have been such a blessing.

St. Ann's YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling All Teens!

Please come join us at our Youth Ministry night for prayer, light food, an inspirational movie and lively discussion. Feb. 12th, 6:30pm - 9pm in the Activity Room.

To find out more details and RSVP, contact Rosemary Neamtz, rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com



Our St. Ann Cares Ministry is pleased to host a Parish Coffee this Sunday January 28st after 9:30am Mass In Fr. Bennett Hall

St. Ann 9th Annual Art Show & Sale
 Fr. Bennett Hall
 Saturday, February 10th from 2:30 - 5:30pm
 Sunday, February 11th from 8am - 1pm
 Grace your walls with affordable art by
 adult fine artists & young artists.
 All proceeds go towards scholarships for Hartford students attending
 local Catholic High Schools.

If you would like to donate your artwork or know someone who would... please contact Inez at: 860-653-5579 or
 faillace1@comcast.net or Meg at: 860-521-1051 or mkfjk@sbcglobal.net



St. Ann Cares

St. Ann Cares is currently planning for their Day of Caring on May 5th.

We are looking for both ideas on possible projects and help with the planning process.

Contact Steve Rose at 860-250-5355 or email at: sjrose1088@gmail.com



Questions of the Week
 Reflect and Respond to Scripture

Mark 1:21-28
 Mark frequently presents Jesus exorcising "unclean spirits" and speaks of Jesus' "fame" spreading early in his public ministry. What problems might this sudden and widespread fame cause Jesus and the disciples?

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
 Moses spoke to the Israelites about the reality of true and false prophets. How should we discern today between true and false prophets?

1 Corinthians 7:32-35
 Paul offers some practical marriage advice to the Corinthians as they await the return of Christ. What do you think about Paul's marital guidance?

It's That Time of Year Again...

If you are a registered parishioner using envelopes or online giving, and would like a copy of our records of your weekly envelope contributions, please e-mail Kris in the Parish Office: kris.martino@stannavon.com or call 860-673-9858, ext. 221. Note: Contributions to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are mailed separately from the Archdiocese.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, Feb 14, 2018!

Lent is a time for looking closely at our relationship with God, and how we are living out our faith. To help with this, the Adult Faith Formation Office has two special offerings:

Lenten Book Study
Rediscover Catholicism

READ Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Catholicism*, and explore how the Catholic faith is real and relevant today. **FREE BOOKS are available in the Gathering Space**

GATHER in Small Groups to pray, socialize and connect the book to your life:

- + At home: Form your own group with friends. Contact Ann DiStefano for materials & support
- + At church: Join one of our groups that meet in Room 3 - Sundays, 10:30am; Mondays, 7:15pm; Wednesdays, 7:15pm; Friday, 9:30am
- + While the kids are in CCD: Meet us in Room 227 at Avon Middle School for the 9am session or 5:45pm session

ACT out your faith by participating in **Sandwich Sunday** on March 18th. Bring meat, cheese & bread to make sandwiches for the homeless after all Masses. More details to come.

"The Word Among Us Daily Meditations" booklet

- Enjoy Mass readings and reflections for each day of Lent
- Read inspiring stories - including one featuring our own **Fr. McHugh on page 81!**
- FREE copies are available in the Gathering Space

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

January 21, 2018: \$6,966.86
 Online Giving (week ending 1/24/18): \$2,947.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection:
 Snow Removal



EPHESIANS: *DISCOVER YOUR INHERITANCE*

St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts that we as Christians are given in the Church. This letter tells us about the nature of the Church and shows us the great inheritance that awaits us as sons and daughters, adopted fully into the family of God. It reveals how God's great love for us can transform our daily lives. Ephesians will enrich your faith and show you how to live it out. This 8 week program will start on Ash Wednesday, February 14th at 9:30 AM in Conference Room #3. Group discussion is based on the questions in the workbook and is followed by a 30 minute video presented by Jeff Cavins. Once you are registered and purchase the \$15 workbook, you can view any of the 8 videos online should you miss a session.



For more information or to register please call Janet Newman at 860-573-3446 or via email: wjnewman@sbcglobal.net.

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.

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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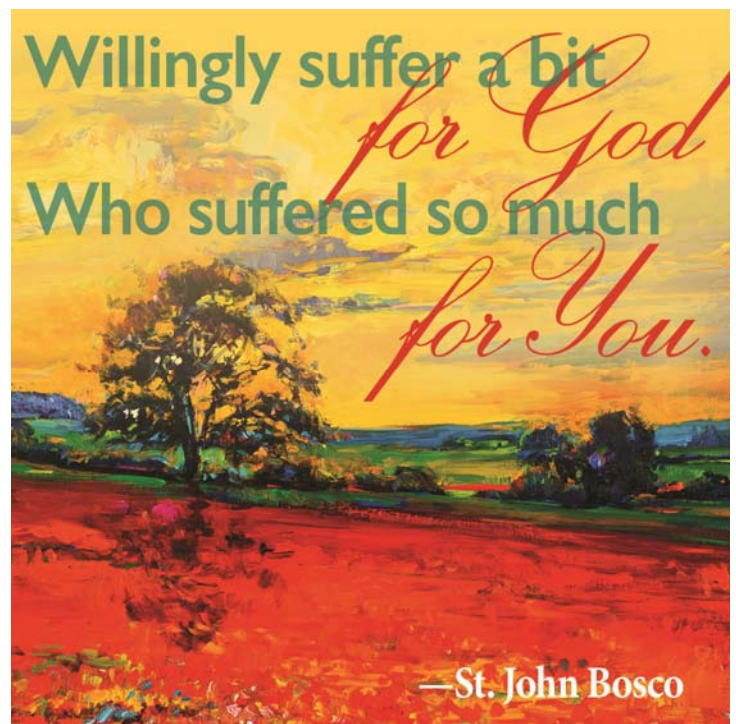


HEARTS & SOULS

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 (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

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**.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

When I reflect on the many years of my life, there are many people who were influential on my development as a person, a student, and a Christian. Through their graciousness and generosity, I was able to work through challenges and difficulties, becoming stronger in the end. They pushed me to become better than I was at the time and helped me to see what I could eventually become. Without them giving of themselves to me I am unsure where I would be today.

Because others were good stewards of the gifts and talents God gave them, I now strive to use wisely what I have been given as well. Yes, I spend much of my time on the road speaking in churches about stewardship and I write books and articles about this way of life, but my real desire is to impact the most those around me. I want my children to see how I am growing in this life and be an example to them. I want me and my wife to grow in generosity together. My hope is that my friends see a light in me and inquire about how and why it is there. Above all, I want to live with a graciousness and hospitality that others find welcoming.

I believe that through our kindness and grace-filled existence God can touch others, heal others, and embrace others. We are the hands and feet of Christ. May we, today and every day we hear his voice, harden not our hearts

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

We must use mercy for the present and have hope for the future

- St. John Bosco

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him." (Dt 18:18)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction. (1 Cor 7:35)

Gospel:

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. (Mk 1:27-28)

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The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 28, 2018

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/
Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
[1a]/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd
[12b]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/
Mk 6:30-34

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Those gathered in the synagogue where Jesus taught had never heard anything like this before. They were used to the preaching of the well-educated scribes, but Jesus possessed something that those men lacked: authority. Instead of merely interpreting the laws of the prophets, Jesus presented a new vision, indeed, he shared the good news of the Gospel with his listeners.

We do not have the opportunity to stand in the presence of Jesus in the same way that those first-century Jews did, but nonetheless we can also stand in awe of his authority. His teachings are available to us through the sacred Scriptures that the Church has preserved and through the sacred tradition that the Church carries on. And in a special way, Christ's authority continues to inspire and guide us through the ministries of the papacy, episcopacy, and priesthood that Jesus established on our behalf while he was yet on earth.

As Catholics, we have a special share in the astonishing authority of Jesus through the hierarchy of the Church. Although this structure is often misunderstood or misinterpreted, it is actually an authority rooted in service and modeled after Christ who told his apostles, "The greatest among you must be your servant" (Mt 23:11).

This humble exercise of authority is contrary to the worldly search for power. And whenever we find ourselves in a position of authority, we too should strive to lead and direct others in the true spirit of Christian love and service. Chances are, if we truly imitate Christ in this way, people will be astonished at what they see.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Jesus had a way of amazing the crowds. There was something very different about not only what he taught but how he taught it. He brought an authority to what he said that gave it a credibility that was not experienced elsewhere. His words were not only prophetic but rang true to the experience of the people, especially those who were poor, marginalized, victimized, lost, or forgotten. Do Jesus' words ring true to you? The Gospel message transcends time and space and has a profound relevancy in every generation. Jesus is still trying to point us toward our truth and have us see and accept who we are in God. Are you ready to hear this? We are asked to bring credibility to this same Gospel message by how we live our lives.

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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
2017

January 8, 2018

Reverend John W. McHugh
289 Arch Road
Avon, CT 06001

Dear Father McHugh:

I am writing to congratulate you and the parishioners of Saint Ann Parish for your generous support of the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The parish has responded to the call to be part of Moved by Mercy in a very gratifying way.

In every parish the success of our Annual Appeal depends in large part on the effort, enthusiasm, and commitment of the parish priest. I thank you for your leadership and all your efforts to present the Appeal in a positive light and to encourage its support by your parishioners.

I am confident that you will continue to help others to see that by their support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal they are serving Christ himself through the many ministries, charities and spiritual works that benefit from their generosity.

Please communicate my heartfelt gratitude to your parishioners for their generous response, and be assured of my prayers and best wishes for you and for everyone at Saint Ann Parish. May God grant you a blessed 2018.


Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Leonard P. Blair
Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford

ELM is an initiative of the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis, generously supported by the Hartford Bishops' Foundation, which serves to promote greater vitality and vibrancy in our parishes.

ELM stands for the tenets of the program, which are our goals for the beneficiaries of this initiative:

- Evangelizing Catechesis
- Lifelong Formation
- Missionary Discipleship

2018-2019 cohort is FREE OF CHARGE due to the generosity of the Hartford Bishops' Foundation
Apply today for these limited spots!



11th Annual Marriage Enrichment Celebration

The Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford will hold its 11th annual marriage enrichment evening on Sat., Feb. 3, 2018, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Mary Our Queen Church and Parish Center, 248 Savage St., Plantsville, CT.

This year's program will begin with Mass, and include dinner, prayer, and reflection. The theme is: **"The Lord AND the Rings: Epic Moments in Sacramental Marriage."**

The cost is \$25.00 per couple and includes dinner.

To register or obtain more information, contact Tom and Donna Finn at 860-302-1110, or email to tfinnphd@sbcglobal.net. Please R.S.V.P. by Jan. 30, 2018.

The Leadership Formation program is 1.5 years of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation, providing a ministerial foundation for:

- Those who are entering a new ministry
- Those who have ministerial experience but need theological or pastoral development
- Those who wish to participate in ongoing formation in ministry

The first cohort will begin on February 3, 2018.
Applications are due by January 19, 2018.

For more information visit the website: <http://catholicdaohct.org/elm/elm-leadership-formation>

WELLNESS RETREAT - February 2-4, 2018

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington is holding a Wellness Retreat from 7:00 pm on February 2, 2018 to 12:00 pm on February 4. It will be preceded by an optional soup supper from 5:30 to 6:30 on Friday evening. The World Health Organization says that wellness is "a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." Our retreat aims to provide you with information and tools to help improve your wellness and thus attain a higher quality of life. It will include a Quilling Workshop; presentation on good posture's importance and practices to improve it; presentation on improving and maintaining a healthy gut; presentation and Tea Tasting with Culteavo; time for quiet and meditation; time for fun and community. Offering is \$250. Register online at OurLadyofCalvary.net or by phone at 860-677-8519.

PROGRAM FLYER: <https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/event/wellness-retreat/>