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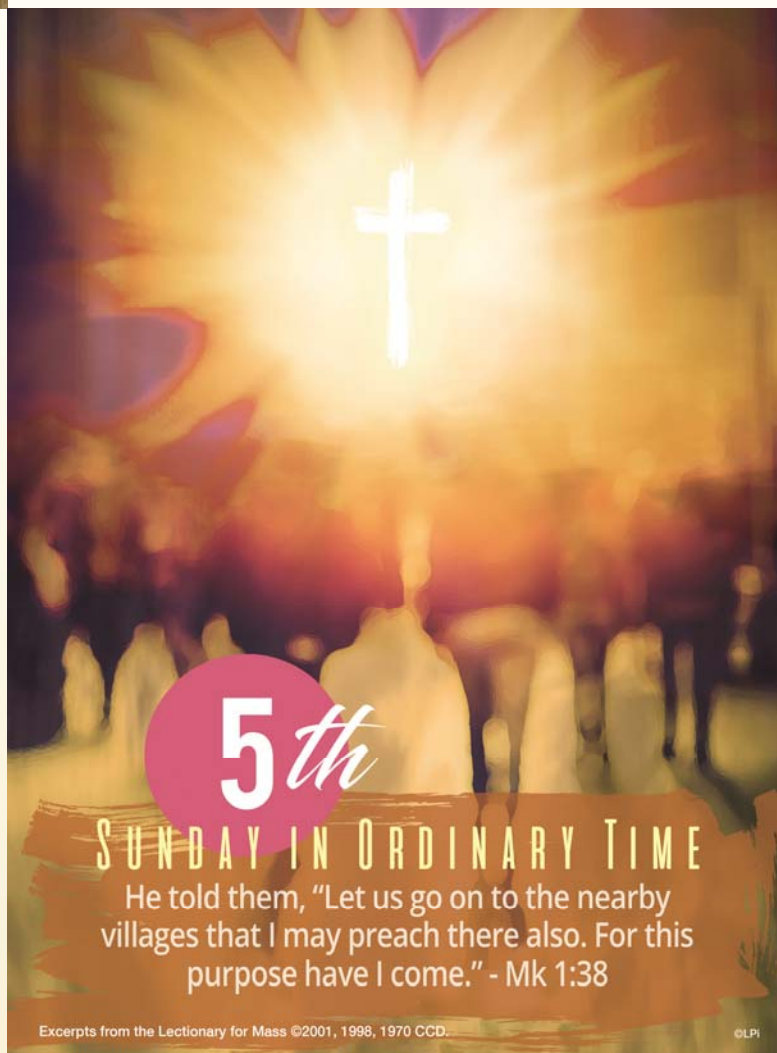
Call the Parish Office

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.



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



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, February 5

9:00 **Edward and Delia Caveney**, requested by their family

TUESDAY, February 6

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, February 7

9:00 **Doris Zumbowski**, requested by the Faillace Family

THURSDAY, February 8

9:00 **Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy**, requested by the Parish of Saint Ann

FRIDAY, February 9

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, February 10

4:00 **Special Intentions**

SUNDAY, February 11

7:30 **Special Intentions**

9:30 **Richard Anthony Simonick**, requested by his loving family

11:00 **John O'Neill**, requested by Heidi O'Neill

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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, February 5

MMP Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

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

TUESDAY, February 6

RCIA: will resume January 9th

WEDNESDAY, February 7

Matthew Bible Study: 7:15pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, February 8

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

FRIDAY, February 9

Matthew Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 3

SATURDAY, February 10

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

St. Ann Art Show and Sale: 2:30 - 5:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, February 11

St. Ann Art Show and Sale: 8am - 1pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

Parish Coffee: after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall

(sponsored by our Social Justice Ministry)

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

NEW For Young Adults!

Young Adults in their 20's and 30' are invited to be part of St. Ann's new Young Adult Bible Study! Come step back from your busy lives, meet new friends and get to know Jesus better. It doesn't matter how much or how little you know about the Bible – we're looking to simply connect and grow in faith.

We'll decide on the study program and schedule at our first gathering this

Monday, February 5th at 7:30pm at First & Last Tavern.

RSVPs are appreciated, but drop-ins are welcome!

Coordinator: Ceci Menendez, cecilia.menendez@uconn.edu.

Find us on Facebook: St. Ann's Young Adult Group!

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 Social Justice Ministry pleased to host a **Parish Coffee** next Sunday, February 4th after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall

Browse the Art Show/Sale while you are there!

*Next
Weekend!*

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.*

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



Prayer Shawl Ministry
Come be a part of our ministry!

Upcoming Meeting:
 Monday, February 5th
 7-8:30pm
 in Room 2



All are welcome... including brand new knitters!
 For more information call
 Pat: 860-673-3747
 Tina: 860-674-1541

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!

Lenten Small Groups begin meeting the week of Feb. 11th!

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 fulfilling 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 (begins Feb 7th, skipping Feb 14th!); Thursdays, 9:30am & Fridays, 9:30am
- While the kids are in CCD: Parent Small Groups meet in Room 227 at Avon Middle School during the 9am session and 5:45pm session

ACT out Your Faith by:

- participating in **Sandwich Sunday** on March 18th, after all Masses. Bring meat, cheese & bread to make sandwiches for the homeless. More details to come.
- taking part in the weekly **Corporal Works of Mercy** collections offered by the Social Justice Committee. See the bulletin.

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 28, 2018: \$6,879.18
Online Giving (week ending 1/31/18): \$2,632.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
 none

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Mk 1:32-34

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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.**

**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**.

2018 Lenten Pasta Dinners

The **Men of St Ann** will be serving Pasta Dinners during Lent again this year. There will be both Marinara Sauce and Clam Sauce. Come and enjoy!
 Upcoming dates:

**February 23rd, March 16th & March 23rd
 5:30 - 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall**

Come alone or bring the family!

**Adults: \$5
 Kids under 18: \$3
 Family Max: \$15**



*Why not feed your soul as well? Come to
Stations of the Cross at 7pm
 following the Pasta Supper.*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Sometimes we can feel like we are living the life of Job: everything is going wrong all at the same time. Everyone finds himself or herself in a valley once in awhile. How we got there is not nearly as important as how are we going to get out.

Everyday stewards are called to be grateful for all things, large and small. It is easier to be grateful for obvious things like family, health, and life itself, than it is to look for the ordinary gifts in our life. When we cultivate a sense of wonder and thankfulness for the many little things in life we find ourselves more resilient in times of trial. We can look out our window and see all those gifts in creation. We can look around our home and see all the things people take too easily for granted. Imagine life without some of the simplest things like clothing, warmth, water, and furniture. There are people in this world that long for all of those things. But God has given them for your benefit and for you to share with others.

Before Lent begins in a couple weeks, take the time to create a list of at least 10 things that you normally take for granted. Keep that list handy and maybe add to it from time-to-time. When life seems hard and that cloud seems to hang over our heads, bring out the list and let gratefulness lift you up and out of your plight so that once again you can be about your Father's work.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best.

- Henry Van Dyke

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"
then the night drags on;
I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Job 7:4)

Psalm:

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds. (Ps 147)

Second Reading:

To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. (1 Cor 9:22)

Gospel:

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. (Mk 1:32-34)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 4, 2018

- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/
Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/
Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [
11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22
[4a]/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/
Mk 1:40-45

GOSPEL MEDITATION

For most of us, the dynamic between prayer and action is imperfect. Breakfast needs to be made and the kids dressed. Work demands our energy and additional responsibilities fill our evenings and weekends. Then there's the football game or a new TV series to stream. After all, don't we need to relax?

We're all busy. But just imagine Jesus' situation in today's Gospel. He heals Peter's mother-in-law, drives out demons, and cures diseases late into the night. With very little sleep, he arises before dawn to capture some peace and quiet, only to find "those who were with him pursued him." How often do we feel pursued by the harried commitments, even when we try to seek rest? Perhaps we can learn something from the response of Jesus.

Jesus models two key things: the essential nature of prayer and the essential call of vocation. "He went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." Despite inevitable exhaustion, Jesus prioritizes time with the Father. We might not have easy access to deserts and mountaintops, but today's Gospel challenges us to take intentional time set apart for God. We can designate a "prayer chair" in a corner of our home or leave a little earlier to pick our children up from school so we can snatch time in a nearby chapel. We can pray the rosary on our commute or take the dog for a long walk in silence.

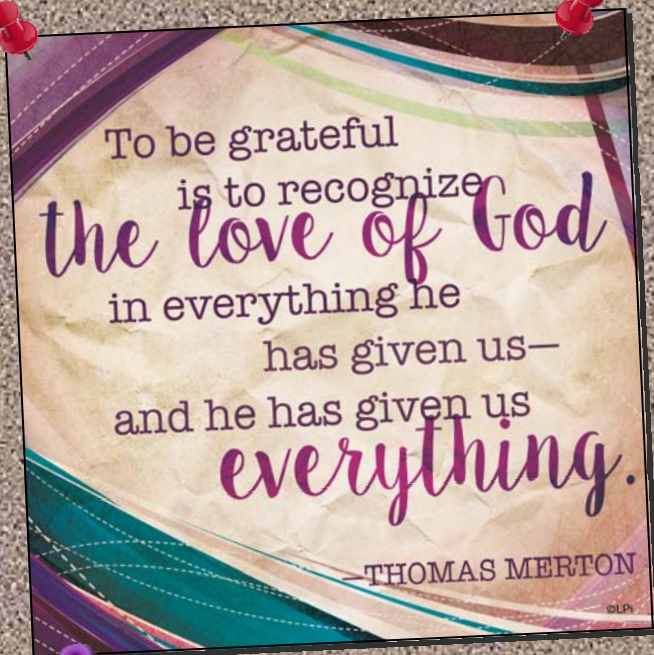
However, when the Apostles arrive, Jesus doesn't linger overlong in the deserted place or make an excuse for why he can't return with his friends. Jesus is true to his calling. He continues on in his state of life, serving the people nearest to him. Like Jesus, we are invited to set intentional time for communion with God so that we can be refreshed and empowered for our communion with others.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

When we suffer, we can easily find ourselves thinking that we have been abandoned by God or have done something to displease him and are now paying the price. Suffering is not God's fault. The reality of suffering and death is much more complicated than this and even somewhat mysterious. When Jesus preached the Gospel, it was made clear that suffering has meaning and always brings with it new life. It requires faith in order to understand this mystery. The Gospel brings us new life both here and in the life to come. This is truly Good News! When this Good News is understood by the believer it stirs within us a passion to urgently preach this healing and life giving message to others.

THE BULLETIN BOARD



2017-18
THEME RETREATS FOR WOMEN

February 16-18, 2018
Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

The powerful and timely theme is taken from the well-loved Peace Prayer of St. Francis. The retreat runs from Friday evening on February 16, 2018 at 7:00pm to Sunday, February 18 at 12:00 PM. The powerful and timely theme is taken from the well-loved Peace Prayer of St. Francis. The Retreat concludes with Mass at 11:00 am followed by brunch. Families and friends may join retreatants for Mass and brunch.

Offering is \$250.

To register, contact OLC at 860-677-8519, olcretreat@sbcglobal.net or www.ourladyofcalvary.net.

Saint Bakhita

February 8 is the Feast of Saint Bakhita. Many years ago Josephine Bakhita lived as a slave. Years later, she was canonized and is known as the patron Saint of Sudan. In her honor we pray for all of those who have been victims of slavery and trafficking.

As sports fans around the country gear up for Super Bowl 52, they may not know that vulnerable people will be sex trafficked at this year's Super Bowl, just as they have been year after year. In 2017, 183 sex buyers and 9 sex traffickers were arrested at the Super Bowl in Houston, Texas. Let us pray for an end to human trafficking, that the dignity of all of God's children will be protected.

The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry has formed an Archdiocesan Human Trafficking Task Force. Please pray for the Task Force, that they may increase others' awareness of the problem of human trafficking and become voices in the public square calling for its abolition. To host a presentation or get involved contact lynn.campbell@aohct.org

MEN'S RETREAT
Self-Compassion and Self-Forgiveness

February 10 at 9am through
February 11, 2018 at 12pm

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center presents our Men's Retreat, February 10, 2018 @ 9 a.m. - February 11 @ 12 p.m. This retreat is intended to assist spiritual seekers to accept themselves as they are. It will assist us to grow in self-love, self-compassion, and learn how to forgive ourselves so we can open our hearts to become more understanding, accepting, compassionate, and forgiving of ourselves and others. Our presenters are Father Warren J. Savage, Ron Miceli, and Sister Mary Ann Strain, CP.

Offering is \$175.

To register visit www.ourladyofcalvary.net or call (860) 677-8519.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **March 9-11, 2018 in Litchfield, CT**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.