



# Church of Saint Ann

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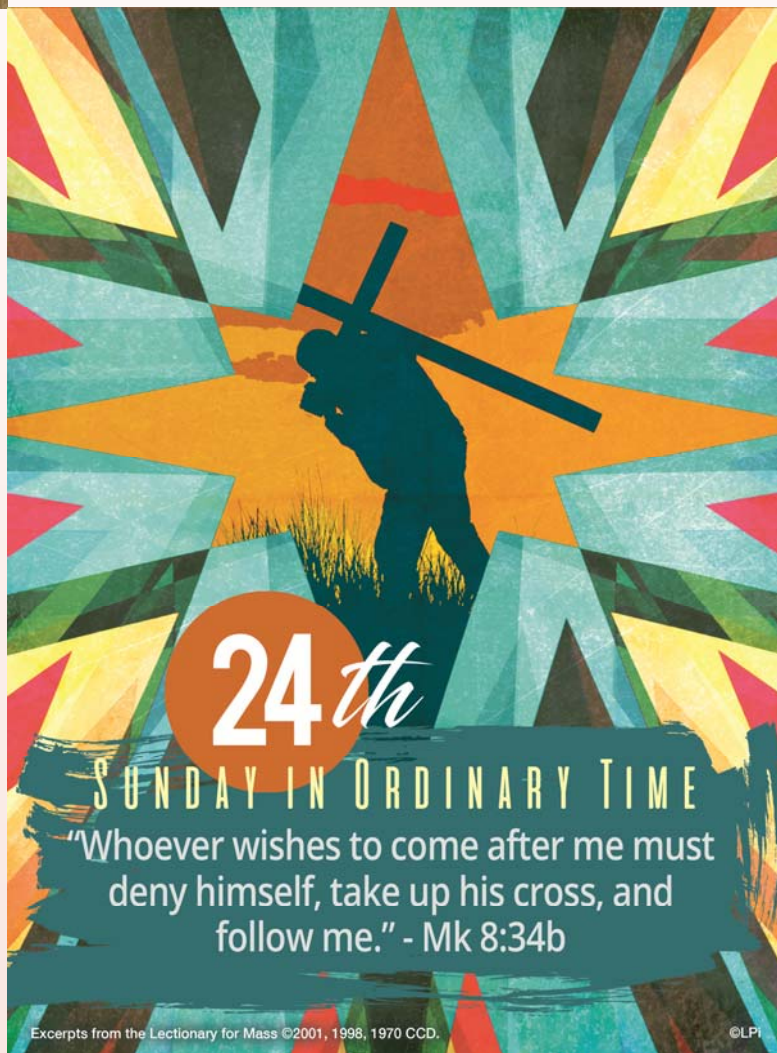
Call the Parish Office

## 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.



## 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

MMP Cenacle

Monday: 7:15pm

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MONDAY, September 17**

9:00 **Joan Fazzino**, requested by her sister

**TUESDAY, September 18**

9:00 **Frank Patterson**, requested by the Pellegrini Family

**WEDNESDAY, September 19**

9:00 **Fred Bielefeld**, requested by the family

**THURSDAY, September 20**

9:00 **James Alu**, requested by the family

**FRIDAY, September 21**

9:00 **Special Intentions**

**SATURDAY, September 22**

4:00 **Kathleen Talbot**, requested by Brian and Ann Beloin

**SUNDAY, September 23**

7:30 **Fran Aiello (2nd Ann.)**, requested by the family

9:30 **John O'Neill**, requested by Heidi O'Neill

11:00 **Gregory Godbout**, requested by Guy and Jane Ellen Peregrin



*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, September 17**

**MMP Cenacle:** 7:15pm in the church.  
*Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!*  
**Young Adult Bible Study:** 7:30pm in the Activity Room  
**Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures:** 7:15pm in Rm. 3

**TUESDAY, September 18**

**RCIA (morning group):** 9:30am in Room 3  
**RCIA (evening group):** 7pm in Room 3  
**Marthas+Marys's Kickoff Meeting:** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

**WEDNESDAY, September 19**

**Acts Bible Study:** 7pm in Room 3  
**Knights of Columbus Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

**THURSDAY, September 20**

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church  
**Traditional Choir:** 2pm in the Choir Loft  
**Youth Choir:** 4:15pm in the Choir Loft  
**Folk/Contemporary Choir:** 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

**FRIDAY, September 21**

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

**SATURDAY, September 22**

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

**SUNDAY, September 23**

**Little Lambs Sunday:** 9:30am Mass & in Fr. Bennett Hall after Mass  
**Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures:** 10:30am in Rm. 3



**Marthas & Marys**

We welcome all ladies of St. Ann to our kick-off event!

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Join in on the fun and learn about the events we have planned for the upcoming year!

**When:** Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Where:** Father Bennett Hall

**Annual Dues:** \$20 covers the year!

Please contact Sue Ollestad at [sollestad@yahoo.com](mailto:sollestad@yahoo.com) with any questions

**\*\*\* UPDATE \*\*\***

**K-8 Faith Formation Start Date Moved to September 23rd!**

*ALL K-8 Faith Formation classes this Sunday Sept 16th have been postponed. AMS will be used for parking and shuttle services for the 135th CT State Firefighters Parade hosted by the Avon Fire Department. Classes will begin on Sunday September 23rd at their regularly scheduled times. I am hopeful that you can adjust your schedules accordingly and am grateful for your understanding.*

Blessings and peace,  
Valerie St. Jean, Director of K-8 Faith Formation



Do you know people interested in becoming Catholic? St. Ann's warmly invites adults who are baptized but have not received Eucharist and Confirmation, as well as those who are unbaptized, to explore the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. In RCIA, seekers gather with our team to explore the person of Jesus, the content and structure of the church, and Catholic perspectives on worship, prayer and community.

*Sessions meet every Tuesday, September through Easter. Choose: AM Session from 9:30-10:30am  
OR PM session from 7-8:30pm Room 3.  
Contact: Maureen Fiedler at 860-995-4026.*

## St. Ann's YOUTH MINISTRY

### Calling All Teens!

Please come join us at our Youth Ministry kickoff!  
Come see what Youth Ministry is all about!

**Monday, September 17th  
4:30-6pm (meet in Confirmation Office)**

To find out more details and RSVP,  
contact Rosemary Neamtz, [rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com](mailto:rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com)



### Come journey through one of the most thrilling books of the Bible in the "Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom" Bible Study

Acts of the Apostles is a story of hope. It's the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They taught as Christ did. They performed miracles as he did. Some even gave their lives for him. They faced secular forces, internal strife, hostile crowds, and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men. **Acts will enrich your faith and rekindle your love for Christ as you live the lives of his first disciples.** Join us for this 20-week series, Wednesdays at 7pm or Fridays at 9:30am in Room 3, **beginning this week!** \$29 materials fee. Register with Ann in the Adult Ed office.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### Fall Offerings for Adult Education and Enrichment

Visit [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org) for full details. To register, contact Ann: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com); 860-673-9858, x228

#### Explore Becoming Catholic

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) gatherings will begin soon. For information, contact Maureen Fiedler, 860-995-4026, [maureen\\_fiedler@ethelwalker.org](mailto:maureen_fiedler@ethelwalker.org)

#### Grow in Faith with Friends

Form a Small Group with your friends/neighbors to explore your faith and deepen your friendships, at your pace and from the comfort of home. Materials and support are waiting for you!

#### Encounter God in the Bible

##### "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures"

helps you make personal connections to the Sunday readings. Drop in, all materials provided.

- Sundays, 10:30am, Room 3 with Chip Janiszewski
- Mondays, 7:15pm, Room 3 with Jim Serruta

##### "Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom"

20-session series begins Sept 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

- Wednesdays, 7:00pm, Room 3 with Terry Pendergast
- Fridays, 9:30am, Room 3 with Pat Wall

Materials fee: \$29

##### "The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy"

10-session series begins Sept 26.

- Wednesdays, 9:30am, Rooms 2 & 3 with Janet Newman
- Materials fee: \$25

#### Parenting with Purpose

Learn about our great offerings on parenting, marriage and faith at the **Parent Socials** on Sunday, Sept 16, at 9am and 5:45pm, during the kids' classes at Avon Middle School. Childcare for infants – preschoolers available at the 9am session! Contact Ann above for info.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Acclaimed Hollywood Actor and Church Scholar FRANK RUNYEON Comes to St. Ann

#### PRESENTING

"Luke: Stories on the Road"  
Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the church

Don't miss this inspiring and entertaining live dramatic presentation.

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

September 9, 2018: \$7,114.75  
 Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 9/12/18): \$3,611.00  
 Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:  
 Catholic Elementary Schools

## DATE CHANGE!

# Little Lambs Sunday

**When:** October 21, 2018 at the 9:30am Mass

**Who:** Children and Caregivers

**What:** During the Liturgy of the Word children and their caregivers will be invited up to the altar to hear the Liturgy of the Word read especially for them.

**Also...** join us after Mass in Father Bennett Hall for food provided by our Kindergarten and First Grade FF families and the Little Lambs Team.



## PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

### Baby Bottle Drive for St. Gerard's Center for Life

St. Gerard's Center for Life is very grateful to be welcomed back into St. Ann's Parish on the weekend of October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> for it's annual baby bottle drive. Pledge cards or baby bottles will be distributed after all weekend Masses and collected after the weekend of October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity as we partner together to keep this pro-life mission alive in the greater Hartford area.



### October is Respect Life Month Sign up for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament!

St. Ann's Parish is again taking part in the 40 Days for Life Campaign sponsored by the Archdiocese. There are two parts to this peaceful and prayerful mission. We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1 p.m. and continuing until Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE POSTERS IN THE GATHERING SPACE. We must have 2 adorers for each hour. On Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> a peaceful prayer vigil will take place outside the Hartford OB/GYN Clinic on Jefferson Street in Hartford. Our parish will cover the hours of 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Please sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space for an hour or more if you would like to stay longer. Thank-you in advance for your support with our parish's Pro-Life Mission.

# Meals for ImmaCare Shelter

In October we will begin another shelter season at ImmaCare. The Church of Saint Ann was the first in the Hartford suburbs to commit to providing food to the homeless people who came in from the cold and found a warm place to sleep and something to eat in the basement of Immaculate Conception Church. Over 35 years later, this parish continues to provide financial support, friendship, supplies, and some really good food. The shelter name changed to ImmaCare but the mission has remained the same. It is a judgement free zone, where people are not asked why they ended up in a homeless shelter but if they want to share their story, someone will listen. It's a place where many of the guests seem younger than in the past, some people talk to people we can't see, some are just down on their luck, but where food breaks through barriers because everyone enjoys a home cooked meal.

Our thanks to all of you who will help us meet the commitment to serve over 80 men at least twice a month over the next 8 months. (And a thank you to the anonymous gentleman who donated money so that we were even able to bring meals a couple of times over the summer.) There are so many items needed for each date, that we can only hope that there will still be many of you who say- let me know what you need. If you were on "the list" last year-or for many years-and want to re-up - we'd love to hear from you. You are the reason we commit ahead and only worry once in awhile. If this sounds like something you'd like to start doing, just shoot an email. Feel free to ask any questions

If you teach one of the classes and want your students to cook and to serve at the shelter, please contact us as soon as possible to book a date. Young people get so much from going, and it means a lot to the guests to know that young people from the other side of the mountain care about them.

Here are the dates for this year. In advance, our thanks.  
 Karen Finocchio (kfinocchio@gmail.com), and Mary Beth Twohig (twohig7@gmail.com)

## ImmaCare Shelter: 2018-2019 Dates

October: 4, 18  
 November: 1, 15  
 December: 6, 19  
 January: 10, 24  
 February: 7, 21  
 March: 7, 21  
 April: 4, 25  
 May: 2, 16

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*I must confess. I have not always prayed for someone if I told him or her I would. I have fallen victim to making the phrase, "You are in my prayers," a sentence void of real emotion or intent. It is like asking the question, "How are you?" Do I always want to know how you are at the time? Then follows the most common responses of "fine" or "good." I could have had the worst day, but I still utter a response that does not reflect my true state. Many of us say things to be nice without really thinking about it. At least, I hope I am not the only one.*

*The truth is that words are meaningless without action. We sometimes make ourselves and others feel better by saying we will do things only to provide no action at all. Offering best wishes to those in real need without any action is worth little. Even if we think we are sincere, true faith without works is dead.*

*Good stewardship requires us to say what we mean and mean what we say. Stewardship is a way of living. It does ask for sentiments of love. It asks for profound actions of love. We need to offer our gifts, talents, time, and prayers to one another and then follow through. This means we need to be more mindful of what we are saying, more committed to following through, and more accountable for our actions if we fail. If we practice this way of living, not only will we be able to say we are doing the right thing, but our integrity will be intact and we will bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.*

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*There can be no peace unless there is soul peace.  
For nothing happens in the external world that  
has not first happened within a soul.*

- Ven. Fulton Sheen

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced. (Is 50:7a)

### Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 114) or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? (Jas 2:14)

### Gospel:

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mk 8:34b)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 16, 2018

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/  
Mk 8:27-35  
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17  
[1 Cor 11:26b]/ Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [3]/  
Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/  
Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15  
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16--4:3/  
Mk 9:30-37

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

We know the signs of defeat: slumped shoulders, downcast eyes, a chastened demeanor. For those of us sincerely trying to follow Jesus, defeat is inevitable. We commit to spending more time with our kids, but that one project still looms. We resolve to be a good person, but our selfishness strikes again. It can be easy to get discouraged over our moral failures. Today's Gospel is a small, intriguing look at this process in the life of St. Peter.

First, Jesus' questions get the Apostles thinking about his true identity. This results in a confession of faith from Peter: "You are the Christ." Eager faith characterizes Peter's relationship with Jesus. First to follow, first to leap out of the boat, and, we know, first to deny. It's the latter tendency that manifests itself later in the Gospel. When Jesus predicts the Passion, "Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Jesus' rebuke in turn is stinging. While Peter's caution to Jesus is in private, Jesus intentionally turns back to the others as he declares, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Like Peter, we rarely get it right all the time. Peter understood that Jesus was the Messiah, but he had a false concept of what that Messiah would accomplish. Jesus wants to make sure the rest of the disciples don't follow down the wrong road. The Christian life is a difficult one, as Jesus later tells the crowds. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself." Yet the mercy of God is abundant. If we renew our trust and our efforts after a fall, every defeat is transformed into redemptive grace. "Whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

Who do you say Jesus is? Some look to Jesus as the reliever of pain and suffering. We want to believe in a God who will take away the discomfort we are feeling and make things better. Frustration and even a lessening of faith can happen when we realize this is not happening. Jesus is the Christ. As the Christ, he is the one who shows us how to keep both the joys and sorrows of life in balance. There is no hopping, skipping, or jumping over suffering. It is a part of life. In addition to the physical pain we are asked to endure, living the Gospel can bring rejection and suffering as well. Jesus the Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Do we have the desire and faith to follow him?

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

**Coming to St. Ann!**

### PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

**Coming to St. Ann's October 6 & 7** (*Feast of the Holy Rosary*)

Commissioned by Lucia, one of the three children who the Blessed Mother appeared to in Fatima. Travels the world & was displayed at the United Nations last year

- Displayed in Father Bennett hall October 6, & processed into the church for viewing during all Masses the weekend of October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>
- The statue's custodian will talk following each mass on the statue's history & on the statue's healing properties

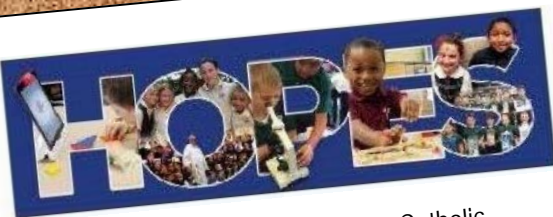


A Rosary will follow the 4pm mass on October 6, as well as the 7:30am and 11am masses on October 7



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- The HOPES Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing schools with individual HOPES Grants.
- Last Year's HOPES Grants totaled \$155,000 to fund technology, safety, and advancement initiatives at thirty-two schools.
- The Collection also supports the broad-based marketing and promotion of Catholic schools through branding and social media.

Please help us provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by giving to the 2018 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection on the weekend of September 22/23.



**THANK YOU!!!** To the more than 38,000 generous donors have pledged over \$9,567,900 to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, *Our Faith, Our Future!!*

In response to inquiries received over these past weeks, we again assure you that 100% of the funds donated to Archbishop's Annual Appeal are distributed as published in the annual report. Not a single cent collected from donations to Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used for settlements of sex abuse cases or legal fees.

To view the complete accountability report, please visit this link:  
<http://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal-impact-2>