

# Church of Saint Ann

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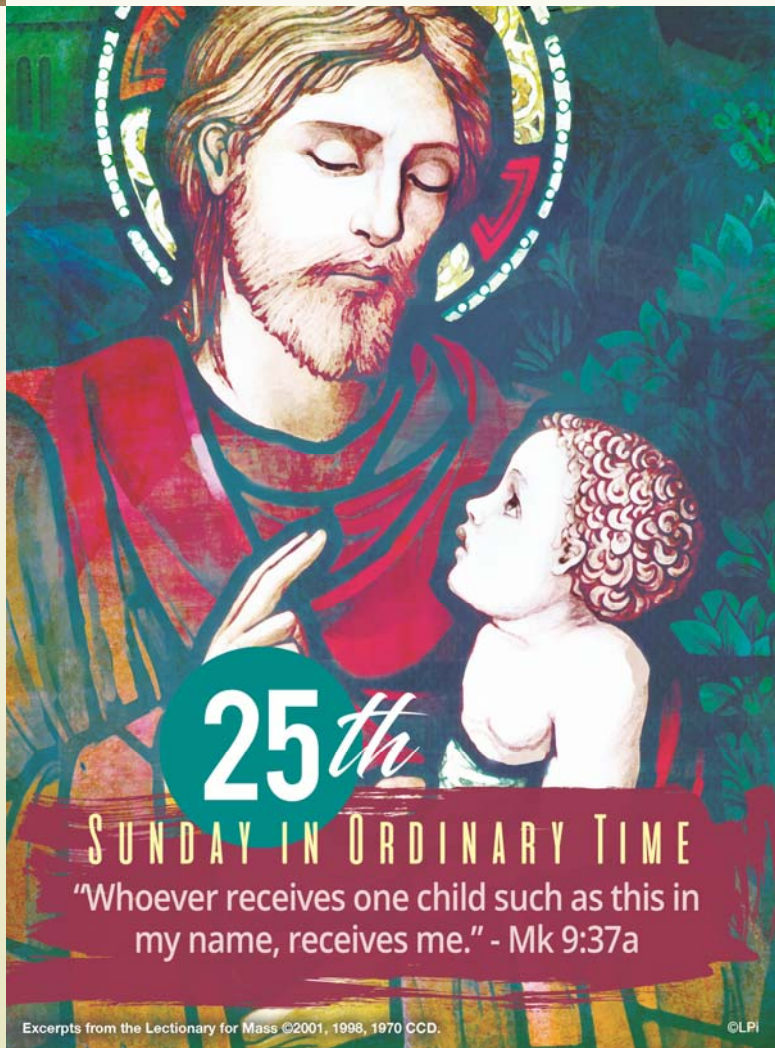
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## MARRIAGES

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



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MONDAY, September 24**

9:00 **Virginia Clark**, requested by her friends

**TUESDAY, September 25**

9:00 **Frank and Angie Scalzo**, requested by Andrea and Dante Pizzuti

**WEDNESDAY, September 26**

9:00 **Gladys Cederburg**, requested by Andrea and Dante Pizzuti

**THURSDAY, September 27**

9:00 **Special Intentions**

**FRIDAY, September 28**

9:00 **Dr. Theodore deGroot and Fredrick & Margaret deGroot**, requested by the family

**SATURDAY, September 29**

4:00 **Estelle & Benedict Gogas**, requested by The Kick Family

**SUNDAY, September 30**

7:30 **Robert Collier**, requested by the Keating Family

9:30 **Thomas & Ella Heavren**, requested by Tom & Pat Heavren

11:00 **Jennifer Lynn Kelly**, requested by her family



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 24**

**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 25**

**RCIA (morning group):** 9:30am in Room 3  
**RCIA (evening group):** 7pm in Room 3

**WEDNESDAY, September 26**

**Prophets Bible Study:** 9:30am in Room 2/3  
**Acts Bible Study:** 7pm in Room 3

**THURSDAY, September 27**

**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 28**

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

**SATURDAY, September 29**

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

**SUNDAY, September 30**

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

**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



**Food Collection Next Weekend September 29/30**

Pick up grocery bag in Gathering Space this weekend. Drop food off next weekend in the Gathering Space. Donations will be going to the Avon Food Pantry, and Catholic Worker House in Hartford



## HEARTS & SOULS

Ministering to body, mind & spirit, the Health Ministry offers blood pressure screening, health counseling & referrals to our community of faith. Office Hours are generally the 2nd Sunday of the month from 8:15am-11am in the Sacristy (2<sup>nd</sup> door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). PLEASE NOTE for October Hours will be the 1st Sunday of the month. No appointment necessary.



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.*



## ACTS

*The Spread of the Kingdom*

**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.



## St. Ann's New Welcome Ministry Looking for Volunteers

We are forming a new Welcoming Ministry at St. Ann and we would love some help! If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry please contact Dianne Simpson at 860-673-6831 or [diannesimpson360@gmail.com](mailto:diannesimpson360@gmail.com).

### 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.

**WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

**September 16, 2018:** *will be reported next weekend*  
**Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 9/19/18):** \$3,151.00  
**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:**  
*none*

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour****Sunday, October 7, 2018****2:30 - 3:30pm in the church**

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated at St. Ann on Sunday, October 7th from 2:30pm—3:30pm. The recitation of the rosary will follow to honor Our Lady on the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

**Please join us for these powerful devotions!**

**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 its 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

If you have traveled on Southwest Airlines, you are aware of how they line people up prior to boarding. You receive a lettered group of A, B, or C and a number. You line up with your group and in sequence based on your numbers. This means that before every flight, you'll hear people ask over and over, "What number are you?" Some don't ask and simply place themselves in the line. I have been A-1 before and had someone stand in line in front of me. There is nothing before A-1 in the line! It is crazy the urgency of some to board the plane and get the perfect seat. For some, I think it has more to do with a sense of entitlement. No one is going to cheat me out of my place in line! I deserve it!

Of course, you can't deserve your place in the line more than another. We are all getting on the plane and going to the same place. In life, some of us act like people in a Southwest boarding line. We want our place in line, and we will sometimes put ourselves ahead of others without merit. Good stewardship allows us to see our actions in this regard as folly. Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." We are called to serve and not to be served. If we seek what we truly deserve in this life, we will find that we are not actually entitled to much. If we humble ourselves and seek to serve others, we will receive an abundance of good things, even though we still won't deserve it. For all we receive, whether we are A-1 or C-30, is a gift.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Pray, hope, and don't worry!*

- Padre Pio

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. (Wis 2:18)

### Psalm:

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

### Second Reading:

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

### Gospel:

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." (Mk 9:37)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of September 23, 2018

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16--4:3/  
Mk 9:30-37  
Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1]/Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/  
Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/  
Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/  
Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,  
4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51  
Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/  
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Oscars. The Super Bowl. TV talent shows. Your son's Little League championship. We live in a culture set on competition. The desire to "be the best" goes beyond hobbies and into politics, the corporate world, and parenting comparisons at the park. This desire is as old as the human race, and it surely arose in Jesus' day. While Biblical society was significantly less open and upwardly mobile than our own, power was attractive. From what we know, many of Jesus' disciples had come from lowly backgrounds. Now they followed an increasingly popular rabbi who seemed primed to do something big.

Jesus does his best to dissuade their high hopes by prophesying his own defeat. "The Son of Man is to be handed over ? and they will kill him." Internalizing the message proves challenging for the disciples, and their attention remains fixed on earthly glory. "They ? [discuss] among themselves on the way who was the greatest." True to style, Jesus flips their pretensions on their heads. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

We have heard these Biblical principles before. Do we believe them? In our professional lives, do we do whatever we can to get ahead, or are we concerned with the entire team succeeding? In the lives of our children, are we more concerned with victory or with building character? Jesus doesn't condemn success, but he reframes it. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Today's Gospel is a reality check. In God's eyes, our success will not be measured by worldly output alone but by how much love and service we offer to others in the process.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

Humility is really a virtue that allows us to keep our relationships in proper order: God first, others second, and myself third. However, we all wrestle with our incompleteness, weakness, and imperfections. Passions and impulses from within can color how we view our lives and distort them. Who among us does not struggle with jealousy, envy, pride, and lust? Then, when we can't have what we desire, we find ourselves angry, greedy, and taking more than we deserve. The downward spiral continues. Even Jesus' disciples, who knew him better than most, argued about who was the greatest. Humbly seeking the wisdom that comes from God and His righteousness is the corrective we need in order to keep ourselves in check.

# THE BULLETIN BOARD



Northwest Catholic High School invites prospective students and parents to attend our annual Open House on Sunday, October 28th from 1-3 p.m. NWC will offer an entrance exam on Saturday, November 17th at 8 am. A completed application serves as registration for the exam. Walk-ins are welcome!  
 You can apply online at: [www.northwestcatholic.org/apply](http://www.northwestcatholic.org/apply).  
 Please contact Andrew Selig at [aselig@nwcath.org](mailto:aselig@nwcath.org) with any questions.

Please join us for a **Day of Retreat** sponsored by the Ladies of St. Ann Sodality.

This event is open to all men and women.

**'We are a Resurrection People'**

Date: Saturday, October 6, 2018

Time: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Place: St. Francis De Sales Church- St. Ann Parish Hall  
 215 West St., Bristol, CT

Fee: \$10 Lunch provided

**Pre-registration required** so that we can have enough material and food available.

Please call Diane-860-589-7318 **before** Saturday, September 29th

Here at the Church of St. Ann

Please Join us in honoring "Our Lady of Fatima" visiting Statue on Oct. 6 and 7



Children

Join us Oct. 4 at 4:30 pm to learn a decade of the rosary to be recited after the 9:30 Mass on Oct. 7

Questions?

Call Shirley Blyther 601-398-7868  
 Joan Gould 860-677-7881

Please consider attending or helping out with this event to help an Avon neighbor in need



**MEET NEUSA**

A mother of two and newly married to Chip Chamberlain, Neusa and her family lived a peaceful and spiritual life in Avon, Connecticut. She loved the outdoors, hiking and kayaking. She quickly learned however, that in any moment, the life we all know can drastically change forever.

**HER ACCIDENT**

On February 24th 2018, while on vacation in Brazil, a passing truck pushed her car off the road, flipping it into a ravine. Two passengers escaped with bruises, but Neusa was not so fortunate. She could not feel her legs. Despite two surgeries, Neusa continues to be challenged as she is unable to live the life she once knew.



**HER ATTITUDE**

Rooted in her deep faith in God, Neusa's positive attitude and beautiful smile radiates through this tragedy. She states, "God must have a purpose for me." Medical staff, caretakers, family and friends are continually amazed as they witness a warmth and joyous peace that emanates from her heart.



**THE NEED**

Neusa's family is currently and will continue to be confronted with many financial challenges. Intensive therapy, adaptive equipment, residential modifications, professional staff and financial support are all needed to meet the family and household needs. Therefore, the Neusa Uberti Third Party Supplemental Needs Trust has been created to receive donations for the benefit of Neusa and her family. We kindly ask you to join us in our efforts to raise funds to support the Neusa Uberti Third Party Supplemental Needs Trust.

**STAND BY NEUSA BENEFIT EVENT**

TUNXS COUNTRY CLUB PAVILION | FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018 | 6:30 - 11 P.M.  
 DINNER | MUSIC | RAFFLES | SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS

VISIT [STANDBYNEUSA.COM](http://STANDBYNEUSA.COM) FOR MORE DETAILS & TO DONATE



**#StandByNeusa**

29th Annual Rosary Rally  
 October 7, 2018  
 Basilica of the Immaculate Conception  
 Waterbury

The 29th Annual Rosary Rally will be held at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury on October 7th from 2-3:30pm. There will be a procession, rosary, talk and Benediction. Fr. Greg J. Markey, stationed at St. Lawrence Church in Shelton, professor of Latin and Philosophy at St. John Fisher Seminary in Stamford, will be the guest speaker. The topic of his talk is "The Rosary and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary".

For more information call:  
 Lorraine Greski at 203-736-9606.