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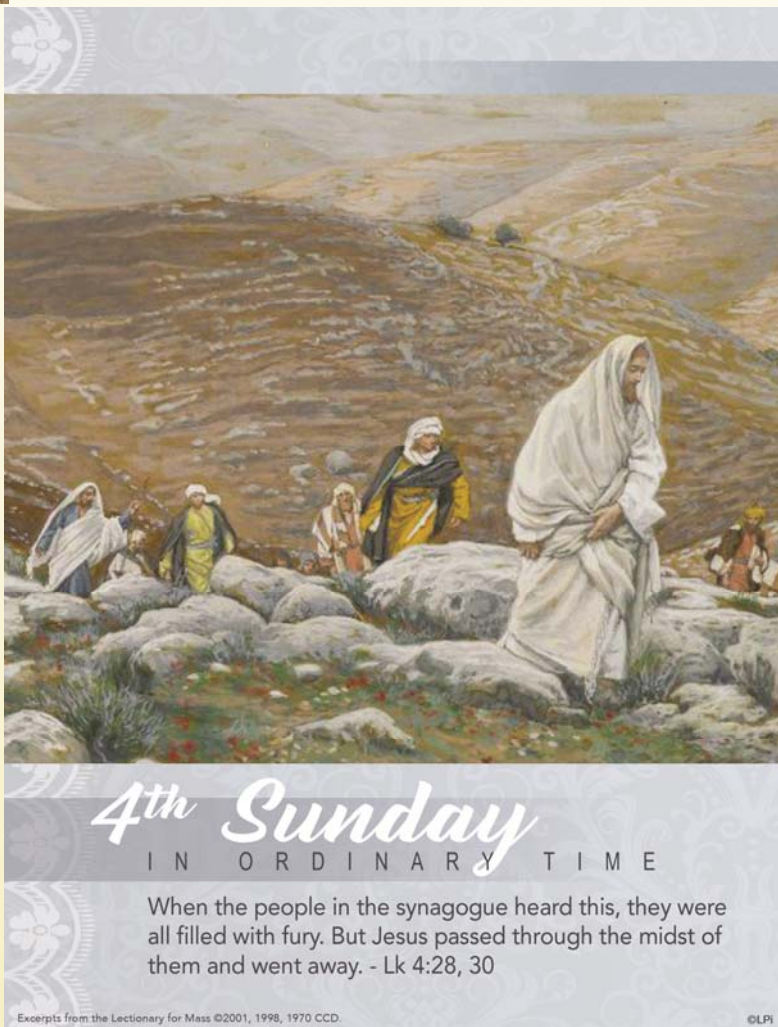
BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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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:

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays 9:30-10:30am

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12 Noon



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

MONDAY, February 4
9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, February 5
9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, February 6
9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, February 7
9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, February 8
9:00 Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy

SATURDAY, February 9
4:00 Claire Galiette (1st Ann.), requested by the family

SUNDAY, February 10
7:30 Special Intentions
9:30 Ralph Otto Scheuermann, requested by the St. Ann Parish Council
11:00 Elizabeth Crone, requested by the Argay Family

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, February 4

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: cancelled due to funeral
Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church.
Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!
Young Adult Bible Study: 2nd/4th Mondays, 7:30pm (Activity Rm)
Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 7:15pm in Rm. 3

TUESDAY, February 5

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

WEDNESDAY, February 6

John Bible Study: 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3
Acts Bible Study: 6:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, February 7

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
Youth Choir: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft
St. Ann Cares Meeting: 7pm in Room 2
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, February 8

Acts Bible Study: 9:30am in Room

SATURDAY, February 9

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3
Art Show/Sale: 11am - 5:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, February 10

Art Show/Sale: 8am - 12:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 10:30am in Rm. 3
Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church

Sandwich Sunday
This Sunday
February 3rd



- JOIN US:** in Fr. Bennett Hall after 7:30am, 9:30am and 11am Masses to make sandwiches for the homeless.
- PLEASE BRING:** 1 ½ lbs deli meat, ¾ lb sliced cheese, 1 large loaf of bread (white or wheat)
- RECIPIENTS WILL BE:** ImmaCare Shelter, Mercy Shelter and St. Joseph Cathedral Food Pantry
- HELP MAKE DELIVERIES:** Call/Email Ann DiStefano (contact info on bulletin cover)

GREAT WAY TO LIVE OUR FAITH! KIDS AND FAMILIES WELCOME!
(You can drop off food in kitchen refrigerator before Mass or if cold enough leave in car)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

More details are at stannavon.com, or contact Director of AFF, Ann DiStefano: ann.distefano@stannavon.com (860) 673-9858, x.228

Make 2019 a Year of Deeper Relationships with God and Others

Encounter God in the Bible

"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" helps you make personal connections to the Sunday readings through the lens of historical context and the popular *Lectio Divina* prayer method.

Drop ins welcome! All materials provided.

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

Adult Confirmation

Have you been baptized and received First Communion, but were never confirmed as a youth? Give yourself the blessing of Adult Confirmation. Our seven-week preparation series will run February 12th through April 4th. The Confirmation ceremony is May 14, 2019.

Parenting with Purpose

Join us for our engaging video series on parenting on CCD Sundays at Avon Middle School, Room 228.

* 9am - For K-4th Grade parents (**Childcare for babies-preK is available at this session - sign up by Thurs prior with babysitters Lisa, lrg1010@comcast.net AND Paula, uconnloves@att.net**)

* 5:45pm - For 5th-8th Grade parents

Young Adult Group

Unwind, connect and explore faith with other men, women and couples in their 20's and 30's.

For details contact: Kylie Brasel, (860) 951-6211, kylie.brasel13@gmail.com.

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



An Artistic Experience

St. Ann's 10th Annual Art Show & Sale

Fr. Bennett Hall

**Saturday, February 9th:
11:00-5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, February 10th:
8:00am - 12:30pm**

Adult fine artists and young emerging artists

Affordable art to grace your walls!

(Proceeds benefit the St. Ann Scholarship Fund)

If you would like to donate your artwork or know someone who would, please contact:

Inez Faillace at 860-653-5579, email: faillace1@comcast.net

or Meg Kundahl at 860-521-1051, email: mkfk@sbcglobal.net



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, February 4th
7-8:30pm in Room 2

Come be a part of our ministry!

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

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday, February 10th

2:30 - 3:30pm
in the church



Let's beg for God's Mercy and the outpouring of His Healing Love. Please join us for this powerful devotion.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

January 27, 2019: will be reported next week
 Online Giving (week ending 1/30/19):\$2,489.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection:
none

Church of St. Ann

Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary



As part of our 100th anniversary celebration, St. Ann's Church is planning a historical exhibit at the Avon Free Public Library during the months of July and August, 2019. This will be a dual exhibit with the Avon Congregational Church, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary. The exhibit will be in the History Corner, and St. Ann will be using the tack-board wall and metal shelves to the right of the glass case. If you have items (photos, old documents, etc.) that you would like to share for the exhibit, please contact Jean Frey at 860-673-1949. It would be nice to be able to include photos or memories related to the first church on Mt. View Avenue as well as our current church. Copies could be made of any photos.

Marthas + Marys *Book Discussion*

The Invisible Wall, by Harry Bernstein

Thursday, February 21st - Activity Room
 (snow date is February 28th)



Ministry Spotlight : The Men of Saint Ann

The Men of St. Ann have become famous for their Pasta Dinners serving 100 dinners on 3 Fridays during Lent as well as their famous Ladies Night Out every year (a special dinner for Ladies of the parish). We also hold wine tastings that creates great fellowship and extends your knowledge of wines. We are not a fund-raising group but were created to build community within the St. Ann Parish.

The work is relatively easy, and the rewards are immeasurable. Come join us as we need to replenish the loss of members of our group. We especially are in need of men who know their way around a kitchen, and we know we have some closet gourmet chefs looking for a place to showcase their skills.

The other requisite skills are learned in minutes (table setup, waiting on tables, serving food and event cleanup.

For more information please contact:
 John Kuzia (kman@kuzia.com 860-284-0020
 Tom Murphy (murph556@comcast.net 860-508-2808)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

If you feel strongly about something, you might want to share your thoughts and feelings with others. When that something has to do with things such as food, art, or travel, others might show an interest, so the conversation is enjoyable. However, when that something is politics or religion, watch out! The conversation can quickly turn to debate and then to anger. That can be anything but enjoyable.

The Gospel does not always lead to joy when initially presented. Sometimes, it convicts us and makes us see the error of our ways. Other times, it seems what is asked of us is too hard and requires us to step out of our comfort zone. When Jesus spoke the truth about the Kingdom of God, not everyone cheered. That was never a reason to be silent.

Stewardship living allows us to give witness to the Gospel with few words. Our actions speak very loudly. However, no one should ever be left to wonder why you and I would choose to do the things we do. What a shame it would be if you passed away and at your funeral people commented on how great a person you were, but they had no idea you were a Christian. People need to understand the "why" of what we do. The truth is that there is great joy in being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Don't rob others of the chance to know that joy for themselves.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*One who has hope lives differently.
-Pope Benedict XVI*

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations I appointed you. (Jer 1:5)

PSALM:

I will sing of your salvation. (Ps 71)

SECOND READING:

So faith, hope, love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor 13:13)

GOSPEL:

[Jesus] said, "Amen, I say to you,
no prophet is accepted in his own native place." (Lk 4:24)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 3, 2019

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 [cf. 27b]/
Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/
Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11
[cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/
Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'"

Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

No one wants to listen to a prophet, especially when the prophet is someone close to us. We have a hard time accepting that ordinary associations can develop the type and depth of wisdom that can not only positively change lives but profoundly challenge them. To many folks, Jesus was simply the son of Joseph, even though his words caught their attention and amazed them. After his words sunk in, they were infuriated and drove him out of town. Is Jesus simply the son of Joseph to us as well, or is he the God who knew us before we were formed in the womb? If he is God, then we need to heed his message and change our lives accordingly.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

A vision for love and marriage in our time.

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the promulgation of *Humane Vitae* an encyclical on love, life and marriage.

Sponsored by the Franciscan Life Center
Saturday, February 16, 2019, 8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 17, 2019, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
\$65.00/ adult for both days, lunch included.

To register visit flcenter.org or franciscanhc.org
Call: 203-237-8084 for more information

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St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, Hartford

Group Spiritual Direction Every Tuesday: 12:30-1:30pm

Group Spiritual Direction refers to the active conversation centering on the relationship with God/Divine Presence/Higher Power of what is life-giving. Every Tuesday after the 12:05pm Mass, two Spiritual Directors gather with all who attend for reflection on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday Mass. As companions on the journey, the directors listen for the underlying flow of life (often named 'spirit') in the reading while facilitating conversation within the group. Please join us!

*To register please call our Parish Office at 860-675-4034.
Free, well-lit parking is available in the Saints Surface Parking Lot across from the Franciscan Center*

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