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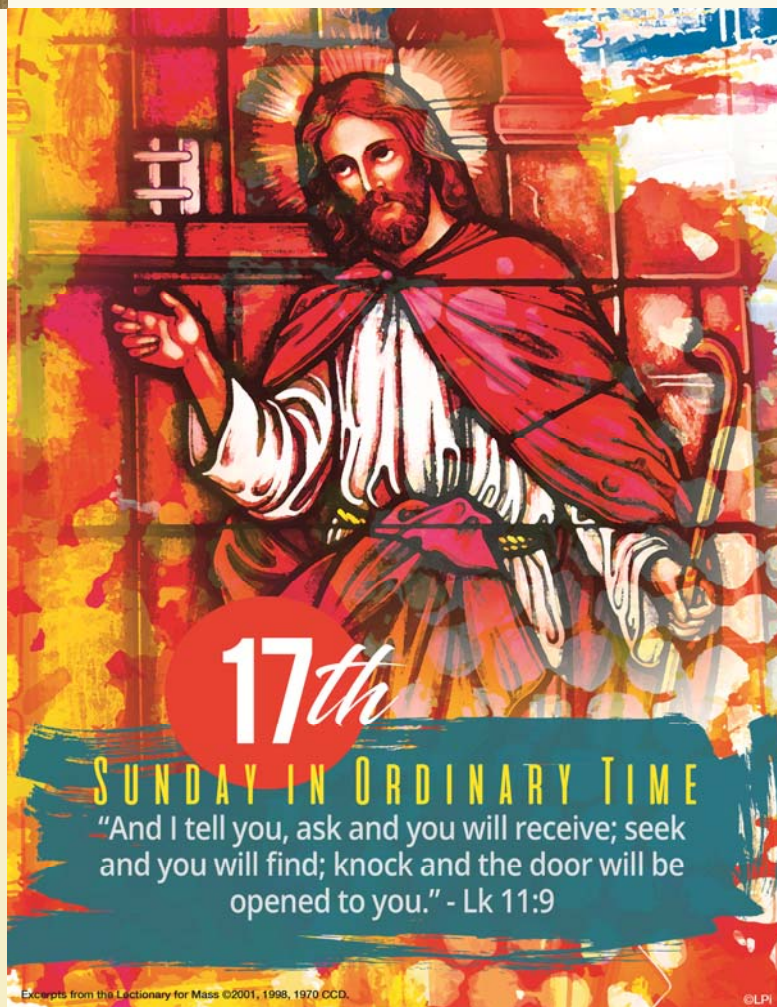
BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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.



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

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri.

9:30-9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon



**The 17th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, July 29

9:00 **James Coleman Snyder, Jr.,** requested by
Dianne Simpson

TUESDAY, July 30

9:00 **For the health of Ellen Lamothe (living),**
requested by her family

WEDNESDAY, July 31

9:00 **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, August 1

9:00 **Camille & Peter Angelina and
Michael Nay,** requested by the family

FRIDAY, August 2

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, August 3

4:00 **For the Machlarz Family,** requested by
Kasia Machlarz

SUNDAY, August 4

7:30 **Bill Ryan (5th Ann.),** requested by
the family

9:30 **Sam Riela,** requested by the family

11:00 **Tom Kobylarz,** requested by the 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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, July 29

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church .
All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church)

TUESDAY, July 30

WEDNESDAY, July 31

Video Series: Mary, A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother:
9:30am in Room 3

THURSDAY, August 1

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 2

SATURDAY, August 3

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, August 4

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

St. Ann Exhibit at Avon Public Library

When you visit the Avon library this summer, be sure to stop by the History Corner to view the St. Ann exhibit, which spans 100 years of history. You may be surprised at the number of priests who have cared for our parish over the years, and maybe you will recognize someone you know in one of the photographs. We are sharing the space with the West Avon Congregational Church, which is celebrating 200 years. The exhibit will remain there through the end of August.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

2019 Summer Program

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures

Come make personal connections to the Sunday readings through the lens of historical context and the popular *Lectio Divina* prayer method. Sundays, 10:30am-12pm, Room 3, with Chip Janiszewski. All materials provided. (Bring your own Bible if you like.) Register with Ann DiStefano (see bulletin front) or drop in!

Free Rosary Repair Service will be offered at St. Ann's from now until the middle of September.



Leave your broken rosaries in the box on the table in the gathering space.

Repaired rosaries will be returned within the week.

Also, we accept donations of old or broken rosaries for the missions. Leave them in or near the same box.

Dick Holden at 239-463-3993
 Betty Holden at 860-595-6370
 holdenbnd@gmail.com

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.



GOT TUNA?

Something Fishy is Going On Here in July & August...

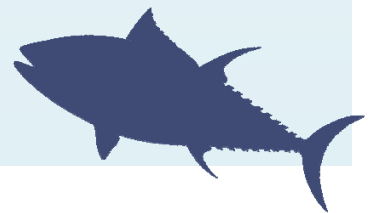
We will be collecting canned tuna, mackerel and chicken during July & August. This protein rich food will be shipped to Haiti in September and distributed to families fostering children. Chunk, light, oil packed...you chose! It all mixes well with their rice meal.

Please place donations in the labeled bins in the Gathering Space. Thank you!

St. Ann parishioners are the best!

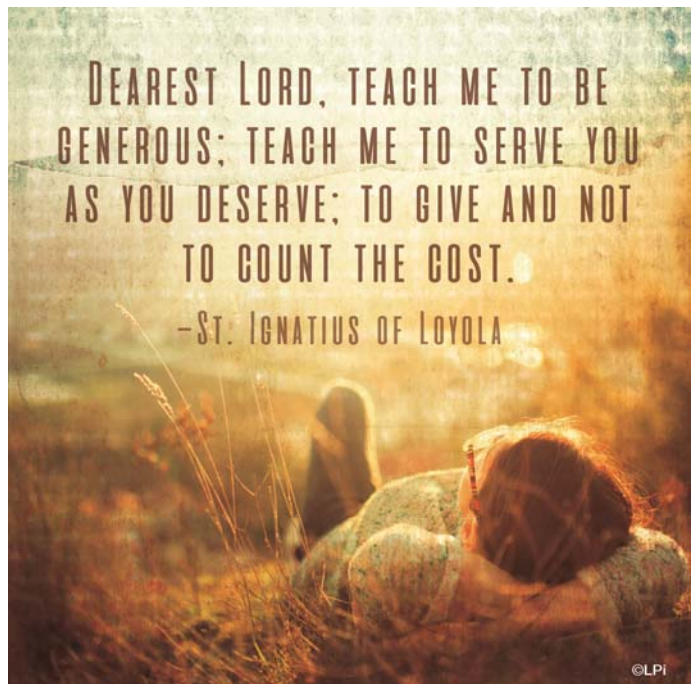
Gratefully,
 Your Social Justice Committee

Protein bars would also be much appreciated!



DEAREST LORD, TEACH ME TO BE GENEROUS; TEACH ME TO SERVE YOU AS YOU DESERVE; TO GIVE AND NOT TO COUNT THE COST.

-ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

July 21, 2019: *will be reported next week*
Online Giving (week ending 7/24/10): \$2,311.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
none

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY



Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center in Torrington is in need of gently used summer baby clothes, or cash donations for diapers, formula, etc. (checks payable to "Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center")

*Please drop off to Ann DiStefano in her office
 beneath Fr. Bennett Hall.*

Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Join your fellow parishioners with a pledge or gift to this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link ***Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations***, to learn more and make your gift today. All pledges may be paid through December 31st 2019 towards this year's Appeal.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/>.



HONOR A VETERAN WITH A AT VETERANS MEMORIAL WAY

Veterans Memorial Way is complete!

Orders for engraved pavers are now being accepted. Each paver that is purchased will be with a veteran's name and information regarding their service. Pavers may honor veterans who are living or deceased. If you are purchasing a brick in honor of a deceased veteran, it is not required that they are buried at St. Ann's Cemetery.

Order forms are available in the Gathering Space, Parish Office and can be downloaded

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

After more than two decades in parish ministry, my life changed course when LPI reached out to me with an offer to do something different with my life. I hadn't been looking for a new job, but I had been working for some time to grow a ministry of speaking, writing, and consulting outside of my parish. It occurred to me I just might be throwing away a long career of stability and certainty for a situation that was new and anything but certain. My family was relying on me. I was moving from a comfort zone into a place where I was going to have to trust in God. There was the question on the surface of whether this move would work out in the end. However, the real question was whether I had the ability to put all my trust in God.

The fact that you are reading this reflection is a testament that it all worked out for the best. I did place my faith and trust in God, and He came through as always. When I look back over my life and identify those times of greatest struggle, I can honestly say those were times when I trusted more in myself or let fear take over.

We all are faced with decisions in life where we are met with uncertainty or fear. Often, our stewardship is limited by our inability to trust fully in God. Our comfort zones really become prisons of fear we never leave. If you find yourself unable to face the future or to make the big decisions in life, where does your trust lie?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

The past does not belong to me; the future is not mine; with all my soul I try to make use of the present moment
- St. Faustina

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

[Abraham] persisted: "Please, do not let my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time." (Gn 18:32)

Psalm:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters:

You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him? (Col 2:12a)

Gospel:

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Lk 11:9)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 28, 2019

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Are you guilty of spiritual stockpiling? Spiritual stockpiling isn't an endless rotation of rosaries and novenas. It's accumulating emotional "goods" to meet your needs. Perhaps it's a collection of material objects you treasure. Maybe it's a preoccupation with money. It could also be relationships, making sure there's always enough friends and connections to never really feel alone. It's our tendency to let things add up so that we won't quite need God to fulfill our inner life. Yet in this Sunday's Gospel, we have that inescapable petition from the Our Father. "Give us each day our daily bread."

This life isn't an immediate arrival. And as much as we might try to shore up possessions and pleasures, we know the journey is unpredictable. Give us this day our daily bread implies enough for the next set of steps, but not enough to stockpile. So here's the big question: Do we trust God to give us what we need? After all, "What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?... how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" At the Last Supper, Jesus said he would never leave us orphaned. God will not abandon us. And surely He wouldn't ask us to pray for what He does not intend to give.

Of course, sometimes our prayers for daily help can seem to go unanswered. Today's Gospel has advice for that, too. "I tell you... he will give up to him whatever he needs because of his persistence." Our spiritual stockpiling increases our self-reliance and decreases our openness to God's possibilities. Be persistent in your pursuit of God! Trust that He will keep His promises to provide for us, today and always.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

We do not need to use a lot of words in order to pray well. Keeping things simple often works best, and it appears to be the form of prayer most preferred by Jesus. The simplicity of the Lord's Prayer, the Our Father, gets quickly to the heart of all of our important relationships in life and sets us straight. Praying simply provides proper focus and helps us develop greater trust in God's providential care. We never know how each day will unfold and cannot control a good measure of what happens to us. What we can control is the disposition we bring to life and how much we trust and hope in God's desire to make all things new and right. Pray simply and listen deeply. Our Father is calling.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

A Summer Evening at Montfort House

This fund-raising event to benefit the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, will be held on the terrace and grounds of Montfort House, Rte. 118, 83 Montfort Rd., (top of the hill), Litchfield, CT 06759 on Saturday, August 17, 2019.

This delightful evening will feature cocktails and select wines and fine hors d'oeuvres from local products. Delectable desserts will also be served. This event will be held with live music from 6pm to 9pm with food being served throughout the evening. Guests may arrive anytime between 6pm and 8pm. The price for this fundraiser is \$60 per person; reservations should be made and payment received by **Saturday, August 10th**. For details or to purchase tickets, call 860-567-1041 or e-mail: gbuchas@snet.net.

Justice for Immigrants Website

We understand that many immigrants in our archdiocese, as well as their families, are both afraid and confused by recent announcements regarding potential enforcement actions. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, through their Justice for Immigrants website, have compiled resources to help educate your community about their rights when interacting with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and ways that they can prepare their families. The resources cover the importance of registering in a parish, knowing your rights, and family preparation. This resource list can also be found at the JFI website: www.justiceforimmigrants.org

CREATED TO BE LOVED -- NOT MISUSED



STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking is happening in your community! Will you help to stop it?

Attend this Public Forum Sponsored by
Newington Rotary Club

Archdiocese of Hartford Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry
Knights of Columbus, Newington Council 3884

Tuesday, July 30th 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Annunciation Parish – St. Mary's Church
626 Willard Ave, Newington, CT

Presenters

Lynn Campbell, Executive Director, Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry

Special Agent Kurt Siuzdak, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Yvette Young, LPC, Project Director Anti-Human Trafficking Response Team, The Village

Stephanie Clark, Executive Director, Amirah New England

Also Represented: Love 146 Salvation Army The Underground



Archdiocese of Hartford
2019 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
Set the World Ablaze!

November 9, 2019

Northwest Catholic High School (West Hartford, CT)

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. "Coffee and" and lunch are included!

Keynote: Sarah Hart

For information on workshops, spiritual workshops and registration information click here: <https://catholicedaohct.org/programs/archdiocesan-women-s-conference>

Early Bird Registration Begins Monday, July 15!

Trinity Health New England Home Hospice

As you know, there are many traditions and reflections that surround end of life within each faith; our goal is to have many faiths represented within our hospice so that we may better serve our community. Our hospice volunteers spend time with our patients at end of life. They can go to the patients home, skilled nursing facility, or hospital. Sometimes they are a quite presence or keeping a vigil with a family; other times they may be offering companionship to the patients with conversation or activities, or providing respite time allowance that they are required to give to the program- it is all up to them and what they can offer for time

The open house/sign up for interested Volunteers will be held August 14th from 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. and August 17th from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. refreshments will be provided and a small raffle. They will get the chance to meet the staff and learn more about this opportunity.