



# Church of Saint Ann

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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.



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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

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 18th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**MONDAY, August 5**

9:00 **For vocations and our priests,**  
*requested by the Bondhus Family*

**TUESDAY, August 6**

9:00 **John Maloney and Bub Beckerman,**  
*requested by the Maloney Family*

**WEDNESDAY, August 7**

9:00 **For the deceased members of the  
Vernesoni and King Families,** *requested  
by the King Family*

**THURSDAY, August 8**

9:00 **For divine peace, divine love and divine  
will on earth**

**FRIDAY, August 9**

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

**SATURDAY, August 10**

4:00 **Marie Cheah,** *requested by the family*

**SUNDAY, August 11**

7:30 **Virginia Lewis,** *requested by Pat Wall*

9:30 **Vera and Albert Alft,** *requested by  
the Newman Family*

11:00 **Angelo Naples,** *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, August 5**

**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, August 6**

**WEDNESDAY, August 7**

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

**THURSDAY, August 8**

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

**FRIDAY, August 9**

**SATURDAY, August 10**

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

**SUNDAY, August 11**

**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!

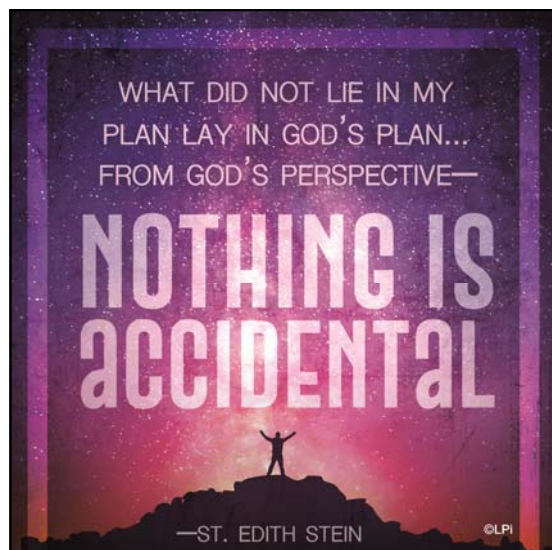
#### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

##### CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

**Question:** I've heard people say we should tithe a portion of our income. Where does that idea come from?

**Answer:** Giving generously to the needs of the Church and the poor is an ancient idea, one that's been with us throughout Christian history and within the Jewish tradition as well. In the Old Testament, the Mosaic Law required that one tenth of produce be offered to God. Leviticus and Deuteronomy describe offering one tenth of harvested grains or fruit, one tenth of pressed wine and oil, and every tenth firstborn livestock. The origin of the word "tithe" is the Anglo-Saxon word for "tenth." These offerings were given to the priests for sacrifice, sustenance, or further distribution.

Jesus advises almsgiving, and Acts describes wealthier Christians contributing funds in support of poorer members of the community. We are all called to be good stewards of what we have received from God. This means making room to give some things away. We all have necessary expenses, which will vary in our different states of life. For some, giving 10% may be too high. For others, much more than 10% could be offered. We should all assess our finances and make sure offering to the work of God is a priority in our budget. *-from LPI*



## GOT TUNA?

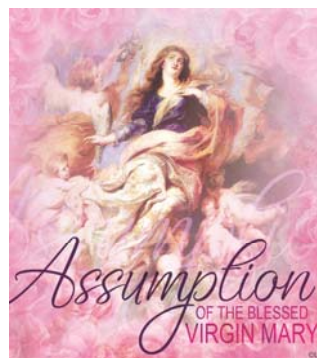
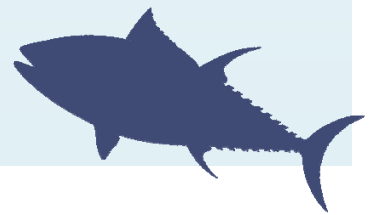
### Something Fishy is Going On Here in July & August...

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!**



THURSDAY,  
AUGUST 15TH

Holy Day of  
Obligation

MASSES WILL BE AT:

9:00 AM \* 12:10 PM \* 7:00 PM

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

July 21, 2019: \$4,624.25

July 28, 2019: \$5,343.50

Online Giving (week ending 7/31/19): \$2,401.00

Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## 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.



## VETERANS MEMORIAL WAY

*Honor a veteran with an engraved paver*

# 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*

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

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2019 Appeal literature!

Please visit the Appeal website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> 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/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*God Gives Us What We Need*

*A few months back, my wife and I helped move my oldest son into his first real apartment. He was moving to start his first real job and was excited and cautious at the same time. Moving him in reminded me of when his mother and I were first starting out. We received an old couch from her aunt, some kitchen supplies from my mom, and many other things from friends and relatives so we could begin this new journey in our lives. We didn't have much. But we had one another, and we had love. Looking back, those were great times.*

*Sometimes, we think material possessions give evidence of a life lived well. Artifacts from our travels, collections that take time to amass and provide clues to our interests, and various pictures and prints that adorn our walls. However, those who have lived lives of hardship and pain have many of the same items. Not only doesn't all our stuff amount to real evidence of what our life has really been like, but it doesn't make our lives better either.*

*What makes a life well lived will be the love and compassion that we have experienced, primarily with God who loves us so deeply. Due to that love, God gives to us what we need, not always what we want. More stuff will never amount to anything in comparison to what God provides to us. If we reflected on that truth more, perhaps we would spend less time accumulating things and more time simply loving.*

*On that moving day, I wanted to give my son more material things than was possible. However, what he really needs then, now, and always is my love.*  
-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Just take everything as it is, put it in God's hands, and leave it with Him.*  
- Edith Stein

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? (Ecc 2:22)

### Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 90)

### Second Reading:

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. (Col 3:3-4)

### Gospel:

Then [Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." (Lk 12:15)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 4, 2019

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  
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/  
Mt 14:13-21  
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:  
16-19/Lk 9:28b-36  
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab,  
13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28  
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23  
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 [12a]/  
Mt 16:24-28  
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26  
Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2,  
8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn't quite enough. Today's Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life - grateful or greedy?

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day costs - medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It's his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? No. "You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others.

Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards. This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God's invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "stor[ing] up treasure for [our]selves." The more we grow in gratitude and generosity, the more we become "rich in what matters to God."

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

How preoccupied and anxious are you over preserving and maintaining a particular standard of wealth? It is easy to develop an unhealthy relationship with our possessions and invest ourselves more in their protection and growth than in our relationship with God. Greed can overtake us, often without our immediate notice. Anxiety of heart can find us living more with sorrow and grief than with freedom and joy. We can never allow things to replace God, and we always have to keep our possessions and wealth in proper perspective. Once they begin to control us, we have a problem. Anxiety and worry can become our greatest sins. There is a joyful life to be discovered when we discover true faith!

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>**. For details or to purchase tickets, call 860-567-1041 or e-mail: [gbuchas@snet.net](mailto:gbuchas@snet.net).



### 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!**

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Prepare your marriage for the coming of the Lord by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Oct 18-20, 2019 in ALBANY, NY and Nov 1-3, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT.

For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

### Apostle Legacy Exhibit at Sacred Heart Manor - Hamden, CT Sundays 2-4pm

The Apostle Legacy Exhibit is housed at Sacred Heart Manor, on the grounds of the Provincial House of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Hamden, Connecticut. The Exhibit is open to the public on Sundays from 2-4 p.m., and by appointment. This museum-quality exhibit gives opportunities for visitors to learn about the legacy of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the United States and to learn about the life and faith journey of their founder, Blessed Clelia Merloni. Three rooms (The Mission Room, The Founder's Room, and the replica of the bedroom where Blessed Clelia died) allow visitors to engage the history of the Apostles in a variety of ways. Listening to audio recordings of the first missionary Sisters who travelled from Italy to the United States at the turn of the century, reading the Founder's letters to Pope Benedict XV requesting permission to return to the Congregation, watching short videos of the ways the Apostles currently live out the mission and charisma of their founder—these opportunities and many more make this exhibit a wonderful pilgrimage site.

The retired Sisters, who live at Sacred Heart Manor, serve as tour guides to walk and talk all visitors through a living history of the Congregation, specifically as the Sisters' lives of prayer, ministry, and community have evolved over the years. The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus welcome anyone who would like to learn more about their legacy—and offer an invitation to join them in lives of love, service, and reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

### ST ANTHONY CHURCH MINI GOLF FUNDRAISER

Come play 18 holes in  
St Anthony's Parking Lot  
Sunday, August 25th  
1pm to 5 pm

Cost:  
\$5 per person  
(family cap of \$20)



Food and Drinks will be  
available for purchase



All proceeds for the restoration of our church hall.  
If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation  
Please send to: St. Anthony Church, Attn: Mini-Golf Fundraiser  
4 Union City Road, Prospect, CT 06712  
[www.stanthonyprospect.org](http://www.stanthonyprospect.org)

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