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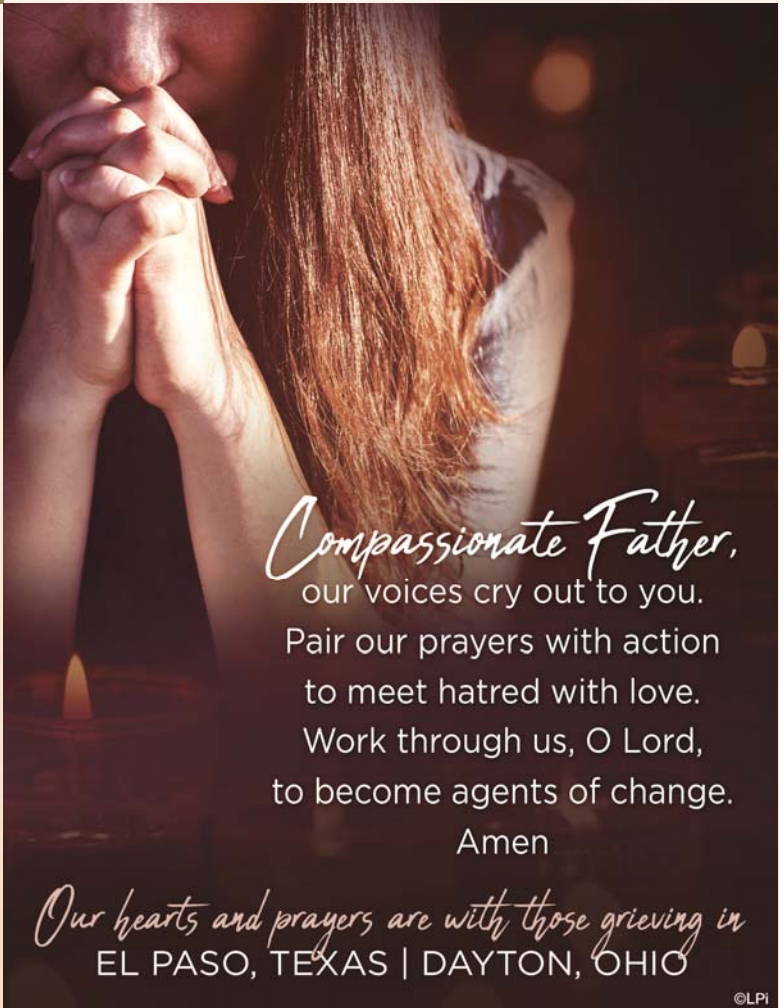
BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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.



Compassionate Father,

our voices cry out to you.

Pair our prayers with action

to meet hatred with love.

Work through us, O Lord,

to become agents of change.

Amen

Our hearts and prayers are with those grieving in
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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

MASS INTENTIONS



*The 19th Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

MONDAY, August 12

9:00 In thanksgiving for the 49th wedding anniversary of Nelson & Sandra Bondhus

TUESDAY, August 13

9:00 Frank Schaffer, requested by the Droste and Hagan Families

WEDNESDAY, August 14

9:00 Lois Winchester, requested by her children

THURSDAY, August 15, Assumption

9:00 Dr. Theodore deGroot, requested by his wife and family

12:10 Special Intentions

7:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, August 16

9:00 Carl and Mildred Lawrynowicz, requested by their daughter, Dottie Cialfi

SATURDAY, August 17

4:00 In celebration of the 1st wedding anniversary of Michelle & Tom Richards, requested by Brian and Ann Beloin

SUNDAY, August 18

7:30 Leah McClure

9:30 Christine Dewhurst, requested by her online spiritual discussion group friends

11:00 Janet Carroll, requested by the family

WELCOME!



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, August 12

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 13

WEDNESDAY, August 14

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

THURSDAY, August 15

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 16

SATURDAY, August 17

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, August 18

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

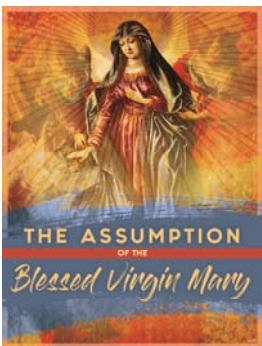


Tools for Schools Collection Through September 7/8

The leaves will soon be turning, air chilling, and school buses rolling... it's time for our annual Tools for Schools Collection, which will run through September 7/8. This collection is of great assistance to the Catholic Worker House, Hartford refugee families and the Avon Food Pantry families. Any/all NEW school supplies are welcomed. Backpacks are especially needed. Please place the items in the area marked "Tools for Schools" in the Gathering Space or bring down to church offices below Fr. Bennett Hall. May you be blessed for your generosity!

Please consider these suggested items:

- *Backpacks * Calculators * Notebooks
- *Pencils * Dictionaries * Rulers *
- Pencil sharpeners * Pens
- * Notebook paper * Markers etc.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH

Holy Day of Obligation

MASSES WILL BE AT:

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

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

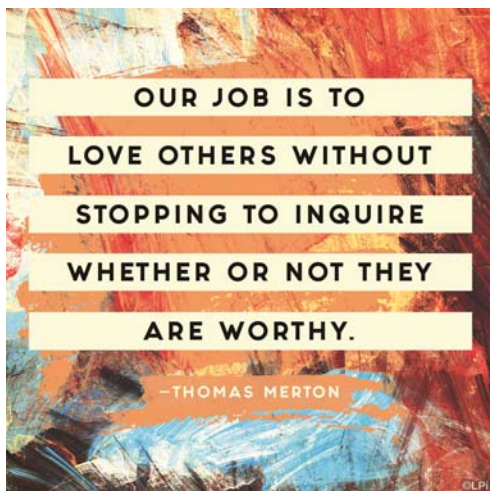
Question:

I'd like to pray each day, but I can't seem to find the time. Do you have any suggestions?

Answer:

There are a lot of different ways to incorporate prayer into your daily routine. Start small by setting aside 10 or 15 minutes at natural breaks in your day, like first thing in the morning, during your lunch hour or a child's nap time, or as the evening winds down just after you've brushed your teeth. Put your phone on do not disturb or in airplane mode and set a timer. That way, you won't be interrupted by others calling or texting - or by yourself checking the time! Pick a place to pray, and sit in the same spot every day. The routine of place can help with focus.

Start with something simple. Scripture is a great start. Pray a single psalm slowly and consider how it relates to your life. Look up the daily Mass Gospel reading on your phone and take the same approach. Take some time to pray for others. Tick off five intentions on your hand each day, or assign each day of the week to a specific person or area of need (i.e., on Mondays, remember the poor, on Tuesdays, pray for your parish, Wednesdays, your extended family). Remember to share honestly with God. Don't be afraid to speak to Him in your heart as you would a friend out loud. Love grows in real relationship. *-from LPI*



GOT TUNA?

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

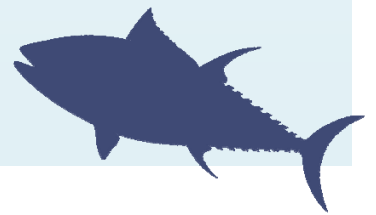
We will be collecting canned tuna, mackerel and chicken during July & August. This protein rich food will be shipped to Haiti in September and distributed to families fostering children. Chunk, light, oil packed...you chose! It all mixes well with their rice meal.

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!



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. The exhibit will remain there through the end of August.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

August 4, 2019: \$6,561.97
Online Giving (week ending 8/7/19): \$2,636.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
monthly

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.



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

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2019 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

To learn more about the ways your gift makes a difference and to make your gift today, visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link **Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations**. 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/>.
No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Plan Wisely

What would happen if you found out right now that relatives of yours were coming into town tomorrow, and they hoped to stay with you? You can either tell them they can't stay with you, or you immediately begin a process of furiously cleaning, straightening up, and grocery shopping in anticipation of your guests. If you don't have to do anything to prepare because your home is perfect, clean, and fully stocked, perhaps you don't live in your home or you are obsessive compulsive. I suspect most people reading this would go into panic mode!

We spend much time putting off things until later. Then when something unexpected happens, we swing into action to deal with it or prepare for its effects. We would have acted differently if we knew what was coming down the road.

What does your stewardship way of life look like? Are you living as if you have forever, or are you living as if Jesus could return any moment and your life here on earth could end tomorrow? The gift of time is often taken for granted. If we live more mindfully of that gift, we waste less of it and maximize the moments in which we find ourselves. We give of ourselves in ways that are more meaningful and productive. The gift of tomorrow is not promised to you, but the gift of today has already been given. Use this day wisely because who knows what tomorrow may bring.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy.

-Thomas Merton

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

For when you punished our adversaries,
In this you glorified us whom you had summoned. (Wis 18:8)

Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

So it was that there came forth from one man,
himself as good as dead,
descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. (Heb 11:12a)

Gospel:

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come." (Lk 12:40)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 11 2019

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
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/
Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12 [9a]/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/
Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10,
13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/
Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/
Lk 12:49-53

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Tickets booked, packing list double-checked, itinerary set - how do you know you're prepared for a trip? Being ready requires plenty of practical preparation. Do we give the same care to our spiritual preparedness? "Your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom," Jesus tells us. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us to have the right attitude for the gifts and callings he wants to give us!

Clear out your clutter! "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Jesus reminds the disciples that earthly standards of security and success will wear out in time. If our lives are structured around values that don't align with the kingdom of God, we'll miss opportunities to receive God. If we're so concerned with our child's success in sports that we miss Sunday Mass for their tournaments, we're missing out receiving the sacraments and building a consistent community of faith. If our quest for the promotion takes us away from family commitments, we won't be able to fully receive the love intended in our closest relationships.

Set faith-based priorities. "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival." Our conflicting commitments can cause any routine to slip from time to time. All the more reason to make sure faith is a priority. Pray as a family before meals. Bring your children regularly to the sacrament of confession. Make room in the schedule for faith enrichment activities offered by your parish. Volunteer once a month. "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." When will the call come to care for an ailing parent? To take on a new leadership position? God speaks to us through the circumstances of our lives. He calls each of us to greater love, sometimes in very concrete ways. This week, take some time to consider: Will you be ready?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

We are asked to be vigilant until our Master returns. Even though our faith tells us that Christ will come again and that our purpose and destiny is an eternal one, it is hard not to lose heart, grow weary, and become distracted. Remembering the stories of our faith and what God has done throughout history is one way of remaining fresh and focused. Celebrating, recalling, and making real and tangible again what God has done is what our community does liturgically each time we gather. As the author of Hebrews reminds us: Faith makes real what we hope for and is the evidence of things we cannot see. Let us take this time once again to remember and participate in what God has done and continues to do.

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.

Car Show to Benefit the Shrine of Lourdes Sunday, August 25th in Litchfield

A car show to benefit the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, Rte. 118, 50 Montfort Rd., Litchfield will take place on Sunday, August 25th. Registration and placement of exhibitors' cars will start at 8:00 am and end at 10:00 am. All makes, models and years are welcome for exhibition. Trophies will be given for the following categories: viewers' favorite, oldest car, outstanding Japanese, European and American cars. The suggested Exhibitors' donation is \$15. All Visitors are invited to view the car show from 10:00 to 11:00 am and resume at 12:30 to 5:00 pm. (The show will be paused during the 11:30 Mass). The entrance fee is a free-will offering. This event is sponsored by local chapters of the Knights of Columbus. For further information, call 860-567-1041 or email: lourdesshrinect@gmail.com. Visit us on the internet at www.shrinect.org

August 15 Holy Day Mass Online for the Homebound

Is someone you love unable to join us at church for the August 15 Holy Day Mass in celebration of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**? Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to experience the spiritual comfort of this joy-filled Catholic Mass. Online video will be available all day at www.HeartoftheNation.org. (For those who can get to church, the online liturgy will not fulfill the Holy Day Mass obligation.)

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!