



# Church of Saint Ann

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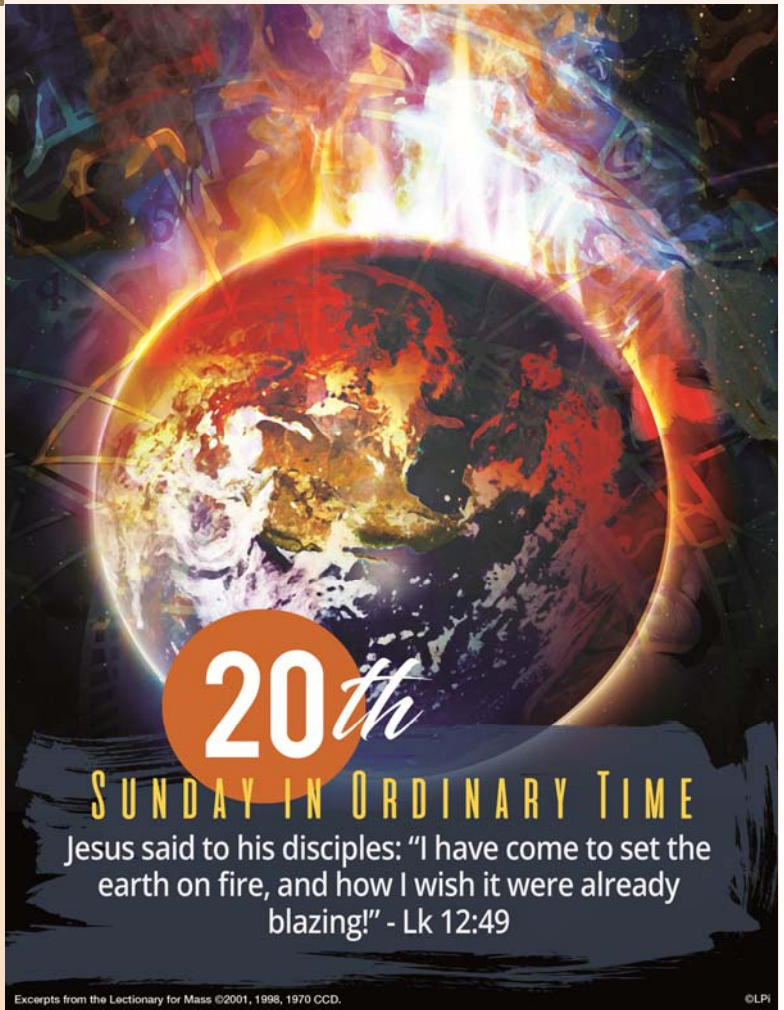
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## MARRIAGES

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:

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

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# MASS INTENTIONS



**The 20th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**MONDAY, August 19**

9:00 **Dottie Kondzielaski**, requested by  
Ron and Dorothy Miller

**TUESDAY, August 20**

9:00 **Roger and Joyce Lamothe**, requested by  
the family

**WEDNESDAY, August 21**

9:00 **Christopher St. Pierre**, requested by  
Ron and Dorothy Miller

**THURSDAY, August 22**

9:00 **Muriel and Richard Woolley**

**FRIDAY, August 23**

9:00 **Michael Somers**, requested by  
Rosanne Harutunian

**SATURDAY, August 24**

4:00 **Enrico Nori**, requested by his wife

**SUNDAY, August 25**

7:30 **Special Intentions**

9:30 **Robert Mansfield**, requested by  
his children

11:00 **Derek Stockwell (2nd Ann.)**, 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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

**MONDAY, August 19**

**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 20**

**WEDNESDAY, August 21**

**THURSDAY, August 22**

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

**FRIDAY, August 23**

**SATURDAY, August 24**

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

**SUNDAY, August 25**

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

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in exploring the Catholic faith?

Come and see what being Catholic is all about! We're here to answer your questions.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m.  
Room 3

All are welcome!

RSVP to Maureen Fiedler  
via the parish office  
at 860-673-9858

Church of St. Ann  
Engaging Worship • Caring Community  
Meaningful Service • Lifelong Faith Formation



## 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.



# Wednesday BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever wanted to unpack the mysteries of the book of Revelation? **Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come** is an eleven-week Bible study that will take an intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture. Explore how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. Learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation represent, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

Beginning Wednesday, September 18th at 9:30 in Room 3, this video series, presented by Jeff Cavins, will also include study questions and small group discussions. The workbook cost is \$27 and missed sessions can be viewed online.



For questions or to register please contact Ann DiStefano at 860-673-9858 ext. 228 or [ann.destefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.destefano@stannavon.com) or Janet Newman at 860-573-3446 ([wjnewman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wjnewman@sbcglobal.net))

## 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!



## K-8 Faith Formation Classes Begin on September 22nd

Registration materials and our calendar for 2019-2020 are online [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org) hard copies are at the Faith Formation office.

Classes are filling quickly, only registered children whose tuition and fees are paid will be placed into classes. Please don't let any financial worries stop you from registering your children. We are here to help! Please call our Registrar, Jennifer Soucy, at 860-673-9858 x227 for confidential arrangements.

**Reminder:** Children who are entering our program for the first time must provide all sacramental documents. We will return originals or copies to you. If the sacraments were made here at Saint Ann's, please give us approximate dates and we will look up the information.

**Grades K-4** are held on Sunday mornings at Avon Middle School from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

**Grades 5-8** are held on Sunday evenings at Avon Middle School from 5:45 PM to 7:15 PM.

**Volunteer Catechists spots are available for the following grades: 1<sup>st</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.**

For Additional Information contact: Valerie St. Jean, Director of Religious Education K-8, 860-673-9858, ext. 223.

## Canned Tuna, Chicken & Protein Bar Collection Through 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

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**August 11, 2019:** will be reported next week  
**Online Giving (week ending 8/7/19):** \$2,651.00  
**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.



## 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.*



## 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***

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*Set the Earth on Fire*

*My wife can get so invested in a sporting event where one of her favorite teams is playing that she sometimes must leave the room due to the stress. That is heavy-duty investment! I remember her on the sidelines for our son's soccer games or our daughter's lacrosse games. Her emotions were intense, and she cheered loudly for her children. She never yelled at a referee because it wasn't about them. It was about wanting to see her children, or her favorite team, achieve something great. Her passion was fueled by love and her connectedness to something or someone.*

*When we look at our Church, we need to see greater passion. Sometimes that passion is there, but many times, we approach our discipleship as just another aspect of who we have become. It needs to be more than that. As we call ourselves Christian, we need to "put on Christ" so that a world in need sees not us, but Jesus. By being serious about our discipleship and living as transformed Everyday Stewards, we bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ.*

*Jesus said in Luke 12, "I have come to set the earth on fire." Those words sound pretty emotional to me! If we are to be like him, then we need to set the earth on fire. We need to be bold and proclaim the Good News without apology. By our actions of love and justice, we need to show the world that with the Body of Christ on earth, it is not business as usual. Surely our emotions about these things should trump the emotions we have about a sporting event. We need to ask ourselves what truly sets us on fire.*

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Reverence is the pole on which the earth turns.*

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

### Psalm:

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

### Second Reading:

Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. (Heb 12:3)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 18, 2019

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/  
Lk 12:49-53  
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and  
44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22  
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30  
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16  
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/  
Mt 22:1-14  
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10  
[1b]/Mt 22:34-40  
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51  
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/  
Lk 13:22-30

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This Sunday's Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to. It's a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn't end with his preaching and miracles! "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized." Jesus isn't talking about his baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ's spiritual fire turned the "fathers" - the Jewish people and Pharisees - against the "sons" - the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But that's no excuse not to live it.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Our baptismal rite instructs the parents and godparents of the newly baptized children, "May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts." Faith has often been associated with fire. While fire can be useful and welcomed as a source of light and warmth, it can also be devastating and destructive. The Gospel is very much like this. On the one hand, Jesus speaks of healing, liberty, mercy, and forgiveness. On the other, he challenges the secular mindset and ideology, risks opposition, and pushes people out of their comfort zones. We are more attracted to things that make us feel better about ourselves. Equipped with the flame of faith, are we willing to see the bigger picture and risk popularity and self-preservation in favor of the kingdom of God?

# THE BULLETIN BOARD

## OUR LADY OF CALVARY CELEBRATES OPENING OF THE SEASON

Mariachi Mexico Antiguo will celebrate the opening of the 2010-2020 retreat season at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Sunday September 8.

**Mexico Antiguo**, established in 2010, is noted for its vibrant sound, traditional core, and restored focus on the antique traditions of the genre. The dedicated and talented musicians of **Mexico Antiguo** have performed by invitation throughout the western United States as well as in the New England area. They have worked with such renowned artists as Beatriz Ariana, Graciela Beltran, Gildardo Alvarez, Jesus "Chuy" Guzman, and Juan Valentin. In 2005 they even performed with Placido Domingo.

Free will offering. Sign up by visiting [www.OurLadyofCalvary.net](http://www.OurLadyofCalvary.net) or calling 860-677-8519.

## Faith on Fire Catholic Rally August 22nd & 23rd from 6-9pm On the Grounds of Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills, MA

Please bring your own LAWN CHAIRS and BLANKETS for comfortable seating. In the event of rain, rally will be held in the church. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Free will offering will be taken up each night.

\* Speakers \* Praise & Worship Music \* Prayers For Healing \*  
\* Eucharistic Procession \* Sacrament of Reconciliation \*

TWO NIGHTS \* TWO PROGRAMS  
COME BOTH NIGHTS FOR THE FULL EXPERIENCE

## Marriage Help

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love. The program is offered locally three times a year. The next upcoming weekends are

September 27-29, 2019; and January 17-19, 2020.  
For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230,  
or email [cherylandsteve@cox.net](mailto:cherylandsteve@cox.net),  
or visit our website [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

## Bereavement Workshops (Autumn 2019) St. Thomas Parish in Southington

St Thomas Parish of Southington offers two bereavement workshops for anyone grieving the death of a loved one. The first is called New Day and it serves the needs of those who are in the earlier stages of grief. It consists of nine facilitated workshops, and the autumn 2019 group is being formed. The first meeting will begin Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 PM. To enroll, or for more information, call Deacon Vinny Raby 860-628-9425. The second option is called Solace & Peace and it serves the needs of those who are in the later stages of grief and desire additional collaboration while adjusting to life without their loved one. It is an open group that meets monthly. The next meeting will be September 10 at 6:30 PM. To enroll, or for more information, call Sandra Sequenzia (860) 877-2290.

## 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)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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!