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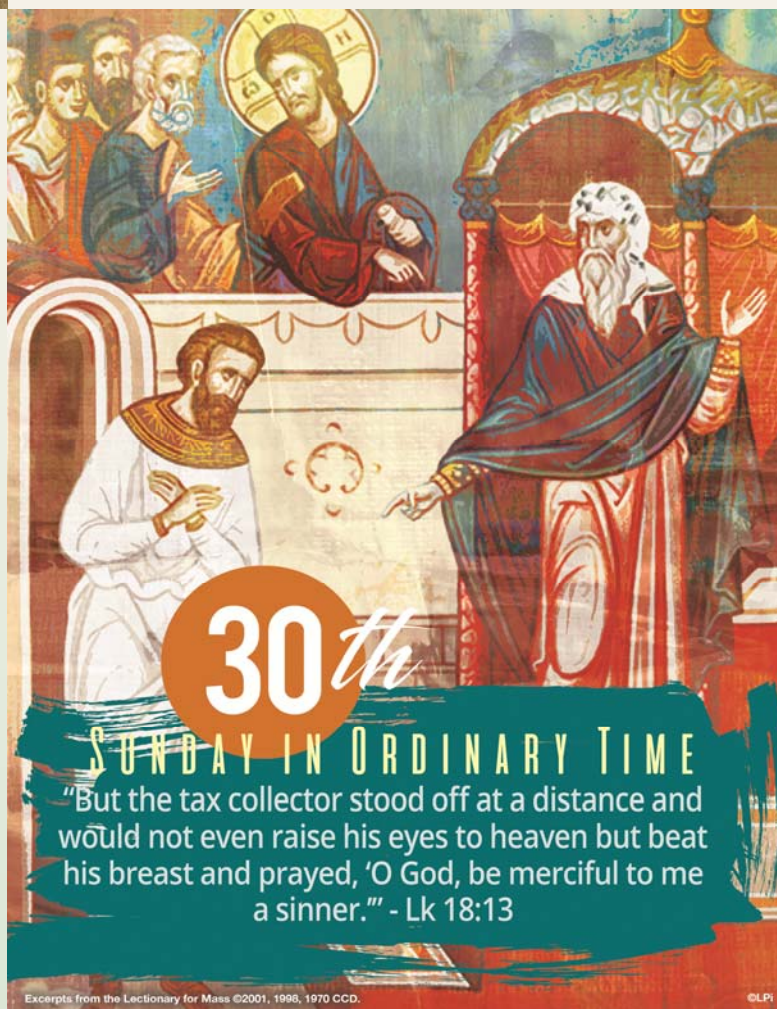
BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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



MASS INTENTIONS

*The 30th Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

MONDAY, October 28

9:00 **For the intentions of Bethany Fischer & her sons Christian and Alexander (living) requested by her mother**

TUESDAY, October 29

9:00 **Heidi Droste (30th Ann.), requested by the family**

WEDNESDAY, October 30

9:00 **Grace Vuono, requested by a friend**

THURSDAY, October 31

9:00 **Josepha and Antony Poprawa, requested by the Osiecki Family**

FRIDAY, November 1, All Saints

9:00 **Christopher Hwang, requested by the family**
 12:10 **Dr. Theodore de Groot, requested by his wife and family**
 7:00 **For Divine Peace, Divine Love & Divine Will on Earth, requested by Judith Stafford & David Woolley**

SATURDAY, November 2

4:00 **Henry Hojnowski, requested by Russell and Diane Koch**

SUNDAY, November 3

7:30 **Christopher Hwang, requested by the family**
 9:30 **For the deceased member of the Prince Thomas of Savoy Society and Women's Auxiliary**
 11:00 **Gerald deSimas (2nd Ann), requested by Cathy deSimas**



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, October 28

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)
Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 7:15pm in Rm. 3

TUESDAY, October 29

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, October 30

Clothing Sale Drop-Off: 9:30am—6pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
Revelation Bible Study (full): 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3
Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, October 31

Clothing Sale Drop-Off: 9:30am—6pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
Refreshing Catholicism: 9:30am in Room 3
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft
Refreshing Catholicism: 7:15pm in Room 3

FRIDAY, November 1

1st Corinthians Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 3
Clothing Sale: 6pm - 8pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (\$5 admission fee)

SATURDAY, November 2

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3
Clothing Sale: 8:30-11am in Fr. Bennett Hall (no admission fee today)
 12-2pm: \$20 bag sale

SUNDAY, November 3

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 10:30am in Rm. 3
Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church
40 Days for Life Adoration: begins after the Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Friday, November 1, 2019

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses will be at

*9:00 am * 12:10 pm * 7:00 pm*

All Souls Day

Saturday, November 2nd

The Feast of All Souls is a wonderful Catholic tradition whereby prayers are offered for the departed souls who have made such a wonderful impact in our lives. If you use our envelope system, an envelope for All Souls is included in the packet you received in the mail. You are able to write down the names of those you would like to remember. Additional All Souls envelopes are available in the pews. They can be dropped in any collection basket and will be placed on the altar throughout the month of November.



St. Ann's Annual Clothing Sale

Please save clean, gently used: clothing (all ages), shoes, outerwear, jewelry & accessories

Donation Dates

Wednesday, Oct. 30
9:30am - 6pm
Thursday, Oct. 31
9:30am - 6pm



Sale Dates

Friday, Nov. 2nd (\$5 admission)
6 - 8pm
Saturday, Nov. 3rd (no admission)
8:30am-11am
12pm - 2pm (\$20 bag sale)

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Meg at mkfk@sbcglobal.net

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Next Sunday, November 3rd
2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Our Lord told St. Faustina, "For the soul that trusts much will be given." Please join us as we place our trust in Jesus!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Fall Programs - Drop In and Join Us!

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
Mondays starting Sept. 9th, 7:15pm, Room 3, with Jim Serruta

All materials provided. (Bring your own Bible if you like.)
Register with Ann DiStefano (see bulletin cover) or drop in!

K-8 Parent Enrichment

See the [Alpha](#) program announcement on this page.

We are looking for various communication initiatives for the parish. Specifically we are looking for photography and video support and someone to help manage future issues of the NEXUS newsletter.

If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities please contact: meredith.springer@stannavon.com



All ladies are welcome! Comedy Night/Fall Social

hosted by the Marthas + Marys

featuring

Sara Shea

comedienne/parishioner
as heard on *WFSB* & seen at *Sea Tea Improv*



Thursday, November 7th
7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

RSVP to Sue Ollestad

sollestad@yahoo.com * 860-693-4477

TIRED OF SMALL TALK? Try ALPHA!

"Alpha" is a relaxed, friendly environment where we talk about the big questions in life - *love, truth, meaning, purpose, suffering* — questions deep in the hearts of every person, including our kids. We enjoy food, a video and discussion. *All are welcomed to come and to comment freely, especially those who question God and religion.*

Upstairs in Room 228 at Avon Middle School, while the kids are in class

- 9-10:30am (*with childcare – must register: see below*)
- 5:45-7:15pm

Follows the K-8 Faith Formation calendar. Next: October 20th

RSVP to Ann DiStefano (see bulletin cover)

Join us when you can!

*To register for childcare, contact Paula Love by the Thursday prior to the session:
uconnloves@att.net; 860-690-8346.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

October 20, 2019: \$9,493.51
Online Giving (week ending 10/23/19): \$2,165.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA



HEARTS & SOULS

Ministering to body, mind and spirit, the Health Ministry offers blood pressure screening, health counseling and referrals to our community of faith. **Office hours for October 2019 will be this Sunday, October 27th** from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.



**St. Ann Ladies,
 join the
 Marthas + Marys at:**

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

**Saturday, November 9, 2019
 Northwest Catholic High School
 10am - 5pm
 Coffee and lunch are included
 Keynote: Sarah Hart**

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

**Please Return Baby Bottles/Donations for
 St. Gerard's Center for Life This Weekend!**



Sign up for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament!

St. Ann's Parish is again taking part in the 40 Days for Life Campaign sponsored by the Archdiocese. There are two parts to this peaceful and prayerful mission. We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, November 3rd following the Divine Mercy Holy Hour and continuing until 8 a.m. on Monday, November 4th. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE POSTERS IN THE GATHERING SPACE. We must have 2 adorers for each hour. *Thank you in advance for your support with our parish's Pro-Life Mission.*

Annual Parish Collection

Church of Saint Ann

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by those who have already contributed towards our 2019 Annual Parish Collection. Unfortunately only 20 percent of our registered parishioners have contributed to our Parish Annual Appeal. This collection is the life blood of the financial structure of our parish. If you have not yet contributed, please make a decision to do so. If you are in need of a pledge form you can either download one on our website (stannavon.org) or you can pick one up at the parish office. Every gift is welcome and sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

Admission is a baby item from the following list that will be donated to Two Hearts:

- Financial donations
- Gift cards to Walmart
- Diapers: sizes 2,3,4,5,6
- Baby wash/shampoo/wipes
- Socks: size 6 months to 3t
- Footie pajamas: 18 months 24 months (girls & boys)
- Winter coats: size 18 months, 24 months, 2T, 3T, 4T
- Winter mittens
- Winter hats to fit toddlers
- Baby bottles
- Baby food/cereal
- Receiving blankets
- New (grow with me) car seats
- Baby crib/mattress



UNPLANNED

movie will be shown

**November 10th
 2pm
 Fr. Bennett Hall**

The incredible movie "**Unplanned**" will be shown at our parish on Sunday, November 10th at 2 p.m.

This powerful true story of Planned Parenthood clinic director Abby Johnson's dramatic transformation from abortion advocate to one of the most passionate prolife promoters and speakers in America was a smashing box office success.

Three dynamic guest speakers, **Deacon David Reynolds** liaison to the Catholic Conference of Bishops, **Lynn Reynolds** director of Two Hearts Pregnancy Crisis Center in Torrington, and **Ann Boers** coordinator for 40 Days for Life will present and facilitate an engaging follow up Q & A session.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Training for the Race

If you were going to run a race, wouldn't you need to train? My wife is not a runner, but a few years back, she wanted to participate in a race with my youngest son. She embarked on a journey which included a healthy diet, exercise, and a lot of running. After several months, she was ready. The race came and went but what remained was a sense of accomplishment. She would have never made it through that event if not for her training. When the time came, she was ready.

Our life in Christ is a race of sorts. It is not a race that starts and stops again and again but one that continues from our baptism until eternal life with him (hopefully). Even though we never stop the race, we do have moments where we need to hydrate, take nourishment, and gain strength. That's what we do at the Mass and in our parish community. It is in our parish where we find what we need to keep running that race.

The problem is that too many assume we only are running the race when we are involved with the parish. Living out our discipleship in stewardship is not only to be done in the Church. In fact, what we do in the Church is to prepare us for what we are called to do during all the times we are not at Church. We encounter Christ in his Church so that we may bring him into a world that needs him. In community, we train and take nourishment so that we have any chance of running the race every day. Don't let your stewardship stop at the church doors. Outside those doors, the race is on!

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

One single graceful thought raised to heaven is the most perfect prayer.

-G.E. Lessing

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 27, 2019

- Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/ 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
- Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
- Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/ Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 [26b]/ Lk 13:31-35
- Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/ 1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Saturday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

GOSPEL MEDITATION

This Sunday's Gospel contrasts two different religious attitudes. First, the self-righteous Pharisee. Here is a man who seems to impeccably follow the law. In some terms, he is the model citizen! Honest, fiscally generous, and faithful to his marriage vows. But something else lurks in his heart: pride. "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity ... or even like this tax collector." For the Pharisee, no fault can be admitted. The only way to stay on top is to preserve one's image — even to God, it seems! — and point out the flaws of others from the pedestal.

In the back of the temple, hidden and bowed down, is the tax collector. "O God, by merciful to me a sinner." This man's prayer is one of supplication and petition. He isn't afraid to express his sinfulness and misery. This, Jesus says, is the one who "went home justified." How many times have we heard the mission of Jesus to seek and save the lost? Jesus is the one who dines with sinners and invites every heart to repentance. But how can we return to him if we don't know we've left? How can we receive God's grace when we're adamant we don't need it?

We all have within us both the Pharisee and the tax collector. We want to be sure of ourselves and to be admired in the eyes of others. Yet we also know that we are not always what we wish to present to others. We can be preoccupied with our self-image and feel anxious about our flaws being exposed. Because we do have flaws, after all. We are the sinner in need of mercy. This Sunday, will we humble ourselves enough to ask for it? ©LPi

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

God's justice is not about seeing that people get what they deserve, good or bad, reward or punishment. God's justice is about the restoration and alignment of relationships: our relationship with God, one another, our very selves, and creation. Sin distorts relationships, and justice brings them back into focus. God's justice is all about taking responsibility for who we are and the relationships that are inherently a part of our lives. What happens to my brother or sister, God's created world, and myself are extremely important for me to consider and factor into my decision-making. We are called to the virtue of humility, to see ourselves as one among many not one over many. Cooperating so that the world operates as God intends is the order of business for the day.

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The LORD is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. (Sir 35:12-13)

Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen. (2 Tm 4:18)

Gospel:

"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 18:14b)

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

Many Catholics have asked the following questions about the Church's position on divorce, annulments, and marriage:

"Can a divorced person receive Holy Communion?"

"Can a divorced person marry in the Catholic Church?"

"Why might a non-Catholic consider or need an annulment?"

"Does a divorced person need an annulment when the marriage was performed only by a Justice of the Peace?"

Often these questions and others have been met with misleading, misguided, and sometimes wrong responses. Perhaps you, a family member, or a friend needs sound, clear information. If so, please contact the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Hartford at 860-541-6491 or e-mail at Tribunal@aohct.org. You can also visit our website at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/metropolitan-marriage-tribunal/>.

Workshops and informational sessions about annulments are now being offered. The current schedule is as follows:

10/28 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Hamden 7:00 pm

10/29 – St Monica Parish, Northford 7:00 pm

12/4 – St Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Manchester 6:30 pm

12/5 – St Peter Claver Parish, West Hartford 7:00 pm

**St. Timothy Middle School is hosting an
OPEN HOUSE
on Tuesday, November 5th from 9:00-11:00AM**

All prospective families are invited to tour the school and see our students and teachers in action! Talk to our administration and current parents to learn more about what STMS has to offer. Please email hguerrera@stmswh.org to register.

**Olive Wood Gifts from the Holy Land
Coming to the Church of Saint Ann
on November 9/10**

Representatives from Catholic Bethlehem Christian Families will be with us on the weekend of Nov 9 & 10, 2019, to ask for your help and blessing for the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem. These families, sixty years ago, made up 18% of the population. Due to recent events in the Middle East, it has caused these families to face devastating economical strain, and caused the population to decrease to less than 2% in the Holy Land. These families have relied on the income from their religious hand carved olive wood artifacts to tourist. So we have come to the USA to try to help support these families by bringing their artifacts here to sell in the USA. All the proceed from sales will be send back to the families of the Holy Land so that they may be able to keep their homes and provide their families. The last few years were very tough for the Christian families, and this is the only source of income for them.

PLEASE BROWSE THEIR ITEMS AND HAVE SOMETHING
FROM THE Holy Land.

**Collection for the
Archdiocese for the Military Services
Next Weekend: November 2/3**

Next weekend our parish will take up a collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). Established by St. John Paul II in 1985, the AMS is the only U.S. diocese responsible for providing pastoral care to men and women serving in the U. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or working for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. Including families, AMS priests and deacons serve approximately 1.8 million Catholics who hail from 50 states and U.S. territories. While the salaries and retirement of Catholic military chaplains are paid for by the U.S. Government, the AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military for program and administrative costs.

**To learn more about the AMS, go to
www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.**

**Avon Lions Charities, Inc.
Harvest Breakfast
November 3, 2019 from 8am - 11am
1st Company Governor's Horse Guard
Adults: \$10, Ages 5-12: \$5, under 4 free**

GRIEF SUPPORT

Grief Support Weekend Retreat for those who have lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation. November 8 - 10, 2019 at Our Lady of Calvary, Farmington, CT. For additional information contact 860-993-5469, info@beginningexperience-ct.org or www.beginningexperience-ct.org.