



# 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.



## 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 31st Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**MONDAY, November 4**

9:00 **For the intentions of Elizabeth Maheu, Christopher Maheu, Jason Maheu & his family (living), requested by Leah McClure**

**TUESDAY, November 5**

9:00 **For Divine Peace, Divine Love & Divine Will on Earth, requested by Judith Stafford & David Woolley**

**WEDNESDAY, November 6**

9:00 **Grace Vuono, requested by Dick and Lorraine ZuWallack**

**THURSDAY, November 7**

9:00 **For Divine Peace, Divine Love & Divine Will on Earth, requested by Judith Stafford & David Woolley**

**FRIDAY, November 8**

9:00 **Elena Manfredi O'Brien, requested by Anita Riccio**

**SATURDAY, November 9**

4:00 **Del Tepley, requested by Anne Affelder and Mike & Joan Gould**

**SUNDAY, November 10**

7:30 **Peter Dowd, requested by the McBride Family**

9:30 **Olivia Anna Booth, requested by the Suski Family**

11:00 **Theresa Nascimbeni, requested by Jo LaVia John Almorì**



*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, November 4**

**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)*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

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

**TUESDAY, November 5**

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3

**WEDNESDAY, November 6**

**Revelation Bible Study (full):** 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3

**Walking with Purpose:** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

**THURSDAY, November 7**

**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

**M+M's Comedy Night/Fall Social:** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

**Refreshing Catholicism:** 7:15pm in Room 3

**FRIDAY, November 8**

**1st Corinthians Bible Study:** 9:30am in Room 3

**SATURDAY, November 9**

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

**SUNDAY, November 10**

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

**Saints Fair and Coffee:** after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall sponsored by our 3rd Grade Faith Formation students

**UNPLANNED Movie Showing:** 2pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

**When in Doubt, Check it Out!**

As we communicated earlier this year, some members of our parish and other local parishes have received fraudulent emails and/or calls requesting money, the purchase of gifts/gift cards, or personal information, on behalf of our parish. To ensure your safety, please be reminded of the following:

- The Church of St. Ann requests monetary donations only through our official communication channels (i.e. in our bulletin, at Mass, and via mail from the parish office).
- We never authorize individuals to directly accept cash or checks on behalf of the parish.
- When donating, checks should always be written out to the Church of St. Ann and should never be written out directly to an individual.

***If you ever have any questions about a request you receive, please contact our parish office at 860-673-9858.***

**PRO-LIFE MINISTRY**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Starts This Sunday**

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.*



**UNPLANNED**  
*movie will be shown*  
**November 10th**  
**2pm**  
**Fr. Bennett Hall**

The incredible movie “*Unplanned*” will be shown at our parish on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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

*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

*Annual Dues will be collected - recommended \$20*



**Annual Parish Collection**



*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.*

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour**



**THIS 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!

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Monday, November 4th  
 7-8:30pm in Room 2

*Come be a part of our ministry!*

All are welcome  
 ...including brand new knitters!  
 For more information call Tina:  
**860-674-1541**



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

October 27, 2019: \$5,497.92  
 Online Giving (week ending 10/30/19): \$2,435.00  
 Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:  
*Monthly*

## International Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 9:00am - 5:30pm  
 Fr. Bennett Hall  
 Free Admission



Vendors will be selling fair trade products bought directly from artisans in developing nations including coffee, chocolates, clothing, pottery, baskets, Christmas decorations, ornaments and more! Your purchase brings hope to the artisans and their families by providing income for their daily needs.

Heifer International will also be represented to provide an opportunity to donate an animal to support the lives of families in need. Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Animal donations provide a hand up; increasing access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood.

One of our confirmation classes will be hosting a bake sale and coffee will be available!

Start Christmas shopping early  
 and spread the joy of giving  
 around the world!



## 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 November will be Sunday, November 10th** from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2<sup>nd</sup> door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

## 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.

## 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.

Upcoming Sessions: November 3<sup>rd</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:uconnloves@att.net); 860-690-8346.



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

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

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

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

**The Enthusiastic Steward**

*Have you ever been at a concert and rushed the stage to get closer to your favorite act? Has your favorite sports team won a championship, and you just wanted to celebrate for hours? For those of us who are parents, have you ever gone to great lengths to get the perfect photo at a first Communion, graduation, or some other ceremony in which your child was involved?*

*When moments in our life are filled with enthusiasm, we can find ourselves overwhelmed and doing things we might not normally do. I bet Zacchaeus didn't have a regular habit of climbing trees. However, he climbed one so he could see Jesus more clearly. His enthusiasm led him up a tree, an action he probably would not normally do.*

*Following Jesus Christ is not easy in this world of ours. Trying to do it without feeling any enthusiasm makes it doubly difficult. Enthusiasm is something that can be grown, but we must be the ones who foster it. When we see the fruits of our stewardship, enthusiasm grows. When we spend time in prayer and in God's Word getting to know Jesus better, enthusiasm grows. When we work to make Jesus the most important person in our life, enthusiasm grows. If we find ourselves too often with our feet on the ground and growing in apathy, perhaps it is time to do what it takes to bring on that desire to climb a tree.*

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

**QUOTES**

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*We make a living by what we get.*

*We make a life by what we give..*

-Winston Churchill

**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

First Reading:

For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made. (Wis 11:24a)

Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith. (2 Thes 1:11)

Gospel:

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." (Lk 19:10)

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**WEEKLY READINGS**

*Readings for the Week of November 3, 2019*

- Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 [cf. 1]/ 2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10
- Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 [14c]/Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8, 9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22
- Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/ 2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Christ loves us first. So much of the Christian life is as simple as that. Today's Gospel is a prime example! "Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man ... was seeking to see who Jesus was." We may have gotten used to the story of Zacchaeus, this short, seemingly innocent man who climbs a sycamore tree in his desperate desire to see Jesus. But this colorful, children's Bible illustration isn't what the gathering crowd would have seen. They would have seen the white collar criminal. Tax collectors were notorious for extortion. They were collaborators with the oppressive Roman overlords, overcharging for taxes and skimming a cut off the top. And how does Jesus respond to this man?

"Come down quickly," Jesus says, "for today I must stay at your house." If you had been there, would you have believed it? No doubt there were other disciples in the city or, at the very least, kind, generous, and just people. "Good" people. But those aren't the people Jesus chooses to share a meal with. Christ loves us first. He chooses Zacchaeus even before the man makes a public profession of his repentance.

"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." We may not be tax collectors and extortionists — I hope not! — but we all have elements of our lives that are lost. We have wounds from childhood, unresolved anxieties or attachments, daily fears. No matter how "put together" we are, we all have our lost moments. Some days, it may feel like we can't see over the ways they crowd our inner life. Today's Gospel invites us to do something a little strange. Don't let your flaws, failures, or hang-ups prevent you from seeing Jesus. Take a deep breath. Go climb a tree, because Jesus is passing by. And he wants to stay in your heart today. ©LPi

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Live the Liturgy

Imagine God coming to you at this very moment saying, "Today I must stay at your house!" How do you react when you hear those words? God must stay at your house. There is no time to clean or organize things or make any preparations. There is no time to backtrack and catch up on things that may have slipped by during the week. God is coming and doesn't care how things look! God just wants to spend time with you. God's mercy is very wide. It is so wide that we sometimes have a difficulty accepting just how unconditional and free it really is. We may find ourselves thinking that there must be some folks who don't deserve it or aren't worthy. All are worthy. The book of Wisdom tells us, "But you have mercy on all and you overlook people's sins that they may repent." There is no way around it: God must offer mercy. We are lost and we desperately need it.

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### Retrouvaille upcoming weekend: January 17-19, 2020

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 next upcoming weekend is 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)



### Here at the Church of Saint Ann! Knights of Columbus Annual Pie Sale

The K of C will be taking orders for the annual Pie Sale next weekend, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> after all Masses in the Gathering Space. Pies will be available for pick-up on the weekend of Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> after Masses.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.  
PIUS XII COUNCIL 4376 - AVON

### St. Timothy Middle School is hosting an **OPEN HOUSE** on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 economic 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.

### 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](mailto: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:

- 12/4 – St Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Manchester 6:30 pm
- 12/5 – St Peter Claver Parish, West Hartford 7:00 pm