

# Church of Saint Ann

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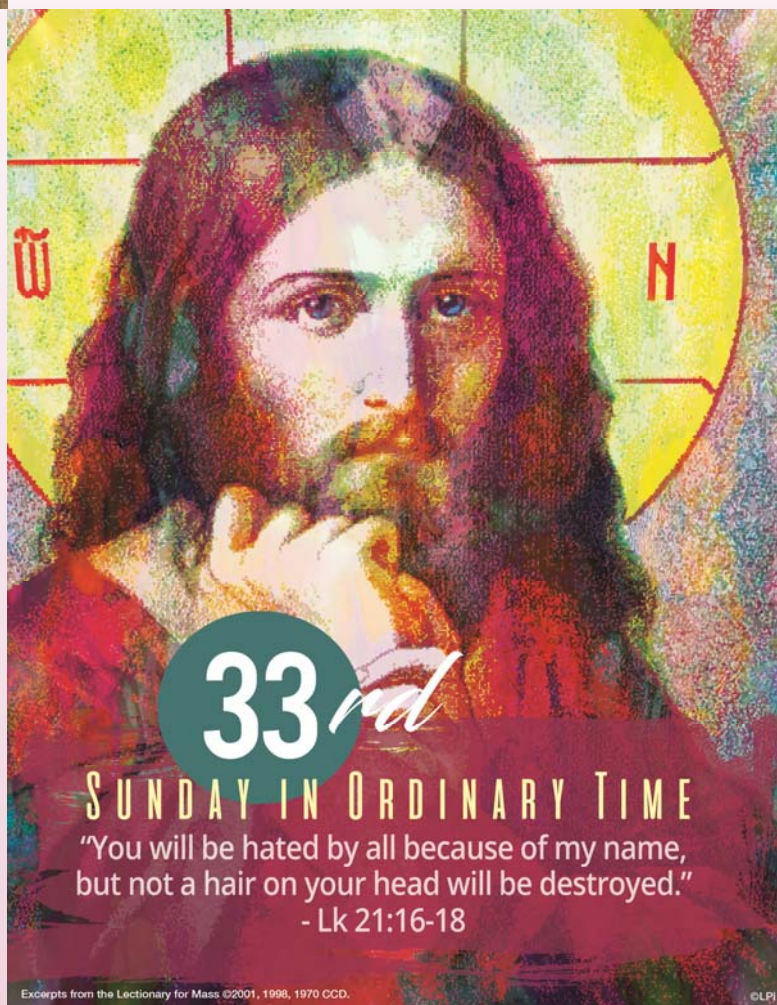
Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

## 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 33rd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

## MONDAY, November 18

9:00 **Thomas Monahan**, requested by the *Browchuk Family*

## TUESDAY, November 19

9:00 **Al Saxer**, requested by *St. Ann's Wednesday Morning Bible Study*

## WEDNESDAY, November 20

9:00 **Nikodem Smolinski & Andrew Sopolak**, requested by the family

## THURSDAY, November 21

9:00 **Dianne Keiffer**, requested by the family

## FRIDAY, November 22

9:00 **Grace Vuono**, requested by *Mary Savarese*

## SATURDAY, November 23

4:00 **Grace Vuono**, requested by *Mike & Joan Gould and Anne Affelder*

## SUNDAY, November 24

7:30 **Silvio Brighenti**, requested by his family

9:30 **Catherine Greenfield**, requested by the *Downey Family*

11:00 **Mary Elizabeth Platt**, requested by her daughter and grandchildren

# Turkey Express

Weekend of November 23/24, 2019

at Church of Saint Ann

Saturday: 3:30-5pm \* Sunday: 7am-12:30pm

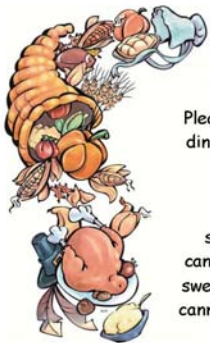
Look for the truck labeled "Turkey Express"

Please consider donating the following Thanksgiving dinner items for our Avon and Hartford neighbors:

**Frozen Turkeys** (or some Hams or Chickens)

Suggested Fixings:

stuffing mix, jellied cranberry sauce, fresh or canned vegetables, rice, small bag of potatoes &/or sweet potatoes, shredded cheddar cheese, fresh or canned fruit, juice, dinner rolls, brownie/cake mixes, frosting, gravy, baby food, salad dressing, mayonnaise...



**Our Parish Goal is 400 Turkeys and Lots of Fixings!**

Thank you for your generosity and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sponsored by our Social Justice Committee  
"Together We Serve All God's People"



# 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, November 18

**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, November 19

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3

### WEDNESDAY, November 20

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

**Knights of Columbus:** 7pm in Room 2

### THURSDAY, November 21

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

**Traditional Choir:** 2pm in the Choir Loft

**Folk/Contemporary Choir:** 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

### FRIDAY, November 22

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

### SATURDAY, November 23

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

**International Bazaar:** 9am - 5:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

### SUNDAY, November 24

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

# 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 23 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 ([www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org)) or you can pick one up at the parish office.**

**Every gift is welcome and sincerely appreciated.**

**Thank you.**

## 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 Session/s: **November 17th and December 8th**



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.

## Knights of Columbus Meeting



Wednesday, November 20th  
 at 7-8:30pm  
 Room 2 (under Fr. Bennett Hall)



## Knights of Columbus Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Orders can be placed after Masses on November 3/4 and 17/18.  
 Pick up pies after Masses the weekend of November 23/24.

Still only \$10 each our locally sourced pies are made just for you!

Apple \* Peach Praline \* Pumpkin \* Very Berry

All proceeds benefit St. Ann's ministries and charities within our local community!



## Advent Wreath Making Parish Event

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>  
 3:00 PM IN FR. BENNETT HALL

*Please join our 4th grade faith formation class for an Advent wreath making event followed by a special family Mass.*

*Christmas cookies and hot chocolate will be served.*

It would be helpful to let us know if you are planning on attending so that we have enough materials for every family.

*Suggested donation is \$10 per wreath.*

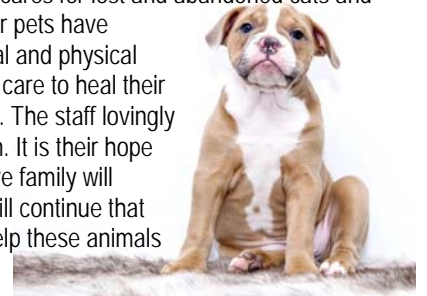
**RSVP:** to [Valerie.stjean@stannavon.com](mailto:Valerie.stjean@stannavon.com)  
 All are welcome!

## A St. Ann 9th Grade Confirmation Class is Hosting a Charitable Drive

For OUR COMPANIONS Animal & Rescue Sanctuary  
 (in Manchester and Ashford, CT)

Avon **PETCO** on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>: 10 am - 4 pm

One of the 9th grade Confirmation classes will be collecting supplies/donations for this very worthy organization. Please stop by Petco to support the sanctuary that cares for lost and abandoned cats and dogs. Many of these former pets have experienced both emotional and physical trauma and need time and care to heal their broken bodies and/or spirit. The staff lovingly nurses them back to health. It is their hope that an appropriate adoptive family will eventually be found who will continue that love and care. **YOU** can help these animals have a **FIRST** chance!



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**November 10, 2019:** \$5,451.92  
**Online Giving (week ending 11/13/19):** \$2,665.00  
**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:**  
*none*



## 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 December will be Sunday, December 8th 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.

## International Bazaar

**Saturday, Nov. 23rd**  
**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 !**



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### *Advent Enrichment*

### Weekly Small-Group Gatherings

#### *"Unpacking the Advent Scriptures"*

- + Begins the week of Nov. 24
- + Gather with friends weekly, at home or at church
- + Explore the rich connections between the Sunday readings for Advent and your everyday life

#### Church-based Small Groups meet in Room 3

- Sundays, 10:30am
- Mondays, 7:15pm
- Tuesdays, 9:30am

Home-based Small Groups meet at your convenience. Materials provided.

**SIGN UP With Ann DiStefano (see bulletin cover)**

### Presentation: *"Do You See What I See? The Catholic Worldview"*

**Monday, Dec 9, 7pm, Fr. Bennett Hall.**

#### *Childcare provided*

A renowned professor who teaches from the heart, our own Fr. Joe Cheah shares the unique lenses Catholics use to view the world. To RSVP and to RESERVE CHILDCARE, contact Ann DiStefano (see bulletin cover)

### Daily Devotional Booklet

Find peace and purpose each day of Advent by reading and reflecting on God's word. Free copies are available in the gathering space.

### Daily Online Reflection Series

Beginning Sunday, Dec.1st

**Receive daily email messages** featuring insightful video reflections and practical tips for making Advent and Christmas more meaningful. Sign up via <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

**We Are Called to Be Saints**

*Catholics often are drawn to saints due to their profession, hobbies, or ethnic background. One's patron saint serves as an example of how to live a life of holiness and service to God. We hold up the saints of the Church in high regard. However, we can sometimes make the mistake of seeing them as the subject of stories in print and not real living people. We can assume that their level of devotion and holiness is unattainable. In fact, we are all called to be saints.*

*Our world needs more living saints living out their stewardship in a radical manner. Stories are valuable, but when others get to see disciples of Jesus Christ answering their call in person, consider the impact. There is a reason why lay witnessing is so important in cultivating a stewardship culture in a parish community. The people we can see and hear are alive right in front of us. Some will say that to truly be humble means to act anonymously, but we are not speaking here of actions that call out, "Look at me!" We are talking about acting in a way that people see not you and me, but Jesus instead.*

*We are to be models and examples to one another. We are to build up one another and make the Body of Christ strong. Don't sit back wishing you had the strength to be a saint. You have already been given the gifts needed to be the saint you are called to be. Maybe people will read about you later, but the Church needs you now!*

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

**QUOTES**

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*If you can't feed a hundred people,  
feed just one.*

-Saint Teresa of Calcutta

**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:**

But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays. (Mal 3:20a)

**Psalm:**

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. (Ps 98)

**Second Reading:**

In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. (2 Thes 3:10)

**Gospel:**

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed." (Lk 21:17-18)

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**WEEKLY READINGS**

*Readings for the Week of November 17, 2019*

- Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/2 Thes 3:7-12/  
Lk 21:5-19
- Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134,  
155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/  
Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chrn 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a,  
12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/  
Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 1:12-20/  
Lk 23:35-43

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Where would you go if the world was ending? What would you do? The last decade has seen a rise in doomsday prepping, the marketing of survival techniques, and a sea of products designed for you to weather the apocalypse. "The days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another that will not be thrown down," Jesus warns in today's Gospel. On the one hand, he is referring to the literal downfall of the city of Jerusalem. Indeed, many of his prophecies here have come true over the last few millennium. Nations have indeed "rise[n] against nation[s]," kingdoms against kingdoms. Surf any world news website today alone, and you will see stories of "powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues." Jesus' advice to his disciples, however, isn't to build a bunker. It's to persevere in faith ... which won't be easy.

"They will seize and persecute you ... you will be handed over ... you will be hated because of my name." This warning, too, has come to pass in the Church throughout history in state-sponsored persecutions and martyrdoms. Jesus is the Messiah, but his first coming was not a coming of earthly victory. Any disciple of his can expect a challenge. The coming of Christ didn't disrupt our free will. Evil still exists and sometimes even appears to triumph. This does not mean God has abandoned His people!

Jesus reminds the disciples — and us — of his constant presence. "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking." In other Gospel passages, Jesus promises and sends the Holy Spirit upon his followers. The presence of God is real in our lives, no matter what trials come our way. It's tempting to be distracted or dismayed by natural destruction and moral evil in the world. But the Church has weathered greater storms. The sacredness of the human person endures. We can have hope! This day and every day, we can persevere in hope and trust in God.

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**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

**Live the Liturgy**

God's fidelity is at the heart of Scripture. Trusting in God's all-encompassing and abiding presence is what true faith is really all about. The sincere disciples always have their eyes on Jesus Christ and are not distracted by what others are doing or what is happening around them. We know that the world had a beginning, and we know that it will one day end. Trying to predict when that end will come or becoming too preoccupied with the business of others are futile endeavors. All they do is divert us from our main purpose and goal: to live and act in the person of Christ. Being a faithful son or daughter and witness to God's faithfulness is all that is required and all that we need. If we do this well, it does not matter whether the world as we know it comes to an end tomorrow or at some unforeseen time in the future. We will be ready and properly prepared. ©LPi

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### *A Service of Gratitude and Thanksgiving Tuesday, November 26*



### **All are invited!**

*(Bring your favorite homemade soups and breads)*

**6 PM – Delicious Soups & Breads**

**7 PM – Interfaith & Ecumenical Service**

*Held at  
Avon Congregational Church  
6 West Main Street  
Avon, CT*

*For more information: 860-678-0488*

### **Our Deepest Longing**

We spend our time and energy on the necessities of everyday life, which hold so many things that are beyond our control. But what is it that we are longing for in the deepest way? What is our passion in life? This year at Holy Family, we will explore that deep longing planted in our hearts by God - a longing for peace, for wholeness, and for relationships that give us joy and lift us up. Come away and rest awhile to find and pursue your deepest longing, and by doing so, may you experience how God is longing so deeply for you, too.

The retreat begins with a buffet dinner from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes Sunday with the celebration of Mass at 10:45 a.m. followed by a hot brunch at noon. Families of retreatants are most welcome to attend the Sunday Mass and brunch at no extra charge. *Offering: \$325* Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center – 303 Tunxis Rd – West Hartford, CT. More info and to register: [holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats](http://holyfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats)

Men's Retreat Date: January 17-19, 2020

Women's Retreat Dates: January, March, April and June (see website for specific dates)

### **NEW Young Adult Ministry at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center**

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center is launching a ministry for Catholic Young Adults. The initial focus of this ministry will be Community and Worship for young adults age 18-30 years old. The group may decide, in the future, to add a service component. **Thanks to a generous benefactor we can offer the first 10 people who register free admission.** The monthly gatherings will begin with dinner, served between 6:00 – 7:00 pm. This will be a time to build community and make new friends while enjoying a delicious meal. Dinner will be followed by a Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. During the Holy Hour, with time for private and communal prayer. Our evening will conclude with Mass. You can expect to be on your way home by 9:00 pm. The requested offering for this program is \$25 if paid in advance, and \$30 at the door.

Upcoming dates are: Wed., November 20, 2019;  
Tues., December 10, 2019; and Wed., January 15, 2020.  
Register for our evenings for Catholic Young Adults at  
[www.ourladyofcalvary.net](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.net) or call (860) 677-6519.

### **Piano Concert**

**St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Unionville  
November 24th at 2pm**



Rick Daddario, music director at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Unionville will present his annual piano concert at that church on Sunday November 24th at 2:00pm. Admission is FREE but a free will offering will be collected from those who may wish to give to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, CT Chapter, with 100% of the proceeds donated to the chapter. Refreshments will be provided following the performance.

### **Take a chance on the Northwest Catholic \$10K Raffle!**

Tickets will be available for purchase after all the Masses during the weekend of December 7&8, 2019 for Northwest Catholic High School's \$10K Raffle fundraiser, to benefit the Northwest Catholic Fund. The NWC Fund annually supports the school's operating budget and the exceptional educational and financial aid programs that distinguish Northwest Catholic. Tickets are \$20 each and only 3,000 tickets are available for sale. The grand prize is \$10,000, with a second prize of \$2,500 and a third prize of \$1,000. The drawing will be held on Thurs., Dec. 19, 2019 at 9:00 pm during the finale of NWC's Christmas Concert. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

Visit [www.NorthwestCatholic.org/Raffle](http://www.NorthwestCatholic.org/Raffle) for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of Northwest Catholic High School and our students!