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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.



A Respect For Life

Truly you have formed my inmost being;
you knit me in my mother's womb.
I give you thanks that I am fearfully,
wonderfully made;
wonderful are your works.
My soul also you knew full well.

Psalm 139:13-14

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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:

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, October 5

9:00 Robby Brisco, requested by the Martino Family

TUESDAY, October 6

9:00 For the Intentions of Pamela Bertolla (living), requested by the Hagedorn Family

WEDNESDAY, October 7

9:00 Dr. Theodore deGroot and Mr. & Mrs. Fred deGroot, requested by the family

THURSDAY, October 8

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, October 9

9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, October 10

4:00 Lewis E. Brucker, requested by the family

SUNDAY, October 11

7:30 Greg Hovey, requested by Mike & Joan Gould

9:30 Douglas Blood, requested by Anita & Dick Sullivan

11:00 Russell Constantine, requested by the Mahoney Family



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, October 5

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church- (Enter through door on the left side of the church)

TUESDAY, October 6

Medicare Made Easy Workshop: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, October 7

Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, October 8

Marthas + Marys meeting: 9:30 am in Room 3

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church, weather permitting

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

Children's Choir (grades 4-8): 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

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

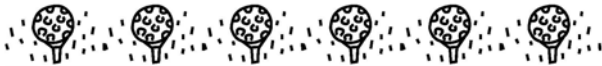
FRIDAY, October 9

SATURDAY, October 10

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room

SUNDAY, October 11

Teen Mass: 4:30pm in the Church



St. Ann's Golf Tournament

Sunday, October 11th

1:00 pm

Simsbury Farms, Simsbury

\$65 (includes meal)

Open to all men and women in the parish

Please call or email your foursome or as an individual and we will place you in a group

You don't golf? Join us for the meal only: \$30



Sponsored by
The Men of St. Ann

For more information
please contact:
John Kuzia
(kman@kuzia.com)
860.284.0020



CALLING ALL SINGERS IN GRADES 4-8

Children's Choir is about to begin! Our first rehearsal is Thursday, October 1st in the choir loft. We rehearse from 4:15-5pm. Please know, you don't need to be a great performer to join this choir. All you need is a desire to show your love for God through singing - and to learn while having fun. Our director, Mr. Carl Sauerbrunn, has an exciting season planned, so invite a friend and join us! (Parents, please accompany your child to this rehearsal to pick up a schedule and complete the registration form. We look forward to meeting you!) Questions? Please contact Tom Stockton at 860-673-9858 ext. 230 or email: ttstockton@earthlink.net.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



Monday, October 5th
7-8:30pm in Room 2

All are welcome! We can also teach you the basics of knitting and crochet. For information call Pat: 860-673-3747.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

September 27, 2015: \$6,681.61
Online Giving (week ending 9/30/15): \$2,715.00
Next weekend's second collection:
Monthly



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 will be the 1st Sunday of the month (10/4/15) from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-8: UPCOMING CLASSES

October 4th and October 18th

Next Family Mass: October 25th at 9:30am

Grades 1 & 2 sponsor Parish Coffee after the Mass



Sorry you missed the Mix It Up. Would love to have you pay your dues, though. Please send \$15 payable to the Marthas and Marys to: Sue Ollestad :117 New Road Avon, CT 06001

 **ST. ANN TRADITIONAL CHOIR**

The St. Ann Traditional Choir is resuming rehearsals and WE NEED YOUR VOICE! We rehearse on THURSDAY AFTERNOONS at 2:00 in the Choir Loft, and sing at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday Mornings. This important ministry inspires the congregation through the medium of traditional choral music and is a great learning experience for those who participate. If you think you might be interested in participating call Tom Stockton at 860-673-858 ext. 230 or email ttstockton@earthlink.net.

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to write that the Church of St. Ann now has a fully functioning, small library of religious and inspirational titles. The library is located in Room 5 which is at the back of the Activity Room located under the wing of the church. Use the wing entrance and go down the stairs.

The library includes religious and inspirational books and media for adults, teens and children. A binder in the library explains the borrowing process and includes sheets to sign in and sign out materials.

The library is always open and all parishioners are invited to stop by. May God Bless You!

- Elizabeth Collier



The LITURGY • Spot

"Ave Verum Corpus," or "Hail, True Body", is a short hymn in honor of the Blessed Sacrament usually attributed to Pope Innocent VI, who died in 1362. During the Middle Ages this brief hymn was often sung at the Elevation of the Host during the consecration, and as a devotion during the service of Benediction. The ST. ANN TRADITIONAL CHOIR will be performing two settings of this moving text on Sept. 20 and 27 at the 11:00 Mass, one by the Catholic English composer Edward Elgar (9/20) and the other by Mozart (9/27). The traditional chant version will be sung before Mass both Sundays, and during Communion at the 4:00 Vigil Mass. [The full text can be found in the Red WORSHIP Hymnal at #730.]

Marthas + Marys: October



In order to increase awareness of our ministries in the Church of St. Ann, the M+M's are asking you to give some time to another one of our ministries during the month of October. This is in keeping with our mission to be involved socially, spiritually, and in our church community. Socially, think of attending the golf outing on Sunday the 11th or the wine tasting on Saturday the 24th. We discussed the clothing sale during our meeting but please come to our Parish Coffee on the 18th after the 9:30 or come before attending the 11 masses to be a part of our church community. Spiritually, consider the Divine Mercy which you can check for the date in the Bulletin.

Read the Bulletin for further information regarding our ministry offerings this month.



Attention all "Little Lambs"

Beginning on Sunday, Sept 20, the Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place during 9:30 Mass. There is no need to register to participate in our Ministry. We are group of parent volunteers looking to share the Liturgy of the Word with the children, ages 2 1/2 - 6 years-old of our parish. We invite all children and parents that are interested to join us following the Opening Prayer, when Father invites the "Little Lambs" to the altar. Together we will share the readings for the week and follow up with a child-centered discussion. We re-join the parish for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. All children are welcome to join us each week during the 9:30 mass.

If you are interested in joining our Ministry or have any questions please contact Heather Hoffman, heather-hoffman@sbcglobal.net.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Baby Bottle Drive

Please return the baby bottles for St. Gerard's the weekend of October 17/18. Thank you for your generosity!



40 Days for Life

Under the direction of Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, our Archdiocese will again partake in the "40 Days for Life" Program. This is a peaceful, national pro-life campaign spreading across 48 states for the sanctity of life. Each of the 40 days consists of two elements: 24 hours of prayer in Eucharistic Adoration and a 12 hour vigil of prayer in peaceful action.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held here at St. Ann. We will join in a spirit of unity to pray, fast, and demonstrate peaceful activism to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion in America.

Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the Sunday morning Masses from 12:00 p.m. on October 18th and continue until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 19th. During these hours of adoration there will be The Divine Mercy Holy Hour from 2:30-3:30 p.m. followed by the recitation of the rosary until 4 p.m.

The prayer vigil for the unborn will also take place on October 18th from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the traffic island outside of the clinic at the end of Retreat Avenue and Jefferson Street in Hartford.

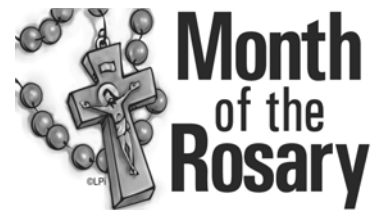
There is a sign up sheet in the gathering space for 24 hour Eucharistic Adoration coverage. Anyone who would like to pray at the vigil before the Hartford GYN Center should sign up on the designated poster also in the gathering space and contact Joan Gould, Pro-Life Representative at 860-673-9858 Ext 226. To read more about the "40 days for Life Campaign" go to www.40daysforlife.com

Immacares (Immaculate Conception Shelter)

Beginning in October, we will again be serving meals to the guests at Immacares- formerly known as Immaculate Conception shelter. We thank all of you who have been so generous and have made it possible for us to commit to many dates throughout the winter. St. Ann church definitely has a stellar reputation there. From appetizers, bread, salad, entree and desserts, there is never anything that someone would not serve their own family. In fact, many of the wonderful cooks and bakers prepare food that is better than at any 5 star restaurant. Please know that it is appreciated and we are always told to "thank the cooks!" This winter there will be one floor with 75 men who will be able to stay throughout the day to get connected with social service programs. Come November, the "No-freeze" will again open and there will be at least 150 guests. Nothing ever goes to waste. We also appreciate any toiletries, paper goods, and gently used towels and linens. There is always a need. Please email us if you would like more information. And- if you are one of those on that list who has cooked/baked or donated before- please let us know if you will do again this year. Will be anxiously waiting to hear from you!

Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you!

*Karen Finocchio: kfinocchio@gmail.com * Marybeth Twohig: twohig7@gmail.com*



2015 ANNUAL PARISH COLLECTION

Every parish family received a letter from Fr. McHugh recently asking for a contribution to our **Annual Parish Collection** to help balance our budget.

The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Please return your gift card today.

Thank you!

Immaculate Conception Shelter: 2015-2016 Dates

- October: 8, 22 February: 11, 25
- November: 5, 19 March: 3, 24
- December: 3, 17 April: 7, 21
- January: 14, 28 May: 5, 19



FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

Children's



Choir

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Question of the Week...

How does your parish support married couples? How does it embrace those who are separated or divorced?

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the truisms of statistics is that they can be manipulated to show whatever the person doing the report wants them to show. On the subject of divorce, those who speak out against marriage love to cite that half of all marriages ends in divorce, therefore the sacrament must not be worth the pain that may ensue with divorce. But according to the US Census Bureau, the divorce rate in this country has dropped to its lowest level in nearly forty years, while the marriage rate remains constant. There is always hope!

In today's Gospel reading from Mark, the Pharisees posed a question to Jesus in hopes of catching him teaching against the laws of the time, a punishable offense. "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce a wife?" they asked. Knowing their intent, Jesus allowed them to answer their own question by admitting that Moses had decreed divorce allowable. This gave Jesus the opportunity to remind all who would hear that a marriage between a man and a woman is a sacred bond not only between the two but also with God. Given this opportunity, Jesus explains that no human can overturn an act of God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that at the very beginning of the sacred Scripture, God reveals his plan for us in marriage in the creation of a man and a woman for each other; and at the end, we are given the vision of the wedding-feast of the Lamb (CCC 1602). Moses realized that among the people, there were hearts that did not possess or accept the sanctity of marriage, therefore he allowed for divorce. But while Jesus acknowledged this, he asked us to understand the sacrament and to do all that we could to preserve it.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

Organizations such as church-sponsored universities, hospitals and social services, are facing a fine of \$100 per day (\$36,500 per year) per employee if they provide health coverage that does not include contraceptives, including abortion-causing drugs, and sterilization. Exorbitant fines like these will surely force a lot of organizations that serve tens of thousands of people to close.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

Readings for the Week of October 4, 2015

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16
or 10:2-12
Monday: Jon 1:1--2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30
or 10:17-27

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Saint Mary's School 8th Grade Car Wash:

Please support the 8th grade class at St. Mary's School & get your car washed. Saturday, October 10th, 9:30am to 1:30pm at St. Mary's School North Parking Lot, 936 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury.

Saint Ann (BRISTOL) CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 21st
8:30am - 3pm
215 West Street * Bristol, CT
50+ Craft Tables, Food and Fun

Is Medicare right for me?

An educational seminar to explain how you and/or your loved ones can benefit from Medicare



Join insurance consultant, John Kuzia for a quick look at Medicare.

Fr. Bennett Hall
Tuesday October 6 @ 7:00 - 8:00PM

Pre-Register: john@kuzia.com or 860-284-0020

- A simplified explanation of Medicare and its options (offered to individuals age 65+ or turning 65)
- The basics of Original Medicare
- Clarification of Part A, B, C, D
- The differences between Medicare Supplements (Medigap) and Medicare Advantage plans
- What is the "donut hole" and how does it affect you
- How a 65+ year old Medicare eligible employee on a company plan might save thousands of dollars

This event is only for educational purposes and no plan-specific benefits and details will be shared.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend on October 30th - November 1st in Litchfield, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175 for meals, private room and all retreat materials.

For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

In the Beginning: Reading the Book of Genesis with Understanding

with Fr. Frank Matera,
Pastor of St. Mary's

Thursdays:
September 24,
October 1.8.15.22.29

7:30pm in Lower Church Hall of
St. Mary's Church
942 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury

This series deals with the great themes of Creation, Sin, Judgment, Promise and Fulfillment, Faith and God's Providence.

The titles of the talks are:

1. When God Created the World
2. When Sin Entered the World
3. When God Judged the World
4. When God Made Promises to Abraham
5. When God Chose Jacob
6. When God Protected Joseph

47th Annual Social Justice Dinner and Awards Tuesday, October 27, 2015 Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville

Join us as we celebrate awards for exceptional efforts in social justice ministry at the 47th Annual Social Justice Dinner and Awards on Tuesday, October 27th at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT.

Beginning with a reception at 5 pm, the evening will feature special guest speaker, Dr. Carolyn Woo, President and CEO of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Dr. Woo will share her rich experience as well as stories of the wide range of CRS work around the world.

2015 Awardees:

Bishop Joseph F. Donnelly Memorial Award

Individual: Nancy Kiely, Corpus Christi Church, Wethersfield
Group: Malta House of Care Mobile Clinic

Dr. Charlie Schlegel Award for Cooperative Parish Sharing

St. Mary Church, New Britain for their Hispanic Families in Action Program

For tickets call OCSJM at: 203.777.7279
or visit: www.catholicsocialjustice.org.

Tickets are \$70 per person/ \$650 for a table of 10