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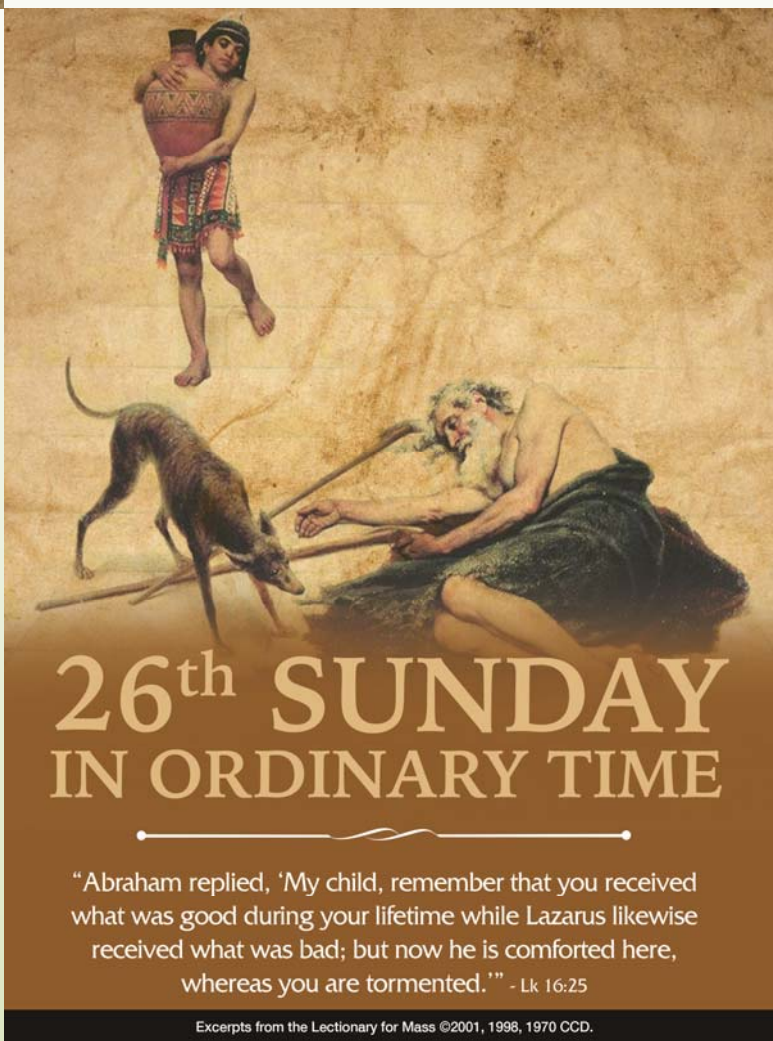
Call the Parish Office

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.



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: 8:35 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

26th Sunday Ordinary Time

MONDAY, September 26
9:00 **Special Intention**

TUESDAY, September 27
9:00 **Leone Lozier**, requested by the Cyr Family

WEDNESDAY, September 28
9:00 **Dr. Theodore deGroot & Mr. & Mrs. Frederick deGroot**, requested by the family

THURSDAY, September 29
9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, September 30
9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, October 1
4:00 **Raymond Teodosio**, requested by his family

SUNDAY, October 2
7:30 **Edward Saillant II**, requested by the family
9:30 **For the healing of Krystyna & Eugeniusz Sekowicz (living)**, requested by the Grzybeck Family
11:00 **Special Intentions of Ajoy & Nina Alphonso**, requested by Ajoy & Nina Alphonso
4:30 **Teen Mass**



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, September 26
M+M Moms: 12:30 in the Activity Room
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.
All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church)
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: 7:30pm in Rooms 1 & 3

TUESDAY, September 27
RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, September 28
Acts of the Apostles Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 2 & 3 (filled)
Lectio Divina: 3pm in Room 3
Re-Employment Group Meeting: 7pm in the Activity Room

THURSDAY, September 29
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft
Children's Choir: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, September 30
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: 9:30am in Rooms 1 & 3

SATURDAY, October 1
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, October 2
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: 10:45am in Rooms 1 & 3 and at AMS at 9am and 5:45pm



St. Ann's Golf Tournament

Sunday, October 2, 2016

12:30 pm

Simsbury Farms Golf Course, Simsbury
\$75 (includes meal)

Open to all men and women in the parish
Please call/email your foursome or register as an individual and we will place you in a group

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

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The Men of St. Ann

For Reservations

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



Annual Parish Collection

Church of Saint Ann

Every parish family should have received a letter from Father this week asking for a contribution to our Annual Parish Collection to help balance our budget and save for future improvement projects. The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Please return your gift card today. Thank you!



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

THIS Sunday, September 25th
2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated next Sunday, September 25, 2016 here at St. Ann.

Please join us for this powerful devotion!

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

September 18, 2016: \$7,822.87
 Online Giving (week ending 9/21/16): \$2,381.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Immaculate Conception Shelter



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 are generally the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary. OFFICE HOURS FOR SEPTEMBER WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 18th (the 3rd Sunday)

**Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle
 Monday evenings in the church from 7:15-8:15pm**

The MMP is for priests and laity who are devoted to Our Lady and her Rosary. The Prayer Cenacles are gatherings of prayer that consist of the Holy Rosary and Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Message from the MMP Book "To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons" is read at every Cenacle. We are praying for an outpouring of The Holy Spirit, and for Our Lady's intercession. For more information on the Marian Movement of Priests, please visit the official website at www.mmp-usa.net
 Come and see, come pray with us. All are welcome.

Communion For Shut-Ins

The Eucharistic ministers would be happy to bring Communion to those in our parish who are unable to come to church. Please call the Parish Office and leave your name and address if you wish to receive Communion **860-673-9858**.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Baby Bottle Drive for St. Gerard's

St. Gerard's Center for Life is very grateful to be welcomed back into St. Ann's Parish on the weekend of October 1st & 2nd for its annual baby bottle drive. Pledge cards or bottles will be distributed after all weekend Masses and collected after the weekend of October 15th & 16th. Thank you for your generosity as we partner together to keep this pro-life mission alive in the greater Hartford area!



**Saint Ann Religious Education (K-8)
 2016-2017**

Classes for Grades K-8 will begin on September 25, 2016

New Students:

Registration forms are online at www.stannavon.org

Returning Students:

No child will be assigned to a class until payment has been received.

**Confirmation &
 YOUTH MINISTRY**

Confirmation:

First Class, THIS Sunday September 25th
 9th Grade: 5:30—7pm Go directly to classrooms
 10th Grade: 7:15-8:45pm - Meet in Father Bennet Hall.



YOUTH MINISTRY:

**First Meeting
 THIS Sunday, Sept. 25th
 5:30-7pm. Meet in church.**



**Unpacking the
 Spiritual Works of Mercy**

Sunday, Oct 23, 12:00 noon
 Repeated Monday, Oct. 24, 7:15pm
 Fr. Bennett Hall

Join popular speaker Bill Walsh as he helps us understand where these challenging teachings come from, and how we can put them into practice in our relationships with others.
 RSVP to Ann DiStefano at ann.distefano@stannavon.com

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Would you like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of how the Bible relates to your life?

There's still time to join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, a new 8-session study offered Sundays at 10:45am, Mondays at 7:30pm & Fridays at 9:30am in Rooms 1 and 3, beginning Sept 19. (K-8 parent sessions will be held Sundays at Avon Middle School during class times, beginning Sept 25.) You'll uncover the "big picture" of the Bible and its main message: the Father's unflinching love for you, and your call to share that love with others. Each 90-minute session includes an engaging half-hour video, followed by a lively group discussion. Homework is optional, and you'll be able to stream the videos online if you miss a session. For workbook/to register, contact Ann by Sept. 14: ann.distefano@stannavon.com; (860) 673-9858, ext 228.

Sunday AM Dates: Sept. 25;
Oct. 2, 9, 16, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20
Monday PM Dates: Sept. 19, 26;
Oct. 3, 10, 17; Nov. 7, 14, 21
Friday AM Dates: Sept. 23, 30;
Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28;
Nov. 4, 11



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Many Hartford area companies will soon begin their United Way Campaigns. Last year, many parishioners were generous in designating

St. Ann's as the beneficiary of their United Way pledge, and for that I am most grateful. Please consider designating St. Ann's Church (United Way code #AG0723) for your United Way pledge.

Thank you for your generosity. -Fr. McHugh

Ministry Fair

Thank You's

Thanks to the nearly 50 ministries featured in Sunday's "Get in the Game" Ministry Fair - you are an inspiration! Special thanks to the following for making the event so special and fun:

- Coordinating:** Ann DiStefano, Karen Edgar, Tom McCabe, and Jim Serutta
- Food:** Knights of Columbus
- Kids Activities:** Kathy Hazel, Angela Tollis and teens: Brynne & Brooke Bartkiewicz, Ashley Blackmore, Ceci DiStefano, Lauren Ducci, Brianna Assaro Gracy, Christina Henares, Francine & Hadley Waterbury, Caitlyne Zelany
- Raffle:** Mo Davenport, Carmela Campbell, anonymous donor
- Cupcake Walk:** Marthas & Marys
- Music/Sound System:** Carl Sauerbrunn
- Publicity:** Mary Healey, Kris Martino
- Set up/Clean up:** Leo DiStefano, David Edgar, Valerie & Rob St. Jean, Justin Spalla, Mike Gould
- Missed the Fair?** It's never too late to Get in the Game! See the "St. Ann's Ministries" booklet in the Gathering Space, or contact Tom McCabe (mccabet@comcast.net) to explore where you'd like to get involved & enriched.

Immacares (Immaculate Conception Shelter)

Immacare homeless shelter will house only 75 guests this year, even during the winter months. The shelter will be having much needed renovation work done because the church is in poor condition and safety and building costs (heat literally going out the windows) are major considerations. Despite knowing this makes the planning easier, we are saddened wondering where the additional men will go, but have been assured that the City is looking into alternative sites for a "No Freeze" emergency shelter.

Because of the loss of a \$28,000 state grant, lunches and breakfast cannot be supplied by Immacare this year. Food simply cannot fit in the budget. We would like to bring breakfast breads and 80 "brown bag lunches" whenever we go with dinner. We have already contacted many of those wonderful people who shop, cook, and bake year after year. As always, they have been so kind and supportive. Some school groups and families have offered to make sandwiches some dates! Please let us know if you would be willing to donate breakfast breads (ie banana bread, muffins, your favorites...). We will also appreciate any juice boxes and desserts. If you are in a group that would like to get together and make sandwiches, as long as they can be frozen, we'd love to take them because many days there will not be any food offered until dinner. Of course, we will still be responsible for dinner on the evenings that we visit. Thanks so much for any help. St. Ann's has a wonderful reputation at the shelter as the group that meets any challenge- and more importantly- has the best cooks! We are so blessed.

Please email for all the details. (kfinocchio@gmail.com or twohig7@aol.com).

Immacares Shelter: 2016-2017 Dates

October: 6, 20
November: 3, 17
December: 1, 22
January: 12, 26
February: 9, 23
March: 9, 16
April: 6, 20
May: 4, 18

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY



Calling All Children Who Love to Sing! (Grades 4-8)

Children's Choir is about to begin! Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 15th 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 Carl at: c.sauerbrunn@comcast.net or our Music Director, Tom Stockton at 860-673-9858, x.230 or email: ttstockton@earthlink.net.

Readings for the Week of September 25, 2016

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/
Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-8/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/
Jn 1:47-51

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14/
Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91,
125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8,
13-14/Lk 17:5-10

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs have a way of succinctly stating a concept that can become a kind of mantra for explaining the way things are. Sayings like, "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow," or "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree," or "It's the squeaky wheel that gets the grease," are all meant to encapsulate a larger concept in a brief sentence. For the most part, the person hearing the phrase immediately understands to what the speaker is referring. And so the saying, "He can't see the forest for the trees," is often understood as describing someone who cannot comprehend the larger implications of things because all he can see is the minute details on which he is focused.

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus tells a parable about a rich man who was seemingly oblivious to both the forest and the trees. In the story the rich man seems unconcerned with anything but his own pleasure. He dresses in fine linen. He eats great meals. It seems like he has it all. The "forest" of communal interaction seems beyond his imagination. At the same time, from what we are told, the rich man also seems not to have taken any notice of the beggar at his door. He was not even aware of the "trees" of someone right at his gate.

In our lives as Christians, both the forest and the trees are important. We can't lose sight of either of them. As people in the world we must continue to be involved in working for a more just society through our advocacy and political activity. We have to promote the causes of life, human dignity, peace, and the common good. That's the big picture, the forest, that we see. At the same time through our works of charity and simple outreach we touch the lives the poor, the sick, the lonely, and the dying in our very midst. They are the trees right in front of us, and we cannot miss them either.

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Archdiocese of Hartford Progress Report

Pastoral Planning

By late September, the first round of pastoral planning meetings will have resulted in restructuring recommendations from over 200 priests and at least 900 parishioners representing 17 deaneries and 212 parishes of the Archdiocese. An additional round of meetings with priests and parishioners will begin sometime in November. These meetings will entail reviews and feedback on the first round of deanery planning. The feedback we gather will be used to advance our thinking on how best to restructure our deaneries. Additionally, and as a response to people's request for more frequent and up-to-date communication, the Office of Pastoral Planning has launched its new Pastoral Planning website: www.stewardsfortomorrow.org. Here you will find information about Pastoral Planning, including a glossary of key terms; people invested in guiding the process; data and statistics that will help inform decisions; news and testimonies from those involved in the pastoral planning process, and much more. Finally, in the last quarter of 2016, we will publish a special edition magazine dedicated to providing even more information about pastoral planning, including stories and testimonies from people whose parishes and/or schools have already merged or are in the process of restructuring. The magazine will be mailed to every registered household of the Archdiocese.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

27th Annual Rosary Rally

Basilica of the Immaculate Conception
Waterbury, Connecticut

Sunday, October 2, 2016

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Parish Mass at 4:00 pm



Guest Speaker

Rev. Matthew R. Mauriello, S.T.L.
Pastor of St. Rock's Church, Greenwich, CT
and President of the North American Congress
on Mercy

Topic

"Learning and Living Mercy"

*Procession, Talk, Rosary, Hymns,
and Benediction*

Help Save America!

Come pray with us
for conversion & reparation, and
a change in the moral climate
of America and the world.

*"One Day through the Rosary and Scapular
I will save the world."
~ Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Dominic*

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

DECEMBER 8, 2015-NOVEMBER 20, 2016

CATHOLICS COMING HOME

St. Patrick Church, 110 Main Street, Farmington, CT. is sponsoring a six-week program to help reconnect those who have become separated from the Catholic faith. This is an opportunity for anyone who feels separated and estranged from the Church and their faith, for any reason, to be supported, heard and reconciled. Our team will provide a safe, nurturing, and supportive environment. There will be informal sharing and an update of the Catholic faith. The six sessions will be held on Wednesdays, 7-8:30 PM from October 12 to November 16, 2016, in the basement church hall at St. Patrick Church. Contact David Edwards at 860-677-4183, e-mail eugeneedwards5468@icloud.com, for more details or if you wish to register.

Archbishop's Columbus Day Breakfast to Benefit Catholic School Students

in Greater New Haven

Friday, October 7, 2016

The WoodWinds, Branford, CT (New Location)

7:30 - 9:00am

Archbishop Leonard Blair will be joined by:
Guest Speaker Bobby Valentine, Sports Legend
& Emcee Jason Newton, WTNH Channel 8 Sports Reporter
Tickets are \$80 per person * Sponsorships available
Become a FACS partner and enjoy additional benefits.
Join our current partners: Sinatra Agency and Farmington Bank
Call: 860-761-7499 or visit facshartford.org
Net Proceeds of this event provide scholarship assistance to students attending Catholic elementary schools in Greater New Haven. Hope to see you there!

Vatican International Exhibition Eucharistic Miracles of the World Presented for the entire weekend!



Sponsored by Real Presence Eucharistic
Education and Adoration Association

<http://www.therealpresence.org/>

When: The weekend of October 8th and 9th

Saturday, 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Sunday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Where: St. Ann's Church, Fr. Bennett Hall, 39 Arch Road, Avon Ct 06001

What: The Vatican International Exhibition - "Eucharistic Miracles of the World". This event is being offered free of charge for the entire weekend. Come to see and learn about over 150 extraordinary Eucharistic Miracles that continue to happen even today.

This event is free of charge

CASA Family Day

Monday, September 26, 2016



Archbishop Leonard P. Blair encourages families to observe "Family Day" on Monday, September 26th by eating dinner together as a family. Studies by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, known as CASA Columbia, indicate that the simple act of eating family dinners can help prevent smoking, drinking and drug abuse.

Visit: archdioceseofhartford.org
and click on "News"
for ideas on how to make
your "Family Day" special.

