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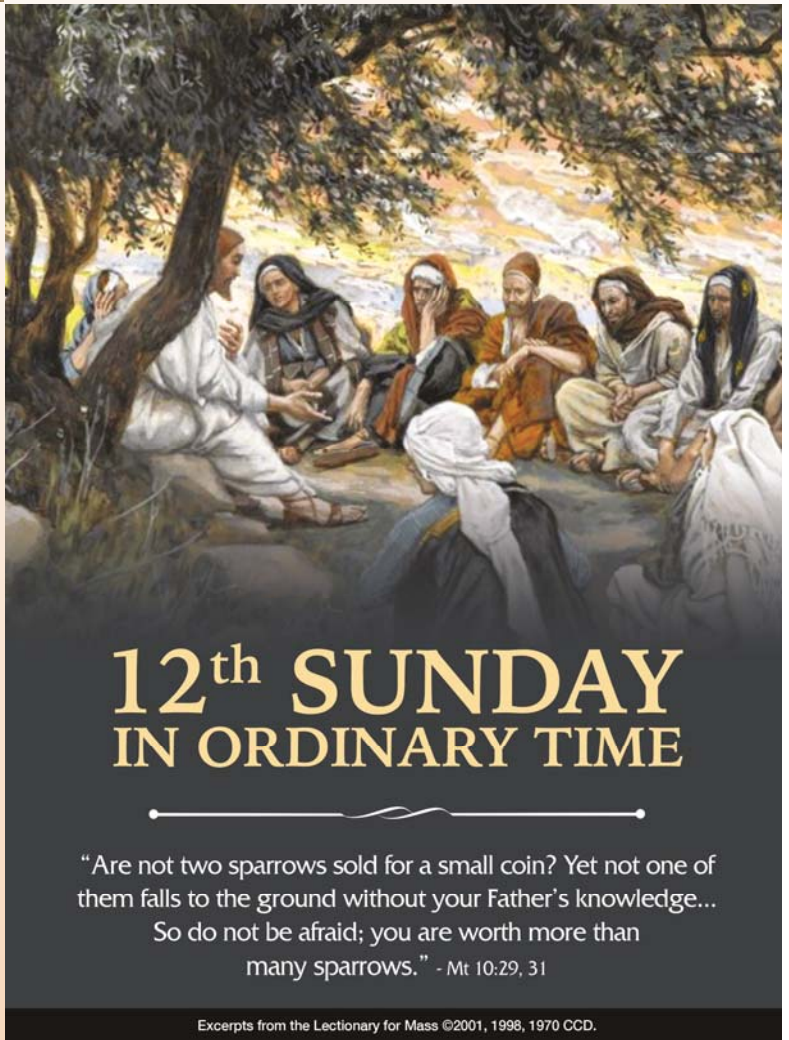
Call the Parish Office

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.



12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge...

So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:29, 31

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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



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, June 26

9:00 **Pat Hill (6th Ann.),** requested by Richard Hill and family

TUESDAY, June 27

9:00 **John Winchester,** requested by his children

WEDNESDAY, June 28

9:00 **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, June 29

9:00 **Thomas Penzone,** requested by the Joanne Gendler

FRIDAY, June 30

9:00 **Chales Vuono,** requested by the Bondhus Family

SATURDAY, July 1

4:00 **Alfred Koch,** requested by Russell and Diane Koch

SUNDAY, July 2

7:30 **John Evans, Jackie Holland and Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Kucera,** requested by the family

9:30 **Florence Pirnat,** requested by Joan and Michael Gould

11:00 **Pietro DiTommaso,** requested by his family

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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, June 26

Bible Camp: All Rooms
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church. Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!

TUESDAY, June 27

Bible Camp: All Rooms

WEDNESDAY, June 28

Bible Camp: All Rooms

THURSDAY, June 29

Bible Camp: All Rooms
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, June 30

Bible Camp Clean Up: All Rooms

SATURDAY, July 1

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, July 2

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

R-E-S-P-E-C-T



Short shorts, tank tops and other beach attire are fine for the beach but are inappropriate for church.

Thank you in advance for dressing respectfully.



FATHER JOSEPH CHEAH

Will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for his 25th Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday, July 9th at 9:30am

A reception will follow in Fr. Bennett Hall

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

June 18, 2017: \$7,214.30
Online Giving/Payments (week ending 6/22/17): \$2,802.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection: none

Announcing St. Ann's Good Summer Reads!



Summer is a great time to relax and enjoy a good read or two. Choose from the following selections, and join us for discussions at summer's end:

"The Joy of the Gospel" (*Evangelii Gaudium*), Pope Francis

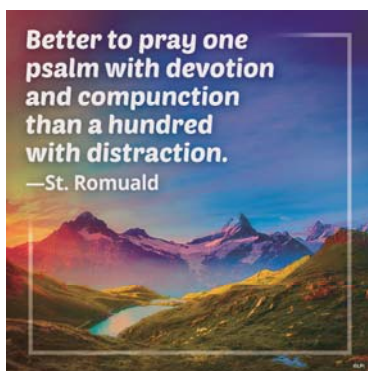
The Holy Father discusses the blessings and challenges of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others in today's world. The writing is at times earnest, but always inspiring, and the theme is perfect for the US Church's faith formation focus for 2017-2018: "Living as Missionary Disciples". The work is available in book form, or you may download it for free via stannavon.org/book-discussions-1.

The Five Love Languages, Gary Chapman, PhD.

Years of practice as a Christian psychologist/Marriage Counselor led the author to the discovery that there are five primary ways that people receive and express love. Gain wisdom about yourself and others that can inform ALL your relationships.

The Five Love Languages of Children Gary Chapman, PhD, and Ross Campbell, MD

Learn how to express love to each of your children in a language that they understand.



ADULT EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

By Popular Demand...

"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" will NOT meet this Sunday, June 25, due to Bible Camp setup. Join us next week, July 2, 10:30am-12:00pm in Room 3. Come discover what the Sunday readings meant when they were written, and what they mean to you personally today. (*Lectio Divina*) Please register with Chip Janiszewski, chip@chipj.com, however, DROP INS ARE WELCOME! All materials are provided—bring your own New American Bible, if you like. Check www.stannavon.org/bible-studies-1.

Curious about the benefits of a small group Bible Study? Here's what one participant has to share:

"As a stay at home mom to four young children, Bible study has never been a priority. I had been pushing away the idea of attending St. Ann Bible Study for some time. I was too busy, too scared and felt like I lacked adequate knowledge of the Bible. But I felt like there was something absent from my life.

I have been to Bible studies at other churches, but attending St. Ann's "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" has given me something more than what I feel like I was getting anywhere else. This group leaves me feeling uplifted, recharged and giving something back just for me!

Being surrounded by a loving community and caring individuals helps me learn more about myself and my faith. Becoming more actively involved within my church has helped me make deeper connections with others, myself and my relationship with God. These relationships have developed into some life-long friendships. I feel beyond blessed to be part of St. Ann's Bible Study!" - Callie Barnes





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.

St. Ann's Re-Employment Group

meets every other Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Activity Room at St. Ann's. For more information, or if any working member of the parish hears of :**JOHN DRAKE**, **860-989-2377** or email at: johndrake.humancapital@live.com.

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**.

PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:


If Jesus destroyed sin, why are sins still with us?

Answer:

We are the children of God, heirs of the Father's business, which is life. The struggle is between good and evil and the greatest weapon of evil is death. It is final, the end of hope and all possibility of change. Jesus must destroy death so that life, eternal life, might be possible. That is why Jesus dies: to take on sin's weapon and destroy it by his resurrection. It was not simply to satisfy God's sense of justice, but to meet sin on its own terms and defeat it. If sin triumphs in the death of Jesus, it is only for a moment. The final word will yet be spoken.

Since we are heirs and coworkers with God, ours is the struggle with the remnants of evil, its last desperate attempt to overcome good. Like Jesus, we are about the Father's business in our daily life, carrying the message of salvation to everyone. We are strengthened in our struggle and come to realize the great gift of life with which we are graced. It is our hope that one day we will rejoice with the Father in a job well done!

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FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

June 21–July 4

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome— for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us— this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

When I was a teenager, after a homecoming dance one year I took my date for a walk on the Potomac in downtown Alexandria. The moon was out and I was struck by how the light shimmered on the water. I remember focusing to try to see all the details of the dancing rays on the ripples. My date didn't see it and didn't really get it. She thought it was no big deal. It was a great date and a fun night, but for that one moment we saw the world from two completely different vantage points.

Two of the greatest gifts from God to each of us are life and time. Without taking care, we can easily miss the grandeur and beauty of both. Being mindful as an everyday steward means pausing to see the detail in all that exists around us. God's creation is not something created with a broad brush, but instead with the intricacies of a master painter.

God created all things with purpose and a complexity only the divine could fully comprehend. Every single hair on our head has been counted! But when we take a moment to reflect on the beauty that is created by that complexity, we allow ourselves to revel in God's generosity. There is so much to give thanks for in this life. But you and I can't give thanks to God unless we really stop to take notice. When was the last time you stared in awe at the moon? -Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

It is better to be a child of God than King of the whole world
- St. Aloysius Gonzago

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!" (Jr 20:13)

Psalm:

Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

Second Reading:

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. (Rom 5:15)

Gospel:

"Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." (Mt 10:29-31)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 25, 2017

- Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
- Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22/Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
- Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-50, 53-55/Mt 8:5-17
- Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid." Can it really be true? Is our heavenly Father actually so aware of us? Does the Creator of the universe pay that much attention to ME? Jesus says yes. God knows us far more intimately than we even know ourselves. And so, we have nothing to fear.

Being Christian isn't guaranteed to be easy. More and more even in our own culture, following the faith is being criticized and discouraged in the public square. Privately, we may struggle with the demands of the commandments or the ability to believe when we face the inevitable trials that come our way. But passages like this one in today's Gospel are a source of tremendous hope and consolation. We are LOVED beyond measure. We enjoy the care and concern of God in every situation, big and small. Truly we have no need to worry or be anxious because God is in control.

For our part, of course, Jesus asks us to trust him and stay faithful. He asks us not to apologize for our faith, especially publicly. "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." When we live our faith with confidence, it's a way of accepting the power and providence of God. But when we try to hide our faith away because we're afraid of causing problems, we only damage our relationship with the One who can actually solve them.

At the end of the day, the only really serious problem we need to worry about is losing our soul--and that, to be sure, is up to us. As the great French novelist Léon Bloy wrote, "There is only one tragedy in the end: not to have been a saint."

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Jesus tells us today, "Fear no one." All of us have fears. Some of us may fear the future, change, rejection, being out of control, ridiculed, losing a cherished relationship, failure, and even sickness and death. We have no control over much that we fear. Anxiety and worry become a futile waste of time and serve only to impact the quality of life. Faith, which brings a trust in God's promise that he is with us, allows us to face whatever comes with courage and acceptance. While very difficult to do, this is exactly what we are asked to do.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Read, Reap and Rise to New Life!

The plowman should plow in hope, and the thresher in hope of receiving a share. (1 Cor 9:10)

The Archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School (CBS) invites adults to engage the Word of God from the perspective of Catholic faith. Enrollment begins May 1. Contact the CBS office by August 15 to enroll. Classes begin in locations throughout the Archdiocese just after Labor Day.

For more information, check out our website www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org or contact us in the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis at 860-242-5573 or catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org.



Vie for the Kids is teeing it up to honor and remember St. Ann parishioner, Robby Brisco, and all of the kids who are battling cancer. It is our mission and purpose to help other kids with cancer in Robby's honor. Please consider supporting our beloved event by either sponsoring, golfing or joining us

for dinner. For more information, please go to: connecticutchildrensfoundation.org/event/robbie-brisco-open/

Education Coordinator for Pro-life Ministry Job Opening

Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center, providing services in the Waterbury, CT and surrounding areas, has a full time, paid position available. (Salary position with benefits) This important position is responsible for education programs fostering respect-for-life and awareness of Carolyn's Place services. The ideal candidate will possess excellent communication skills, strong knowledge of Catholic teachings, have education & program development experience and a BA/BS degree in education, social or medical services is preferred but not a necessity. Experience in respect-life programs is desirable. To be considered, please email your resume to staff@carolynsplace.net or mail your resume and cover letter to: Attention - Board of Directors Carolyn's Place 137 Grandview Ave. Waterbury, CT 06708.

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ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO A LAY VOCATION?



"This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are we who are called to His supper."
From the Holy Mass

ST. MARY'S CHAPTER OF THE LAY FRATERNITIES OF ST. DOMINIC INVITES YOU TO AN INFORMAL INQUIRY MEETING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LAY DOMINICAN WAY OF LIFE AND TO BEGIN DISCERNMENT

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

ST. MARY'S CHURCH PRIORY (NEXT TO THE CHURCH)
5 HILLHOUSE AVENUE, NEW HAVEN
1:30PM - 3:00PM



COME WITH US AS WE FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. DOMINIC TOWARD JESUS THROUGH A LIFE OF PRAYER, STUDY, COMMUNITY, AND SERVICE. OUR MISSION IS THE QUEST FOR HOLINESS AND THE SALVATION OF SOULS.

INQUIRY CLASSES FOR THE POSTULANT YEAR BEGIN SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 AT NOON IN THE ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL

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