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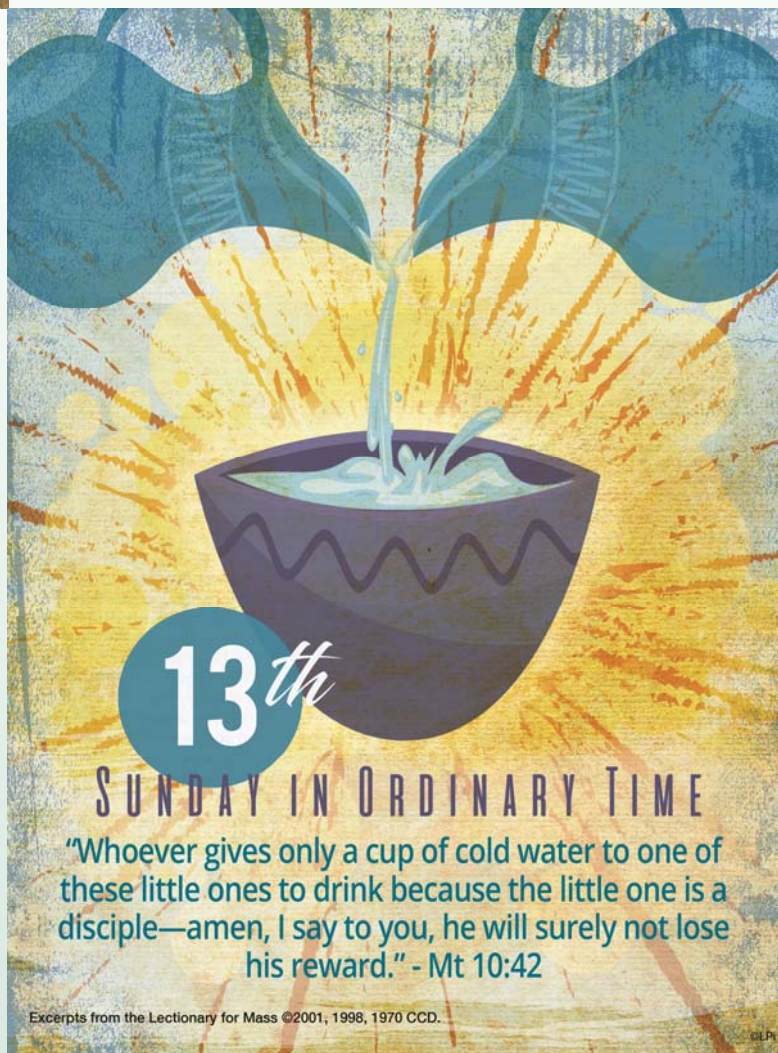
Call the Parish Office

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: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

MONDAY, July 3

9:00 **Stephen Largay**, requested by Peter and Sheila Gillin

TUESDAY, July 4

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, July 5

9:00 **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, July 6

9:00 **William V. McGuinness (18th Ann.)**, requested by the family

FRIDAY, July 7

9:00 **Dr. Theodore deGroot and Frederick & Margaret deGroot**, requested by the family

SATURDAY, July 8

4:00 **John O'Neill**, requested by Heidi O'Neill

SUNDAY, July 9

7:30 **Lewis Affelder**, requested by Kris Martino
9:30 **In Thanksgiving for the 25th Anniversary of Fr. Cheah's Ordination**
11:00 **In Thanksgiving**, requested by Ajoy and Nina Alphonso

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, July 3

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

TUESDAY, July 4



WEDNESDAY, July 5

THURSDAY, July 6

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, July 7

SATURDAY, July 8

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, July 9

"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures": 10:30am in Rm. 3
Reception for Fr. Cheah's Ordination Anniversary: after 9:30am
Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall

Fortnight for
FREEDOM
June 21-July 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Let us pray...

O God, you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors. You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found you. Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly. We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage. We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross.

Amen.

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 25, 2017: \$8,871.14
 Online Giving/Payments (week ending 6/28/17): \$3,159.00
 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...

We will continue to offer "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" on most* Sundays through the summer, from 10:30am- 12pm 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!** This is the perfect time to try out a Small Group Bible Study experience – join us! All materials are provided – bring your own Bible, if you like. *Check www.stannavon.org for the updated schedule.

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

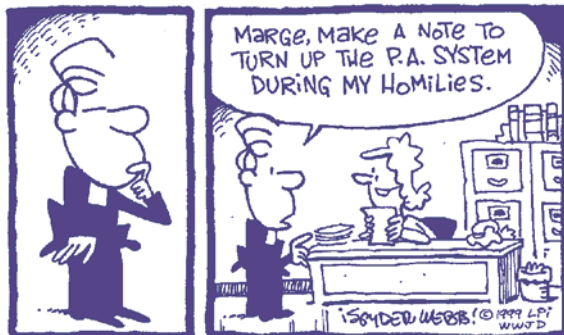
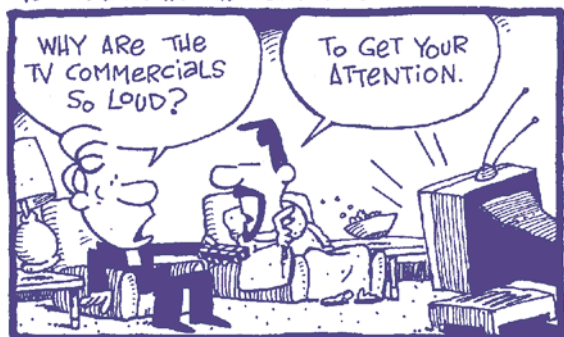
The MMP is for priests and laity who are devoted to Our Lady and her Rosary. The Prayer Cenacles are gatherings of prayer that consist of the Holy Rosary and Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Message from the MMP Book "To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons" is read at every Cenacle. We are 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**.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:

What does Jesus mean when he talks about taking up our cross?

Answer:

Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are faithful to it, we find God's plan for us, his way of allowing us to participate in his saving work, which in turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply, we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our life with all of its ups, downs, joys, and sorrows in union with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is joined to the cross, God's will for Jesus--the way in which he destroys sin and death and makes eternal life possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what we ourselves cannot do.

To take up the cross, then, means that we share in the mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to that of Christ. St. Paul says it best, "If we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection" (Rom 6:5).

LPI

Archdiocese of Hartford to Send Delegates to Historic Church Convocation: Your Prayers are Needed

Guided by the missionary vision of the Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* or Joy of the Gospel, the Archdiocese of Hartford is sending delegates to participate in the Convocation of Catholic Leaders. The purpose of the national meeting is to discuss the issues facing Catholics in the 21st Century, and to ultimately equip delegates with tools and resources they can use to evangelize in their respective dioceses.

The convocation will take place in Orlando, FL from July 1-4. Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, who as the chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis played an important role in planning the historic gathering, will lead a delegation of 25 people from throughout the Archdiocese.

"My hope is that these delegates will bring back to the Archdiocese innovative and creative ideas to share with parishioners. For a parish to grow and thrive, the challenge is for every parishioner to realize that being Catholic also means being evangelical, a missionary, and a witness for the faith. This is what Pope Francis is asking of all of us," says Archbishop Blair.

The Archbishop asks everyone to pray for the success of the convocation and for the Archdiocesan delegation who will be participating.

For more information about the *Convocation of Catholic Leaders* visit: usccb.org.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

It took five years of marriage before I was ready to have that first baby. Of course, now that I have three children I cannot imagine a life without them. After twenty-five years, I cannot imagine life without my wife as well.

And I know that I am lucky. I know those who have lost children or have been widowed. They couldn't imagine life without their loved ones either.

The tough reality to digest is that we don't own those whom we love. They are all gifts from God, entrusted to each of us as good stewards. If we cling too tightly, we become like the steward who buried his talents in the ground. If we don't care enough, we become like the prodigal son who squandered his gifts on gambling and frivolous living.

But can we love our loved ones too much? I am not sure it is possible to love others too much if it is genuine love. However, if we truly love them, then we will want to lead them to the One that gave them to us in the first place: God. We do that by demonstrating that no one comes before God in our lives, not even our family.

In this world, our loved ones make living meaningful. But this world is not the end. As much as we love them here, our ultimate goal is for them to live eternally with God. May my wife and kids never think I chose them over God, so that they may choose God over all else, as well. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

The truest crosses are those we do not choose ourselves.

- St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 2, 2017

- Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
- Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc-2/Jn 20:24-29
- Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/Mt 8:23-27
- Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8
- Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-6/Mt 9:14-17
- Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." When Jesus says paradoxical things like this, we can still trust him. Even when he makes claims that, at first glance, seem impossible, we know that he's not talking gibberish. Why? Because Jesus lived the ultimate paradox: he brought life out of death. His resurrection proves for us that things are not always as they appear. The Crucifixion, which looked like the end of Jesus' influence, was actually a tremendous new beginning.

So when Jesus promises that we will find life through a kind of death, we shouldn't question his claim. Of course in today's Gospel, Jesus isn't necessarily talking about physical death, although the "red" martyrs who suffer for him do in fact find their reward in eternal life. "White" martyrdom, on the other hand, is a kind of death to self that doesn't involve bloodshed. It means putting love and generous service ahead of our own self-gratification. It means doing these things for the sake of Christ. When he tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, this is what he's talking about.

So, how can we be white martyrs today? How can we sacrifice our desire for perfect comfort, or entertainment on demand, or status or pleasure or sleep or whatever else for the sake of serving another person? In our families, in our schools and workplaces, in our parishes, in our neighborhoods and our communities, there are myriad opportunities to "lose our lives" for the sake of Christ. But don't forget, in dying to ourselves, we will find our lives in a new way! The fulfillment Christ offers us in return, both now and in eternity, will be far better than anything we try to cling to on our own.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

How does your commitment to Jesus Christ affect your life? Our faith is not just a private affair but something that influences all of our relationships. Our baptism brings us into a very intimate relationship with God and makes us a brother or a sister to all of God's children. That identity we share colors how we relate to them and the level of responsibility we have to them. If we open ourselves to truly receive our God as Father and those with whom we journey as brothers and sisters, it can profoundly change and affect us. How has your baptism changed you?

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." (2 Kgs 4:9-10)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. (Rom 6:8)

Gospel:

"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." (Mt 10:42)

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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.



Robby Brisco Open July 31, 2017

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.

11 DAY PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER IN SPAIN AND MARIAN SHRINES

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"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



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.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO A LAY VOCATION?

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

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

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