

# Church of Saint Ann

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## 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"AND I TELL YOU, ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE;  
SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK AND THE  
DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU." - LK 11:9

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## BAPTISMS (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:

Rosary: 8:35 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

*17th Sunday Ordinary Time*

**MONDAY, July 25**

9:00 **Gloria Buda**, requested by  
*Rosanne Harutunian*

**TUESDAY, July 26**

9:00 **James Mancini**, requested by the Avon  
*Church Community*

**WEDNESDAY, July 27**

9:00 **Anne Hall (20th Ann.)** requested by  
*the Sopelak Family*

**THURSDAY, July 28**

9:00 **Special Intention**

**FRIDAY, July 29**

9:00 **Special Intentions**

**SATURDAY, July 30**

4:00 **John A. Loftus, Sr.**, requested by  
*Chris and Margaret Cooper*

**SUNDAY, July 31**

7:30 **Philomena Leone**, requested by  
*Bill & Julie Smith*  
9:30 **Jean Scholl**, requested by *Linda Ellis*  
11:00 **Sharon LaCourse**, requested by *Mischke*



*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, July 25**

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

**TUESDAY, July 26**

**WEDNESDAY, July 27**

**A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother:** after 9am Mass in  
Fr. Bennett Hall  
**Lectio Divina:** 3:30pm in Room 3  
**Youth Ministry Pizza & Prayer:** 11:30am-1pm in Room 3

**THURSDAY, July 28**

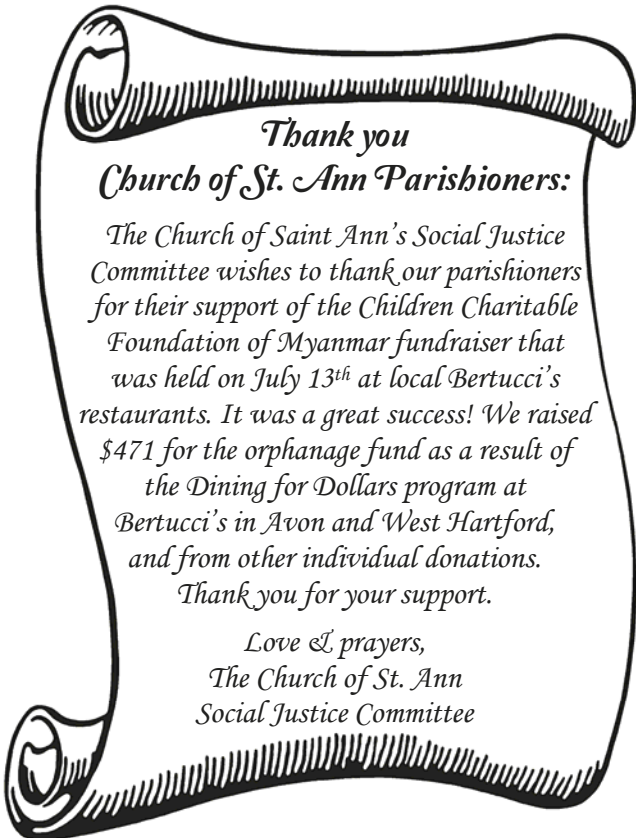
**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

**FRIDAY, July 29**

**SATURDAY, July 30**

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

**SUNDAY, July 31**



*Thank you*

*Church of St. Ann Parishioners:*

*The Church of Saint Ann's Social Justice Committee wishes to thank our parishioners for their support of the Children Charitable Foundation of Myanmar fundraiser that was held on July 13<sup>th</sup> at local Bertucci's restaurants. It was a great success! We raised \$471 for the orphanage fund as a result of the Dining for Dollars program at Bertucci's in Avon and West Hartford, and from other individual donations. Thank you for your support.*

*Love & prayers,  
The Church of St. Ann  
Social Justice Committee*

## A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother

**WEDNESDAY: JULY 27TH  
AFTER THE 9AM DAILY MASS  
FR. BENNETT HALL**



This Biblical Study has been well attended and enjoyed by all. At the request of those attending, 2 sessions have been combined into 1 presentation. The program concludes this Wednesday, July 27th.

July 27th – Session #7: Mary at the Cross,  
Session #8: Mary Crowned With Glory

Each session shows how Scripture, history and Jewish culture reveal the sorrows, anxieties and joys Mary would have felt in her heart. They provide a wonderful insight into the life of Mary. Even if you have missed the beginning sessions you will still find the remaining presentation to be inspirational.

**WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

July 17, 2016: \$5,548.50

Online Giving (week ending 7/6/16): \$2,088.00

Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: none**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION****2016/17 Religious Education Registration**

If you have not yet registered your children for the 2016-2017 school year, please do so as soon as possible as classes are being formed.

**We are now past the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, all payments must include the \$40.00 late fee.**

The Faith Formation Program Grades K-8 will begin Sunday, September 19, 2016. Grades K-4 will attend Avon Middle School Sunday mornings from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Grades 5-8 will attend Avon Middle School Sunday evenings from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

The Confirmation Program will begin Sunday, September 11, 2016. Confirmation classes will meet Sunday evenings at the Church of Saint Ann **Grade 9 and 10 Registrations end on 09/02/2016, as activities are already scheduled.**

**NOTE:** Please do not hold up your child(ren)'s registration due to financial concerns, we will happily work with you, all information is confidential.



## Feast of Saint Ann

### TUESDAY JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>

St. Ann is the mother of Mary and the grandmother of Jesus. She is the patron saint of grandmothers. Saint Ann's name means 'grace,' and

today we say prayers of thanks to God for all of the grace he has poured on the people of our beloved parish, the Church of St. Ann. May we continue to glorify God through our mission of Worship, Service and Lifelong Learning.

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

**No Office Hours in July & August. See you in September!**

### Marian Movement of Priests -Cenacle of Prayer

#### Monday evenings at St. Ann's from 7:15 8:15pm

The Cenacle format is very simple:

1. Invocation to the Holy Spirit, 2. Recitation of the Holy Rosary, 3. Prayers for our Holy Father, 4. Prayers for our Priests and Seminarians, 5. Reading and meditation on one of the messages given in the book—"To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons", 6. Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Please visit the official website of the MMP at [www.mmp-usa.net](http://www.mmp-usa.net) for additional information.

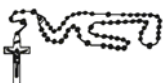
**If you are interested in joining us to pray a holy rosary, please come to the church on Monday evenings at 7:15. All are welcome! Come pray with us.**

**Communion For Shut-Ins**

The Eucharistic ministers would be ha 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**.

**Free Rosary Repair Service**

We have lots of parts. Leave broken rosaries in the rosary repair box which is now on a table in the Gathering Space . Repaired rosaries will be returned within the week. Also, donations of old and broken rosaries are accepted which will be repaired and sent on to the missions. Betty and Dick Holden at 860-658-6330 or [holdenbd@comcast.net](mailto:holdenbd@comcast.net)

**Lifelong Faith Formation**

This summer we are reflecting on excerpts from Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si* For the full text, please visit [stannavon.org/news](http://stannavon.org/news).

**Laudato Si****II. THE ISSUE OF WATER**

28. Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Sources of fresh water are necessary for health care, agriculture and industry... 29. One particularly serious problem is the quality of water available to the poor... Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because *they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity*... 31. Greater scarcity of water will lead to an increase in the cost of food and the various products which depend on its use. Some studies warn that an acute water shortage may occur within a few decades unless urgent action is taken. The environmental repercussions could affect billions of people; it is also conceivable that the control of water by large multinational businesses may become a major source of conflict in this century.

**III. LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY**

32. The earth's resources are also being plundered because of short-sighted approaches to the economy, commerce and production. The loss of forests and woodlands entails the loss of species which may constitute extremely important resources in the future, not only for food but also for curing disease and other uses. Different species contain genes which could be key resources in years ahead for meeting human needs and regulating environmental problems. 33. It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves. Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost forever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right.

## CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



We are looking for parishioners to volunteer their time to help with Confirmation and Youth Ministry Programs. Some things we need help with are hall monitoring and lending a hand with set-up and clean up after Teen Life Nights and group events. If you are able to help us please contact Rosemary Neamtz at [rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com](mailto:rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com) or 860-673-9858, ext. 226



**All St. Ann's Teens Welcome!**  
**Join us for Pizza & Prayer**  
**Wednesday, July 27th**  
**11:30am ~ 1pm**  
**Have lunch and see what St. Ann's Youth Ministry is all about!**  
**RSVP by Monday, July 25th to Mrs. Neamtz**  
**[rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com](mailto:rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com)**

### Stewards for Tomorrow Pastoral Planning Update



The first round of pastoral planning meetings among priests in the seventeen deaneries of the Archdiocese is complete. The outcomes from these meetings are draft recommendations for restructuring each deanery through a comprehensive design of our parishes and schools. Priests also took time to assess the strengths and weaknesses of their recommendations in preparation for sharing their results with select members of their respective congregations. Pastors have been asked to choose 4-6 people in their parish(es) to provide input and consultation in this phase as we move forward. Those chosen may meet at a parish level with their pastors and at some point, in a large-group session with other parish representatives from the deanery to review the draft recommendations and then determine what they feel are the strengths & benefits of the initial plan, as well as the weaknesses & concerns that they see. All of this information from the priests and parishioners will then be synthesized and developed into a FIRST DRAFT MODEL for Parishes and Schools of the Archdiocese, for review by the Office for Pastoral Planning. Subsequently, priests and parishioners will continue to consult, meet, review and refine restructuring recommendations throughout the remainder of 2016. Please be assured that whatever rumors you might have heard, NO DECISIONS REGARDING PARISH AND SCHOOL COMPREHENSIVE DESIGN (OPENINGS, CLOSINGS, MERGINGS OR NEW CONSTRUCTION) HAVE BEEN MADE, NOR WILL BE MADE, UNTIL AFTER MANY ROUNDS AND LEVELS OF CONSULTATION AND INDEED NOT BEFORE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER OF 2017 AT THE VERY EARLIEST. Please consult the Office of Pastoral Planning page on our Archdiocesan website: <http://archdioceseofhartford.org/office-of-pastoral-planning/>, for on-going "Stewards for Tomorrow" pastoral planning progress.

## The Church of Saint Ann Lives the Year of Mercy

### Take part in the "Good Summer Read" program for the Year of Mercy!

*My Journey to Live from the Inside Out*, by our own parishioner, **Shawn Elizabeth George**, is a compelling story about Shawn's awakening in faith, filled with practical wisdom on how our relationship with God can help our marriages, parenting and even our finances reflect mercy. **Stop by the parish offices to pick up your discounted copy of the book.** (\$15, checks payable to Shawn George) We'll gather for book talks in Sept. Questions? Contact Ann, [ames.distefano@gmail.com](mailto:ames.distefano@gmail.com); (860) 463-7495

### Kids' Summer Mercy Challenge

Whether you're at home, at camp or on vacation, there are lots of ways you can do mercy this summer! Go on [stannavon.org](http://stannavon.org) for more info and to download a Summer Mercy Challenge sheet. Bring your completed sheets to the Family Masses in the fall and we'll add them to our Mercy Quilt!

### "Summer of Mercy" Daily Email Reflections

Continue to grow in faith and mercy this summer! Receive daily inspiration in your email inbox from Matthew Kelly and team, and the authors of *Beautiful Mercy*. Sign up via [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com).

### Mercy Stories

Check out the latest at [stannavon.org](http://stannavon.org).

## FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

### Sharing the Gospel

Do you know how to pray? All you need to do is talk to God. He is your loving Father. Tell him how you would like to make him happy. Ask him to give you the things you really need. Ask him to help you forgive other people, just like he forgives you. God loves you, so talk to him often.

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving me and listening to me.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of your favorite place to talk to God.

### Mission for the Week

Make time to pray every day this week.

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For the Children...

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

WHOM DO YOU KNOW WHO  
IS SEEKING THE LORD?  
CAN YOU ASSIST IN THEIR  
SEARCH?

### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Big cities can have a special attraction. The commercial areas can be alive with such hustle and bustle. Walking past store windows and sidewalk restaurants can enliven one's spirit as the great mass of humanity seems to be undulating with all the excitement of commerce and exchange. In large cities one can often hear multiple languages just by walking a few blocks as people from different parts of the world mix together on the sidewalks of America. Walk a few blocks in any big city and it is likely that you will come upon someone begging or panhandling on the street. In some places the beggars are very discreet, just sitting on a bench or a sidewalk with a paper cup in their hand that may have a few coins in it so as not to attract the attention of the police. In other places, the begging may be more aggressive with requests hurled at passersby. In a big city, every beggar has his regulars who give him something when they see him. But there are also the hundreds who will pass by. And then there are the occasional visitors who are unsure whether to heed the beggars' pleas or not.

In the Gospel this weekend, the disciples of Jesus ask him to teach them how to pray. He then goes on to describe for them the nature of prayer. He reminds the disciples not to give up. They must be persistent in their prayer, asking for what is needed. Most of us probably can't ever conceive of ourselves as beggars sitting on the street corner of some large city, even though it is likely that at some point in our lives we have seen them (and maybe even given them something!). But that is exactly what we are every time we pray the Lord's Prayer. After all, we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." You can't be much more of a beggar than that!

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### Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church is not asking for special treatment when it comes to the federal healthcare mandate, she is simply asking that every American's right to religious freedom be protected. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday, or to pray the Rosary at home. It is about adhering to the tenets of our faith, so that we can contribute to the common good of all Americans.

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. If you have called, call again, our representatives need to pay attention.

### Readings for the Week of July 24, 2016

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/Col 2:12-14/  
Lk 11:1-13

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-6/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8-11, 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18/  
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or  
Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/  
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/  
Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

# THE BULLETIN BOARD

**COMING THIS Summer**

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CURE CHILDHOOD CANCER

Monday, August 15, 2016

Tunxis Golf Club  
87 Town Farm Road  
Farmington, CT

10:00 am Shotgun Start  
5:00 pm Dinner, Awards,  
Prizes and Auction

Register at [vieforthekids.org](http://vieforthekids.org)

**Wisdom House Retreat & Conference Center in Litchfield, CT**

**Experiences of Emerging Church  
With Peggy Richard.**

**Wednesday, August 10 from 6:30 - 8:30pm  
or Saturday, August 13 from 10 - noon**

Donation: \$5 - For information or to register: [peggyrichard.ct@mail.com](mailto:peggyrichard.ct@mail.com)

Bring your family to see "Zorba," a musical, at The Gary The Olivia Theater, a roofed, open air theater located on the beautiful grounds of the Abbey of Regina Laudis, a Benedictine community in Bethlehem, CT. Weekend performances run from 7/30 to 8/14 at 7:30 PM with matinees on Sundays at 2:30 PM. Children 11 and under are free and discounts are given to seniors and groups of 10 or more. To purchase tickets, please visit [www.thegarytheolivia.com](http://www.thegarytheolivia.com) or call the box office at 203-273-5669.

**NATIONAL NFP AWARENESS WEEK  
JULY 24 - JULY 30, 2016  
Natural Family Planning (NFP)  
Information Session.**

NFP is an umbrella term for modern, healthy, scientifically accurate, natural, and reliable methods of family planning. An introductory NFP session will be held on **Saturday August 20, 2016, 10:00-12:00 pm.** at St. Joseph Church, 149 Goodwin St. Bristol, CT 06010. Open to anyone interested in understanding more about NFP. Free. Registration required. Call Office of Family Life (860) 242-5573 Ext. 2683 or email [Martha.Pezo-Marin@AOHCT.org](mailto:Martha.Pezo-Marin@AOHCT.org)

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tabor House GIANT Tag Sale/Auction**

7/28 5-8PM \$10 admission opening reception/shopping  
7/29 12noon-6PM \$1.00 7/30 8-3pm free.

**KOEPEL COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTER at TRINITY COLLEGE  
175 NEW BRITAIN AVE/CORNER BROAD ST Hartford 06106**

*Free off-street parking. Benefits Tabor House AIDS residences in Hartford.*

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tabor House GIANT Tag sale/Auction, formerly at the Convent Sisters of St Joseph in West Hartford, has become a Connecticut tradition to benefit formerly homeless men living with HIV/AIDS who now live at both homes. This event has utilized over 300 volunteers annually who work all week to set it up. The event also benefits the immigrant and poor population of the inner city who need to outfit their residences with affordable items. 100% of the proceeds go to Tabor House.

Donations of gently used household items (no books, clothes or TV's) may be dropped off on site 7/25, 7/26, 7/27 8:30am-3:30pm contact [dtdyson@comcast.net](mailto:dtdyson@comcast.net) if questions?

**Would you like to study the Bible in depth, in the company of others?**

The Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Biblical School offers a comprehensive Bible study from a Catholic perspective. Interested? Please contact the CBS office at St. Thomas Seminary *by August 15.* Classes begin at **St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield in early September**, as well as at satellite locations in Hamden, Plantsville and Terryville, For more information, check the website [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org) or contact BJ Daly Horell at 860-242-5573, ext. 2670 or [catholic.biblical.school@aoht.org](mailto:catholic.biblical.school@aoht.org). If you'd like to talk to a St. Ann's CBS grad, please contact Ann DiStefano (see front page of bulletin).