



# Church of Saint Ann

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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.



# 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." - Lk 19:8

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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



31st Sunday Ordinary Time

## MONDAY, October 31

9:00 Paul Joseph Davenport, requested by The Aube Family

## TUESDAY, November 1, All Saints Day

9:00 Christopher Hwang, requested by the family  
12:10 Special Intentions  
7:00 Special Intentions

## WEDNESDAY, November 2, All Souls Day

9:00 Dr. Theodore deGroot, requested by Oscar & Ida Maillet

## THURSDAY, November 3

9:00 Cecelia White, requested by Lou & Eileen Del Prete

## FRIDAY, November 4

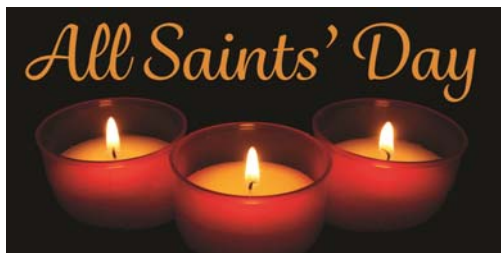
9:00 Jake Scheidel, requested by Ronald & Chris Maillet

## SATURDAY, November 5

4:00 Henry Hojnowski, requested by Russell & Diane Koch

## SUNDAY, November 6

7:30 Joseph Savidge, Jr., requested by the family  
9:30 For the deceased members of the Prince Thomas of Savoy Society and Ladies Auxilliary  
11:00 Josephine & Joseph Scafidi, requested by the Ligato Family



Tuesday, November 1, 2016

## All Saints Day

Holy Day of Obligation

*Masses will be at*

9:00 am \* 12:10 pm \* 7:00 pm

# 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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

### MONDAY, October 31

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, November 1

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

### WEDNESDAY, November 2

Clothing Sale Drop Off: 9am-7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall  
Acts of the Apostles Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 2 & 3 (filled)  
Lectio Divina: 3pm in Room 3

### THURSDAY, November 3

Clothing Sale Drop Off: 9am-7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall  
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church  
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft  
Youth Choir: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft  
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

### FRIDAY, November 4

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: 9:30am in Rooms 1 & 3  
Clothing Sale: 6-8pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (admission fee)

### SATURDAY, November 5

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3  
Clothing Sale: 8:30am-2pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (no admission fee)

### SUNDAY, November 6

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: 10:45am in Rooms 1 & 3

# Knights of Columbus



## Annual Pie Sale

Our Knights of Columbus will be in the Gathering Space taking orders for the annual Pie Sale after all Masses the weekends of: November 5/6 and November 12/13

The pies are \$10 each and choices will be:

*Pumpkin, Apple, Very-Berry & Peach-Praline*

Pies will be available for pick-up on the weekend of November 19/20 after all masses. Thanks for your support!

# St. Ann's Annual Clothing Sale

Please donate clean, gently used:  
clothing (all ages), shoes, outerwear, jewelry & accessories

## DONATION DATES:

Wednesday, November 2nd from 9am-7pm  
Thursday, November 3rd from 9am-7pm

## SALE DATES:

Friday, November 4th from 6-8pm  
(admission)  
Saturday, November 5th from 8:30am-2pm  
(no admission)

## VOLUNTEERS:

All you clothing-conscience souls: we need your help!  
Think about volunteering for some fashionable fun!

## CONTACT:

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## PROCEEDS:

All proceeds are used for partial tuition scholarships  
that are awarded to deserving Hartford students  
attending local Catholic High Schools.

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

### WANTED:

Your Stories, Photos and Art for Our Mercy Quilt

As the Year of Mercy draws to a close (Nov 20), we are creating a paper Mercy Quilt to show the many ways we have been sharing mercy at St. Ann. ADULTS and CHILDREN, do you have a story, photo or piece of art to add to our display? Please contact Ann by Nov 10<sup>th</sup>: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com).

### Highlights from the Spiritual Works of Mercy Workshops

Thank you to Bill Walsh of Holy Family Retreat Center and all the attendees who traded wisdom on how to manage difficult relationships with mercy, at last week's workshops on the Spiritual Works of Mercy. For highlights from the event, please visit [www.stannavon.org/special-events-1](http://www.stannavon.org/special-events-1).

## Christmas Pageant Auditions Friday, November 4th!



Auditions and Sign-ups for the 2016 *Living Nativity, A Christmas Pageant*, will be held on Friday, November 4th from 3:00-5:00 in the Gathering Space. Performers aged 3-13 are welcome and encouraged to participate in this beautiful St. Ann's tradition. The performance will take place on Saturday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Susan Rietano Davey, [srietano@gmail.com](mailto:srietano@gmail.com), with questions.



*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." - Mt 5:3, 9*  
*Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.*




**WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

October 23, 2016: \$7,033.50  
 Online Giving (week ending 10/26/16): \$2,521.00  
 Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:  
 Catholic Worker House

### Annual Parish Collection



*We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our Annual Parish Collection. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your gift card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated. Thank you.*

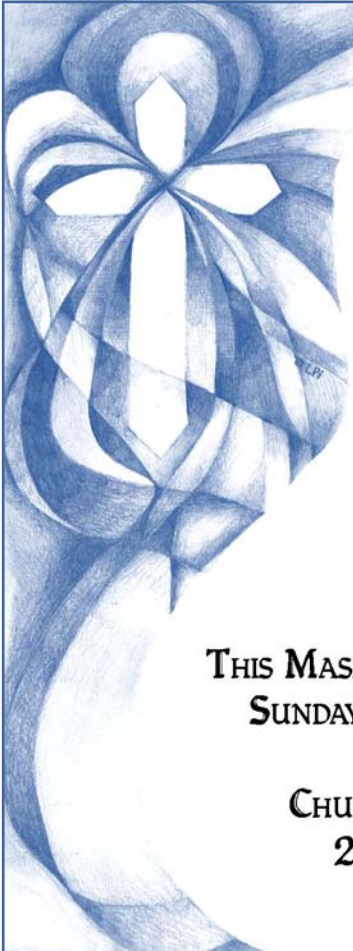


Many Hartford area companies will soon begin their United Way Campaigns. Last year, many parishioners were generous in designating St. Ann's as the beneficiary of their United Way pledge, and for that I am most grateful. Please consider designating St. Ann's Church (United Way code #AG0723) for your United Way pledge. Thank you for your generosity. -Fr. McHugh



### 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.



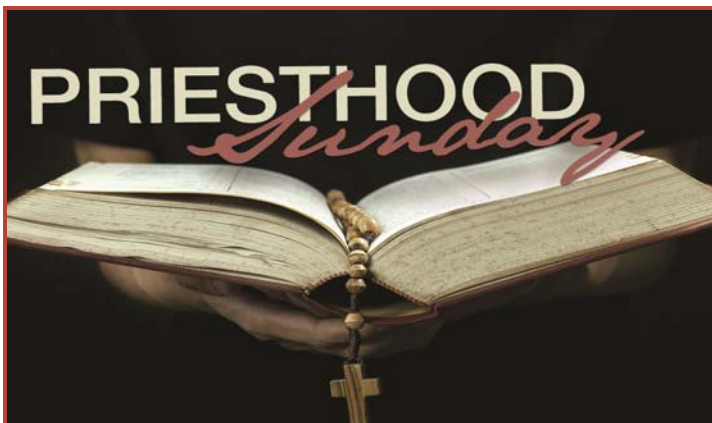
**THE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE OF SAINT ANN'S PARISH**

*Invites you to participate in a special Mass to celebrate the lives of your deceased loved ones, who meant so much to you and others.*

**THIS MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016 9:30 A.M. CHURCH OF SAINT ANN 289 ARCH ROAD AVON, CT**

### St. Ann Helps Hurricane Victims

In response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew, the archdiocese is collecting funds to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities in the storm-affected areas of the US and the Caribbean. Thanks to your past generosity to our parish, Fr. McHugh is able to make a donation of \$2,000 to this appeal on behalf of the St. Ann parish family. Please continue to pray for the hurricane victims, and to support this year's Annual Parish Collection.



### Priesthood Sunday

Whenever we interact with our priests, do we see them as human and frail like the rest of humanity? Or on the other hand, do we see them as supermen, able to withstand all the stresses and strains of being human? I hope you see your priest as very human. Quite possibly, even more human than most of us. Why? Because they not only have their own struggles being human, but they accompany us in our humanness too. Therefore, this Priesthood Sunday, turn the tables. Attempt to be the listener to the human side of your priest. Do not automatically tell him your troubles; begin by asking him what is going on in his life. Thank him warmly for giving up so much to spend his life in service to others. Try it. You might be surprised to find out your priest is just like you!

# FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

## Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

TEACH  
BLESSED  
COMFORTED

FILLED  
MERCY  
PURE

PEACEMAKERS  
REJOICE  
REWARD

A T I C H Y C O P Y M  
R E J O I C E R E T A  
D A B F L O S U A S D  
E C O I U M E R C Y E  
F H D L M F U A E U R  
I E Y L A O C Y M P I  
P U R E P R E W A R D  
C A M D O T I R K O U  
O S U B L E S S E D R  
J Y C E N D B I R G O  
U L A D I R A W S E D

For the Children...

## Readings for the Week of October 30, 2016

- Sunday: Wis 11:22--12:2/Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14/  
2 Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10
- Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1-3/Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/  
Jn 6:37-40
- Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Phil 3:17--4:1/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 8-9/Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/  
2 Thes 2:16--3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children have such great expectations. They often show an eagerness that marvels adults. They can't wait to get at the Christmas gifts. They race off to explore new vistas. They dive into new things with an energy that seems beyond imagining. This exuberant curiosity that characterizes childhood gets

channeled over time into an exploration of one's place in the world as teenagers or young adults discover their own selves and decide what they want to do with their lives. Sometimes, the intense eagerness of childhood is restrained by the reality of the adult world in which real limitations are made manifest. Not everything is a game to explore anymore.

In this weekend's Gospel, we have a story of a man who had to face his own limitations. Zacchaeus was a short guy. He couldn't see above the crowd. But he used his own ingenuity in his attempt to see Jesus. He climbed up a sycamore tree and sat in its branches because he wanted to catch a glimpse of this prophet who had come to Jericho. Jesus in turn stops at the sycamore and invites Zacchaeus to come down. Whatever limitations Zacchaeus had because of his height, it didn't seem to affect his business acumen, for the Gospel tells us that he was a wealthy man. The people of Jericho seem to think that not all of his wealth was acquired legitimately. But Zacchaeus stands his ground, promising to over-compensate anyone whom he may have harmed.

As we move on in life, we may find ourselves at the point of having lost some of the enthusiasm for what got us to where we are. Our day-to-day experiences can sometimes feel like a rut that consumes our energy. The story of Zacchaeus reminds us that there can be a renewal of grace that enlivens us once again. We might consider where Jesus is walking by in our life, and if we have the eagerness to see him.

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## Defending Our Religious Liberty

We are called to advocate for the most fundamental of human goods and rights, in particular, the right to life and the right not only to profess our faith, but to live it out. We are advocating for the freedom to "be Catholic," to go about our lives serving the needs of our brothers and sisters, regardless of their race, creed, or religion, not because they are Catholic but because we are Catholic.

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 state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

### 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## THE BULLETIN BOARD



### WHAT IS A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ?

*The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a positive and personal experience offering married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives. It is a chance to look deeply into their relationship with each other and with God. It is a time to share their feelings, hopes and dreams with each other. The emphasis of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is on the communication between husbands and wives. The weekend provides a conducive environment for couples to spend time together, away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, while encouraging them to focus on each other and their relationship. It is not a retreat, marriage clinic, group sensitivity, or a substitute for counseling. It is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Marriage. It truly is a marriage enrichment program. This is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together; to rediscover each other and together focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention! Simply put – it is one of the best marriage enrichment programs offered to married couples.*

### UPCOMING 2016 WEEKENDS

November 18-20, 2016  
 Baymont Inn and Suites  
 Manchester, Connecticut

For more information and registration please visit the following website:

<http://www.wmnect.org/#dates>

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## OPEN HOUSE St. Mary's School - Simsbury

Curious about the benefits of a Catholic education? St. Mary's School invites you to attend our Open House for Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth grade on Thursday, November 3, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Now accepting applications for the 2017- 2018 school year. For questions or to RSVP please contact Toni Chagnon at 860-658-9412 or [tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net](mailto:tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net)

## FREE PIANO CONCERT

Rick Daddario, music director for The Church of Saint Mary Star of the Sea, Unionville, will once again present a one-hour piano concert at the church on **Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm**. The concert, which is open to the general public **FREE OF CHARGE**, will feature an hour-long medley of standard favorites from Broadway and film, and contemporary tunes. For those who may wish to contribute, a free-will offering will be accepted with **100%** of all proceeds donated to the **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)** North



Central CT/Western MA Chapter and Greater New Haven Chapter. Mark the date on your calendar now, and plan to attend and enjoy an afternoon of relaxing music. Refreshments will be offered in the gathering hall following the program.

## Craft Festival & Marketplace

To Benefit Medical Aid to Haiti

November 12 & 13

Church of St. Peter Claver  
 47 Pleasant Street  
 West Hartford, CT

Saturday 10-5:30 Sunday 9:30 -4

## The Avon Lions Charities Inc. HARVEST BREAKFAST

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016  
 1<sup>st</sup> Company, Governors Horse Guard Facility  
 280 Arch Road, Avon  
 Adults: \$8.00, Children 5-12: \$4.00  
 Children 4 and under: Free



## HALLOWEEN

Halloween has its origins in the ancient pagan Celtic and Roman fall festivals which commemorated the new year and the passing of the dead. Pope Boniface VI set November 1 as All Saint's Day, known as All Hallowsmas, from Middle English *Alhallowmesse*. When November 2 was made All Souls Day 200 years later, the three days' celebration was called Hallowmas. The customs of Halloween, costumes, food and parties evolved over time, some rooted in ancient rites, others in remembrance of those who had died. These pagan feasts were Christianized by new meanings, although today it remains largely a secular holiday. –Rev. James Gaffney