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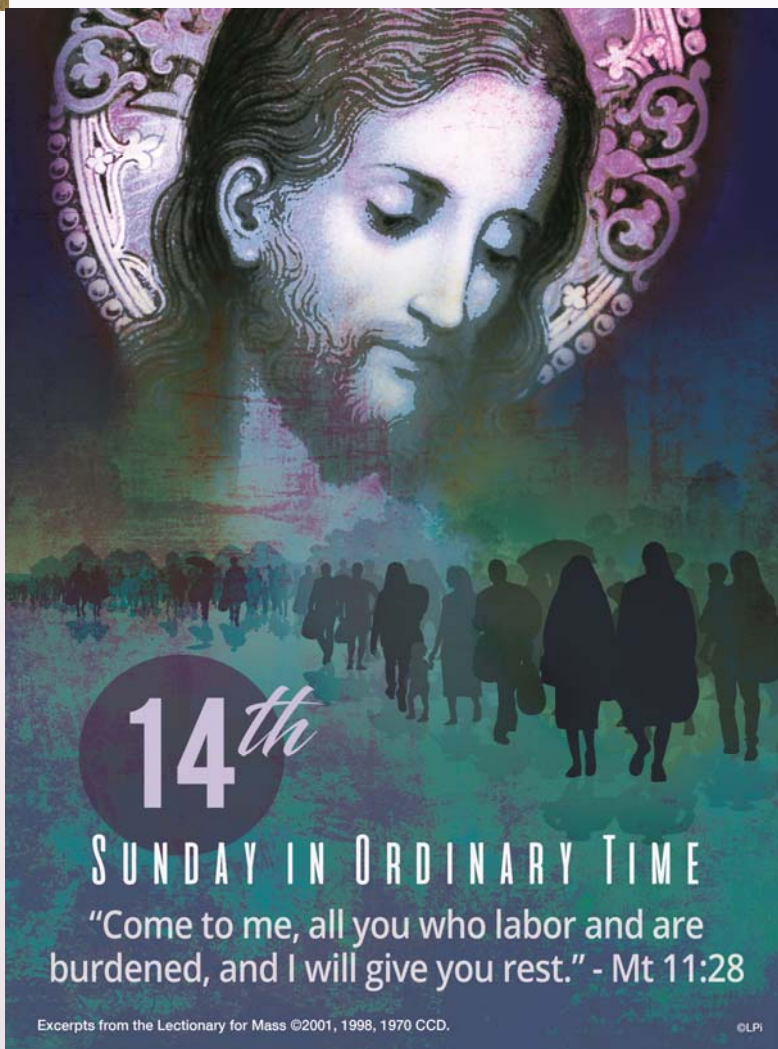
Call the Parish Office

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



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

MONDAY, July 10
9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, July 11
9:00 Michael and Helen Ragusa, requested by their daughter

WEDNESDAY, July 12
9:00 Peter Pavlik, requested by the family

THURSDAY, July 13
9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, July 14
9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, July 15
4:00 Joseph Jamilkowski, requested by his wife

SUNDAY, July 16
7:30 Lewis Affelder, requested by Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group
9:30 Gloria Montano, requested by Mike and Joan Gould
11:00 Maria Scibelli, requested by Michael Suski and the Suski Family

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, July 10
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church. Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!

TUESDAY, July 11

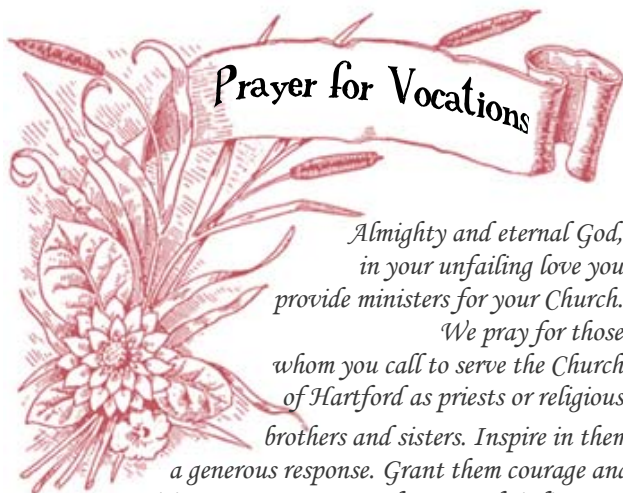
WEDNESDAY, July 12

THURSDAY, July 13
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, July 14

SATURDAY, July 15
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, July 16
"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures": 10:30am in Rm. 3



Prayer for Vocations

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church of Hartford as priests or religious brothers and sisters. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth.



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

T H I S S U N D A Y

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

July 2, 2017: \$7,875.70
Online Giving/Payments (week ending 7/5/17): \$2,724.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection: monthly

**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.

For Parents & Godparents:

**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.

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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!"

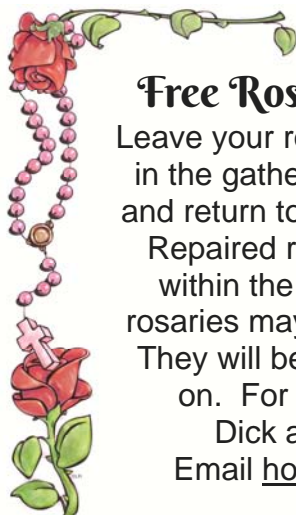
- Callie Barnes



Do You Sew?



We are currently looking for help with our Baptismal Robe Sewing Ministry. If you have a sewing machine and can help us sew these simple robes, please contact Kris in the Parish Office:
860-673-9858, x.221
Thank you!



Free Rosary Repair Service

Leave your rosary for repair in the box in the gathering space. Mark repair and return to me or this is a donation. Repaired rosaries will be returned within the week. Old and broken rosaries may be left for the missions. They will be repaired and then sent on. For more information call Dick at 239-463-3993 or Email holdenbnd@gmail.com.

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**.



HEARTS & SOULS

There will be no office hours in July and August.
See you in September!

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the Lectionary. The Lectionary is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday. Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and n

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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

Many young people want to make a path for themselves in life without the help and guidance of others. My own young adult son oftentimes refuses assistance because he feels that he must learn to go it alone and have his achievements based solely upon his effort. However, few truly get anywhere of circumstance without the aid of others.

The body of Christ only functions well when we move together and help each other. Unfortunately, too often parts of the body seek to do their own thing and do not integrate with the other parts. We use our gifts in ways that are only focused on our own gains and our own being. But be mindful, our gifts exist in us to be cultivated and shared with God and his people.

In the same manner, with Jesus as the head of this body, he is there for us as well. In Jesus we find our rest and assistance with our burdens. I cannot imagine life without the compassion and aid of our God. If it isn't bad enough that some people fail to lean on their brothers and sisters, some of them fail to ever turn to God.

This is never good stewardship. A stewardship way of life seeks to share and integrate with others, especially Jesus. We have been created for community. If we take seriously our discipleship, a true relationship with Jesus always beckons us into community with other believers. Here we are strongest. Here we are the most fruitful. Here we are Christ's body on earth.-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

In everything, whether it is a thing sensed or a thing known, God Himself is hidden within.

- St. Bonaventure

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD: Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. (Zec 9:9)

Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)

Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. (Rom 8:11)

Gospel:

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Mt 11:28-30)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 9, 2017

- Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
- Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15/Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33
- Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Is there anyone to whom this doesn't apply? Don't we all have to labor at something, whether it be work, school, relationships, household affairs, or personal, emotional, or mental battles? Aren't we all burdened in some way at some time?

Jesus offers us powerful words of consolation in today's Gospel. He promises us rest. He calls all of us to himself, along with the baggage and burdens that we carry, and assures us that we will find relief. Thank God! What a gift for our tired, weary souls.

The strange part about the passage, however, is when Jesus suggests that in order to find this wonderful rest, we have to take a "yoke" upon our shoulders. This of course is a reference to the animal harness of old that would join two oxen together to share the weight of the load they carried. He tells us, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me... For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Somehow, joining Jesus in his work is supposed to bring us rest! Contrary to the standard belief that NOT working is the source of relief, Jesus urges us to join him in his mission in order to find peace. But what is this mission? To be "meek and humble of heart." Jesus' work is to do whatever God the Father wants him to do. As he says elsewhere, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work" (Jn 4:34). So, it seems that if we also humbly submit to doing God's work--with Jesus right alongside us as our partner in the task--we will "find rest" for ourselves. So as we labor through the trials of the day, may we bear this in mind, and pray that we may handle them according to the will of God.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Jesus tells us, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." These words may seem a bit contradictory at first given how hard it can often be to be a disciple and live as Jesus taught. While the Gospel can be difficult, it is never a burden. On another occasion Jesus says of his Father, "It is mercy I desire, not sacrifice." God desires our hearts and when we give him our hearts we become free. We become free of ourselves and discover the joy that comes from serving God and others. We can easily get very rigid in terms of our faith, think that we know better, and place expectations on others that can be more of a burden than a source of new life. Are we willing to be open and learn from Jesus?

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/robb-brisco-open/



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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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