



# 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.



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

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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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



21st Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

MONDAY, August 28  
9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, August 29  
9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, August 30  
9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, August 31  
9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, September 1  
9:00 Robert Collier (10th Ann.), requested by  
the family

SATURDAY, September 2  
4:00 Lewis Affelder, requested by the  
St. Ann Eucharistic Ministers

SUNDAY, September 3  
7:30 Special Intentions  
9:30 Robert Collier, requested by  
the Keating Family  
11:00 Special Intentions

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, August 28  
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.  
Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!  
Parent Book Talk: 5pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

TUESDAY, August 29

WEDNESDAY, August 30

THURSDAY, August 31  
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, September 1

SATURDAY, September 2  
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

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

VIRTUS Training

Tuesday, September 5, 2017  
Fr. Bennett Hall  
6:00pm

All volunteers and employees at Catholic churches are required to complete this training. The session will last approximately 2.5 hours. If you volunteer or plan to and have not yet completed this course, you can get more information and register at: [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).



Tools for Schools  
Collection  
Through September 2/3

The leaves will soon be turning, air chilling, and school buses rolling... it's time for our annual Tools for Schools Collection, which will run through September 2/3. This collection is of great assistance to the Catholic Worker House, Hartford refugee families and the Avon Food Pantry families.

Any/all NEW school supplies are welcomed. Backpacks are especially needed. Please place the items in the area marked "Tools for Schools" in the Gathering Space or bring down to church offices below Fr. Bennett Hall.

May you be blessed for your generosity!

Please consider these suggested items:

- \*Backpacks \* Calculators \* Notebooks
- \*Pencils \* Dictionaries \* Rulers \*
- Pencil sharpeners \* Pens
- \* Notebook paper \* Markers etc.



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

August 20, 2017: \$6,539.41  
 Online Giving/Payments (week ending 8/23/17): \$2,995.00  
 Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:  
*none*

## Good Summer Read Book Talks Are Here!



### HOW CAN I BE SURE MY CHILDREN FEEL LOVED?

*The Five Love Languages of Children* by Gary Chapman, PhD and Ross Campbell, MD teaches parents, grandparents and godparent how to express love to each child in a language they understand.

- **BOOK TALK: Monday, August 28th at 7:00pm**  
 Facilitator: Shawn George, faith & family life author

### WHY ARE RELATIONSHIPS SO COMPLICATED?

*The Five Love Languages* by Dr. Gary Chapman shows how understanding the different ways people receive and express love can strengthen all our relationships.

- **BOOK TALK: Wed., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 8-9pm, Fr. Bennett Hall.**

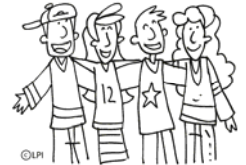
"I invite all Christians...to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them.... If we have received the *love which restores meaning to our lives*, how can we fail to share that love with others?" Pope Francis. In his work, *The Joy of the Gospel*, the Holy Father reminds us of the blessings of knowing Jesus and our call to share Jesus with others in today's world. Read this inspiring document online via [stannavon.org/book-discussions-1](http://stannavon.org/book-discussions-1), or in book form via Amazon, etc.

- **BOOK TALK with Deacon Jeff Sutherland:**  
**Wed., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm, Fr. Bennett Hall**

# St. Ann's YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Ann's Youth Ministry is seeking 9th - 12th Grade Teens who are interested in further exploring their faith and continuing to serve those less fortunate. We will meet once a month, starting in September. Please email Rosemary Neamtz at: [rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com](mailto:rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com) to register.

Why not grab a friend and join us!



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### Fall 2017 Offerings

Gather with others to connect faith and life!

We meet in Room 3, beginning the week of September 10<sup>th</sup>:

#### \*UNPACKING THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES (ongoing program)

- Sunday Group: 10:30am-12pm (Chip Janiszewski)
- Monday Group: 7:15-8:45pm (Jim Serruta)
- Materials provided; bring your New American Bible, Revised Edition
- Register with Ann DiStefano (bulletin front), or **drop in**

#### \*BIBLE STUDY: "Matthew: The King & His Kingdom" (24-session series)

- Wednesday Group: 7:15-8:45pm (Ann DiStefano)
- Friday Group: 9:30-11am (Pat Wall)
- \$28 for workbook (scholarships available)
- Register with Ann DiStefano (see website)

\*Parent Enrichment programs begin in October, see the website.

## Psalms: The School of Prayer



We hear the Psalms read or sung at every Mass between the first and second readings, but do we understand their significance? At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us to learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them, Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. These sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us. Their words captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God.

Join us beginning September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in Conference Room #3 and continuing each Wednesday for 11 sessions. This is a video-based study by Jeff Cavins, Sarah Christmyer and Dr. Tim Gray. Many parishes throughout our country and globally, have studied these programs presented by Ascension Press and have been richly blessed. The cost of the study book is \$25.

For more information or to register please call Janet Newman at 860-573-3446 or via email: [wjnewman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wjnewman@sbcglobal.net).



*He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." - Mt 16:15-17*

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### 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 a job opening: **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](http://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!

### 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 Betty & Dick Holden at 239-463-3993 or Email [holdenbd@gmail.com](mailto:holdenbd@gmail.com).




### Anniversary Mass 2017 Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm Cathedral of Saint Joseph

**ALL COUPLES  
CELEBRATING THEIR 25TH, 50TH, 60TH AS WELL AS  
OTHER SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR  
ARE INVITED.**

Archbishop Blair will be the main celebrant. Mass will include the renewal of marriage vows, followed by a simple reception and an opportunity for a photo with Archbishop Blair. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Please call Kris in the parish office at 860-673-9858, x.221 to respond to this invitation by September 11th. Questions regarding the Mass can be directed to Clarigsa Pena at 860-242-5573, x.2690.

#### 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

*Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments*

*Sometimes when I ask one of my children about who they were with or about a classmate at school they answer me with, "You don't know them." Apparently, since I do not know him or her personally, I do not need to know the person's name. I may not know this person but I do know that he or she exists in the everyday life of one of my children. If my children don't share with me anything about their friend or classmate, I can only assume he or she has no great impact on my sons' or daughter's daily lives. Of course, sometimes the response I get is simply my teen being a typical teen.*

*Has Jesus had a significant impact on your life? Do you know Jesus personally? If someone asked you about him what would you say?*

*My children respond the way they do to me because they are still young and immature. However, some adults are immature as well: immature in faith. We shy away from any discussion of God in our lives and we rarely share our faith. Most days we will not be asked the question, "Who is Jesus?" But we will be in situations where we are being called to share a little bit about ourselves. If Jesus has truly changed our lives and we never seem to want to share something about him with others, they may as well assume that he has had no real impact on us. On the other hand, if we are mature disciples in Jesus Christ, I suspect that others can't help but know about the great friend we have in him.*

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

**QUOTES**

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Love is the beauty of the soul.*

- St. Augustine

**WEEKLY READINGS**

*Readings for the Week of August 27, 2017*

- Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
- Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mk 6:17-29
- Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Simon got a new name after his profession of faith. As soon as he declared to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus renamed him with a title that means "rock." And with that name he gave Peter the mission to be a solid foundation upon which he would build his church. Not Peter's church. Not James or Paul's church. Not Martin Luther's or John Calvin's or anybody else's. This is Jesus' church, the church of Christ himself, that we call the Catholic Church.

So it was Christ himself who desired to give authority in the church--"the keys to the kingdom of heaven"--to a human leader. Peter was thus established as the first pope. He exercised a special kind of headship, within the community of the apostles and the church at large, because Jesus gave him the power to do so, not because Peter claimed it for himself. And so too every pope since, right down to our Holy Father today, exercises this unique leadership within the Church.

What a gift this is to us! Jesus knew well the human tendency to squabble and disagree, to argue and compete. He knew that the church would be prone to all of this because of her members, and that providing a final voice of authority, saying in effect that "the buck stops here" would be helpful for maintaining unity. As Catholics, even in spite of the differing opinions and perspectives that are manifest in the Church, we nonetheless maintain a strong sense of identity and belief thanks in large part to the papacy. Today, may we give thanks for the pope and pray for him as he strives to lead all of us closer and closer to Christ.

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

*Live the Liturgy*

We all know the given answers to the question: who is Jesus? Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah, Lord, and the Christ are some that immediately come to mind. But, who do YOU say that Jesus is? Who we need or want Jesus to be becomes the key to unlocking a relationship with God. For some, Jesus is just a prophet, a wise man, or an inspirational figure in history. These labels keep Jesus in the past and prevent us from really having a living, vibrant relationship with him. If Jesus is more than this to you, then who is he and what purpose does he serve in your life?

**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:**

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open. (Is 22:22)

**Psalm:**

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

**Second Reading:**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! (Rom 11:33)

**Gospel:**

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. (Mt 16:19-20)

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# THE BULLETIN BOARD



**2017 Women's Conference**

**Registration Is Now Open!  
To Register Visit  
[www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org](http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org)**

The Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis is pleased to announce the inaugural Archdiocesan Women's Conference – a day to celebrate our Roman Catholic faith.

The event will take place on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Hartford Marriott Downtown in Hartford, CT and run from 9 AM- 5 PM – a full day of inspiration, spiritual nourishment, and sisterhood.

**ReNew & ReFresh ReTreat:  
Franciscan Legacy!  
Our world needs the charisms  
of St. Francis right now!**

Come to relax and retreat, a time for spiritual refreshing and socializing with new friends and those you met on DDA, COP and CAM. Experience our welcoming community and get to know our new Cap Corps Volunteers and Chaplain, Fr. Erik Lenhart! 7pm Sept 1-3pm, Sept 3: \$125/pp, Closing Mass & Commissioning of 2017-2018 CCVs on Sunday 3pm. \$60 deposit & application due by 8/29/2017. Find more info on web: [cyfm.org](http://cyfm.org). Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY 10524. (845) 424-3609. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flocknote: CYFMGarrison.

**Farmington Continuing Education**

Farmington Continuing Education announces the fall 2017 class offerings for English for Speakers of Other Languages, high school completion (GED, credit diploma, NEDP), citizenship, and adult basic education starting in September. Registration will be held September 5, 7 and 12; daytime at 10 a.m. at the Farmington Library (6 Monteith Drive) and September 5, 6, 11; evening at 6 p.m. at Farmington High School in Room 805. These classes are free to residents of Farmington/ Unionville, Avon, Canton/Collinsville and Burlington/ Harwinton. Bring proof of residency and photo ID. Visit our website at [www.fpsct.org/fce](http://www.fpsct.org/fce) for youth and adult enrichment class/trip offerings.

**The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry shares these quotes on Church Teaching.**  
For more information visit: [www.catholicsocialjustice.org](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org)

**Catholic Teaching on Solidarity:** We are one human family. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Pope John Paul II insists, "We are all really responsible for all." Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice." The Gospel calls us to be "peacemakers." Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we be "sentinels of peace" in a world wounded by violence and conflict. —USCCB Administrative Committee, *Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility*, p. 15

**Catholic Teaching on the Life and Dignity of the Human Person:** Every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, each person's life and dignity must be respected, whether that person is an innocent unborn child in a mother's womb, whether that person worked in the World Trade Center or a market in Baghdad, or even whether that person is a convicted criminal on death row. We believe that every human life is sacred from conception to natural death, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of