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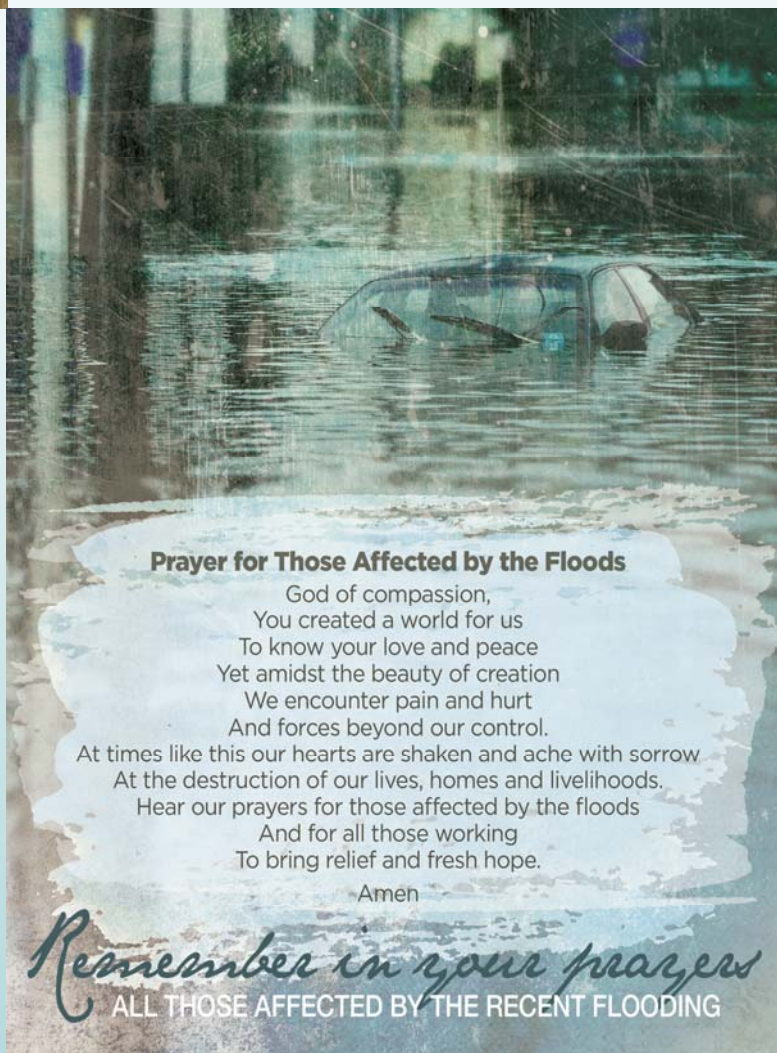
Call the Parish Office

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.



Prayer for Those Affected by the Floods

God of compassion,
You created a world for us
To know your love and peace
Yet amidst the beauty of creation
We encounter pain and hurt
And forces beyond our control.
At times like this our hearts are shaken and ache with sorrow
At the destruction of our lives, homes and livelihoods.
Hear our prayers for those affected by the floods
And for all those working
To bring relief and fresh hope.
Amen

Remember in your prayers
ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE RECENT FLOODING

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



**22nd 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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

MONDAY, September 4
9:00 **Special Intentions**

TUESDAY, September 5
9:00 **Yang-Jin Kim, requested by her daughter**

WEDNESDAY, September 6
9:00 **Lucille Candusso, requested by Rosanne Harutunian**

THURSDAY, September 7
9:00 **In celebration of the 55th wedding anniversary of Dave and Ann Matthes**

FRIDAY, September 8
9:00 **Janet Garger, requested by the Garger Family**

SATURDAY, September 9
4:00 **Mary Hojnowski, requested by Russell and Diane Koch**

SUNDAY, September 10
7:30 **Special Intentions**
9:30 **Janet Garger, requested by the Garger Family**
11:00 **Lewis Affelder, requested by the Prince Thomas of Savoy Women's Auxilliary**

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, September 4
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: Will not meet today due to the Labor Day holiday...will return next week
Parent Book Talk: 5pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

TUESDAY, September 5
VIRTUS Training Class: 6pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

WEDNESDAY, September 6
Joy of the Gospel Book Talk: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
Five Love Languages Book Talk: 8pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, September 7
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, September 8

SATURDAY, September 9
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3


SUNDAY, September 10
"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.*






Tools for Schools Collection

Through This Weekend
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 *
- Dictionaryes * Rulers * Pencil sharpeners * Pens
- * Notebook paper * Markers etc.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

August 27, 2017: \$7,486.00
Online Giving/Payments (week ending 8/30/17): \$3,023.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection: Bolivian Missions

JOIN OUR CONVERSATIONS

Wednesday, Sept 6th

St. Ann's "Good Summer Reads" 2017

RSVPs appreciated: ann.distefano@stannavon.com
DROP INS WELCOME!



THE POPE HAS A MISSION FOR YOU!

The Holy Father calls us to embrace the blessings and challenges of sharing the joys of a relationship with Jesus in today's complex society. Our own Deacon Jeff will walk us through this important work, as you share what you find inspiring, challenging, and empowering.

Discussion:

Wed., Sept. 6th, 7-8pm, Fr. Bennett Hall

Facilitator: Deacon Jeffrey Sutherland



GAIN WISDOM FOR ALL YOUR RELATIONSHIPS!

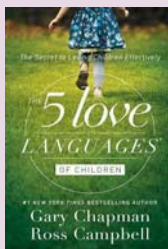
30+ years as a marriage counselor led author Gary Chapman, PhD, to the realization that there are five primary ways that people receive and express love. Local Marriage and Family Therapist April Smolski will lead a

discussion of the book, sharing her experiences in using the theory in private practice, and inviting your personal connections.

Discussion:

Wed., Sept. 6th, 8-9pm, Fr. Bennett Hal

Facilitator: April Smolski, MA, LMFT



THANK YOU to Shawn George for leading a lively, insightful discussion of *The Five Love Languages of Children* on August 28th! Thank you also to our participants for sharing your experiences and renewing your commitment as parents and grandparents.

Missed it? For handouts, etc.

Visit www.stannavon.org/book-discussions-1



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Fall 2017 Offerings

Gather with others to connect faith and life!
 We meet in Room 3, beginning the week of September 10th:

***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 20th 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.





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 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

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**.



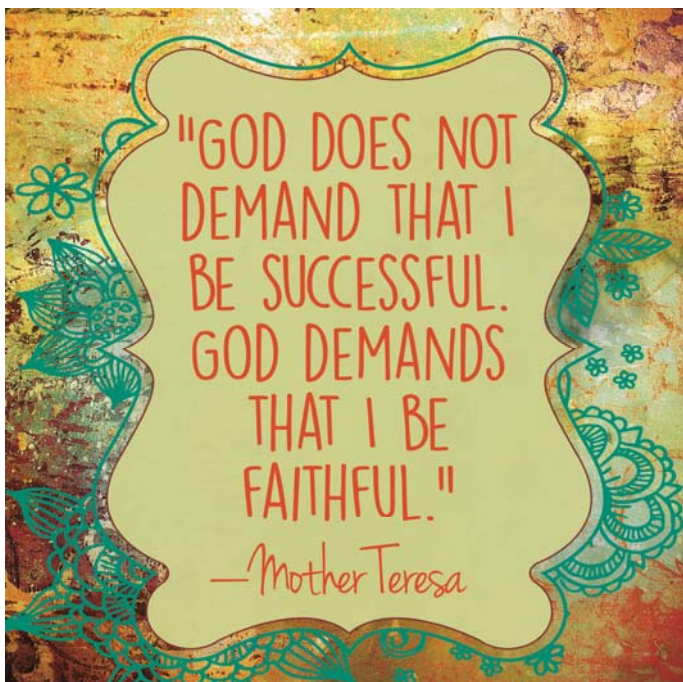
Are you an adult who has been baptized, but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

St. Ann's is delighted to offer a six-week preparation program just for you, leading to your confirmation at one of the two annual celebrations of confirmation (fall and spring) offered by the Archdiocese of Hartford. If you think you need lots more preparation, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) may be the ticket for you instead.

If you are interested in either of these programs, please join us for an informal get-together on September 12, at 7 PM in Room 3, which is below Fr. Bennett Hall. We will discuss the programs together and determine what's best for you. If you cannot make this gathering, please contact Maureen Fiedler, St. Ann's RCIA Coordinator, at 860-995-4026 to register. Deacon Jeff and Deacon Tim will be facilitating the programs along with Maureen. All of us are available to answer your questions.

For your planning purposes, here's when and where we meet:

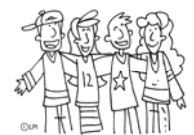
- The adult confirmation program will meet on Thursdays, weekly, from September 14 through October 19, at 7 PM in Room 3 below Father Bennett Hall.
- RCIA meets weekly for one year, starting Tuesday, September



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 to register.

Why not grab a friend and join us!



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

How many public self-storage facilities can you find in your city or town? They seem to be popping up everywhere. One day I was talking to my neighbor and he was explaining that he just wanted to have his garage back again. He was thinking about moving everything to a storage unit so he could gain what he wanted more than all that stuff: space. We talked about the fact that if he chose to follow through with it there was no shortage of places to house all of it. Of course, we also agreed that it would be better to simply let go of all it. He could sell it or give it away. But, of course, it was good stuff! So good, in fact, one was tempted to rent a whole new space to house it!

I am not against stuff in principle, but I do realize that stuff can become a stumbling block to real freedom. Sometimes our possessions take on an importance that begins to dictate how we act or how we give of ourselves to God and others. An everyday steward seeks detachment from things of this world that will one day pass away. Things that we possess should be seen as pathways into experiences that glorify God, whether they allow us to serve others, enrich our lives lived daily for God, or even help make leisure and recreation time resting in God's presence easier. But the simpler the life, the fewer distractions there are from focusing on those we love and our relationship with God. And besides, do you really think a monthly payment to house stuff you don't really need is the best stewardship way of life?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Peace begins with a smile.

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it. (Jr 20:9)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

Gospel:

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?" (Mt 16:24b-26)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 3, 2017

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



GOSPEL MEDITATION

"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Peter had expressed horror at the prophetic words announcing that Jesus' suffering and death were imminent. Peter didn't want his friend and teacher to undergo this terrible ordeal. He wanted "no such thing" ever to happen to his Lord. But Jesus sharply rebuked Peter's response, comparing it to that of the tempter, Satan. Just as temptation becomes an obstacle to our doing what is right, so Peter was presenting an obstacle to Christ's mission. Suffering was part of it, like it or not. To deny this difficult element of Christ's work would be to deny the bigger plan of God. And so Jesus rightly told Peter that he wasn't thinking like God thinks.

Of course, since we are human, it's only natural that we should think as human beings do. We, like Peter, tend to recoil at the idea of facing unpleasant or painful circumstances. But clearly God sometimes allows such situations to take place for a greater good. Jesus understood this; even as he prophesied about his death, he also mentioned his resurrection.

Today's Gospel challenges us to think "as God does" by holding both of these elements together. Unlike Peter who only focused on the sad part of the story, we are called to recognize the Resurrection on the other side of the cross, and to be willing to do whatever is necessary to get there. In fact, Jesus tells us later in this Gospel to take up our cross and follow him. That is not the "human" way of thinking. It's the Godly way. Our natural response is to reject and scorn the trials and tribulations that we face, but Jesus wants us to embrace them patiently and "come after" him on the (sometimes rough) road to eternal life.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Even as people of faith we often find ourselves reasoning our way through our trials and difficulties. It makes a huge difference using our own eyes and not those of God. God knows that we live in an imperfect world filled with suffering, pain, difficulties, disappointments, and death; all part of the mix. Jesus shows us by example that when we encounter hardships God transforms them into something better. We do not need to despair. God gives us hope. When we view our lives through God's eyes and not our own this gift of hope and transformation becomes very apparent. We must lose our lives in order to gain them.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

FALL MUM SALE



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Red, Purple, Orange and Yellow Mums Available for Order
8" Pots are \$6/ea
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Please email Lynn@southpack.com with your order

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

Thank you for your support and may God bless you.



**2017
Women's Conference**

**Registration Is Now Open!
To Register Visit
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.

28th Annual Rosary Rally Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Waterbury, CT October 1, 2017 2-3:30pm

The day will feature a procession, rosary, talk and Benediction concluding with Mass at 4pm. Our guest speaker will be Fr. James Sullivan, pastor of the Church of the Assumption, in Ansonia, CT. Fr. Sullivan was ordained a permanent deacon in 2008, and then to the priesthood in 2014, after a 25 year career in the contracting profession. Father's talk is entitled, Mary: How Humility Leads to God.



Anniversary Mass 2017 Sunday, October 15th 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 Clarissa Pena at 860-242-5573, x.2690.

The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry shares these quotes on Church Teaching. For more information visit: www.catholic-social-justice.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