

# Church of Saint Ann

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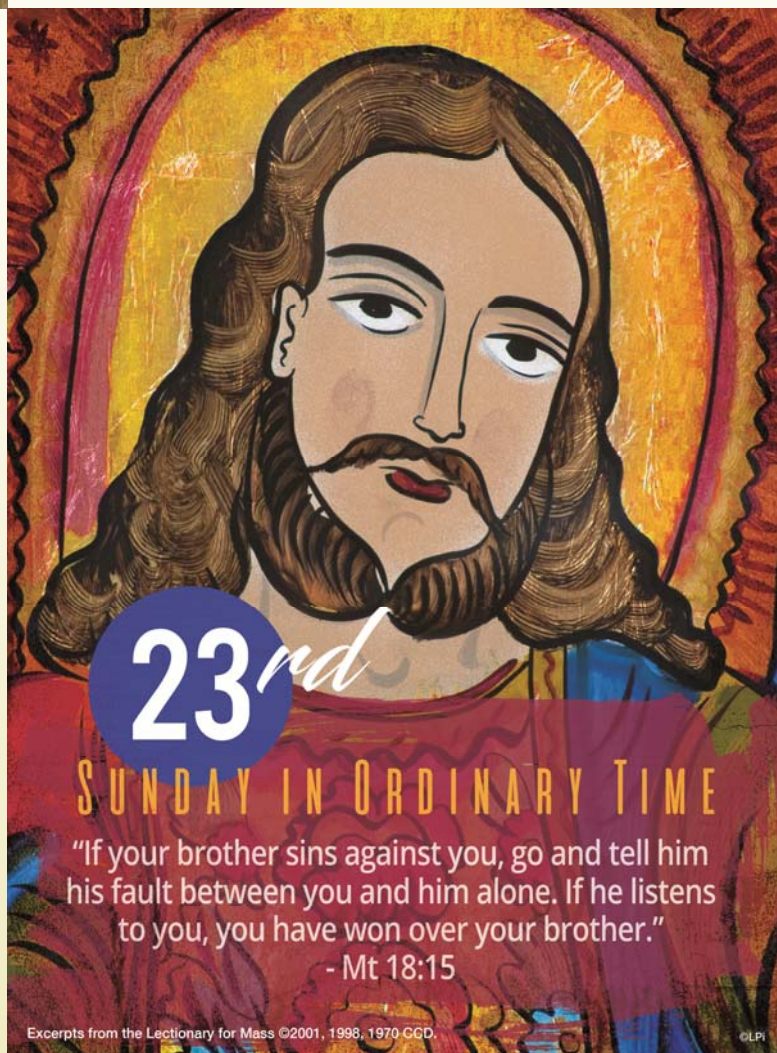
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## MARRIAGES

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



23rd 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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

**MONDAY, September 11**

9:00 **Frank Curran**, requested by  
*Lou and Eileen DelPrete*

**TUESDAY, September 12**

9:00 **Special Intentions**

**WEDNESDAY, September 13**

9:00 **Bonnie Graboski**, requested by  
*Dottie Cialfi*

**THURSDAY, September 14**

9:00 **Special Intentions**

**FRIDAY, September 15**

9:00 **Special Intentions**

**SATURDAY, September 16**

4:00 **For the deceased members of the  
Riela Family**, requested by the family

**SUNDAY, September 17**

7:30 **John O'Neill**, requested by *Heidi O'Neill*  
9:30 **Jack Tromza**, requested by *Mary Jane Jeter*  
11:00 **Edward Voelk, Jr.**, requested by  
*the Argay Family*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S**

**MONDAY, September 11**

**Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle:** 7:15pm in the church.  
*Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!*  
**"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures":** 7:15pm in Rm. 3

**TUESDAY, September 12**

**Adult Confirmation/RCIA Informational Meeting:** 7pm in Rm. 3

**WEDNESDAY, September 13**

**Matthew Bible Study:** 7:15pm in Room 3

**THURSDAY, September 14**

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church  
**Adult Confirmation:** 7pm in Room 3

**FRIDAY, September 15**

**Matthew Bible Study:** 9:30am in Room 3

**SATURDAY, September 16**

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

**SUNDAY, September 17**

**"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures":** 10:30am in Rm. 3



**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 19 at 7 PM in Room 3 below Father Bennett Hall



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

September 3, 2017: \$6,807.21  
 Online Giving/Payments (week ending 9/6/17): \$2,385.00  
 Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: *monthly*



## 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.

# 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!



## Save the Date

October 15, 2017

12:00pm - 1:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

or

October 17, 2017

9:30am - 11:00am in Fr. Bennett Hall

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Parishioner, Elaine Atiyeh, will give a talk on Fatima which will include little known facts and a video presentation on the historical events preceding the apparitions.

## 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).





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THE ARCHBISHOP

September 2/3, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If you ever have the opportunity to participate in a big Papal Mass or Audience in Rome you will experience something joyful and positive not only for this world but also the world to come; namely, unity in faith and worship with people of every race and nation, language and culture, all brought together in Catholic unity around the Successor of St. Peter.

Jesus died on the cross “to bring together the dispersed children of God.” He taught that everyone is our “neighbor.” Our mission as a Church is to be a living “sign and instrument” of communion with God and the unity of the whole human race. The devil, on the other hand, is a divider of people, a sower of discord and hatred, resentment and prejudice.

We all need to be concerned, and also very vigilant, about the diabolical seeds of division and hatred that are springing up, or finding renewed growth, in our country today on the basis of race and ethnicity.


Harboring prejudices is part of a sinful fallen world, but as St. Paul says, we have been “called out of darkness into light.” We have been given the grace of Christ to overcome the fear of the “other” as some kind of threat to us and to “our own kind.” As we grow in faith, we learn not to act on the prejudices we may have formed, at times subconsciously, during life, but strive instead to see and embrace each person as a beloved daughter or son of God.

The implementation of the pastoral plan for the Archdiocese is a graced moment for us to be models of “unity in diversity.” The Catholic population of Connecticut is increasingly diverse in race and ethnicity. It is not a question of one replacing or displacing another, but rather of living, worshipping and working together in a mutually respectful and enriching way. If Jesus Christ reigns in a community and the hearts of its people, then there is no “other” against whom prejudice is justified, but only a community of “one heart and one mind.”

I am happy to say we can find inspiring examples among our parishes in the Archdiocese. One of these came to light in the recent merger of the Portuguese and Brazilian communities at the two Our Lady of Fatima Parishes in Hartford and in Waterbury. Despite their common language, these two nationalities were distant from each other as a result of an historical cultural bias. Their unification was tentative at first, but the deep faith which had nourished them in their homelands has led them to greater reconciliation and communion in Christ. Members of both parishes praise their pastors, Fr. Jorge and Fr. Eurico, both of African descent from Angola, who have accompanied their parishioners with sensitivity and have been models of deep Christian charity toward all.

Much is being said and written right now, and rightly so, about the ugly threat of racism and ethnic prejudice in our country. If we are truly people of Catholic faith, then we will be part of the solution and not the problem. May we work and pray in that spirit.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair  
Archbishop of Hartford

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*I have to smile when I read in St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." I smile because I know that in today's world few people owe nothing to anyone. We have credit card debt, mortgages, student loans, car loans, and new loans to consolidate old loans. It would seem that we actually owe everything to everyone.*

*These debts are of this world. I am pretty sure no one residing in heaven is still making mortgage payments. We have created contracts in this world to make possible certain transactions of goods, services, and shelter. But there is one thing that we naturally owe one another and that lasts longer than our time on earth: love.*

*You do not need to take out a loan to have more love to give. There also is no limit to the love you have been given to share. However, it is the one gift that we sometimes treat with the least respect. We hold back love due to sins of pride, prejudice, and apathy. We distort and manipulate love for our own gain and selfish desires. We can find ourselves placing more importance on the things for which we have taken out loans than the love that is eternal.*

*I am trying the best I can to get to a point where I no longer owe anything to banks and mortgage lenders. I don't want to leave this world owing anyone for the earthly things I had in this life. But even more importantly, I realize the shame it would be to leave people behind that didn't get enough love from me. There is nothing greater than love.*

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*It is simply impossible to lead, without the aid of prayer, a virtuous life.*

- St. John Chrysostom

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Thus says the LORD:

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. (Ez 33:7-9)

### Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

### Second Reading:

Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:10)

### Gospel:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'" (Mt 18:15-16)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of September 10, 2017

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20  
 Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11  
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19  
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/Lk 6:20-26  
 Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27  
 r Lk 2:33-35  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7/Lk 6:43-49  
 Next Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/  
 Mt 18:21-35



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is a fascinating promise. Jesus enlightens us today about the power of communal faith. He emphasizes that a gathering of like-minded believers, small though it may be, has a powerful effect. As he tells his disciples, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

Alright then, what are we waiting for? We should take Jesus up on this amazing offer! Going to Mass is one way to do so. When we gather together every Sunday, we do more than listen to readings and receive the Eucharist. We also PRAY together. The priest leads us in these prayers, of course, but we are meant to join with him, as the Second Vatican Council put it, with "fully conscious, and active participation" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, #14). We are to make the prayers our own by attentively joining in with them from our hearts. Mindlessly reciting "Amen" or absently whispering the words of the Our Father likely loses the effect Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel. But truly praying together with our parish community certainly fits the bill.

We need not be at church to fulfill this kind of prayer, however. It only takes two! Those of us who live with others can exercise communal prayer every day in our own homes, just by joining each other for a few moments of petition or praise. Those who live alone may need to reach out more deliberately, but it only takes a phone call to "gather together" with another believer and offer up our prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us as we bring our needs to God.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

Relationships are difficult, requiring honesty, dialogue, respect, and tolerance. We can easily offend one another, even by doing the simplest of things. Feelings can be hurt and relationships can become hurtful. Sometimes, our own wounds end up wounding others. When division or discord results, rather than responding with anger, judgment, and vindication, Jesus instructs us to be compassionate, tolerant, respectful, and forgiving. We can do this even when we have to confront someone with the truth, which may not always be well received. Even with our brokenness, we are all an image of God and should do all in our power to properly resolve conflicts.



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### 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.

### 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 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 Clarisa 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.catholicsocialjustice.org](http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org)

**Catholic Teaching on the Call to Family, Community, and Participation:** The human person is not only sacred, but social. The God-given institutions of marriage—a lifelong commitment between a man and a woman—and family are central and serve as the foundations for social life. Marriage and family should be supported and strengthened, not undermined. Every person has a right to participate in social, economic, and political life and a corresponding duty to work for the advancement of the common good and the well-being of all, especially the poor and weak. —USCCB Administrative Committee, *Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility*, p. 13

**Catholic Teaching on the Dignity of Work:** The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's act of creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers, owners, and others must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organize and choose to join a union, to economic initiative, and to ownership and private property. These rights must be exercised in ways that advance the common good. —USCCB Administrative Committee, *Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility*, p. 15