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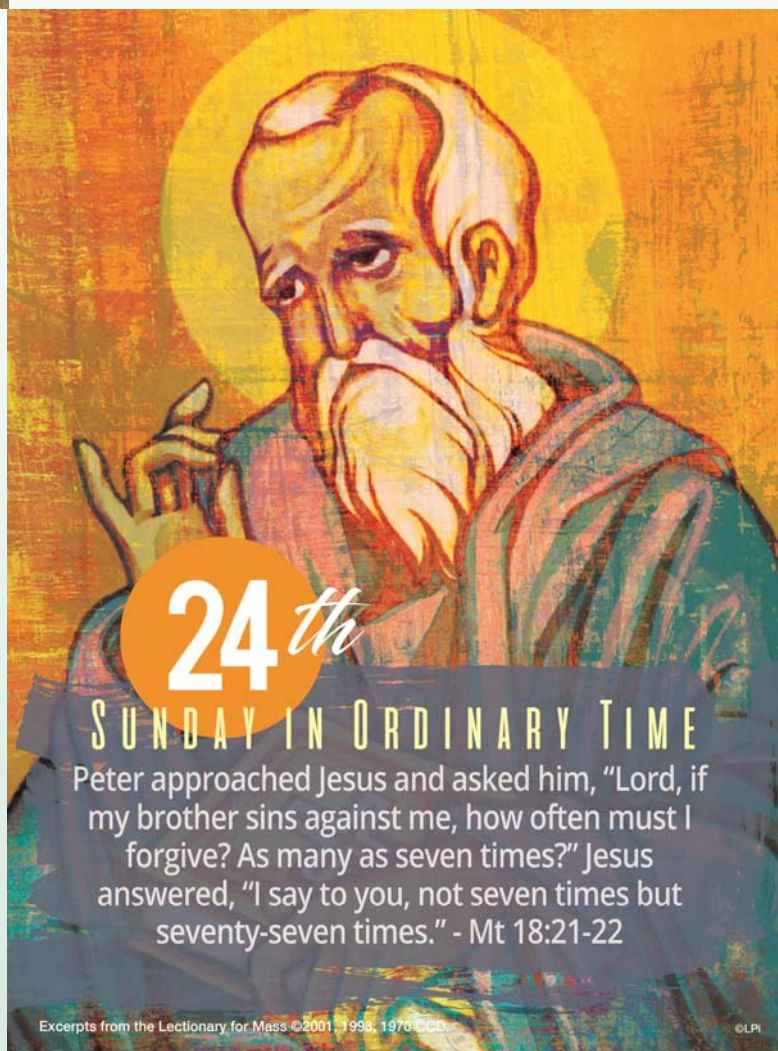
Call the Parish Office

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



24th Sunday
In Ordinary Time

MONDAY, September 18
9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, September 19
9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, September 20
9:00 James Alu, requested by the family

THURSDAY, September 21
9:00 Fred Bielefeld, requested by the family

FRIDAY, September 22
9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, September 23
4:00 Lewis Affelder, requested by
Brian and Ann Beloin

SUNDAY, September 24
7:30 Special Intentions
9:30 Francis Aiello (1st Ann.), requested by
the family
11:00 Marilyn Clavenna requested by
the Bredice Family and Kathy Sweeney



Children's Calling All Kids in
Grade 4-8 Who Love
to Sing!

Choir

Come Lift Your Voices in Praise
to God- JOIN YOUTH CHOIR!

We rehearse on Thursdays in the choir loft from
4:15 - 5pm and we sing several times a year.

It's fun, and you'll learn a lot too!
We have a great season planned, so invite
a friend and join us!
Can't commit for the entire season?
Come when you can!

Youth Choir Director: Carl Sauerbrunn,
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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, September 18
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 19
RCIA: 7pm in Rm. 3
Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, September 20
Psalms Bible Study: 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7pm in Room 2
Matthew Bible Study: 7:15pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, September 21
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church
Adult Confirmation: 7pm in Room 3
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
Children's Choir: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, September 22
Matthew Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 3

SATURDAY, September 23
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, September 24
"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures": 10:30am in Rm. 3



M+M Moms Book Club is starting it's 6th season! If you are a mom
of young ones or old...please join us every other Tuesday morning in
the Activity room for prayer, fellowship and support. This fall we will
be reading "The Rhythm of Life" by Matthew Kelly. As always, chil-
dren are welcome at our meetings.

Regular meetings will begin Tuesday, September 26th in the Activity
Room from 10-11:30. For any questions, to join our email list or for
more information, please contact Julianna Capozzoli at:
Julthompson@aol.com

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

September 10, 2017: \$7,509.31
Online Giving/Payments (week ending 9/13/17): \$2,998.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Catholic Elementary Schools

WOMEN'S RETREAT NEWS

"GRACE ENOUGH"

The theme "GRACE ENOUGH" will help you discover anew how God's grace is our greatest source of strength and courage to see ever-present challenges in our lives. The first women's retreat at Holy Family Retreat Center is scheduled for Sept. 29 to Oct. 1. Join the women of St. Ann and others to revive your mind, body and soul by going on a retreat. Recharge through conferences, workshops, prayer services, delicious home cooking and plenty of free time.

The opportunity for peace and reflection is essential and important in our lives and is available for everyone at Holy Family. Please check the Nexus as well as the website www.holyfamilyretreat.org for the 2017-2018 schedule. St. Ann contacts: Nancy Janiszewski 860-818-9260 or Jacque Warren 860-673-6761.



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**.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Theme for 2017-2018: Living as Missionary Disciples

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

"AT HOME WITH POPE FRANCIS:" JOIN OUR NEW ONLINE DISCUSSION OF "THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL!"

Thank you to Deacon Jeff for facilitating an engaging discussion of Pope Francis' "The Joy of the Gospel" on Sept. 6. There's so much more to say about this work and our call to share Jesus with others, so let's continue the conversation online! TO JOIN THE ONLINE FORUM, Email Ann @ ann.distefano@stannavon.com.

"THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES" FOLLOWUP

Thank you to marriage-and-family therapist April Smolski, for leading a thought-provoking discussion of "The Five Love Languages" for adults on Sept. 6. Check out the highlights and handouts at stannavon.org/book-discussions-1

STUDY GROUPS

"UNPACKING THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES"

Please DROP IN and join us as we take a closer look at the Sunday readings in context, and uncover what they mean for us individually today.

Sunday AM Group: 10:30am, Room 3

Monday PM Group: 7:15pm, Room 3

All materials provided

THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN!

"MATTHEW: The King and His Kingdom:" a 24-session Bible Study featuring Jeff Cavins

(If you have to miss a session, videos are available online!)

In this study, you will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven. SESSION ONE BEGINS THIS WEEK!

Wednesday PM Group: 7:15-8:45pm, Room 3

Friday AM Group: 9:30-11:00am, Room 3

Format: Videos, workbook, discussion

Cost: \$24 for workbook, Bible Timeline Chart, & online access to videos

BEGINS THIS WEEK!

Psalms: 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.

PARENT ENRICHMENT

Please come to our Parent Enrichment Info Session in the AMS Cafetorium on Sunday, Oct. 1st at 9:30 (After the 9am Mass at AMS) or 5:45pm. Enjoy refreshments and fellowship, and learn about our two, 8-session Bible Studies: "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" (perfect for beginners) and "Ephesians - Discover your Inheritance." Register and pick up your workbook there, or in advance with Ann, ann.distefano@stannavon.com.



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.



Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, September 20th
at 7-8:30pm
Room 2 (under Fr. Bennett Hall)

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Baby Bottle Drive for St. Gerard's

St. Gerard's Center for Life is very grateful to be welcomed back into St. Ann's Parish on the weekend of September 30th and October 1st for its annual baby bottle drive. Pledge cards or bottles will be distributed after all weekend Masses and collected after the weekend of October 14th & 15th. Thank you for your generosity as we partner together to keep this pro-life mission alive in the greater Hartford area!

October is Respect Life Month; Sign up for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament!

October is Respect Life month and we will also be having adoration of the blessed sacrament on October 1st from 1pm until the 9am Mass on Monday morning, October 2nd. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

Save the Date

October 15, 2017 at 12:00pm - 1:30pm or
October 17, 2017 at 9:30am - 11:00am
in Fr. Bennett Hall

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 apparition. She will also give a synopsis of the messages of Our Lady to the children.

ImmaCare (Immaculate Conception Shelter)

Many thanks to those of you who made sandwiches throughout the summer and delivered them to the shelter. We heard about times that they seemed to arrive just when the cupboards were getting pretty bare. Thanks to Valerie St. Jean and her friends that got together every Thursday and made loads of sandwiches. And, the Prayer Shawl Ministry that made many "brown-bag" lunches and reported they had lots of laughs while making them.

Honestly we don't know what to expect this year. We have committed to lots of dates and know that we will be serving at least 80 guests a night at ImmaCare. At this point there is no confirmation about whether and where an emergency No-freeze shelter will open. It seems apparent that Hartford cannot look away from the huge number of homeless who come to the city and live on it's streets. We are also concerned, as we know many of you are, about the homeless women that were recently written about in the Courant. It's a smaller population but one that has very few places to go for shelter and safety particularly during the really cold nights. We are so blessed with many wonderful cooks, bakers, and people who are always willing to give, that we think if a resource is found, we would want to provide food for them also.

In the meantime, here are the dates and we are just hoping that we will hear from many of you; those who have been so kind in the past & those who are new and want to get involved. St. Ann's really does enjoy an outstanding reputation for always bringing food that is not only healthy, but also delicious, and we often take special requests! Also- any breakfast supplies are always appreciated. We always got compliments on those muffins and squares that some of you bake, and cereal boxes are great to take down. As always, toiletries, linens, towels, soap, etc are always needed so just drop off anytime in church kitchen, clearly marked for "ImmaCare".

Please let us know if you want to help.

Our thanks in advance. Email Kfinocchio@gmail.com or Twohig7@aol.com

ImmaCare Shelter: 2017-2018 Dates

October: 5, 19
November: 16, 30
December: 7, 20
January: 11, 25
February: 8, 22
March: 8, 22
April: 5, 26
May: 3, 17

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Life was not always easy with my father when I was growing up. Let's just say he made many decisions along the way that led to fear, anger, and sadness for my family and me. Unfortunately, I was the only one in the family that would years later truly forgive him for his actions. My mother and sister held onto the resentment and anger they felt all their lives. For my father and me, reconciliation led to several years of a deepening relationship before his passing in 2011.

Forgiveness is not easy and I do not consider myself better or stronger because I was able to forgive and my family members could not. However, I can say that the blessings I received due to forgiveness and a renewed relationship with my father were far better than the animosity experienced by others. I also learned that forgiveness benefited me far more than my father.

As good stewards of time, we must realize that each passing day will never come again. What we do with that time is completely up to us. We can be wise and use it to build bridges, heal wounds, and cultivate love where there is hate. We can also choose to waste time in fear, resentment, and anger. I thank God often for the gift of my dad. However, I thank God more for the gift of time spent with him and the ability to see him not with my human eyes, but with the eyes of Jesus.
Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Pray, hope and don't worry.

- St. Padre Pio

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom 14:7-9)

Gospel:

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 17, 2017

Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/
Mt 18:21-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/
Mt 20:1-16a



GOSPEL MEDITATION

"I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" The parable Jesus tells today is the story of a king, but in truth it is about Jesus himself. He is the "king" who has forgiven our debts. We are the "servants" whose sins have earned us chastisement. But when we repent and ask for Christ's mercy, he grants it to us without hesitation.

The point of the parable, then, is that we too should extend this mercy to others. We should not be like that "wicked servant" who begged for mercy but would not show it to others. Elsewhere, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Mt. 6:12). We use different words, but a similar meaning when we pray the Our Father asking God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." But are we sure that we mean what we say?


It's important to pause and evaluate how we are doing in this regard. Are we harboring any grudges? Are there people we refuse to forgive? Is there a situation where we are seeking revenge instead of extending mercy? Jesus asks us to do otherwise. He reminds us that we have already been forgiven. We are right now enjoying the benefits of his forgiveness. So we are called to bear in mind our own sins, failings, weaknesses, and "debts" when we deal with others instead of thinking that we are perfectly innocent and acting as if we've never been the beneficiary of mercy. So let us do our best to forgive as we have been forgiven. This doesn't mean approving of wrong behavior; God doesn't ask us to do that. But he does ask us to let go of bitterness and foster mercy instead.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



Live the Liturgy

Relationships are the focus of our reflection again this week, calling us to practice forgiveness unconditionally. This is a difficult thing for us to do. Forgiving someone does not mean that we necessarily tolerate or condone their behavior. Rather, it has to do with letting go of the anger and the hurt that really is more self-destructive than productive. We are called to recognize the brokenness and sinfulness of each other. We may, at times, have to walk away from an abusive or destructive relationship. However, keeping in mind the lessons it taught, we can free ourselves from its hurtful grasp by learning how to forgive as God forgives. It's a tall order.

THE BULLETIN BOARD



Monday, September 25, 2017

Archbishop Leonard P. Blair encourages families to observe "Family Day" on Monday, September 25th by eating dinner together as a family. Studies by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, known as CASA Columbia, indicate that the simple act of eating family dinners can help prevent smoking, drinking and drug abuse.

Visit: archdioceseofhartford.org and click on "News" for ideas on how to make your "Family Day" special.

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.*

Theology of the Body
Love, Relationships and Marriage
A Retreat for Married and Engaged Couples,
Families, Single Adults, Students, Priests
and Religious

Sponsored by the Franciscan Life Center

Saturday, November 4, 2017. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 5, 2017. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

\$65.00/adult for both days (lunch included)

Presenters:
Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and the Lay Faithful

Location:
 275 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT 06451
 Visit www.flcenter.org or www.franciscanhc.org
 or Call: 203-237-8084.

The ABC's of Annulment
Thursday, October 5, 2017 * 7-9pm
Church of the Assumption, Church Hall
5 North Cliff Street, Ansonia

Host: Rev. James Sullivan, pastor of Church of the Assumption

Members of the Annulment Team will review the in the annulment process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Br. Larry Lussier CSC, Deacon Robert Macaluso, Deacon George Frederick and Jim Tottenham make up the Annulment Team. They will help participants in writing their application in the follow-up workshop on Thursday, October 12, 19, 26 from 7-9pm also in the church hall.

The "ABC's of Annulment" event is open to all. A donation is requested to defray the cost of printed materials. No registration is required.
 For further information call 475-221-8464.

Fourth Annual
Lourdes in a Day
Pilgrimage of the Sick
"I want the people to come in procession"

Celebrant: Bishop Peter Rosazza
 October 14, 2017
 St. Peter Claver, West Hartford
 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please register with Mark Sullivan by
 September 30th
 at: silvnchrth@yahoo.com