



# Church of Saint Ann

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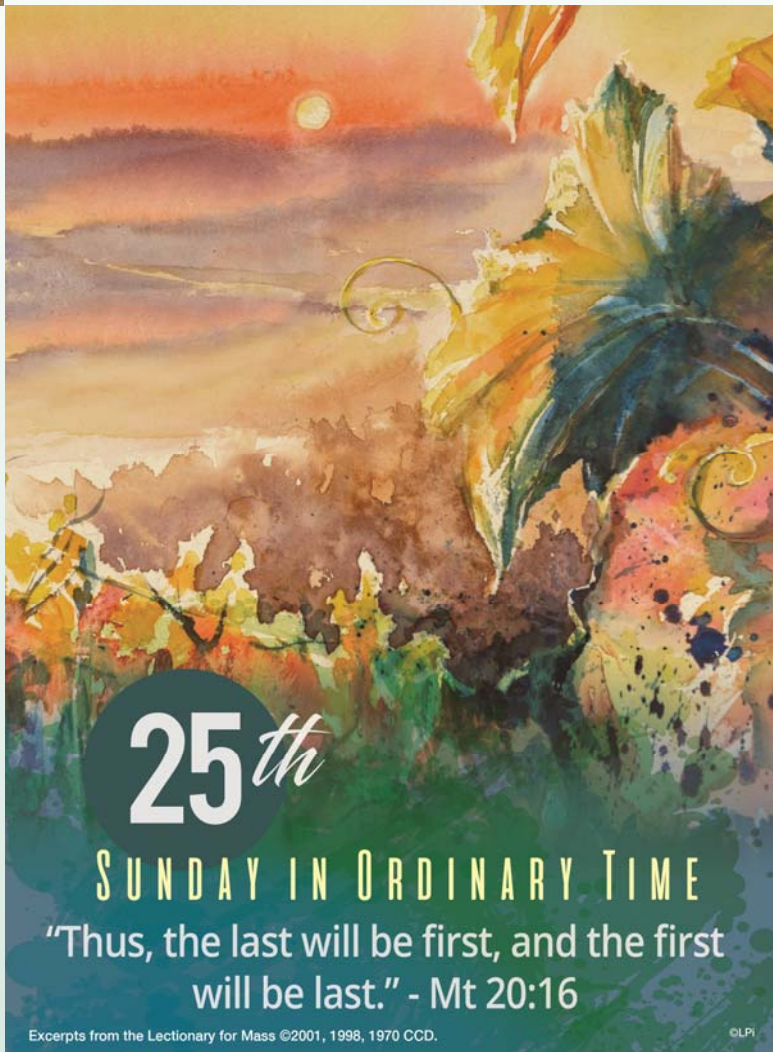
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## MARRIAGES

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



25th Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

**MONDAY, September 25**  
9:00 Special Intentions

**TUESDAY, September 26**  
9:00 Special Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, September 27**  
9:00 Leonie Lozier, requested by the Cyr Family

**THURSDAY, September 28**  
9:00 For the deceased members of the  
deGroot Family, requested by the family

**FRIDAY, September 29**  
9:00 Special Intentions

**SATURDAY, September 30**  
4:00 Carol DeVita, requested by  
Joan and Michael Gould

**SUNDAY, October 1**  
7:30 Lewis Affelder, requested by the  
St. Ann Social Justice Committee  
9:30 Francis Siniarski requested by Kris Martino  
11:00 Anthony Alphonso, requested by  
Ajoy and Nina Alphonso

## Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Sunday, October 1st

2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Our Lord told St. Faustina, "For the soul that trusts much will be given."  
Please join us as we place our trust in Jesus!

## Annual Parish Collection



Church of Saint Ann

Every parish family should have received a letter from Father McHugh this week asking for a contribution to our 2017 Annual Parish Collection to help offset our operating deficit. The participation of all parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Please return your gift card today. Thank you!

# 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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

**MONDAY, September 25**

**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 26**

**RCIA:** 7pm in Rm. 3  
**M+M Moms:** 10am in the Activity Room

**WEDNESDAY, September 27**

**Psalms Bible Study:** 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3  
**Matthew Bible Study:** 7:15pm in Room 3

**THURSDAY, September 28**

**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 29**

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

**SATURDAY, September 30**

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

**SUNDAY, October 1**

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

## M+M's Calling all Moms!

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, children are welcome at our meetings.

Regular meetings will begin this 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 17, 2017:** \$6,230.81  
**Online Giving/Payments (week ending 9/20/17):** \$3,146.00  
**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:**  
*Immaculate Conception Shelter*

**St. Ann's  
 YOUTH MINISTRY**



**Calling All Teens!**

Please join us for a slice of pizza and an informational meeting on **Wednesday, October 4th from 7-8:15pm in Room 3.** Grab a friend and come see what Youth Ministry is all about! RSVP to [Rosemary.Neamtz@stannavon.com](mailto:Rosemary.Neamtz@stannavon.com) by Tuesday, Oct. 3rd.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Theme for 2017-2018:  
 Living as Missionary Disciples**

**PARENT ENRICHMENT**

Please come to our Parent Enrichment Info Session in the AMS Cafeterium on Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com).

**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](mailto: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](http://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

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you all for backpacks and school supplies galore! You have given a hand up, not just a hand out with so much generosity. Donations were received by many grateful families in Avon and Hartford.

May God's love and grace continue to flow through your hands,  
 The St. Ann Social Justice Committee



**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](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) for the 2017-2018 schedule. St. Ann contacts: Nancy Janiszewski 860-818-9260 or Jacque Warren 860-673-6761.

**Children's**

**Calling All Kids in Grade 4-8 Who Love to Sing!**



**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, [c.sauerbrunn@comcast.net](mailto:c.sauerbrunn@comcast.net) \*  
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# 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.

## 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.

### 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.

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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](mailto:Kfinocchio@gmail.com) or [Twohig7@aol.com](mailto: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

*As everyday stewards, I hope that each of us try to live daily lives of generosity for the glory of God. I hope that we are all working to cultivate characteristics of a good everyday steward so that we can grow in maturity of faith and draw closer to Christ. But if we could accurately see on a magical computer spreadsheet how everyone else around us was living life would it impact how we lived out our stewardship way of life? If we found out that others weren't trying as hard as we were or they were not nearly as generous would it give us reason to pause?*

*In the workplace, school, and general life, people can easily look around and choose to adapt what they are doing to match more closely what others are doing. Why give work more hours if no one else is willing? Why give a 20% tip to a waiter if you suspect everyone else is only giving 15%? Why spend hours studying for a test when no one else is taking it that seriously?*

*Our lives of stewardship should never be measured against that of others. Even though we are all called to give all we are and all we have to God, each one of us is unique in our response to that call. Instead of any type of comparison that may temper our generosity, we should hold to the truth that the more we give of ourselves the more fulfilled we will feel. Also, as we grow in our relationship with God, the more we will want to glorify him. Stewardship is not a competition. It is a call to serve God without counting the cost.*

Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Let us love God, my brothers, let us love God. But let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brow.*

- St. Vincent de Paul

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. (Is 55:8-9)

### Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

### Second Reading:

If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. (Phil 1:22-23)

### Gospel:

"Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." (Mt 20:13c-16)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of September 24, 2017

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/  
Mt 20:1-16a  
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4/befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51  
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45  
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Are you envious because I am generous?" The landowner in today's Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers.

This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the Chosen People, were the laborers who had started at 9:00 am. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God's mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy.

Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God's mercy extended to EVERYONE, no matter when they joined the fold.




## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

True love does not measure itself against the love of others. If I am truly in love with God there is no need to compare myself with others or succumb to jealousy if others appear closer than I or because I have loved longer. Authentic love does not consider benefits or privileges. It simply desires to be in the presence of the One who is loved. God invites all of his children into a relationship with him. It does not matter when along our life's journey we accept that invitation. It is only important that we do. In our Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard promised the usual daily wage to everyone, regardless of what time each started working. God promises love and eternal life to all who enter into relationship with him. It does not matter when. This is God's pure merciful gift. It is God's to give as God desires.



# THE BULLETIN BOARD

Archbishop Leonard P. Blair encourages families to observe "Family Day" on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.flcenter.org) or [www.franciscanhc.org](http://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](mailto:silvnchrth@yahoo.com)