



# Church of Saint Ann

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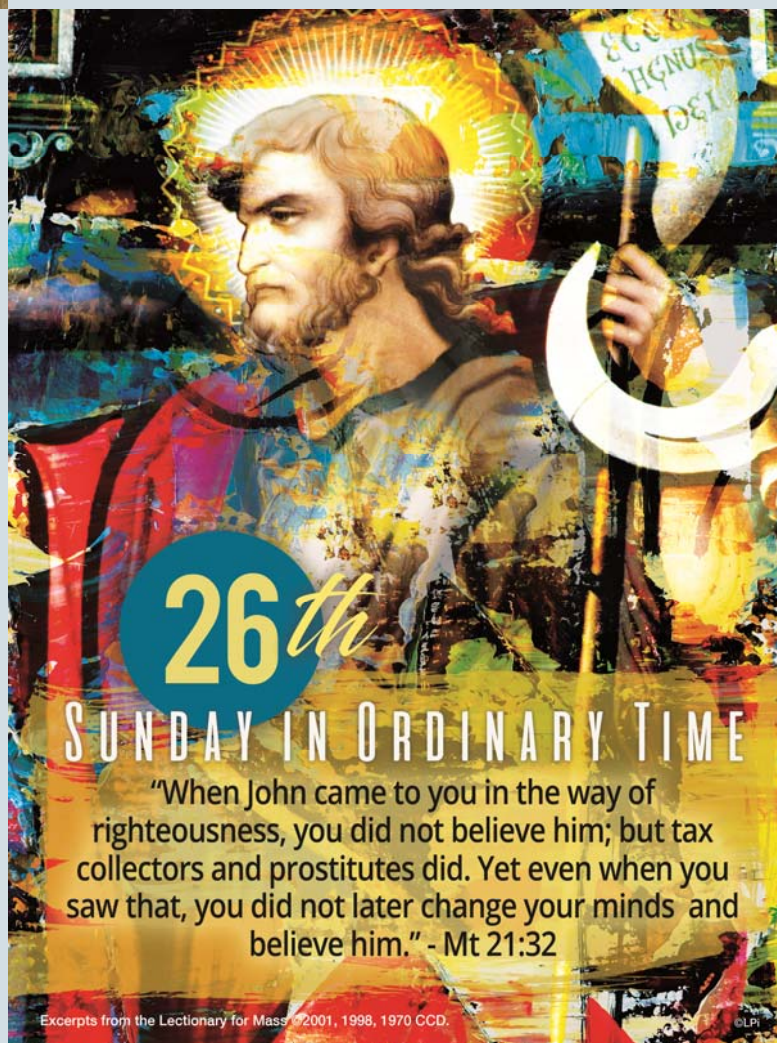
Call the Parish Office

## 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



26th Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

**MONDAY, October 2**

9:00 **Milena Masdonati**, requested by  
*Alessandra Walmsley and Family*

**TUESDAY, October 3**

9:00 **Eleanor Pearson**, requested by  
*Tom and Pat Heavren*

**WEDNESDAY, October 4**

9:00 **Lorenzo and Olga Fernandez**, requested  
by the family

**THURSDAY, October 5**

9:00 **Edward Saillant II**, requested by the family

**FRIDAY, October 6**

9:00 **Jaclyn Cerreta (month's mind)**, requested  
by *Rosanne Harutunian*

**SATURDAY, October 7**

4:00 **Edmund Brucker**, requested by  
the *Brucker Family*

**SUNDAY, October 8**

7:30 **Special Intentions**

9:30 **Thomas & Ella Heavren** requested by  
*Tom and Pat Heavren*

11:00 **John & Kay O'Neill**, requested by  
*Heidi O'Neill*

**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, October 2**

**Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle:** 7:15pm in the church.  
*Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!*  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2  
**"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures":** 7:15pm in Rm. 3

**TUESDAY, October 3**

**RCIA:** 7pm in Rm. 3

**WEDNESDAY, October 4**

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

**THURSDAY, October 5**

**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, October 6**

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

**SATURDAY, October 7**

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

**SUNDAY, October 8**

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

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour**



**This Sunday, Oct. 1st**

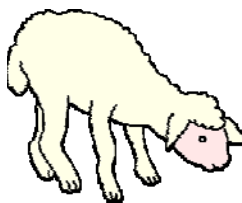
**2:30 - 3:30pm** in the church

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**



*Every parish family should have received a letter from Father McHugh 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!*



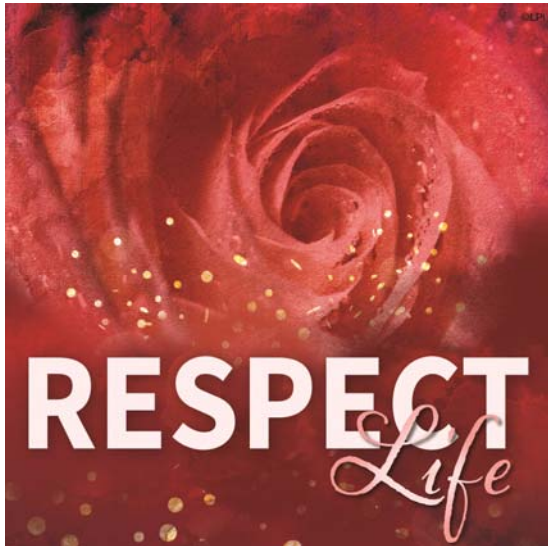
**Attention all "Little Lambs" of St. Ann church:**

Little Lambs, Children's Liturgy of the Word, will begin on Sunday, October 8 during the 9:30 am mass. All Children ages 2 1/2-8 years old are welcome to join us! Please send your children to the altar after the opening prayer, Father will call for them. There is no registration necessary.

**We are IN DESPERATE NEED of more adult leaders for our ministry.** Of you would like to help out, come join us any Sunday during 9:30 mass. You can contact Heather Hoffman with any questions. [Heather-hoffman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Heather-hoffman@sbcglobal.net).

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**September 24, 2017:** will be reported next weekend  
**Online Giving/Payments (week ending 9/27/17):** \$3,894.00  
**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:**  
*monthly*



### 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**.

### Children's Choir 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) \*

Music Director: Tom Stockton, 860-673-9858, x.230  
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[ames.distefano@gmail.com](mailto:ames.distefano@gmail.com), 860-463-7495 (cell)

## 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 2.**

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



## 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.

## Do You Know...

The connection between Queen Esther in the Old Testament and Queen Mary in the New Testament? Or Fatima, Mohammed's favorite daughter, and the Blessed Mother's appearance at Fatima?

**To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fatima,** parishioner, Elaine Atiyeh, will give a talk on Fatima and show a video which presents a synopsis of the apparitions prefaced by such well-known figures as Malcolm Muggeridge, Dr. James Hitchcock and Dr. Alice Von Hildebrand who recount world events taking place at that time.

**October 15, 2017 at 12:00pm - 1:30pm or  
October 17, 2017 at 9:30am - 11:00am**



*This is the  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of Fatima  
(1917-2017)*

We would like to invite you to join other members of St. Ann in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 14th at 12:00 noon at the corner of Jefferson Street and Main Street in Hartford. This Rosary Rally is sponsored by America Needs Fatima. Therefore, over 20,00 rallies will take place that day. Please join us to show God and His Blessed Mother our love, reparation, and veneration as we pray for the conversion of the United States.



## Food Collection Next Weekend October 7/8

Pick up grocery bag in Gathering Space this weekend. Drop food off next weekend in the Gathering Space. Donations will be going to the Avon Food Pantry, St. Michael Church and Catholic Worker House in Hartford

## PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

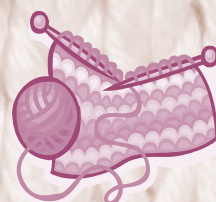
### Baby Bottle Drive for St. Gerard's



October is Respect Life Month. It is a tradition here, at St. Ann to support St. Gerard's Center for Life by distributing pledge cards or baby bottles after this weekend's Masses. Your generosity helps them to provide

- Free confidential pregnancy tests to indecisive women.
- Educate mothers about parenting, chastity, and safe childcare practices. They affirm her life-giving choice and provide alternatives to abortion.
- Give a layette of clothing, blankets, & diapers for the new bab
- Embrace a woman who has had an abortion and do all that they can to help her to heal.
- Their prayer team maintains a peaceful presence outside of the local abortion clinics.
- Recently, St. Gerard's purchased office space directly across the path from Hartford Gynecological Center. Now they are in close proximity to woman walking down the sidewalk perhaps contemplating an abortion. They offer them an ultrasound, support, and a clear alternative to the most important decision they will make for their unborn baby and themselves.

Thank you for your help as we partner together with St. Gerard's to keep this pro-life mission alive in the greater Hartford area.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, October 2nd  
7-8:30pm in Room 2

All are welcome...including brand new knitters!  
For more information call Tina: 860-674-1541

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Remember a time when jealousy or envy reared its ugly head and you wished you had something that someone else owned? Maybe it was a house, a car, a bank account, or even that luscious green lawn. All humans have had that feeling before and some of us more often than others. After the emotion hit you, hopefully you considered all the good gifts you did have in your life and gave thanks for them. Let's pray that you are still not hanging onto those feelings. Unfortunately, we do live in a world that seems to fuel those desires and push us toward wanting more and more.

But let's level the field here. Did you ever hear of someone who died and was able to take any of those things into the afterlife? The reality is that nothing we have in this life truly belongs to us. We come into this world with nothing and as time goes by more gifts are entrusted to us but we never truly own them. So whom do they belong to anyway?

Of course, you know the answer. All that we have has been entrusted to us by God: to be cherished, cultivated, and then given back to him for his glory. God doesn't need any of these things, and we only need them short-term. All that we need long-term is God. If he is all we need in the end, I bet our lives would be more fruitful and happier if we focused on that now instead of later.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

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## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*For it is in giving that we receive.*

- Prayer of St. Francis

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

### Psalm:

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

### Second Reading:

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. (Phil 2:5-6)

### Gospel:

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." (Mt 21:32)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of October 1, 2017

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32  
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-23, 29/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-7/Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9/Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Lk 10:17-24  
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." Ouch. This had to sting. Jesus spoke these shocking words not just to anybody. He spoke them to "the chief priests and elders of the people." The ones who were professional law-keepers. The ones who were religious leaders and teachers. The ones who were, in truth, self-righteous, pompous, and presumptuous. Jesus must have known how offensive it would be to his audience to share this unpleasant fact. But he said it anyway because he knew they needed to hear it.

But the point wasn't to offend. The point was to AMEND. Jesus was urging them to change their lives for the better, to come to God with a humble, contrite heart, seeking forgiveness and mercy. These unrepentant upper-crust leaders were plagued by an inability to see their own sins. They were far too focused on identifying where others were going wrong. And, as was his style, Jesus' preaching was adapted according to his audience. These guys needed to get knocked out of their complacency. So Jesus did what he had to do.

It's important to realize, by the way, that the reason tax collectors and prostitutes were leading the line to heaven wasn't because of their sins. It was because of their sorrow. The people Jesus had in mind when he mentioned this--like Zacchaeus and Mary Magdalene perhaps--had repented from their sinful behavior and begun anew. This is why he praises them. And this is what the Lord longs to see everyone doing, including us. Either we need to acknowledge and repent of our sins, or we are placing ourselves in the same category as the pharisaical priests and elders. And that's definitely not the place to be.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Saying and doing are two very different things. Often, we say we are going to do the right thing but then we do not. We get distracted by a self-focused concern, apathy, fear, and a number of other excuses. The choice to act with virtue is always before us. The ability to choose is one of God's gifts. Fully living the Gospel means that we choose to "practice what we preach." Faith without action serves no purpose.

# THE BULLETIN BOARD

## Special 100th Fatima Anniversary Programming

EWTN Global Catholic Network is airing the most extensive coverage of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima. For a full list of Fatima Programming go to [ewtn.com/fatima/programming.asp](http://ewtn.com/fatima/programming.asp). Use EWTN's Channelfinder at [ewtn.com](http://ewtn.com) to find the companies that provide EWTN programming in your community.

For more information, visit [ewtn.com](http://ewtn.com)

## 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*.



## 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.

## 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)