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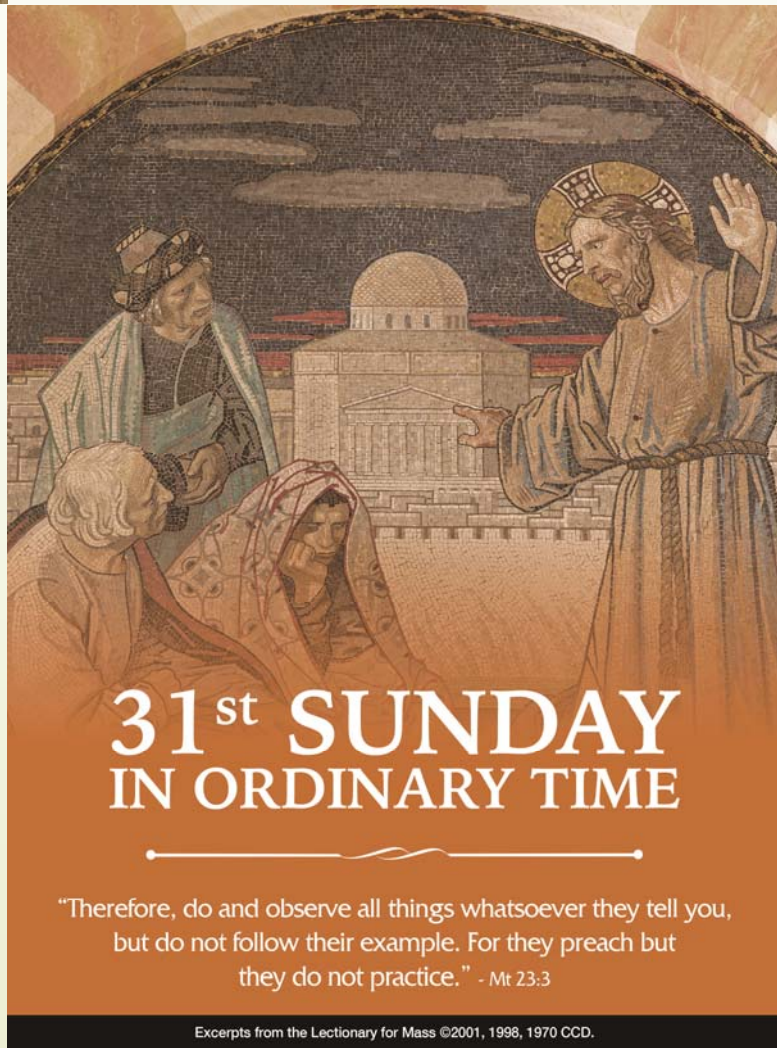
Call the Parish Office

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.



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." - Mt 23:3

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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



**31st Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, November 6

9:00 **Joseph Savidge Jr.**, requested by the family

TUESDAY, November 7

9:00 **Edward Morrone**, requested by Paul and Constance Rotondo

WEDNESDAY, November 8

9:00 **Gioakim Nguyen Van Quynh**, requested by the family

THURSDAY, November 9

9:00 **Carolyn Calcagni**, requested by the family

FRIDAY, November 10

9:00 **Catarina Nguyen Thi Nghien**, requested by the family

SATURDAY, November 11

4:00 **John M. Reilly**, requested by the family

SUNDAY, November 12

7:30 **Thomas Mitchell, Frances Mitchell & Maria Kelly**, requested by the Mitchell Family

9:30 **Patrick Manning**, requested by the Tolin Family

11:00 **Nicholas Dias**, requested by Nina & Ajoy Alphonso

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, November 6

MMP Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.
Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!
VIRTUS Training: 6pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2
Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 7:15pm in Rm. 3

TUESDAY, November 7

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

WEDNESDAY, November 8

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

THURSDAY, November 9

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, November 10

Matthew Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 3
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (featured performers only): 2:30pm in the church

SATURDAY, November 11

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, November 12

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 10:30am in Rm. 3
Teen Mass: 4:30pm in the church

Knights of Columbus



Annual Pie Sale

Our Knights of Columbus will be in the Gathering Space taking orders for the annual Pie Sale after all Masses this weekend and next weekend, November 11/12

The pies are \$10 each and choices will be:

Pumpkin, Apple, Very-Berry & Peach-Praline

Pies will be available for pick-up after Masses the weekend of November 18/19. Thanks for your support!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.
PIUS XII COUNCIL 4376 - AVON

**St. Ann's
YOUTH MINISTRY**



Calling All Teens!

Our next Youth Ministry meeting will be held on:
Monday, November 13th from 7-8pm in Room 1
(beneath Fr. Bennett Hall)

Please come and see what it's all about and bring a friend!

RSVP by November 9th to: rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com

Pizza will be served!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Theme for 2017-2018: Living as Missionary Disciples

UNPACKING THE SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

Please DROP IN and join us as we take a closer look at the readings from Sunday Mass. We uncover what the Scriptures meant at the time they were written, and then explore what they mean to us personally through the ancient, but increasingly popular prayer practice called *Lectio Divina*. Newcomers warmly welcomed. All materials provided, but bring your Bible if you like.

- Sunday AM Group: 10:30am, Room 3
- Monday PM Group: 7:15pm, Room 3

PARENT ENRICHMENT

THERE'S STILL TIME to join our parent Bible Studies! We meet at Avon Middle School during CCD Sundays at 9am and 5:45pm, while the kids are in class. Choose either:

"UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE" – a fascinating overview of Scripture which traces the story of God's relationship with His people, from Adam & Eve to you. (Room 228)

"EPHESIANS – DISCOVER YOUR INHERITANCE" – learn about the many remarkable gifts given to Christians through the Church, and how God's love for you can transform your life. (Room 227)

\$20 fee includes workbook and online video access.

Register with Ann ASAP: ann.distefano@stannavon.com;
(860) 673-9858, x228

IT'S ALMOST TIME TO GET YOUR SMALL GROUP BACK TOGETHER!

Our *Advent Reflection Series* for Small Groups will begin the week of November 26. Our resource will be *Do You See What I See?* the Advent meditation booklet from The Word Among Us. (Free booklets will be available shortly.)

- Gather with friends weekly at home or at church
- Read and discuss insightful, inspiring reflections on the Christmas story
- Explore the connections between the Sunday readings and your life, via *Lectio Divina*

Beginning Nov. 26, church-based Small Groups will meet:

Sundays, 10:30am-12pm, Room 3
Mondays, 7:15-9:45pm, Room 3
Thursdays, 9:30-11am, Activity Room

Please contact Ann DiStefano, Director of Adult Faith Formation
ann.distefano@stannavon.com, (860) 673-9858

- To register for one of the church-based groups
- To learn more about how to form your own Small Group
- To register your at-home Small Group and get your discussion guide



VIRTUS Training

Monday, November 6, 2017
Fr. Bennett Hall from 6-9 pm

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.



Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Friday, November 10th

2:30-5pm

For Featured Performers ONLY

Please consult your rehearsal schedule or contact Susan Rietano Davey if you are unsure whether your child(ren) should attend, or if you have any questions - srietano@gmail.com.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

October 29, 2017:(will be reported next weekend)
Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 11/1/17): \$3,748.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Monthly

CENACLES of the Marian Movement of Priests



Question: Is the cenacle primarily for priests?
Answer: No. In Message #34 (1-17-74), Our Lady introduces this question, "Why do I want them to come together in cenacle with me?" In this message she addresses herself to the priests, but what she tells them is also applicable to the laity. She wants all her children-priests, religious, laity, families, children-to gather together with her in cenacles of prayer, to pray with her and to learn how to love one another. Also, the cenacle helps us to deepen our understanding and live the obligations we have undertaken through our consecration to her Immaculate Heart. We refer you to the message dated Nov. 1, 1973, "my Faithful Cohort." (#25)

Excerpt from Cenacles of the Marian Movement of Priests Purpose/Guide
Our cenacle meets every Monday at 7:15pm in the church.



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.

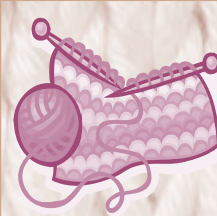
Communion For Shut-Ins

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**.

Annual Parish Collection

Church of Saint Ann

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our 2017 Annual Parish Collection. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated. If you need a pledge card, please contact Kris in the Parish Office. Thank you!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, November 6th
7-8:30pm in Room 2

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

"What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." But he was speaking about the temple of his Body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this.

Jn 2:18b-19, 21-22b

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: Why do we pray to saints?

Answer: We really don't pray to saints as much as we ask them to pray with and for us. In the same way we ask other people to pray for us, we ask saints for their intercession and their spiritual assistance. So just as I ask my friend to pray, I can also call upon St. Peter, St. Augustine, and St. Catherine and ask their intercession and their prayers. We believe that because the saints are already in heaven they are close to our Lord and can petition him on our behalf for the graces and needs that we have.

But why ask the saints for prayer? Why do we believe it is possible? One of the four marks of the Church (that we pray in the creed) is that the church is ONE, along with holy, catholic, and apostolic (CCC §811ff.). The Church--past, present, and future--is united in faith, purpose, and mission; we are one body, and in Christ all time and all people are united. This is the great communion of saints that highlights the unity of the body of Christ. As Jesus tells us in the synoptic Gospels, our God "is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive" (cf. Lk 20:38; Mt 22:32; Mk 12:27). When we pray, we do so in union with the whole Church: saints and sinners, present and past, in solitude or community. We are one.

-LPI

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

I remember attending Catholic school growing up and every year having to write a report on a saint. We were told that these people of faith were role models for us in our Christian journey. Even though they were real people, they always seemed to me to be larger than life. When I was younger I never thought I could become just like them. Now that I am older, I realize that we are all, in fact, called to be just like them.

Holiness is not something reserved for those in a book of saints. It is the goal of all intentional disciples living as good stewards. However, it takes commitment to achieve holiness. It also requires us to live mindfully and be continually aware of how God is moving in our lives.

You may never have thought about a stewardship way of life as a pathway to sainthood, but if you take the time to read the lives of saints you will see how these heroes truly cultivated the gifts God had given them and gave them back with increase to God. You will encounter stories of outreach to the poor, comforting the distressed, and befriending the lonely. And you will begin to see the parallel between what these great disciples did in their lives with the simple responses to God's call in your life. The Church may never formally canonize you, but there will be those whose paths you cross that will bear witness to the fact that at least for a moment they caught a glimpse of what could have been a living saint.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

- St. Thomas More

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 5, 2017

- Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/ Mt 23:1-12
- Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcd-3/Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/ Mt 25:1-13



GOSPEL MEDITATION

"For they preach but they do not practice." The scribes and Pharisees may be the ones Jesus was speaking about in today's Gospel, but we must be careful not to dismiss his words when it comes to our own actions. Jesus offered a difficult challenge to those honor-seekers that we must also heed when he said, "The greatest among you must be your servant." This is not the way the world usually works. Generally speaking, the idea of being a servant is considered inferior to being someone who has risen to high levels of leadership or status. But Jesus wants people in positions of authority to selflessly serve those over whom they have influence. And he insists that the leaders who establish laws, rules, and guidelines do not excuse themselves from following their own directives! "Practice what you preach," as the saying goes.

Whether or not we have extensive public influence, almost all of us at certain points are in a position to exercise leadership--with our children and families, with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and sometimes strangers. When these moments arise, we are called to step into this role without being hypocrites. It's important to be sure we don't issue unrealistic demands on others that we ourselves would find it burdensome or even impossible to fulfill. This requires the virtue of humility. Instead of reveling in the authority we may have at any given moment, instead of creating "heavy burdens hard to carry and lay[ing] them on people's shoulders," we need to be ready and willing to walk a mile in their shoes, and lead accordingly. And Jesus tells us clearly that this servant leadership will be rewarded, for "whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Saints are not only found in the official records of the church; they live among us. They are our brothers and sisters who take Jesus' teaching on the beatitudes and live it fully. They are the peacemakers, the poor in spirit, the humble, the merciful, and those who challenge our often comfortable lifestyles. We have a cloud of witnesses who stand before us, both in eternity and here on earth, who inspire us to go the distance and fully live the Gospel, even when it is difficult or hurts. They, by example, give us the courage to forge ahead through the most challenging of circumstances. With their inspiration and God's grace, we can do incredible things.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. (Rev 7:9)

Psalm:

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face. (Ps 24)

Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel:

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." (Mt 5:11-12a)

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

HOLLY BERRY FESTIVAL TO BENEFIT RETIRED SISTERS

The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are holding its annual Holly Berry Festival on Friday, November 17, and Saturday, November 18, at Sacred Heart Academy, 265 Benham Street in Hamden. The Holly Berry Festival is a craft fair with raffles, a bake sale, food, entertainment, and kid's area. A baked ziti dinner will be held on Friday, November 17, from 5:00 to 7:00. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children, and are available at the door. All proceeds benefit our retired sisters. For more information, visit our website at ascjus.org or call us at 203-248-4225.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE WJMJ RADIOTHON

WJMJ Radiothon: Be part of the WJMJ Radiothon starting Thursday November 9th to Monday the 13th and keep your favorite uplifting music, inspirational messages and religious news on the air. WJMJ, "Where Faith Meets Life," on the FM dial near Hartford at 88.9, around New Haven at 107.1 and online at www.WJMJ.org.

Fourth Annual Trinita Christmas Fair Trinita Retreat Center 595 Town Hill Rd., New Hartford Saturday Nov. 11th ñ 8:00am-4:00pm.

Homemade apple pies, seasonal decor, hand crafted jewelry, soaps, candles and so much more. Free coffee and muffins and lunch will be available for purchase.

The Avon Lions Charities Inc. **HARVEST BREAKFAST**

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017
1st Company, Governors Horse Guard Facility
280 Arch Road, Avon
Adults: \$10.00, Children 5-12: \$5.00
Children 4 and under: Free

Volunteers Needed

Capital City Education Alliance (CCEA) in Hartford is need of some adult volunteers.

CCEA teaches early intervention workforce readiness skills and essential life skills to middle school aged students in Hartford. These skills are the foundation to obtaining and maintaining successful employment. Their curriculum includes a focus on first impressions, a proper handshake, making eye contact, being prepared (wearing their uniform), clocking in and out (being on time), working collaboratively with a team, and taking directions. Students will also learn the importance of having a resume and how to create one. All of these skills, and more, are practiced while learning the "art of commercial painting". As a member of our "Paint Crew" students help transform their school with vibrant paint color creating a welcoming and inviting environment. An important part of their program is the interaction students have with adult volunteer mentors. Students teach the volunteer how to paint while also learning how to effectively communicate and ask questions. During a break in painting, students introduce their volunteer, practicing their public speaking skills. Volunteer opportunities are available for individuals or groups to paint alongside students. CCEA's Let's Paint! program is currently being conducted at the Burns Latino Studies Academy in Hartford from October-January. Join CCEA to help students transform their school.

An Invitation to all Eucharistic Ministers Are you a Eucharistic Minister?

We would love to have you join our volunteer team at Hartford Hospital! We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers to spend a few hours a month visiting Catholic patients who want to receive Holy Communion. It is a profoundly meaningful ministry for our patients & families; as well as, our staff and Eucharistic Minister volunteers.



To learn more call: Chaplain Rolando Hernandez or Chaplain Erica Nierendorf 860-972-2251



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