



# Church of Saint Ann

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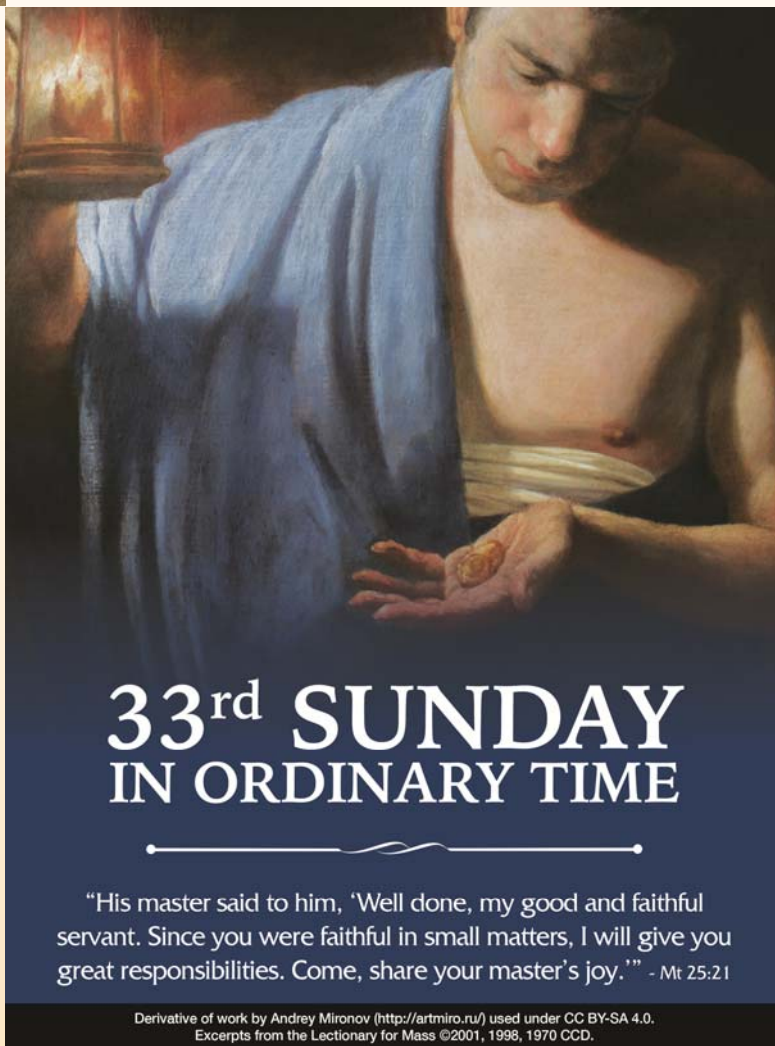
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## MARRIAGES

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.



# 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'" - Mt 25:21

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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

# MASS INTENTIONS



**33rd Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**

## MONDAY, November 20

9:00 **Sadie Klish**, requested by  
*Barbara and Gino Calderone*

## TUESDAY, November 21

9:00 **Edicto Lopez**, requested by his son-in-law

## WEDNESDAY, November 22

9:00 **Special Intentions**

## THURSDAY, November 23

9:00 **Leo Lowsier**, requested by the Cyr Family

## FRIDAY, November 24

9:00 **For the deceased members of the  
Mazzarella Family**, requested by the family

## SATURDAY, November 25

4:00 **Robert E. Emery, Sr.**, requested by  
*the Suski Family*

## SUNDAY, November 26

7:30 **Silvio Brighenti**, requested by the family

9:30 **Pete Tromza**, requested by  
*Mary Jane Jeter*

11:00 **Joseph Hundhammer**, requested by  
*the Hundhammer/MacCallum Family*

# 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, November 20

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (featured performers only):**  
2:30pm in the church

**MMP 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, November 21

**M+M Moms:** 10am in the Activity Room

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

### WEDNESDAY, November 22

**Psalms Bible Study:** 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3

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

### THURSDAY, November 23



### FRIDAY, November 24

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

### SATURDAY, November 25

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

### SUNDAY, November 26

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

# Knights of Columbus Pie Sale Pick-Up THIS WEEKEND



## Divine Mercy Holy Hour

**THIS Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>**

**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!



# Pumpkin & Cranberry-Orange

# Bread Sale

## After Masses Nov. 18/19



In conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Pie Sale, our Confirmation students & Youth Ministry will also have a limited number of freshly baked Pumpkin Bread & Cranberry-Orange Bread for sale after Masses on Nov. 18/19.

**First come, first served.**

## Christmas Pageant Rehearsal



**Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**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](mailto:srietano@gmail.com).

## Kids in grades 4-8 Join Youth Choir for Christmas!

We rehearse most Thursdays from 4:15-5:00pm in the choir loft. We'll be singing at the afternoon Mass on Christmas Eve. Our director is Carl Sauerbrunn. We have fun together and make some great music join us!

Contact: Ann DiStefano, Choir Mom, (860) 463-7495  
 (talk or text)



## 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](mailto: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, 7:15-8:45pm, Room 3  
 Thursdays, 9:30-11am, Activity Room

Please contact Ann DiStefano, Director of Adult Faith Formation  
[ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto: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





**WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

**November 12, 2017:** will be reported next weekend  
**Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 11/14/17):** \$3,938.00  
**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:**  
*none*

**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, 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.**  
**Come pray the Rosary with us.**



**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.

**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**.



**Turkey Express**

**Weekend of November 18/19, 2017  
at Church of Saint Ann**

**Saturday: 3:30-5pm \* Sunday: 7am-12:30pm**  
*Look for the truck labeled "Turkey Express"*



Please consider donating the following Thanksgiving dinner items for our Avon and Hartford neighbors:

**Frozen Turkeys** (or some Hams or Chickens)

Suggested Fixings:

stuffing mix, jellied cranberry sauce, fresh or canned vegetables, rice, small bag of potatoes &/or sweet potatoes, shredded cheddar cheese, fresh or canned fruit, juice, dinner rolls, brownie/cake mixes, frosting, gravy, baby food, salad dressing, mayonnaise....

**Our Parish Goal is 500 Turkeys  
and Lots of Fixings!**

Thank you for your generosity and  
have a wonderful Thanksgiving.



Sponsored by our  
Social Justice Committee

*"Together We Serve All God's People"*

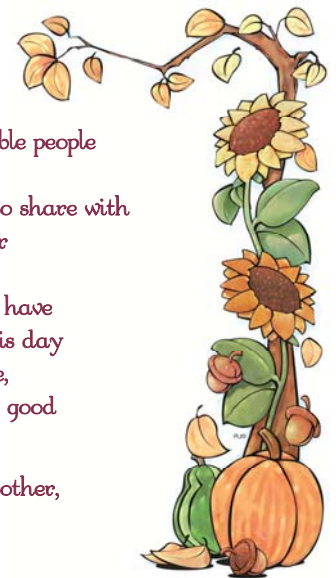
**Thanksgiving Prayer**

*This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.*

*Let us pray...*

God our Father,  
Graciously accept from your humble people  
a thankful heart and spirit.  
Everything we have and are able to share with  
others ultimately comes from your  
love of your creations.  
Often we think that everything we have  
is our own creation; we ask you this day  
to create in us a spirit of gratitude,  
that we may always know that all good  
gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried twenty-five years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone--the current students as well as those now grown--laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.*

*I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those twenty-five years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?*

*We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to him and those around us for his glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.*

Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*¡Viva Cristo Rey!*

- Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of November 19, 2017

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/  
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21  
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134,  
150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43  
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/Lk 19:11-28  
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44  
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/Lk 19:45-48  
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40  
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/  
Mt 25:31-46



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money." This servant was scared. He didn't want to take any risks and just wanted to play everything safe. As he confesses to his master, "Out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground." And the master was not pleased. The other servants who invested the money he gave them were richly rewarded for their efforts to produce more. But this servant was punished for letting his fear rule the day.

What factors are keeping us from making a return on God's investment in us? He has given us all life, and each of us also has a special collection of "talents" to make use of. We have certain gifts, skills, experiences, resources, and abilities that (though we may not often think about it) come from God. He calls us to make the most of these things, not just to take them for granted or bury them in the ground, so to speak. Our gifts are meant not just for our own enjoyment, but to help others, to spread truth and goodness and beauty to the world around us.

Sometimes, however, we fail to really capitalize on our potential. Laziness, distraction, or self-pity can get in the way if we are unwilling to put in the hard work to improve our natural gifts, if we allow ourselves to zone out with entertainment or frivolous pastimes instead of making good use of the time entrusted to us, or if we wallow in negativity by focusing on what we DON'T have instead of embracing what we do. Each moment is a gift from God. May we seize every opportunity to multiply the investment God has made in us so that we may be worthy to hear God tell us, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Every one of God's children is a unique creation with talents and gifts that are found in no one else. Each of us is asked to bring our special "twist" to life and to living the Gospel, leaving our impact on the world in a way that no one else can. Are we ever afraid to use our gifts or to be who we are? Fear can cripple us and prevent us from discovering the profound and creative ways in which we can become the person God meant us to be. We like our comfort zones and do not like to be stretched and challenged. Yet this is necessary if we are going to produce the fruit we are capable of producing and live the radical message of the Gospel. For serious Christians, the status quo has got to go!

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.  
(Prv 31:10)

### Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

### Second Reading:

For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober. (1 Thes 5:5-6)

### Gospel:

"Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more." His master said to him, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy." (Mt 25:20b-21)

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## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center West Hartford, CT

**Retreat Theme:** *Grace Enough* - Join Holy Family's retreat team for a weekend of peace and reflection on the power of God's grace in our lives. Discover anew how God's grace is our greatest source of strength and courage to meet the ever-present challenges in our lives. Together we'll reflect on how living in God's grace guides us to make wise choices, leading to true happiness and peace.

The retreat includes: home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time, and workshops. The retreat begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon.

Register at [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/graceenough](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/graceenough) or call Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT at 860.760.9705 for more info.

**Men's Retreat Date:**

January 19-21, 2018

**Women's Retreat Dates:**

January, March, April and June  
(see website for dates)

### Upcoming Events at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield

The Annual Christmas Festival Weekend at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield will include:

**Saturday, December 2nd:** *Gingerbread Nativity Making* will occur from 10 am to 12 noon in Pilgrim Hall. Space is limited, so make your reservations early by calling 860-567-1041 or email: [lourdeshrinect@gmail.com](mailto:lourdeshrinect@gmail.com). Each Nativity is \$30.

*A Candlelight Carol Sing* will begin at 7:00 Saturday evening in Pilgrim Hall and process to the Grotto. Cookies & hot chocolate will be served in the hall after this beautiful event.

**Sunday, December 3rd:** *The Living Nativity:* A re-enactment of the Nativity with live animals, little angels, shepherds, choristers and a real Baby Jesus will take place at 3:00 pm in the Grotto. Cookies & hot chocolate will again be served in Pilgrim Hall. *A suggested \$5.00 donation will be greatly appreciated.*

**Note: The Grotto Gift Shop will be open for all these events.**

### Watch EWTN Advent and Christmas Programming

EWTN is proud to bring you LIVE Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C.

Also, we will be airing inspiring musical performances, specials for children and teens, and new holiday presentations that the whole family will enjoy. Watch or listen to EWTN TV and EWTN Radio on your local channel, online, or even on your smartphone using our free EWTN app!

For more information go to: [ewtn.com](http://ewtn.com)

### 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.

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