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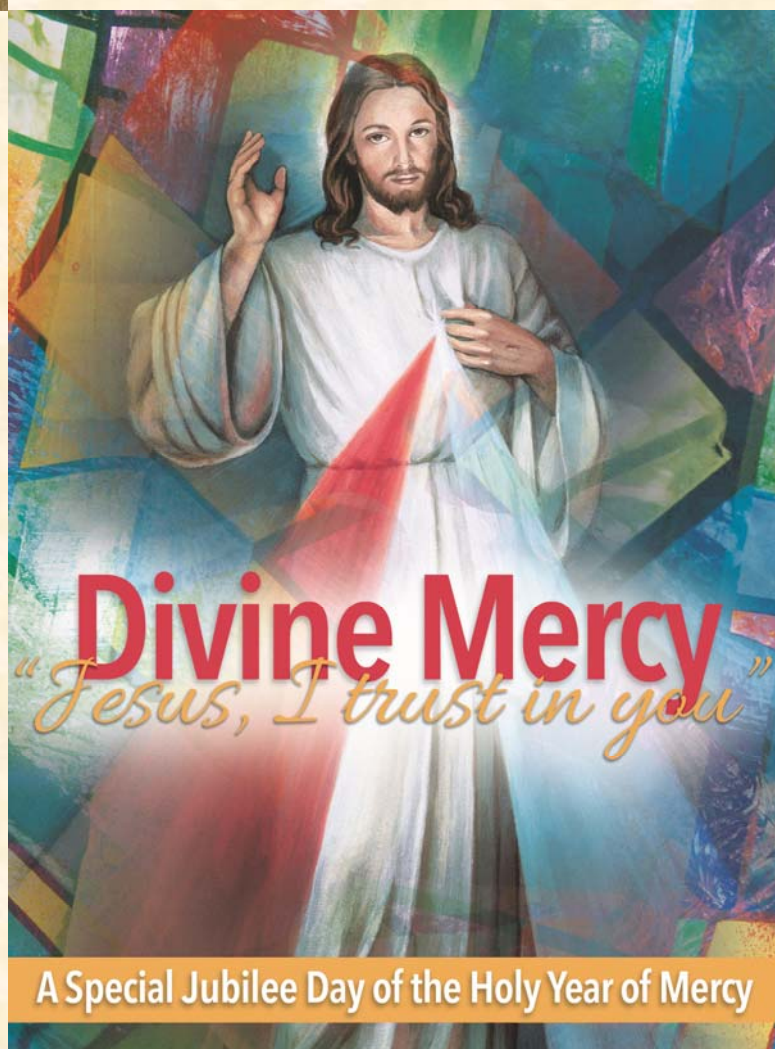
Call the Parish Office

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

A Special Jubilee Day of the Holy Year of Mercy



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday of Divine Mercy

MONDAY, April 4

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

TUESDAY, April 5

9:00 **Charles Byrnes**, requested by
the Ledwidge Family

WEDNESDAY, April 6

9:00 **Theresa Faillace**, requested by
the Faillace Family

THURSDAY, April 7

9:00 **Francis Hogan, (1st Ann)**, requested by
the Hogan Family

FRIDAY, April 8

9:00 **Leonie Lozier**, requested by
Paul and Christine Cyr

SATURDAY, April 9

4:00 **Victor Castellani**, requested by the family

SUNDAY, April 10

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

9:30 **Joseph, Clementina & Madeline
Vernesoni**, requested by the King Family

11:00 **Zofia & Henryk Wroblewski**, requested by
the family



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, April 4

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church wing.
All are welcome! (*Enter through door on the left side of the church*)
Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

TUESDAY, April 5

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, April 6

Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, April 7

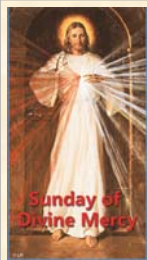
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church, weather permitting
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
Children's Choir (grades 4-8): 4:15pm in the Choir Loft
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft
St. Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

FRIDAY, April 8

SATURDAY, April 9

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, April 10



Divine Mercy Sunday April 3, 2016

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated here at St. Ann THIS Sunday, April 3rd, with a Holy Hour from 2:30– 3:30pm. Please join us to honor our Lord's request that the Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. He promised that the floodgates of heaven would open and extraordinary graces would be poured out among us.



Heartfelt Thank You for Corporal Works of Mercy Donations

Food, Medicine, Shelter Supplies
Childrens' Clothes, Shoes, Easter Food & MORE!

It's no easy task to say thank you enough times to do justice to your generous outpouring of donations during Lent. This year's parish response has brought much relief and joy to our many recipients. Our blessings shared are our blessings multiplied.

Thank you!
Your Social Justice Committee

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

March 20, 2016: \$8,559.81

March 27, 2016: \$12,591.03

Online Giving (week ending 3/30/16): \$2,818.00

Next weekend's second collection: *Holy Father*



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 for April will be the 3rd Sunday of the month** from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary. *

Marian Movement of Priests -Cenacle of Prayer Monday evenings at St. Ann's from 7:15 8:15pm

The Cenacle format is very simple:

1. Invocation to the Holy Spirit, 2. Recitation of the Holy Rosary,
3. Prayers for our Holy Father, 4. Prayers for our Priests and Seminarians, 5. Reading and meditation on one of the messages given in the book—"To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons",
6. Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Please visit the official website of the MMP at www.mmp-usa.net for additional information.

If you are interested in joining us to pray a holy rosary, please come to the church on Monday evenings at 7:15. All are welcome! Come pray with us.

Communion For Shut-Ins

The Eucharistic ministers would be happy 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**.



It's That Time of Year Again...

If you are a registered parishioner using envelopes or online giving, and would like a copy of our records of your weekly envelope contributions, please e-mail Kris in the Parish Office: kris.martino@stannavon.com or call 860-673-9858, ext. 221.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-8: UPCOMING CLASSES

April 3rd and April 17th (last class)


2016/17 Religious Education Registration Has Begun!

As our Faith Formation classes come to an end, it is time to plan for our 2016/2017 school year. Again this year, we will automatically enroll all existing students into the next grade level assuming all requirements have been met. Please complete a registration form (downloadable on our website: www.stannavon.com) on or before June 1, 2016. Forms with payment can be dropped off at the information table during class time on April 3rd or April 17th (please do not give payment to the Catechists), mailed or dropped off at the Office.

The Faith Formation Program Grades K-8 will begin Sunday, September 19, 2016. Grades K-4 will attend Avon Middle School Sunday mornings from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Grades 5-8 will attend Avon Middle School Sunday evenings from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

The Confirmation Program will begin Sunday, September 11, 2016. Confirmation classes will meet Sunday evenings at the Church of Saint Ann **Grade 9 and 10 Registrations end on 09/02/2016, as activities are already scheduled.**

After June 1st we will assess a \$40.00 late fee and send an invoice via email.



Get Glowing to VBS!

Register Now!


Registration Form is on our website (www.stannavon.org)

June 20-24, 2016

9:30am-12:30pm

Pre K - Grade 4

(completed)



Dear Parishioners,

This year there will be 72 candidates receiving the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. They received their First Reconciliation on December 5, 2015, and are preparing for reception of the Blessed Sacrament in the Spring. Soon we will putting out the Little Lambs for you to select a child and pray for them while they prepare for their sacrament.

Due to the overwhelming positive response, we would like to continue to gift each child with a First Communion Bible. We are asking that you sponsor any child or children, with this gift anonymously and it will be presented to them on their First Communion Day. In return, we will be asking the children to pray for the person who gave it to them *every time they read their Bible*.

The Bibles are reasonably priced and if you are interested in being part of this beautiful event, please pick up a form on the tables in the Gathering Space and return it with your payment of \$15.00 per Bible (made out to Church of St. Ann). Please mail to the church in an envelope clearly marked "for First Communion Bible" or drop it off at the Parish Offices. How pleased Jesus must be to know that both the children of this year's First Eucharist class and the adults of our Parish are praying for each other!

Thank you so much for your consideration and for your prayerful support of these beautiful children!

Yours in Christ , Father McHugh



ST. ANN CARES

St Ann Cares has begun sign-ups for the May 7 project. We need you! You can pick up a sign-up form in the gathering space, in the office or on line.

For further information contact Steve Rose at 860-250-5355 or rose_sp@sbcglobal.net



Prayer Shawl Ministry
Monday, April 4th at 7-8:30pm
in Room 2

St. Ann Celebrates the Year of Mercy Rediscover Jesus Thank You

As we close out this Lenten program,
heartfelt thanks go out to:

Our dedicated coordinating/hosting team:

Fr. John McHugh, Ann DiStefano, Joan Gould, Mike Gould, Mark Hamel, Deacon Tim Healy, Sue Ollestad, Sarah Purple, Valerie St. Jean, Kris Martino, Lisa Stevens, Lysa Termeer, & Angela Tollis.

Our liturgy team, who thoughtfully wove the Rediscover Jesus themes into the prayers, music, homilies, and environment.

Our speakers, who inspired and challenged us: Karen Finocchio, Jane Ellen Peregrin, Rev. Dr. Joseph Cheah, Lisa Stevens, Dr. Mary Beth Bruder, Annie Bruder, Martina Seminara, Michael Deckers, Lysa Termeer, Deacon Jeffrey Sutherland, Nancy Casey, June Bryant, Mary Lou Connors, Sr. Jerilyn Hunihan, & Shawn George. (See stannavon.org for follow-up info on our speaker presentations.)

Our Small Group leaders, for their willingness, dedication, enthusiasm and flexibility.

All those who did the unsung but vital **hospitality ministry** of greeting, refreshments, setup & cleanup.

*May we continue to rediscover Jesus
together throughout this
Year of Mercy, and beyond!*



Please join us for our next Youth Outreach meeting on :

Tuesday, April 5th from 7- 8 pm in Rm. 2

At the meeting our kids will create posters with facts about the water crisis for our Walk for Water event on

Saturday, April 16th at 3 pm at the Buckingham clubhouse. The signs will be posted throughout the walking route to inform people of facts about the water crisis. It will be an educational experience for our children to open their eyes to the needs of others around the world and hopefully grow an appreciation for the clean water we have access to everyday.

UPCOMING YOUTH OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- Saturday, April 16 time at 3pm - Walk for Water in the Buckingham neighborhood
- Sunday, April 17 - Clean the Rails to Trails with Farmington Valley Trails Council
- Sunday, May 22 at 3 pm - Planting Day for the Garden

Have a blessed week!

Be well and God bless, Youth Outreach Committee



2016 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL GOD'S MERCY AT WORK



**Archbishop's Annual Appeal Raises
4,000,000+ in Three Weeks
All Time Record!**

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many Good Works of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. For more information, please visit the updated Appeal website at :

www.archdioceseofhartford.org/archbishops-annual-appeal

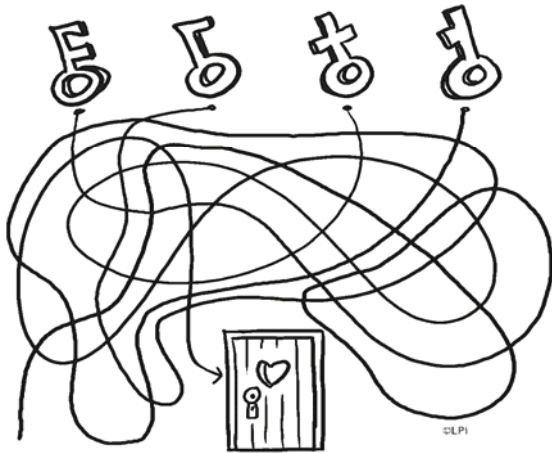
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FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY



Puzzle

Which key can unlock the Door?



For the Kids...

QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

HOW DO YOU
EXPERIENCE BEING
SENT BY JESUS?

2nd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" The disciples were paralyzed by fear. After the Crucifixion, they had locked themselves in a room and were keeping a low profile. They didn't want to end up how Jesus had ended up. But the Lord stepped right into this paranoia and dispelled it in an instant: "The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord."

Although these first Christians were very concerned about preserving their lives, the fact is that living holed up in an attic wasn't a life of much freedom or joy. Jesus wanted his followers to have the fullness of life, but this required trust in him and his promises. As today's Gospel puts it, through the belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, "you may have life in his name." When we come to really accept who Jesus is, there is no more need for a life of slavery to fear--whatever that fear may be, whether it's fear for our health; fear for our reputation; fear for our comfort; or even fear that our sins are too big for forgiveness.

Today as we celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy, we remember that God's love is strong enough to conquer the greatest of all human fears: death itself. This confidence leads us to a renewed joy. As Pope Francis wrote in his declaration of this, the Year of Mercy, "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Once we are firmly established in this hope, we are called to be witnesses of mercy to others. The Holy Father continues with a challenge for all of us, "Jesus asks us also to forgive and to give. To be instruments of mercy because it was we who first received mercy from God."

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

Critics who say the Catholic Church is against universal health care are misinformed. The Catholic Church is founded on the Corporal Works of Mercy and helping others. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has always advocated for health care. The Catholic Church is opposing the health care mandate, because it violates the First Amendment, which is supposed to safeguard freedom of religion.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

Readings for the Week of April 3, 2016

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/
Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Catholic Youth Spectacular

The Spring Catholic Youth Spectacular is Sunday, April 24th 11:30-5:45 at High Meadow in Granby, Ct. The cost is \$30.00 pp before April 15. Join hundreds of youth from across the region to explore and celebrate their Catholic faith on the same day as the Jubilee of Youth in Rome! Contact your DRE or Coordinator of Youth Ministry to get tickets or call Shawnee Baldwin 860-242-5573 x2672 for more information. Registration deadline is April 15th

In Veneration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy The Archdiocese of Hartford Invites You to participate in a Divine Mercy Sunday Pilgrimage and Liturgy April 3, 2016, 2 - 4 pm

Join Archbishop Leonard P. Blair and others in procession from the Bushnell Park Performance Pavilion in Hartford, to the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, where pilgrims will walk through the Holy Door, participate in Benediction, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and have the option to go to confession.

Free parking will be available at Aetna's Flower Street Garage. A shuttle service will be available from 1:05 to 2:00 pm for those needing a ride to Bushnell Park to begin the pilgrimage. Those who do not wish to march from Bushnell Park to the Cathedral can meet pilgrims at the Cathedral at 3 p.m. For information, call: 860-541-6491.

Pope Francis addresses "every person living on this planet" in the latest encyclical, *Laudato Si: On Care of Our Common Home*. The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will be hosting a day of reflection and action: "Creating a Culture of Solidarity, Encounter and Relationship" on Saturday, April 9th, from 8:30 am- 2:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Rocky Hill. This workshop will explore the vision of Pope Francis, as expressed in his new encyclical, and provide practical tools for strengthening parish ministry through relationship and advocacy efforts. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Please call (860) 242- 5573 ext. 2688 or visit catholicsocialjustice.org/registration for more information.



Award-Winning St. Paul Theater Troupe presents "Rags" a new American musical

St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol

Performance Dates:

Friday, April 22nd at 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 23rd at 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 24th at 2:00 pm

Tickets: Can be purchased beginning on Tuesday, March 29th at or at the door before performances.

Tickets are \$15 to \$20. All seats reserved.

This year St. Paul Performing Arts presents a rare chance to see the 1986 Broadway musical, *Rags*. Set in 1910, *Rags* follows the story of Rebecca, a young Russian immigrant mother, arriving in America with her son, David, and forced to work in a sweatshop to survive while she endeavors to find her husband. The joy of finding him, however, soon turns to anguish when she discovers that he has rejected much of his ethnic culture, in an attempt to assimilate with American society. Struggling to reconcile their differences and make a new life for themselves, *Rags* is a tale of identity, love and loss amid the hardship of immigrant life.

Poems of the Spirit

Saturday, April 9th from 1-3pm

Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary
467 Bloomfield Ave, Bloomfield

In conjunction with National Poetry Month, The Archbishop O'Brien Library will host a poetry program, "Poems of the Spirit" with Maria Sassi, award winning poet, writer and teacher.

The works of Francis Thompson, Emily Dickinson, Thomas Merton, and some contemporary poets will be presented. Maria will read from her latest book, "Rare Grasses", published by Antrim House, which will be available

The event is free. All are invited. Refreshments will be served.

For more information or to register, call 860-242-5573, ext. 2608 or ext. 2623.