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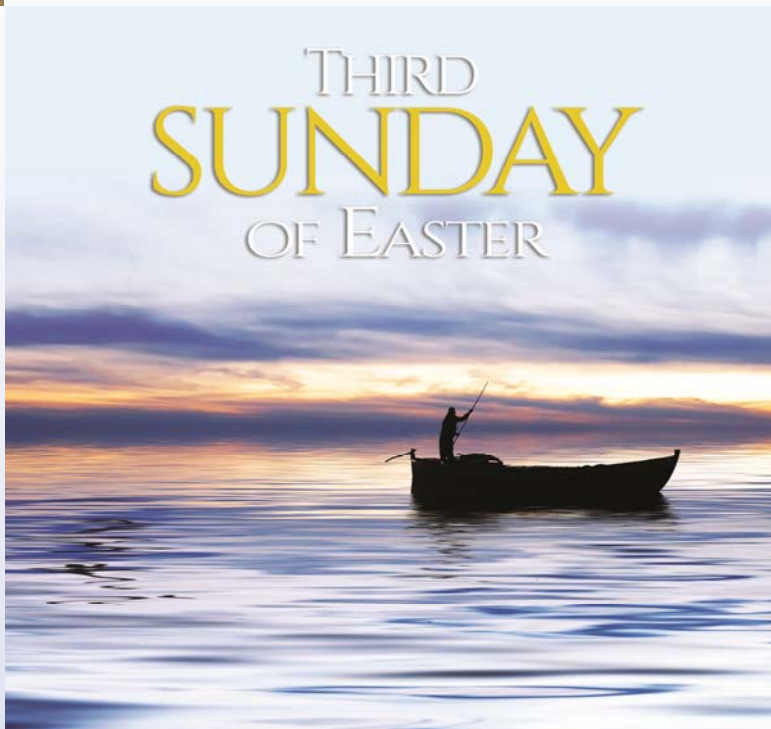
MARRIAGES

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:18-19

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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 FOR THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Easter

MONDAY, April 11

9:00 **Julia McHugh**, requested by the family

TUESDAY, April 12

9:00 **Special Intention**

WEDNESDAY, April 13

9:00 **Joseph & Filomena Ribera**, requested by the family

THURSDAY, April 14

9:00 **Lorette Leger**, requested by the family

FRIDAY, April 15

9:00 **Christopher Hwang**, requested by the family

SATURDAY, April 16

4:00 **Jack Tromza**, requested by Mary Jane Jeter

SUNDAY, April 17

7:30 **Pat Clark (8th Ann)**, requested by his wife

9:30 **Mr. & Mrs. William Severni and Douglas Fisher**, requested by the family

11:00 **Pietro DiTommaso**, requested by his 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 11

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 12

M+M Moms: 9:30 in the Activity Room
RCIA: 7pm in Room 3
Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7:30 pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, April 13

Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, April 14

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 15

SATURDAY, April 16

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

Marthas and Marys Trivia Thursday

April 21st at 7pm

Come on your own or bring a friend or two!



\$ Winners Win \$

Beverages and Snacks

This is our last event until September, so try to make it!

RSVP by Monday, April 18th to:
Lydia Kalustian, 15 Old Wood Rd., Avon
Checks payable to Marthas and Marys: \$15
Questions, Volunteers: Anne Yurch,
anneyurch@gmail.com/860-675-1366

ST. ANN CARES

St Ann Cares projects for this year will be Immacares Shelter and Open Hearths. We will be doing some carpentry, landscaping and painting. We will be holding sign ups this weekend. A team of pre-work volunteers will go in on April 30. We are looking for someone who is good with plantings to help with the landscaping. We are inviting you to sign up and experience the joy of helping others. We need you. Thanks for helping out this year!

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



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

April 3, 2016: \$7,426.76

Online Giving (week ending 4/6/16): \$2,895.00

Next weekend's second collection: *Monthly*



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 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!

**June 20-24,
2016**

9:30am-12:30pm

Pre K - Grade 4

(completed)

Register Now!

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



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Saturday, May 14th
St. Ann's Parking Lot

Perennial Plant Sale

The proceeds from the sale will benefit the Social Justice Committee's Scholarship Program, which provides partial Tuition support for deserving Hartford students who attend local Catholic High Schools.

We Need Plant Donations!

Please consider sharing some of your perennials that are ready for dividing this spring.

We would welcome the donation of purchased perennials if you are unable to donate from your own gardens.

Further information will follow about drop-off dates and times.



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



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference.

If you did not receive the 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal mailing or have misplaced the pledge card and envelope mailed to your home, please feel free to pick up one of the extra pledge cards and envelopes located in the rear of the Church. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.



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

Please join us for our next Youth Outreach meeting on **Tuesday, May 3rd from 7- 8 pm in room 2** to help finalize plans for our planting day on May 22 and to map out our calendar for Youth Outreach activities for next school year.

Have a blessed week!

Be well and God bless, Youth Outreach Committee

The Men of St. Ann present the event of the year:



Ladies Night Out

Friday, May 6, 2016

6:30pm

Fr. Bennett Hall

Price: \$25

Ladies, save this date on your calendar! The Men of St. Ann once again want to treat the ladies of the parish to a special night out. This is a well attended event so be sure to get your reservations in early. Reservations can be made with John Kuzia: 860-284-0020 or email at kman@kuzia.com.

Seating is limited so reservations are a must.

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 be 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 7th Annual Art Show & Sale

Fr. Bennett Hall

Saturday, May 21st from 2:30 - 5:30pm

Sunday, May 22nd from 8am - 1pm

Grace your walls with affordable art by

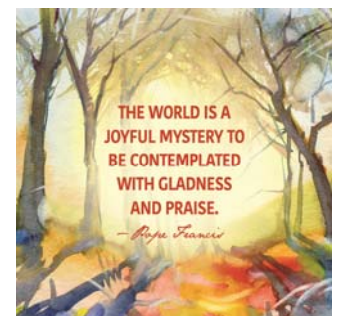
adult fine artists & young artists.

All proceeds go towards scholarships for Hartford students attending local Catholic High Schools.

If you would like to donate your artwork or know someone who would...

please contact Inez at: 860-653-5579 or

faillace1@comcast.net or Meg at: 860-521-1051 or mkrfk@sbcglobal.net



FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY



Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

FISHING
CATCH
BOAT

JUMPED
DRAGGED
BREAD

CHARCOAL
APPEARED
RAISED

J E S U L B R E A D T
R C A T C H A R T R O
I H S D P L E A S A L
N A G F I S H I N G H
E R T S H O R S O G F
L C K E J T I E B E R
B O A T U O S D I D M
N A P E M R T H O A S
T L H A P N I L F R O
M A P P E A R E D C A
N J E S D N J O N H E

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For the Kids...

QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

AT WHAT TIMES IN YOUR
LIFE DO YOU FEEL
JESUS' PRESENCE MOST
CLEARLY?

3rd Sunday of Easter

States and provinces regulate fishing seasons within their own boundaries. For some species, the fishing season is open all year long. For others, there is only a brief time that the fish can be legally taken. The season for sturgeon spearing in the upper Midwest can last just a couple of days depending on where the spearing takes place and when the limit imposed by regulation is reached. According to data collected in 2011 by the US Census Bureau, over thirty-three million Americans go fishing. In that year they spent nearly \$42 billion on fishing activities including trips, equipment, and licenses. The number of people going fishing jumped by eleven percent from 2006, making it one of the most popular outdoor activities.

Peter's fishing trip in this weekend's Gospel is not quite as involved as some trips that modern day fishermen might take. Since he was a fisherman by trade, he likely walked out of his house, grabbed a few of his buddies, and went out in the boat for the night hoping to make a good catch. While there was always preparation to be done (mending the nets, repairing the boat, etc.), from the Gospel story it seems that Peter's decision to go fishing was pretty spontaneous. It was near dawn when Jesus showed up and they caught a tremendous amount of fish.

Any avid fisherman is always ready to go out and fish. Once you're out there, it could be just the right moment to pull in a lot of fish. Like a fisherman, we never quite know when the moment may come to "catch" someone for Christ. As Christians, we always have to be prepared to tell the story of who Jesus is for us, not in any kind of "preachy" way, but by living our lives as kind and loving people. The witness that we give by our example is the only kind of net we need to attract others to the Lord.

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

Those who say that the Catholic Church is discriminating against poor women by opposing the health care mandate are completely misinformed. The Catholic Church is against requirements contained in the mandate that would force them to pay for surgical procedures such as: sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception that go against our moral convictions, and therefore, impede religious freedom.

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 10, 2016

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
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/
Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21/
Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-7/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-3, 5/
Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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

Symposium on Christian Persecution in the Middle East

You are invited to attend a short symposium on Sunday, April 10; from 2-3:30 pm at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 74 West Main St., Waterbury. Mr. George Marlin, former Director of the Port Authority of New York/New Jersey, as well as a scholar, international speaker, and author of the book, *Christian Persecution in the Middle East*, will be revealing the truth behind the ever growing threat of violence and oppression towards Christians in the Middle East. The event will conclude with a time of prayer for peace for those facing persecution and oppression. A free will offering will be taken to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need. For more information, please call 203-574-0017 or email

This Changes Everything: Laudato Si, Our Planet, and Our Common Future, with Patrick Carolan Wednesday, Apr 20, 6-9 p.m. Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center West Hartford

A discussion of what the Pope's groundbreaking encyclical means to us as individuals, as a Church, and as a global family. Includes an engaging presentation and a prayer service for peace with musicians from Holy Family's music ministry. \$40, includes dinner. 860-760-9705
Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford.

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.



Thinking About Kindergarten?

At St. Mary's School we nurture and motivate our students,
teaching the skills needed to compete in today's world.

Join us Wednesday, May 4th at 6:30 pm
Early Elementary Open House - PreKindergarten through Grade Three
Limited Openings for September 2016
For more information or to RSVP please call or email Toni Chagnon at
tchagnon@stmarysschoolsimsbury.org / 860-658-9412

Come take a closer look at the strong foundation
a Catholic elementary education can provide for your child.
www.stmarysschoolsimsbury.org

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

WHEN I THINK
OF JESUS
I THINK OF
HIS KINDNESS,
HEALING AND
FEEDING
THE HUNGRY...



SO LET'S GO GET
A HOLY PIZZA.



WHAT'S THAT?



THAT'S WHERE
YOU'RE KIND
ENOUGH TO
BUY ME A PIZZA
AND HEAL
MY HUNGER.

Signatures
D. J. C. P.