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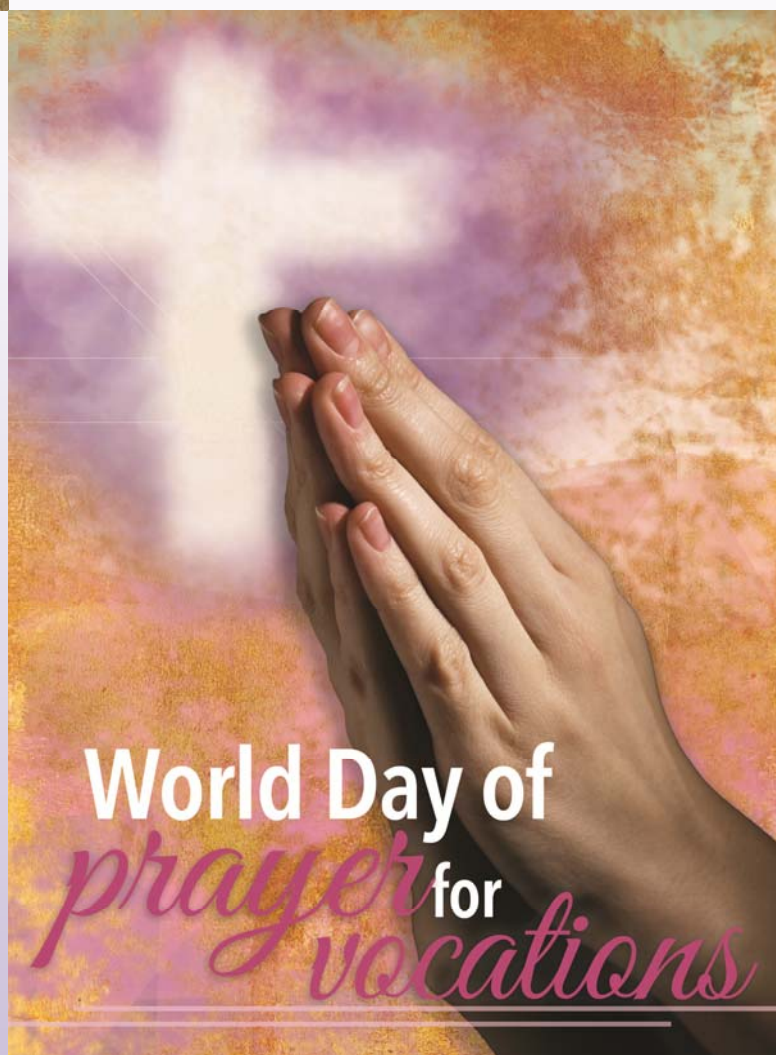
Call the Parish Office

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Easter

MONDAY, April 18

9:00 **Special Intentions**

TUESDAY, April 19

9:00 **Robert Collier**, requested by the family

WEDNESDAY, April 20

9:00 **Special Intention**

THURSDAY, April 21

9:00 **David Kuzia (1st Ann.)**, requested by John and Alice Kuzia

FRIDAY, April 22

9:00 **Paul Davenport**, requested by the Waterbury Family

SATURDAY, April 23

4:00 **Rose D'alessandro**, requested by the family

SUNDAY, April 24

7:30 **Irene Girard**, requested by the family

9:30 **Donald King**, requested by his Italian cousins from Italy

11:00 **Dr. Theodore deGroot**, requested by his wife and 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 18

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

TUESDAY, April 19

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, April 20

Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3

Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, April 21

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

Marthas + Marys Trivia Thursday: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

FRIDAY, April 22



SATURDAY, April 23

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, April 24

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 10, 2016: \$7,845.00

Online Giving (week ending 4/6/16): \$2,017.00

Next weekend's second collection: none



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. *

St. Ann Parish Lives the Year of Mercy

Rediscover Jesus

The Lenten program may be over, but the inspiration continues! For highlights/resources from our wonderful guest speaker presentations, photos, and amazing/heartwarming stories from participants, visit stannavon.org/rediscover-jesus. (To share your story, contact Ann below!)

Sign up to receive daily inspirational email messages from *Rediscover Jesus* author Matthew Kelly via dynamiccatholic.com.

Mercy Calendar

A listing of upcoming opportunities to engage in mercy in the parish/community will soon be posted on www.stannavon.org/year-of-mercy, and in the Gathering Space. To add an item, please contact Ann DiStefano, ames.distefano@gmail.com; (860) 463-7495.

"Mercy is opening ourselves up to make room for the love of another...to accompanying them where they are at that moment in whatever way they need."

Kerry Weber, Managing Ed., America magazine

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

NOTE: Please do not hold up your child(ren)'s registration due to financial concerns, we will happily work with you, all information is confidential.



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.





Upcoming Youth Outreach Activities

- 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

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. Due to past years' success, 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

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



Ladies Night Out

Friday, May 6,

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.



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



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



Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We encourage you to please visit www.archdioceseofhartford.org/archbishops-annual-appeal-videos/ to view the 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal impact video. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider doing so.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service to the Lord. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those cultivating a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith.

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY



Puzzle

Find your way through the bible maze.



For the Kids...

QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU THAT JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD?

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

In our politically charged society, I imagine many have heard the quote, "It takes a village..." Whether or not one likes the politics of the author of that quote, in the words are truth. It takes many people to create and sustain a community.

For those of us who are Catholic, we believe in the power of vocations to help spread the Gospel message. And vocations are an important part of the community. The vocations to priesthood, or the diaconate, or religious life are at the center of our efforts to spread the good news. However, we need to also speak about the vocation of married life as service to the church; and furthermore, the vocation of single life. It is at our baptism that we are given the mandate to spread the Gospel through our vocation in the church.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me" (Rv 3:20).

We hear in Scripture that Jesus stands at the door of our heart and knocks. He only invites and never demands or breaks into our lives without our acceptance. He knocks, we open the door, and the invitation and welcome are complete.

Let us pray...

God of the invitation, you knock upon the door of everyone's heart. We seek the courage to open that door, for we know the responsibility of saying yes. We humbly ask you for your wisdom to serve your church with compassion and acceptance. We believe that when we say yes, you will provide the grace for the work ahead. Give grace to those men and women who have dedicated their lives to constant service to your church. Also give grace to those couples and single men and women who work for the church in their secular lives. We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, who live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"How long has Jesus been knocking at the door of your heart, waiting to enter?" -St. John Baptist de la Salle

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church is not asking for special treatment when it comes to the federal healthcare mandate, she is simply asking that every American's right to religious freedom be protected. This right is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday, or to pray the Rosary at home. It is about adhering to the tenets of our faith, so that we can contribute to the common good of all Americans.

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 17, 2016

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-3, 5/
Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/Rv 21:1-5a/
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

THE BULLETIN BOARD

This Changes Everything: Laudato Si, Our Planet, and Our Common Future, with Patrick Carolan

Wednesday, Apr 20: 6-9pm

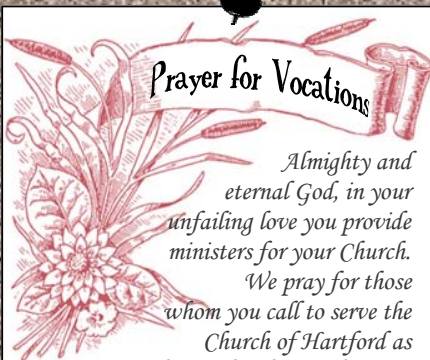
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford

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.

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! Call Shawnee Baldwin 860-242-5573 x2672 for more information. Registration deadline is April 15th.

Prayer for Vocations



Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church of Hartford as priests or religious brothers and sisters. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth.



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

St. Joseph's Cathedral & the Archdiocese of Hartford invite you to join us ~ for

Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors a dialogue with & among faith leaders

What do Muslims believe, & how do they live their faith?
How do local, national and worldwide events affect what it means to be Muslim in America?

Hear a panel of articulate, vibrant CT Muslims share their stories & respond to your questions

Come to increase our mutual understanding, to build & strengthen our interfaith community

Thursday April 28, 7:00pm
in the auditorium at Cathedral Green
809 Asylum Avenue, Hartford

(parking in the adjacent Cathedral lot - entrance on Asylum Avenue)

a program organized by:

CT Council for Interreligious Understanding (CCIU)
the Muslim Coalition of CT and Hartford Seminary
please RSVP to let us know you'll be there!
for replies & more info: interfaith@cciu.org or 860/ 556-9556

FORE FACS Golf Classic

Please join us and Emcee Todd Piro from NBC Connecticut News!

The Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools (FACS) invites you to tee off for Catholic School education at the:

Shelter Harbor Golf Club
One Golf Club Drive, Charlestown, RI
Monday, May 16, 2016
10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Cost is \$375 per golfer for a round of golf, greens fees and a cart, lunch, refreshments on the course, dinner and a gift. FACS provides scholarships, and funds special projects for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

For information about sponsorship opportunities, or playing this great course, please contact: Mdussault@facshartford.org or call 860.761.7499.

The Avon Lions Charities Inc.

PASTA DINNER

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Friday, April 22, 2016

1st Company, Governor's Horse Guard Facility

280 Arch Road, Avon

Adults: \$10.00, Children 5-12: \$5.00

Children 4 and under: Free