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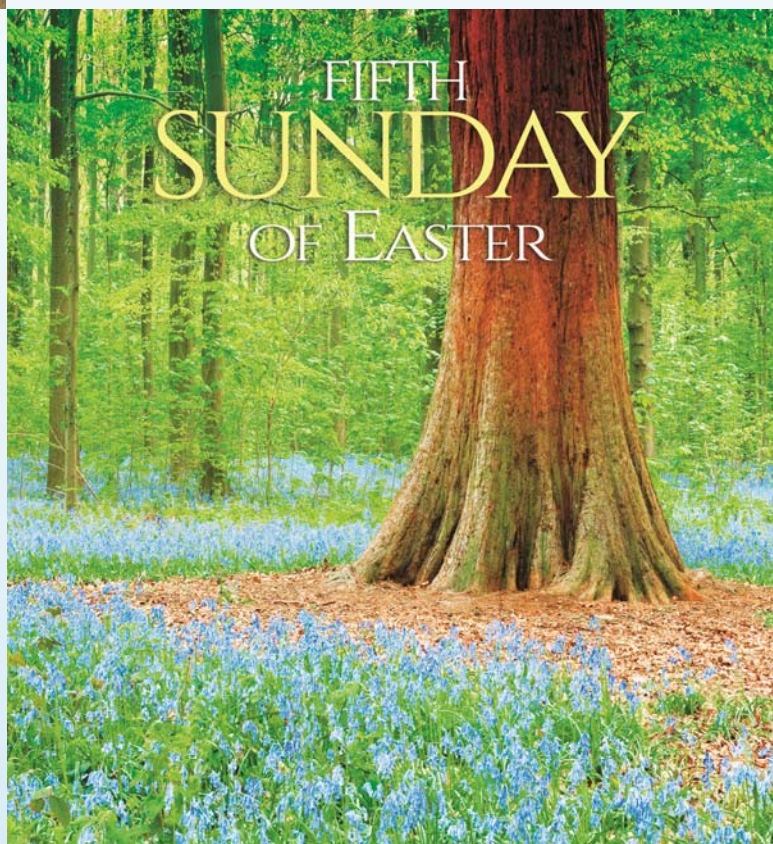
Call the Parish Office

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.



"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." - Jn 13:34-35

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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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

MONDAY, April 25

9:00 **Donald King (1st Ann.)**, requested by
the Zelazny Family

TUESDAY, April 26

9:00 **Matthew Labounty**, requested by
the Ledwidge Family

WEDNESDAY, April 27

9:00 **Special Intention**

THURSDAY, April 28

9:00 **Special Intention**

FRIDAY, April 29

9:00 **Mildred Lawryniewicz**, requested by
her daughter, Dottie Cialfi

SATURDAY, April 30

4:00 **Hank & Eileen Salcedo**, requested by
Walter & Theresa Pierce

SUNDAY, May 1

7:30 **Linda & Salvatore Bonini**, requested by
the family

9:30 **Sam Riela**, requested by the family

11:00 **For the Intentions of Stefania Osiecki
(living)**, 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 25

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church wing.
All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church)
1st Communion Practice (AM group): 4-6pm, Fr. Bennett Hall

TUESDAY, April 26

M+M Moms: 9:30 in the Activity Room
RCIA: 7pm in Room 3
1st Communion Practice (PM group): 4-6pm, Fr. Bennett Hall

WEDNESDAY, April 27

Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3
1st Communion Practice (AM group): 4-6pm, Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, April 28

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church, weather permitting
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
1st Communion Practice (PM group): 4-6pm, Fr. Bennett Hall
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 29

SATURDAY, April 30

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3
Sacrament of First Communion: 10am and 1pm in the church

SUNDAY, May 1

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.

Mercy Opportunity:

Mercy Purses

Enjoy **LADIES' NIGHT OUT** and help women in need, too!

Ladies, please bring to the dinner a GENTLY-USED PURSE FILLED WITH TOILETRIES for homeless/refugee women cared for by Mercy Shelter and Catholic Charities. For a list of items, visit stannavon.org, or contact Ann DiStefano, ames.distefano@gmail.com, (860) 463-7495.



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is holding an Open House in the Fr. Bennett Hall after the 7:30 and 9:30 masses this week-end. We would like to invite all men and their families to join us and learn more about The Knights of Columbus and specifically what the Knights are doing at St. Ann's. We hope to see you there, but if you can't make it you can contact Gary Balich at (860) 676-0652 or gary.balich@comcast.net for more information.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

April 17, 2016: \$5,872.00

Online Giving (week ending 4/6/16): \$2,779.00

Next weekend's second collection: *St. Michael*



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. *

The Church of Saint Ann *Lives the Year of Mercy*

MercyQuest Bible Study for Adults

MercyQuest is a FRESH LOOK at the Mercy parables of Jesus, and what they mean for us today. Four consecutive Monday's - May 2-23, at 9:30am or 7:15pm, in Rooms 1, 2 & 3, lower level of Fr. Bennett Hall. **No homework – just come read, pray and discuss.** No experience necessary! Books are FREE, while supplies last. Register ASAP with Ann DiStefano, ames.distefano@gmail.com, (860) 463-7495.

Save the Date

**Service Project/Pilgrimage to
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Hartford
Saturday afternoon, June 11th**

Make sandwiches for the homeless, then board buses to the Cathedral, where we'll deliver the food, take a guided tour, pass through the Holy Door, & attend 4:00 Mass. Nominal fee to cover bus rental. More details to come. RSVP: Ann DiStefano, ames.distefano@gmail.com, (860) 463-7495. *"By crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, we will find the strength to embrace God's mercy and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others."* - Pope Francis

Mercy Stories

Do you have a story about an experience you've had giving or receiving mercy, to encourage others? We're creating a Mercy Stories section on our website. (Anonymous submissions are welcome.) Please contact Ann above.

For all the latest info, check the MERCY OPPORTUNITIES CALENDAR in the Gathering Space, and at stannavon.org/year-of-mercy. Also, 'like' us on Facebook - "Church of St. Ann" (be sure to turn on 'notifications')

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



In these trying times, the need of our surrounding community grows and the assistance provided by the Appeal is crucial. If you have not yet made your commitment to this year's Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese.



Upcoming Youth Outreach Activities

Thank you to all who participated in the Walk for Water and/or the Rails to Trails clean up last weekend! They were both purposeful activities that made a difference.

- Sunday, May 22 at 3 pm - Planting Day for the Garden
- If you are interested in helping tend the garden through the spring and summer, please send Shawn George an email at segeorge12@gmail.com to be put on the Garden Committee email distribution list. Thank you!

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.

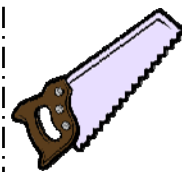
Have a blessed week!

Be well and God bless, Youth Outreach Committee

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. 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

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.



A huge Thank you to all parishioners who generously donated Bibles for our First Communion candidates. We now have enough donations for all of our students!

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 mkfk@sbcglobal.net

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus gave his disciples a new rule. He told them they had to love each other, just like he loved them. What did Jesus mean? Jesus was very patient with his friends. He forgave his friends when they let him down. Jesus comforted his friends when they were afraid. Most of all he helped them grow closer to God.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to love my friends like Jesus did.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself talking to a friend who is afraid.

Mission for the Week

I will follow Jesus and forgive those who have hurt me.

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For the Children...

QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU
THINK ARE MOST
IMPORTANT FOR JESUS'
DISCIPLES?

5th Sunday of Easter

It's not possible for even the most astute law enforcement official to have memorized every law he is subject to. The catalog of federal, state, and local laws is simply too great. Volumes of legal code cover everything from street

parking to espionage, from hunting waterfowl to truancy, from drunk driving to emission standards. Laws and ordinances abound, yet the vast majority of us go about our business each day without much of a nod to their existence. A speed limit sign may catch our attention (especially if there are flashing lights behind us). We might also keep strict compliance with our local recycling laws because it makes us feel meritorious. But generally speaking we follow the law without actually knowing all of it.

Today's Gospel takes place during the Last Supper. Judas had left and the other disciples were listening to Jesus. It is in this context that he gives them a new commandment: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:34-35).

There is the law that we must observe if we are to consider ourselves to be disciples, that is, followers of Jesus. We don't need to memorize the entire US Code or all the laws of the state in which we live to stay in compliance with the law. In the same way it is no longer necessary for us to remember all of the laws and ordinances in the Books of Leviticus, or Numbers, or Deuteronomy. We have a new law given to us by Christ. We are to "love one another." Those three words certainly have far reaching implications. We have guidance on how to follow Christ from the church. In our daily activities we have to act on what is the most loving thing to do.

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

The government continues to try to fine the Little Sisters of the Poor while exempting plans covering tens of millions of people. One in three Americans does not have a plan covered by this mandate. The government exempted large corporations like Exxon and Pepsi and its own health care plans for military families and the disabled. This means that over 100 million Americans are outside of the mandate. Then, why can't religious organizations be exempt as well?

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.

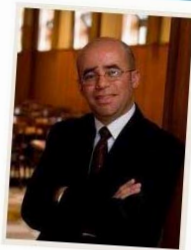
Readings for the Week of April 24, 2016

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/Rv 21:1-5a/
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/
Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

THE BULLETIN BOARD



Join Us for the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*
Lecture Series:
Dr. Hosffman Ospino to speak on May 1st



Dr. Hosffman Ospino is an Assistant Professor in the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College where he is the Director of Graduate Programs in Hispanic Ministry.

Dr. Ospino was born in Colombia where he pursued undergraduate studies in Philosophy. He taught philosophy and religion at various academic levels and worked for the National Confederation of Catholic Education of Colombia. He holds an M.A. in Theology with concentration in Church History and a Ph.D. in Theology and Education from Boston College.

Dr. Ospino's research concentrates on the dialogue between theology and culture and the impact of this interchange upon Catholic theological education, catechesis, and ministry. He has lectured nationally and internationally on these areas.

He is the author of several books including: "Hispanic Ministry in Catholic Parishes: A Summary Report of Findings from the National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry," "Hispanic Ministry in the Twenty-First Century: Present and Future," and "Catholic Schools in an Increasingly Hispanic Church: A Summary Report of Findings from the National Survey of Catholic Schools Serving Hispanic Families. He and his wife, Guadalupe, are actively involved in Hispanic Ministry in Boston.

WHEN: Sunday, May 1st at 3 PM

WHERE: The auditorium at the old Cathedral School, behind the Chancery building at 134 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT.

PARKING: Parking will be available at the Archdiocesan Employee parking lot on Farmington Ave. or behind the Cathedral on Asylum Ave.

Cost: Free admission (free will offering will be accepted)

For more information contact: Fr. Michael Ruminski at: 860-249-8431 or email: Fr.Ruminski@archdiocese.org



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

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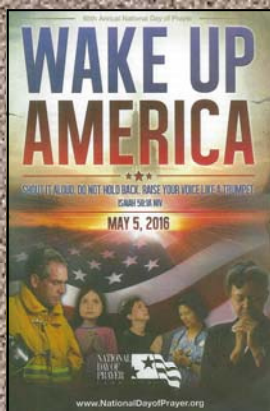
RE FACS Golf Classic

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.



National Day Of Prayer

Thursday May 5, 2016
12 Noon

Avon Free Public Library
Community Room

For additional information, call
Steve Wilson at 860-404-0708 or
David Pena at 860-675-9294
workinno@juno.com

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