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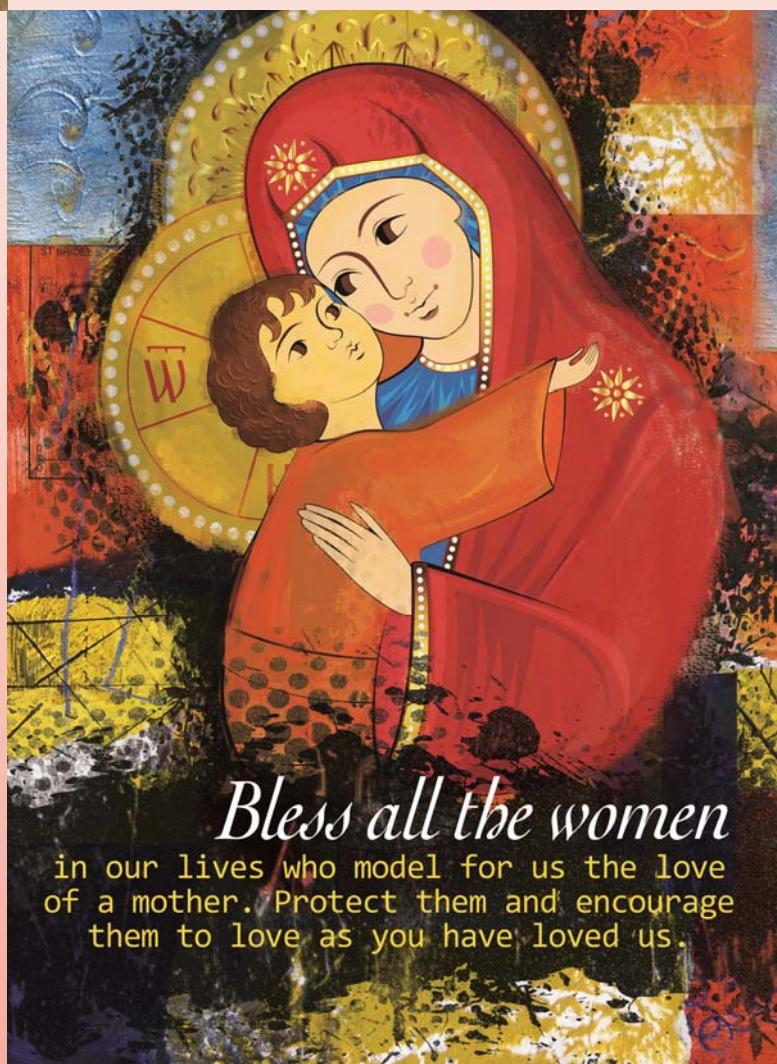
Call the Parish Office

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

MONDAY, May 9

9:00 **Donald Maillet**, requested by
Oscar & Ida Maillet

TUESDAY, May 10

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, May 11

9:00 **Barbara Alu**, requested by the family

THURSDAY, May 12

9:00 **Special Intention**

FRIDAY, May 13

9:00 **Dr. Lothar Candels**, requested by
the Savarese Family

SATURDAY, May 14

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

SUNDAY, May 15

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

9:30 **Frances Caspar**, requested by
Fran's Book Club

11:00 **Donald King**, requested by the Dickens,
Ziemnicki & Jim King Children



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, May 9

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, May 10

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, May 11

Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, May 12

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

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, May 13

SATURDAY, May 14

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

Perennial Plant Sale: 8am-noon in the Parking Lot

Youth Ministry Car Wash: 10am-3pm in back parking lot

Summer Read Book Launch: after 4pm Mass, in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, May 15

Summer Read Book Launch: after all Masses, in Fr. Bennett Hall

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church



*May Crowning
will take place during the
11am Mass on May 8th*

Saturday, May 14th
8am - 12noon
St. Ann 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.

Many Varieties - Great Prices!

Plant Donations Needed!

Please consider sharing some of your perennials that are ready for dividing this spring. Donations of purchased perennials would be welcome if you are unable to donate from your own gardens.

Donations may be dropped off in the parking lot (W. Avon Rd. side, under tree) on Thursday, May 12, from 8:30-10 a.m. and 5-7 p.m., and Friday, May 13, from 8:30-10 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. **Please IDENTIFY plants** (name, color, sun/shade). Donate a plant or plants during drop-off hours and be entered in a drawing to win a garden tote full of gardening accessories.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Jean Frey at



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

May 1, 2016: \$7,949.17

Online Giving (week ending 5/4/16): \$3,047.00

Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Catholic Communication Campaign



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 the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

Save the Date Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Dining for Dollars at
Bertucci's Italian Restaurant (Avon)
For Amigos De Los Niños Excepcionales Tarija
(ANET)

In honor of Fr. Michael Donahue

Fr. Michael Donahue, a native of Avon in his youth, has been a missionary priest for decades serving poor-handicapped children in Tarija, Bolivia. Many babies and children with special needs are abandoned to group homes because of the level of care required and the lack of Bolivian government financial support. The yearly Bolivia collection at the Church of St. Ann's Bolivia supported Fr. Donahue's work with the poor, handicapped children in group homes in Tarija, Bolivia. Funds were used for surgeries, transportation, and clothing for the children. Their handicaps include intellectual and physical including muscular dystrophy, hearing or visually impairment, cleft lip, or club foot. (Please see the 2016 NEXUS winter or full report.)

Unfortunately, Fr. Donahue is severely ill. He suffers from a lung disease, and is on oxygen 24/7. As a result, he is unable to leave his apartment in Bolivia and perform his daily responsibilities. In his honor, on Wednesday, May 11th, the Church of St. Ann is invited to participate in a Dining for Dollars Fundraising Event at Bertucci's Italian Restaurant in Avon for ANET to help sustain the work that Fr. Donahue supported all his life in Bolivia. On May 11th Bertucci's in Avon will donate **15 percent** of every dining check—IF the party specifies they are from the Church of Saint Ann.

Please plan to support this worthy cause by going to go to Bertucci's on Wednesday, May 11th, anytime, between 11:30 AM - 9:00 PM. Meet friends for lunch, happy hour, or order a meal "To Go," and please tell them you are from the Church of St. Ann. Thank you!

- The Social Justice Committee

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2016/17 Religious Education Registration Has Begun!

Our Faith Formation classes have come to an end for this school year and it is time to plan for our 2016/2017 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.


2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal *God's Mercy at Work*



**Archbishop's Annual Appeal Exceeds
\$8,000,000!!**

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider doing so. Last year due to your generosity, the Appeal donated almost \$1,000,000 to support local charities. Below please find a few local organizations that were provided funds through the Vicariate Outreach Program:

IMMACARE, INC., HARTFORD
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, ENFIELD
FOOD SHARE, BLOOMFIELD
CATHOLIC WORKER HOUSE, HARTFORD
BIRTHRIGHT OF GREATER HARTFORD



Bertucci's
LOCAL

Dining for Dollars

When you present this flyer

15%

of what you spend will be donated back to

Church of Saint Ann

Wednesday, May 11th

11:30 am - 9:00 pm

Dine In, Carry Out or Delivery*

*If ordering online, please select the "pay in store" option and present the flyer when picking up your order to ensure the organization receives your donation.

Bertucci's of Avon - 380 West Main Street, Rte. 44, Avon, CT 06001 Ph: 860-676-1177



Save the Date

Blessing of Graduates

June 12, 2016 * 11:00am Mass



YOUTH outreach

Upcoming Youth Outreach Activities

- 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

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour & Recitation of the Rosary

Here at St. Ann, we will celebrate our monthly Divine Mercy Holy Hour on Sunday, May 15th from 2:30 - 3:30pm. May is the month when we crown Our Blessed Mother. Please join us to honor her following the Holy Hour. All are encouraged to stay for the recitation of the rosary.

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.

DONATING ARTWORK:

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



Prayer for Mothers



Dear God,
on this day that we honor mothers,
may we draw strength from the mothers
who went before us.
May we remember Jochebed, mother of
Moses, who gave her son over to God's
Providence when forces that threatened
him were beyond her control.
May we remember the mother of
Mary, St. Anne, who helped her daughter learn
an openness to God's will.
May we remember St. Monica,
who suffered an abusive spouse and her
son's poor choices, but lived to see
her child's return to God.
Most of all, we remember Mary.
Though she watched her child suffer
and die, she also saw his resurrection
and glory and was in turn
glorified by him.
Amen.

*My
Immaculate
Heart will be
your refuge
and the way
that will lead
you to God.*

- Our Lady of Fatima

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

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

Parish-wide "Good Summer Read"

Kick-Off/Author Meet & Greet in F.B.Hall

Join us after Masses May 14th & 15th to meet author and parishioner Shawn Elizabeth George and purchase your discounted, signed copy of *My Journey to Live from the Inside Out*. Spend the summer reading this compelling memoir of spiritual and personal growth, and practicing its suggestions for allowing faith to help us show MERCY to self and others in relationships, parenting, and even finances! Refreshments served. Gather for a book talk in September.

MercyQuest Bible Study Continues

Join us Mondays, May 9th, 16th & 23rd at 9:30am & 7:15pm, Rooms 1, 2 & 3, lower level, Fr. Bennett Hall. No homework; no experience necessary. Just come read, pray and discuss the Mercy parables of Jesus and what they mean to us today. Materials provided. To register see below contact information. To register, see contact information below.

Service Project/Pilgrimage to Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford Saturday, June 11th from 1-5pm

Don't miss this unique Mercy event! Meet at 1pm in Fr. Bennett Hall, where we'll assemble sandwiches for the homeless (please bring meat, cheese, bread, & sandwich baggies – details at stannavon.org.) Then, board a bus to the Cathedral, where we'll deliver the food, take a guided tour, pass through the Holy Door, & attend the 4:00pm Vigil Mass. Drive independently, if you prefer. RSVP by June 1 (see information below).

Mercy Stories: Check out an amazing new parishioner story at stannavon.org/mercy-stories. Submit your stories (see below)

To RSVP, register, submit your Mercy Story or for more information on these events, please contact:
Ann DiStefano, ames.distefano@gmail.com, (860) 463-7495

QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

How does your Parish
promote the unity of all
Christians? Your Family?

7th Sunday of Easter

Parents of young children spend a lot of time teaching them manners. It is part of the socialization process in which three-, four-, and five-year-olds learn to come outside of themselves. They begin to recognize that there are others in the world, and that unlike in their infancy when all attention was focused on them, they now discover that they must interact with others who also have a claim on the social order. By teaching young children not only the words, but also the concepts of "please" and "thank you," parents assist their youngsters in finding a place in society. Children learn that they need to share, that not everything belongs to them. They discover that they must interact with others to get things to work properly. "Please" and "thank you" acknowledges that outsiders also have rights.

All this brings us to Sunday's Gospel. There are only a few places in the New Testament in which we actually hear Jesus pray. The Gospel today is one of those. As he addresses the Father he prays not only for the disciples gathered with him at the Last Supper, but he also prays for us. He asks that we may be one and that we may be brought to perfection. Across two thousand years of time, Jesus is asking his Father to take care of us today!

"Please" and "thank you" are key words in prayer. They are actually part of three of the four traditional forms of prayer. Petition (asking for ourselves) and Intercession (asking on behalf of others) are "please." A prayer of thanksgiving is, of course, "thank you." The fourth type of prayer is adoration or praise. In his prayer, Jesus is interceding for us with his Father. It is the kind of prayer we can emulate, getting us out of ourselves as we ask God to be attentive to the needs of so many others in this world.

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Readings for the Week of May 8, 2016

Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 or Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-53
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-7/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-36/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-8/Jn 15:9-17
Vigil:	Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Ext. Vigil:	Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

THE BULLETIN BOARD

You are cordially invited to attend

Reception for
Sister Ann Rodgers, CP

Sunday, May 15, 2016
2 pm—4 pm
Our Lady of Calvary Retreat
31 Colton Street
Farmington, CT

RSVP by May 13th
860-677-8519
olcretreat@sbcglobal.net

Friendly Reminder...

*** **THIS SUNDAY** ***

May 1st at 3pm

**the Archdiocese will launch its
"Jubilee Year of Mercy Lecture Series"
with Dr. Hosffman Opino.**

His talk, "Encountering Mercy Among Cultures," will be held in the auditorium at the old Cathedral School, which is located behind the Chancery Building at 134 Farmington Ave., Hartford.

ABC's of Annulment

We have posted a video of the ABC's of Annulment presentation that took place on April 1, 2016 at St. Paul Church in Kensington on the St. Ann website: www.stannavon.org/annulment-information-1. You can also find it at: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/161284469>

Rev. Juan-Diego Brunetta, OP, Judicial Vicar for the Archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal, speaks on the new format for filing for an annulment plus answers questions from the audience.



The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Presents:

MERCY ME:

THE CHALLENGE OF SELF-FORGIVENESS

MAY 16 at 6:30 PM

**McGivney Hall at the Basilica
74 West Main St. Waterbury, CT**

We often focus on being merciful to others but how can we also show mercy to ourselves? How do we accept God's mercy and forgive ourselves? This workshop will present an overview of the ways we can begin to embrace God's love and forgiveness through a realistic appreciation of our human dignity and goodness. This interactive program will include strategies to develop self-acceptance and opportunities for discussion. Presenter Thomas Finn, PH.D. has over 35 years experience as a Catholic psychologist and is an author of three books on God's plan for family and sexuality. He is the Archdiocesan coordinator for "Engaged Encounter." Email Jason at: iccpastoraldirector@gmail.com with questions.



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**May Day of Recollection
with Sr. Eugenia Brady, SJC**

Begins Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 10:00 AM
"Pope Francis and the Works of Mercy"

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