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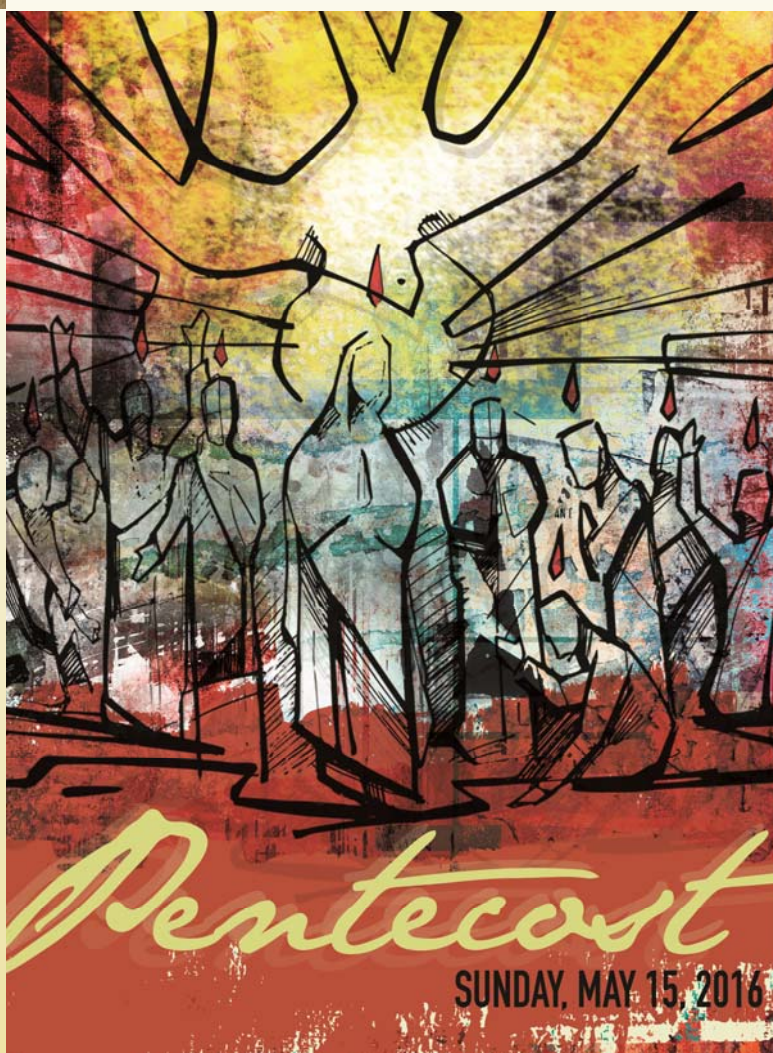
Call the Parish Office

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

Pentecost Sunday

MONDAY, May 16

9:00 **Dr. Theodore deGroot**, requested by
his wife and family

TUESDAY, May 17

9:00 **Edward Stepien**, requested by the family

WEDNESDAY, May 18

9:00 **Jerome Kennedy**, requested by
the Fregeau Family

THURSDAY, May 19

9:00 **In Thanksgiving**, requested by
Ajoy & Nina Alphonso

FRIDAY, May 20

9:00 **Dr. Charles & Evelyn Zmijeski**, requested
by Barbara & Gino Calderone

SATURDAY, May 21

4:00 **Judith Paelet**, requested by
the ZuWallack Family

SUNDAY, May 22

7:30 **Pat Clark**, requested by his wife
9:30 **Ann Tromza**, requested by Mary Jane Jeter
11:00 **John Walsh**, requested by
the O'Brien 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, May 16

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church wing.
All are welcome! (*Enter through door on the left side of the church*)
Mercy Quest: 9:30am and 7:15pm in Rooms 2 & 3

TUESDAY, May 17

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, May 18

Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3
Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, May 19

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

FRIDAY, May 20

SATURDAY, May 21

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3
Art Show & Sale: 2:30 - 5:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, May 22

Art Show & Sale: 8am - 1pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

*If you are what you should be,
you will set the whole world on fire!*

—St. Catherine of Siena



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

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

May 8, 2016: \$7,048.97

Online Giving (week ending 5/11/16): \$1,999.00

Next weekend's 2nd 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 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.

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**.

PENTECOST



Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, March 16th at 7-8:30pm
Room 2 (under Fr. Bennett Hall)

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is a safe effective method of supporting your parish. Your information is private and protected. Only you control your donations. For more information, go to our website: www.stannavon.org.

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.*



Save the Date

June 12, 2016 * 11:00am Mass

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



Next Weekend is Commitment Weekend!

All parishioners will have the opportunity to make a pledge to the 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal during Mass.

Total Pledge	5 monthly payments	Daily Sacrifice	Daily Cost Comparison
1,000	\$200	\$6.67	Cost of a deli sandwich
\$500	\$100	\$3.34	Cost of coffee and a muffin
\$250	\$50	\$1.67	Cost of one cup of tea
\$100	\$20	\$0.67	Cost of a bag of chips



Thank You!

St Ann Cares would like to thank the parish for its generous support. Both Open Hearths and Immaculate Shelter sites were completed and look beautiful. Without your giving of your time, talents and financial support, these projects could not be done. Thank you



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 this 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.

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 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.

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

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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FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

Sharing the Gospel

The disciples must have missed spending time with Jesus after he went back to heaven. But they knew that the Holy Spirit would always be with them, helping them remember what Jesus taught them. The disciples kept learning about God and kept growing closer to him. The Holy Spirit will help you remember Jesus, too.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus washing his friends' feet.

Mission for the Week

Pray to the Holy Spirit. Ask him to help you learn more about Jesus.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

When have you experienced the Holy Spirit's help in keeping Jesus' word.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church has always been a provider and advocate for accessible, affordable and life-affirming health care. Had the federal government made accommodations to protect religious freedom for all Americans, dozens of lawsuits filed around the country challenging it could have been avoided.

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 May 15, 2016

Sunday: 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

Extended 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

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/
Rom 8:8-17 or 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/
Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26 or Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-11, 23/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-11/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-3, 8/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-9/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Pentecost Sunday

In the United States military, the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) is the legal branch concerned with military justice and military law. Judge Advocates can serve as legal advisers to commanders. They can also act as prosecutors in courts-martial, or serve on the defense team. The first encounter many people had with this branch of the service was through the television series JAG that began in 1995 and aired on CBS through 2005. For ten seasons viewers followed the exploits of military lawyers in plots that occasionally stretched credulity. The next general exposure of the Judge Advocate General's Corps to the public was through the military commissions set up to bring to trial those who were interred at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Unlike the television series, the JAG officers in this setting were deadly serious about their duties. Whether for the defense or the prosecution, they were determined to show the face of justice.

The Gospel for this weekend is a bit of a reprise from that of two weeks ago. Again we hear Jesus promising to send an Advocate who will be with us always. That Advocate is the Holy Spirit whose coming upon the church we celebrate this day. This Advocate is also serious about his duties. The Holy Spirit doesn't wear a uniform or carry a briefcase. We won't see the Spirit saluting or reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. As Advocate, the Holy Spirit teaches us the ways of Christ and opens our hearts to his message.

In their role as adviser, defender, or prosecutor, Judge Advocates are there to explain the law and hold others accountable to it. We heard just a few weeks ago that the law that Christ gave to his disciples is to love one another, a command reiterated in today's Gospel when Jesus tells his disciples to keep his word. As advocate, the Holy Spirit, dwelling in our hearts, will hold us accountable to Christ's law of love.

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JOURNEY HOME

...is Making a House a Home!

Journey Home in Hartford is working tirelessly to create systems that will effectively put an end to chronic homelessness.

While our region has seen an over 40% decrease in chronic homelessness in the last year, offering a key to a new apartment is only the first step.

Journey Home has created a volunteer initiative that matches newly housed clients with community volunteers.

We are in need of some willing volunteers to adopt a few clients for one of our "Mini-Moves". These are clients who need 2 - 4 essential household items to finally make their new house a home.

Please contact Sara Salomons at 860-808-0336 or sara.salomons@journeyhome.org to find out more information and to get involved.
www.Journeyhome.org

"Rooted in Faith, Caring for Our Common Home"

Saturday, June 11th

St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield

Registration is now open for the Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry's 7th Annual Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference, on Saturday, June 11 from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. Keynote speaker, Sr. Damien Marie Savino, F.S.E., Ph.D., will explore Pope Francis' message in *Laudato Si'* on how we are to heed the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Join us for prayer, music, exhibits and workshops. For information, call (860) 242-5573 or visit CatholicSocialJustice.org/social-justice-conference

Everything
and everyone
is won by
the sweetness
of our words
and works.

—St. John Bosco

Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them
the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, Lord,
and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God,
who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise
and ever enjoy his consolations,
through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

THE ANNUAL BOOK SALE OF THE ARCHBISHOP O'BRIEN LIBRARY

Will be held:

Wednesday—Friday, June 8—10
from 10 a.m. —4 p.m. & Saturday,
June 11 from 9:30 a.m. —2 p.m.

Featured: Hard & soft-cover books & media,
including DVD's & CD's of theological classics,
scripture, church history, saints and more, and
other subject areas. All items are in good to
excellent condition. Prices start at \$.50.

Miscellaneous gift items will be on sale
& a book & media drawing will be held.

The Archbishop O'Brien Library is located at the
Archdiocesan Center at Saint Thomas Seminary,
467 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield.
For directions visit the website at www.stseminary.org
or call 860-242-5573, ext. 2608.

All are invited!! Refreshments will be served.

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.