



# Church of Saint Ann

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## BAPTISMS (Registered Parishioners):

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.

Enriching the Ministries and Parish Life of the Archdiocese • Spreading the Message of our Faith

Building Communities • Answering God's Call • Forming Our Next Generation • Inspiring Hope

## Commitment Weekend

2016 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

[www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org) • [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofHartford) ArchdioceseofHartford • [Twitter](https://twitter.com/ArchbishopBlair) ArchbishopBlair

## 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

*The Most Holy Trinity*

### MONDAY, May 23

9:00 **Frederick Ulbrich, Jr. & Richard Ulbrich,**  
*requested by John McCluskey*

### TUESDAY, May 24

9:00 **Alice Tighe,** *requested by  
the Ledwidge Family*

### WEDNESDAY, May 25

9:00 **For the deceased members of the  
Alphonso & Dias Families**

### THURSDAY, May 26

9:00 **Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy,** *requested by  
the Parish of St. Ann*

### FRIDAY, May 27

9:00 **Joseph & Margaret Juliano,** *requested  
by the Abate Family*

### SATURDAY, May 28

4:00 **Alfred Koch,** *requested by  
Russell & Diane Koch*

### SUNDAY, May 29

7:30 **Sylvia Perkins,** *requested by the Tolin Family*

9:30 **In celebration of the Anniversary of  
Fr. McHugh's Ordination,** *requested by  
the Parish of St. Ann*

11:00 **Frances Fredericks,** *requested by  
the Corrigan 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 23

**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 24

**M+M Moms:** 9:30 in the Activity Room

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3

### WEDNESDAY, May 25

**Lectio Divina:** 3:30pm in Room 3

### THURSDAY, May 26

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

**Traditional Choir:** 2pm in the Choir Loft

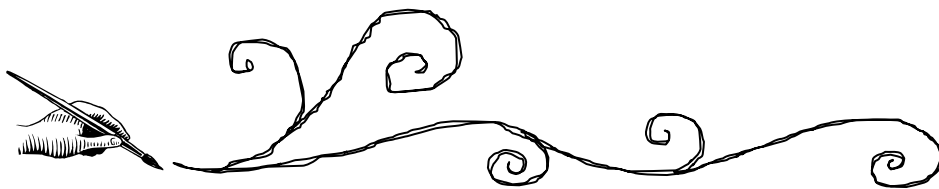
**Folk/Contemporary Choir:** 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

### FRIDAY, May 27

### SATURDAY, May 28

**Men's Breakfast Group:** 8am in Room 3

### SUNDAY, May 29



*Please join us before  
daily Mass for Rosary  
at 8:35 am and the  
Divine Mercy Chaplet  
immediately following  
Mass.*

## 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.*



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

May 15, 2016: 6,497.75

Online Giving (week ending 5/18/16): \$2,789.00

Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 are the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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**.

*"An authentic faith always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it."*

*Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium*



## WILL BEQUESTS

A charitable bequest offers a flexible and thoughtful way to remember the Church. After providing for family and loved ones, prayerfully consider a bequest to support our parish. A bequest of estate property can be distributed as a percentage, a fixed amount, as the residue of property after all other bequests have been fulfilled, or as a contingency if other beneficiaries in your Will predecease you. Charitable bequests provide an opportunity to express gratitude for God's gifts, and the financial security of knowing your assets remain available during your lifetime.

## 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> or April 17<sup>th</sup> (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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



Blessing of  
Graduates

Save the  
Date

**June 12, 2016 \* 11:00am Mass**

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



### This Weekend is Commitment Weekend!

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

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**Archbishop's Annual Appeal has surpassed the 8,500,000 goal with a participation rate of only 19% across the Archdiocese! Our next goal is to reach 25% participation!**

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.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.archdioceseofhartford.org/archbishops-annual-appeal](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/archbishops-annual-appeal)  
[www.facebook.com/Archdioceseofhartford](https://www.facebook.com/Archdioceseofhartford)

## *A Big Thank You from the Social Justice Committee!*

A Big Shout Out goes to the Church of Saint Ann's parishioners who supported the fundraising initiative at Bertucci's in Avon last week for the Amigos De Los Ninos Excepcionales Tarja (ANET)).

From the dining day, \$223.48 will be donated to ANET. **Thank you**, also, to the parishioners who have piggy backed our efforts in raising funds for this important ministry by giving checks too.

We thank you! This will certainly bring joy to Fr. Donahue knowing that we will not forget the children. Please keep Fr. Michael Donahue in your prayers--especially at this time. Thank you.

*Love & prayers,  
The Social Justice Committee*

## **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](mailto: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



## **Register Now!**

Registration Form is on our website ([www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org))

**June 20-24,  
2016  
9:30am-12:30pm  
Pre K - Grade 4  
(completed)**



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"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." - Jn 16:14-15

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

### **Take part in the "Good Summer Read" program for the Year of Mercy**

*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! Stop by the parish offices to pick up your discounted copy of the book. (\$15, checks payable to Shawn George) We'll gather for book talks in September.

### **Sandwich Ministry/Pilgrimage to Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm**

Meet at 1pm in Fr. Bennett Hall, where we'll assemble sandwiches for the homeless (please bring meat, cheese, bread, sandwich baggies and cookies - details at [stannavon.org](http://stannavon.org).) Then, board a bus to the Cathedral, where we'll deliver the food, take a guided tour, pass through the Holy Door, have the opportunity to receive Reconciliation, and attend the 4:00pm Vigil Mass. \*Can't commit to the entire afternoon? Meet up with us! **RSVPs a must.** Please contact Ann by June 1<sup>st</sup> (contact info below) Don't miss this unique Mercy event, and the chance to receive a Jubilee Year plenary indulgence!

### **MercyQuest Bible Study Continues**

Join us for our final session this Monday, May 23rd at 9:30am or 7:15pm in Rooms 2 & 3 below Fr. Bennett Hall.

### **Thank You For Showing Mercy!**

Mercy Housing/Shelter and Catholic Charities' Migration and Refugee Services were overwhelmed by our donation of seventy Mercy Purses for homeless/refugee women, collected at Ladies Night. Thank you, ladies!!

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



## FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY



### Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

UNDERSTAND  
SPIRIT  
SHOWS

GUIDE  
TRUTH  
SPEAK

GLORY  
MESSAGE  
FATHER

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

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For the Children...

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

Describe the ways you relate to each person of the Blessed Trinity.

### The Most Holy Trinity

In the run-up to this Memorial Day weekend you've probably seen veterans out and about holding donation canisters and sporting little paper reproductions of poppies. It was Canadian Lt. Col. John McCrae's famous World War I memorial poem, "In Flanders Fields," which inspired the remembrance poppy that is seen at this time of year. While McCrae popularized the red poppy that grew in the cemeteries of France, another man used a different plant to help people remember. Patrick, Apostle to Ireland, used a shamrock, a three-petal leaf to offer a visual explanation of the Holy Trinity, a theological concept that can be difficult to comprehend. Since the leaf is really one, even though it has three lobes, it was a perfect example of the triune God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons in one God.

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus illuminates the mystery of the Trinity by telling his disciples that the Holy Spirit will guide them to the truth. Jesus indicates that the Holy Spirit shares what is his and he shares what is the Father's. Through centuries of reflection and theological discussion, the church slowly came to perceive the mystery of the Trinity as three persons in one God. While the Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father, all are God.

Patrick's shamrock was his attempt to help people gain an insight into what is essentially a mystery beyond our understanding. What we do believe is that this God who is three persons is also pure and undivided love. On this weekend when we honor those who gave the full measure of their devotion by wearing red poppies, we also celebrate the One whose love and devotion to his people is undivided and unending. That One is God, the eternal loving Father, the Son who gave his life for us, and the Spirit that is poured into our hearts.

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### Defending Our Religious Liberty

*The fight for religious freedom is not a Catholic issue, not a Jewish issue, not an Orthodox, Mormon, or Muslim issue. It is an American issue. The passage of the Affordable Care Act has dangerous implications on all religions. If we permit the government to have the final say on what type of health care coverage a religious organization must provide, we are basically enabling them to interfere in all religious liberty concerns in areas such as immigration and humanitarian services.*

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 22, 2016

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-9/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15  
Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10/Mk 10:17-27  
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1-4/Mk 10:28-31  
Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Mk 10:32-45  
Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2-5/Mk 10:46-52  
Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Mk 11:11-26  
Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2-6/Mk 11:27-33  
Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1-4/1 Cor 11:23-26/  
Lk 9:11b-17



## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### 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](mailto:sara.salomons@journeyhome.org)

to find out more information and to get involved.

[www.Journeyhome.org](http://www.Journeyhome.org)

### "Rooted in Faith, Caring for Our Common Home"

Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield

Registration is now open for the Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry's 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://CatholicSocialJustice.org/social-justice-conference)

### Celebrate the Eucharist with EWTN

Tune in to EWTN throughout the year for daily Mass, devotionals, powerful documentaries, excellent teaching series, and live events from around the globe to foster your faith in the Real Presence. Find channel for your area at [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com). A few programs to look for, which are currently airing, Extraordinary Faith, Biblical Story of the Mass, and when children Adore.

### 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](http://www.stseminary.org) or call 860-242-5573, ext. 2608.

All are invited!! Refreshments will be served.

### Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College

Room is still available for the Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College in Warner, NH! The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2016. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week session that runs from Sunday, July 24 – Saturday, August 6, 2016. Register today at [www.NortheastCatholic.edu](http://www.NortheastCatholic.edu)! For more information, contact the admissions office at [admissions@northeastcatholic.edu](mailto:admissions@northeastcatholic.edu) or 603.456.2656.

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS FOR HEALING

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **June 10-12, 2016, in Litchfield, CT**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for those in need of financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org), or visit our website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).