



# 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.

# BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

*feeding the hungry*



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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

*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

### MONDAY, May 30

9:00 **Marie DiMartino**, requested by  
the Downey Family

### TUESDAY, May 31

9:00 **Mary Fabyanski**, requested by  
the Downey Family

### WEDNESDAY, June 1

9:00 **Pat Hill**, requested by Dick Hill & Family

### THURSDAY, June 2

9:00 **Ken Bean**, requested by the Faillace Family

### FRIDAY, June 3

9:00 **Lucy Fortino**, requested by her son

### SATURDAY, June 4

4:00 **Gerald Buckley**, requested by the family

### SUNDAY, June 5

7:30 **Connie Colt**, requested by Bill & Elaine Ahern

9:30 **Dee Dee Sullivan**, requested by  
Dick & Anita Sullivan

11:00 **Anne Stelzflug**, requested by  
the Melniczek 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 30

**Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle:** will not meet this week

### TUESDAY, May 31

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3

### WEDNESDAY, June 1

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

### THURSDAY, June 2

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

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

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

### FRIDAY, June 3

### SATURDAY, June 4

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

### SUNDAY, June 5

**Fr. McHugh's 40th Anniversary of his Ordination Celebration:**  
1-3pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

*You are cordially invited to attend the  
parish celebration in honor of*

**FATHER McHUGH'S**

*40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016**

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**FR. BENNETT HALL**

*Refreshments*

*Champagne Toast at 2pm*

RSVP with number attending  
by May 31st

860-673-9858, ext. 221

Kris.martino@stannavon.com



*Happy 40th Anniversary  
Of Your Ordination  
Father McHugh!*

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*May 29, 1976*

*May 29, 2016*



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

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

May 22, 2016: 6,979.00

Online Giving (week ending 5/25/16): \$2,519.00

Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:

Catholic Relief Services



## 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**.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to Drew Duarte for all of his hard work renovating the church library here at St. Ann. Drew did a wonderful job painting, adding and repairing shelves, and neatly arranging the materials. Come down the stairs below the church wing/side entrance to enjoy the library, located in the back of the Activity Room.

## 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.



## Graduation Mass

Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 11:00am

Come help us

CELEBRATE, HONOR & BLESS

OUR 2016 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

& FAMILIES

Light refreshments and the signing of the

Book of Graduates

to follow in the Gathering Space

GRADUATES,

please RSVP to Ann DiStefano by June 5

[ames.distefano@gmail.com](mailto:ames.distefano@gmail.com); (860) 463-7495



## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Perennial Plant Sale on May 14. All the proceeds go toward scholarships for Hartford students who attend local Catholic high schools. Special thanks to those who took the time to dig and donate so many plants from their gardens. We had a lovely, healthy selection from which customers could choose. The names of all those who contributed plants were entered into a raffle for a garden tote full of gardening accessories.

The winner this year was  
Tracy Norkowski.

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

### 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!

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

*My Journey to Live from the Inside Out*, by our own parishioner, **Shawn Elizabeth George**, is a compelling story about Shawn's awakening in faith, filled with practical wisdom on how our relationship with God can help our marriages, parenting and even our 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.

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

### YOUTH outreach

*Thank you to all who helped with planting day! We successfully planted tomatoes, basil, parsley, squash, peppers, cucumbers and more! Please pray we have an abundant harvest for the Avon Food Pantry. Thank you!!!*

We will hold our last Youth Outreach meeting before summer on **Tuesday, June 7 from 7-8 pm in Room 2** to tie up loose ends from this year and put together a tentative calendar for next year. We look forward to seeing you there!

Have a blessed week!  
Be well and God bless, Youth Outreach Committee

## Q & A


**What are the origins for the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, often referred to as Corpus Christi Sunday?**

By the year 1000, the active participation of the laity at Mass was minimal. Most of the people did not receive Communion for a variety of reasons, especially the notion of unworthiness. A form of eucharistic spirituality that attempted to involve them developed, known as "ocular communion." It put forth the notion that eucharistic graces were received by merely looking at the host. Instead of physically partaking, one fervently looked at and adored the host.

Elevating the bread and wine at consecration dates to this period. The practice of viewing the host outside of Mass developed into a devotion called Benediction, where the exposed host could be viewed and adored for a more extended period of time. The request for even more time to view the host led to a devotion known as Forty Hours, the exposition of the host for forty hours straight. By 1250, we have the development of Corpus Christi, a procession through the streets with the exposed host in a holder called a monstrance, enabling all to view and adore the Blessed Sacrament.

With the return to the full, conscious, and active participation at Mass by all, these devotions, while appropriate for their day and time, have lost some of their significance. They are still valid devotions, but only in relationship to the source and summit of our faith, the eucharistic celebration by the whole assembly.


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**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](http://www.stannavon.org))



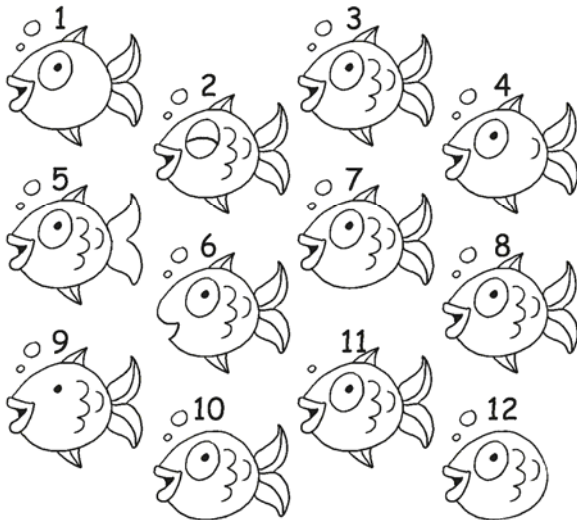
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## FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY



### Puzzle

Find the identical fish!



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ANSWER IS NUMBER THREE AND NUMBER EIGHT

For the Children...

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

How does the Eucharist nourish you? What "loaves and fishes" do you have that nourish others?

### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Poor nutrition is a clear source of numerous ailments. Lack of vitamin C causes scurvy. A serious deficit in vitamin D can lead to weakened bones and osteoporosis. When a person does not have enough protein in his or her diet they can suffer from kwashiorkor, a wasting disease in which the body attacks its own tissues. Night vision is affected when a person is not consuming enough vitamin A. We also know that to stay healthy, we can't just eat enough food. We must eat the right kinds of foods, that is, a balanced, wholesome diet. While pizza includes several food groups (grains, dairy, meat, and sometimes even vegetables), a diet of pizza alone is not life-sustaining in the long term.

The Gospel of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes for this feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ starts out with a curious verse. "Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured" (Lk 9:11). Luke, the writer who crafts his Gospel in such detail, weaves together the eucharistic narrative of the loaves and fishes, with the preaching of the good news and the healing of the sick. It is a signal of what our Sunday celebration is for us today.

The Eucharist has always been a sacrament of nourishment and healing. We hear the word proclaimed at Sunday Mass and we discover Christ present among us in the breaking of the bread. The abundance of grace is always greater than we can take in, signified by the leftovers in the Gospel story. Through the Eucharist healing takes place as well. We are reconciled to God in the Eucharist, and made one with our God in the reception of Communion. And from the Mass members of the community take the healing presence of Christ to those who are sick or shut-in so that his comfort is shared. Christ is healing and nourishment for all.

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### Defending Our Religious Liberty

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously vacated the decisions before it, remanding the cases to the lower courts with instructions to afford the parties the opportunity to work out an alternative approach to the mandate. In the meantime, the Court forbade the government from imposing taxes or penalties on the organizations for failure to provide the required "notice" and "certification" or otherwise to trigger the "accommodation."

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, says he is very much encouraged by this unanimous decision.

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 29, 2016

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1-4/1 Cor 11:23-26/  
Lk 9:11b-17  
Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-16/Mk 12:1-12  
Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-6/  
Lk 1:39-56  
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1-2/Mk 12:18-27  
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Mk 12:28-34  
Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7  
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-17, 22/Lk 2:41-51  
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:17-24/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/  
Gal 1:11-19/Lk 7:11-17



## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### Annual Catholic Scouting Camporee A Scout is Friendly

Friday, June 10 to Sunday, June 12, 2016  
Camp Workcoeman, New Hartford, CT We welcome all scouters and scouts of all faiths to join us! \$30 per person All meals are included in the registration price.

No Walk-Ins All scouts are required to bring a medical form. Picture permission forms are also available. Registration starts April 1st and will END on June 5th. To register go to and search for Catholic Retreat.

For more information or questions, contact  
Jennifer McClintock Office of Education,  
Evangelization and Catechesis 860.242.5573/  
[Jennifer.McClintock@aohct.org](mailto:Jennifer.McClintock@aohct.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.

### Lourdes in Litchfield

May 1<sup>st</sup> marked the beginning of the 58<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage Season of the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, located at 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield, CT 06759. Mass is celebrated Tuesday through Sunday at 11:30 am in the outside Grotto. In the event of inclement weather, Mass is celebrated in the Grotto Chapel located on the Shrine grounds. Also on the grounds are the Grotto Gift Shop and the Grotto Café.

Following are events that will take place during the month of May:

May 29<sup>th</sup>: *Monthly prayer of the Sacrament of the Sick* occurs at the conclusion of Mass.

May 30<sup>th</sup>: *Memorial Day* - Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 am in the Grotto.

For further information call 860-567-1041,  
email: [lourdesshrinct@gmail.com](mailto:lourdesshrinct@gmail.com)  
or visit our web site: [www.shrinct.org](http://www.shrinct.org).

### 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 [maffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:maffin@prolifeministry.org), or visit our website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

### Next Weekend's Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and