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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.



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THEN HE SAID TO THEM, "BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?" PETER SAID IN REPLY, "THE CHRIST OF GOD." - LK 9:20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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: 8:35 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

12th Sunday Ordinary Time

MONDAY, June 20

9:00 **Katherine Marie Bentley**, requested by the Yu family

TUESDAY, June 21

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, June 22

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

THURSDAY, June 23

9:00 **Richard Grossi**, requested by his friends Larry & Kathy Apuzzo

FRIDAY, June 24

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, June 25

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

SUNDAY, June 26

7:30 **Frances & Thomas Mitchell & Maria Kelly**, requested by the Mitchell Family
9:30 **For the Intentions of Ajoy Alphonso & Family (living)**
11:00 **Fran Caspar**, requested by the Weldon 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, June 20

Bible Camp: all rooms used

TUESDAY, June 21

Bible Camp: all rooms used

WEDNESDAY, June 22

Bible Camp: all rooms used

THURSDAY, June 23

Bible Camp: all rooms used

FRIDAY, June 17

Bible Camp: all rooms used

SATURDAY, June 18

Bible Camp: all rooms used

SUNDAY, June 26

Bible Camp: all rooms used



*Church of Saint Ann
Legacy Society*

Fr. McHugh is pleased to announce the formation of the Church of Saint Ann Legacy Society to recognize and honor parishioners who make a bequest that will benefit our parish. It is important to create this program in order to perpetuate the work of Saint Ann's parish ministries and outreach. All the proceeds from these estate plans will be used exclusively for the benefit of the Church of Saint Ann. Legacy gifts will be added to the parish endowment fund in order to strengthen the financial future of St. Ann. By honoring all parishioners who make bequests with membership in the Church of Saint Ann Legacy Society, the parish hopes to inspire others to contribute toward long term financial stability. (Of course, requests for anonymity will be honored.) Please let Father McHugh know of your intentions by filling out the confidential form that was mailed with his bequest letter and return it to him as soon as possible.



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

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

June 12, 2016: *bulletin was uploaded early, this will be reported next weekend*
Next weekend's 2nd 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 (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 ha 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**.

Free Rosary Repair Service

We have lots of parts. Leave broken rosaries in the rosary repair box which is now on a table in the Gathering Space. Repaired rosaries will be returned within the week. Also, donations of old and broken rosaries are accepted which will be repaired and sent on to the missions. Betty and Dick Holden at 860-658-6330 or holdenbnd@comcast.net



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2016/17 Religious Education Registration

Our Faith Formation classes have ended 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 (download on our website: www.stannavon.com) on or before June 1, 2016 to avoid a \$40 late fee.

We are now past the June 1st deadline, all payments must include the \$40.00 late fee.

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.**

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: Sat. Sept. 10, 1-4pm

Rain date: Sun, 12-3pm

MINISTRY FAIR!

Church of St. Ann, Backyard

Ministry Booths!

Games!

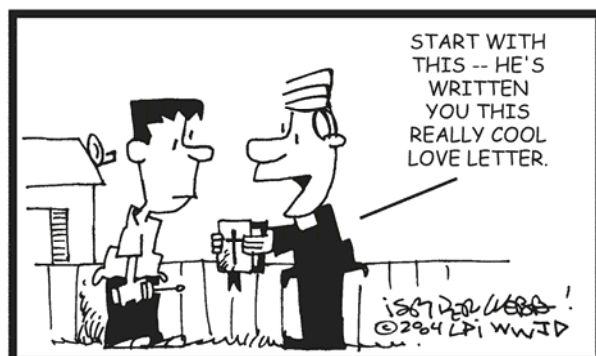
Food!

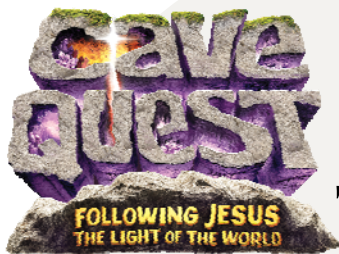
Prizes!

There's a place in our parish for your talents, so come

Get in the GAME!

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





St. Ann's Bible Camp Starts THIS Monday, June 20th

We hope all of our campers
are getting excited
for a week filled
with faith and fun!
We look forward to
meeting you all.
See you soon!



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&
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June 24 celebrates the feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. How was that date chosen and why?

The date set for John the Baptist's birth only came into existence once the date to celebrate Jesus' birth was set. Evidence shows that by the middle of the fourth century Christians were celebrating the birth of Jesus around December 25. No one at that time knew when Jesus was born, but the date seemed to be selected to counter the Roman festival to the sun god.

Once December 25 had been selected for the birth of Jesus, a number of other dates could be set, using the biblical evidence at hand. When the angel appeared to Mary and she conceived, her cousin, Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, was in her sixth month. If Jesus was born on December 25, then he had to be conceived nine months before, on March 25. If Elizabeth was then in her sixth month, then John the Baptist was due three months later on June 25.

Then why June 24? A rather convincing reason stems from John's witness in John's Gospel. There John the Baptist says that Jesus must increase and he, John, must decrease. The other Gospels also have John point to Jesus and not himself as the chosen One of God. In making John's birth a day less than Jesus' full nine months the Christian community communicated this Gospel reality in its liturgical calendar. Thus the Christian community continued to highlight John's mission and ministry. Maybe we could strive toward that same mission in our own lives.

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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, 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 reflect mercy. **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. Questions? Contact Ann below.

Share Your Mercy Stories We Know They're Out There!

Have you had an encounter with mercy – big or small, recent or distant - that you'd be willing to share? These stories are important because they connect us with one another, provide proof of God's action in our lives, and inspire others to do mercy. To share your story, please contact Ann below.

Ann DiStefano, ames.distefano@gmail.com; (860) 463-7495



A father is a man who loves without cost to his children and tries to raise them to be fully human creatures with the abilities to make a difference in our world. Some fathers are successful, some are not. However, almost all try their best. This Father's Day, let your dad know that you appreciate all his efforts.

- Strength** Your strength in helping me to tell right from wrong was a great gift.
- Honor** You taught me that to honor myself was a way to honor the God who made me.
- Faith** Thanks Dad for having faith in me, when I was not sure I had faith in myself.
- Love** You loved me even when I did not love myself. For that I am grateful.

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

Sharing the Gospel

"Would you like to trade with me?" You might hear that a lot in the school cafeteria or at snack time. Kids may want to exchange one kind of food for one they like better. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the same question. "Would you like to trade with me?" Give Jesus the toys and activities that take your mind off God. Those things don't last. Jesus will trade you for something better. He will give you lasting life and happiness with God.

Prayer

Jesus, help me to love you more than anything else.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a cross. At the bottom of the cross, draw your favorite toys and activities.

Mission for the Week

Be very honest with yourself. Are any of your toys or activities more important to you than Jesus? If they are, ask God to change your heart, so you can love him the most.

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For the Children...

QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

Whom do you see bearing a heavy cross? How can you offer support?

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Self-discovery is part of every person's life. To a greater or lesser extent, individuals learn about themselves as they go through various stages of maturing. Adolescence is an early period of self-understanding, when teenagers begin individualizing themselves, sometimes rebelling against parental values, sometimes integrating them into their own lives. College years and young adulthood are another period when men and women begin to uncover more about their own place in the world. A traumatic experience in middle age-job loss, divorce, serious illness-may also provoke a time of self-reflection, during which a person may question what the meaning of his or her own life is. The story in Luke's Gospel this weekend (like many of the Gospel stories) can be read in several different ways. Is the human nature of Jesus seeking an understanding of who he is, uncovering the mystery of his divine nature during his time of prayer? Or is the story written by the disciples many years later in their own quest to understand who Jesus was even as he walked among them? Or is this an account of the inspirational action of the Holy Spirit, giving Peter the insight to speak accurately about who Jesus is? Or is this a teaching of Luke the Gospel writer, putting the death and resurrection of Jesus in a context that unites the day-to-day experience of a believer with the final act of Jesus? Or is it all of these, and more, at one and the same time? Biblical scholars can give us a lot on which to reflect.

As the Gospel points out, for believers, the quest of self-discovery includes an identification with Christ. As he says in the Gospel, a follower "must deny himself and take up his cross daily...whoever loses his life for my sake will save it" (Lk 9:23-24). Here is the true path to self-discovery for the Christian. It is revealed in our connection to the death and resurrection of Christ.

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

As we prepare to celebrate the fourth annual "Fortnight for Freedom" from June 21 - July 3, 2016, let us remember the words that Pope Francis evoked during his visit to the United States last September: "American Catholics are committed to building a society which is truly tolerant and inclusive, to safeguarding the rights of individuals and communities, and to rejecting every form of unjust discrimination. With countless other people of good will, they are likewise concerned that efforts to build a just and wisely ordered society respect their deepest concerns and their right to religious liberty. That freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it."

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 June 19, 2016

Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Gal 3:26-29/
Lk 9:18-24

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3-5, 12-13/
Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/
Ps 48:2-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33-37, 40/
Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1-5, 8-9/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/1 Pt 1:8-12/
Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Acts 13:22-26/
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1-7, 20-21/
Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/
Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

THE BULLETIN BOARD



McLean Invites Applicants for Hospice Volunteer Training Series

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 6, 2016

Simsbury, CT – The McLean Home Care and Hospice team is seeking compassionate and mature individuals who are able to provide social support for adults who are facing terminal illnesses, and to their families. Hospice volunteers may visit patients and families in their homes, apartments, or in nursing facilities to provide companionship, a listening ear and a caring presence. They may also help families with specific tasks such as running an errand or walking a dog. We also have a need for volunteers qualified to do complementary therapies such as Reiki, music or pet therapy. Whether you are a kind spirit wanting to sit with people at end-of-life, or a person with specific talents you hope to share, we can help you to find the best ways to give of your time and talents for volunteer work with McLean Hospice.

The next Hospice volunteer training program will begin on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. The training is a combination of web-based, online training, followed by 5 classroom sessions in mid-to late-October. These trainings will be conducted at the McLean Health Center in Simsbury. Classes will be held Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9:30 am – 12 noon. This training assures that new volunteers know what to expect in their role, and helps them to understand the many issues surrounding terminal illness and the dying process.

McLean Hospice services adults of all ages and works with families in the Farmington Valley and surrounding towns of Bloomfield, West Hartford and Windsor.

To request an application package, and to schedule an interview for consideration as a prospective volunteer, please contact Chris Novak, Office & Volunteer Coordinator, at Chris.Novak@McLeanCare.org or direct at 860-658-3907. Individuals who have experienced a significant personal loss within the past year should postpone their participation for at least one year.

Please inquire by July 31, 2016.

An invitation from Sr. Jerilyn Hunihan,
guest speaker from the
Rediscover Jesus Lenten Program on Prison Ministry:

2016 CT Prison Art Show
June 2nd - June 25th
Foyer/Lobby of Capital Community College
950 Main Street, Hartford

FREE
to the
Public!

Prison Arts helps incarcerated women and men develop self-discipline, self-examination, self-esteem, and positive interpersonal and communication skills.

For more info: www.cpa-ct.org/prisonarts/

COMING THIS Summer



Monday, August 15, 2016

Tunxis Golf Club
87 Town Farm Road
Farmington, CT

10:00 am Shotgun Start

5:00 pm Dinner, Awards,
Prizes and Auction



Register at vieforthekids.org

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. A few programs to look for, which are currently airing, Extraordinary Faith, Biblical Story of the Mass, and when children Adore.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT NIGHTS FOR MEN AGES 16-35

Mon. July 11 at St. Mary Church, 626 Willard Ave., Newington 6-8 pm
Mon. Aug. 8 at St. Dominic Church, 1050 Flanders Rd., Southington 6-8pm

Have you figured out yet what you want to be when you "grow up"? More importantly, have you figured out why? We invite you to join us for an informational gathering where there will be a short talk with practical suggestions for "discerning" the call that God has in store for you, some time for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a chance to hear the story of the vocation journey from a few of our seminarians, and we will play a round of "Stump the Seminarian" giving you the chance to bring your questions to them. There's even free pizza, so why not swing by? To reserve your spot, please call: 860-761-7457 or e-mail the Vocation Office at: vocations@aothct.org, or use the form on our website at www.hartfordfordpriest.com.