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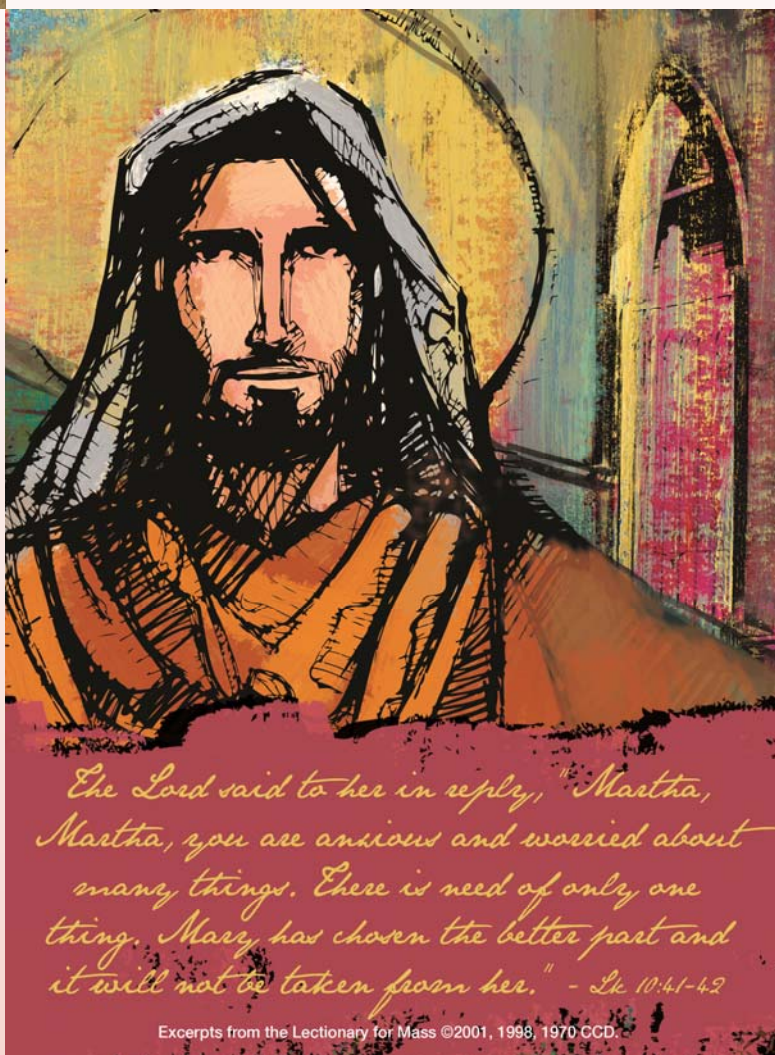
Call the Parish Office

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: 8:35 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

16th Sunday Ordinary Time

MONDAY, July 18

9:00 **Edwin Lysak**, requested by his wife

TUESDAY, July 19

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, July 20

9:00 **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, July 21

9:00 **Lynn Rossini**, requested by her family and friends

FRIDAY, July 22

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, July 23

4:00 **George and Cathy Jerto**, requested by the Beloin Family

SUNDAY, July 24

7:30 **Donald Studley (11th Ann)**, requested by Patricia Studley

9:30 **Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy**, requested by the Parish of Saint Ann

11:00 **Isabell Hackenmüller**, requested by Klaus and Theresa Joeckel



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, July 18

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: :15pm in the church wing.
All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church)

TUESDAY, July 19

WEDNESDAY, July 20

A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother: after 9am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall
Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, July 21

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, July 22

SATURDAY, July 23

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, July 24



*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.

A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother

WEDNESDAYS: JULY 20 & 27TH
AFTER THE 9AM DAILY MASS
FR. BENNETT HALL



This Biblical Study has been well attended and enjoyed by all. At the request of those attending, 2 sessions have been combined into 1 presentation.

July 6th: Session #1: Introduction & #2: The Annunciation

July 13th: Session #3: The Visitation & #4: The Nativity

July 20th: Session #5: The Presentation & Finding Jesus in the Temple
Session #6: The Wedding at Cana

July 27th: Session #7: Mary at the Cross,
Session #8: Mary Crowned With Glory

Each session shows how Scripture, history and Jewish culture reveal the sorrows, anxieties and joys Mary would have felt in her heart. They provide a wonderful insight into the life of Mary. Even if you have missed the beginning sessions you will still find the remaining 2 presentations to be inspirational.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

July 3, 2016: \$7,305.16

July 10, 2016: \$1,941.00

Online Giving (week ending 7/6/16): \$6,935.00

Next weekend's 2nd collection: *Parish Special Needs*



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 generally 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.

No Office Hours in July & August. See you in September!

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**.

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



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!

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.



Lifelong Faith Formation

This summer we are reflecting on excerpts from Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si*. For the full text, please visit stannavon.org/news.

Laudato Si

25. Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day. Its worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades. Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming, and their means of subsistence are largely dependent on natural reserves and ecosystemic services such as agriculture, fishing and forestry. They have no other financial activities or resources which can enable them to adapt to climate change or to face natural disasters, and their access to social services and protection is very limited. For example, changes in climate, to which animals and plants cannot adapt, lead them to migrate; this in turn affects the livelihood of the poor, who are then forced to leave their homes, with great uncertainty for their future and that of their children. There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. They are not recognized by international conventions as refugees; they bear the loss of the lives they have left behind, without enjoying any legal protection whatsoever. Sadly, there is widespread indifference to such suffering, which is even now taking place throughout our world. Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded.

A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother Study

See first page for more information

Stewards for Tomorrow Pastoral Planning Update



The first round of pastoral planning meetings among priests in the seventeen deaneries of the Archdiocese is complete. The outcomes from these meetings are **draft** recommendations for restructuring each deanery through a comprehensive design of our parishes and schools. Priests also took time to assess the strengths and weaknesses of their recommendations in preparation for sharing their results with select members of their respective congregations. Pastors have been asked to choose 4-6 people in their parish(es) to provide input and consultation in this phase as we move forward. Those chosen may meet at a parish level with their pastors and at some point, in a large-group session with other parish representatives from the deanery to review the draft recommendations and then determine what they feel are the strengths & benefits of the initial plan, as well as the weaknesses & concerns that they see. All of this information from the priests and parishioners will then be synthesized and developed into a **FIRST DRAFT MODEL** for Parishes and Schools of the Archdiocese, for review by the Office for Pastoral Planning. Subsequently, priests and parishioners will continue to consult, meet, review and refine restructuring recommendations throughout the remainder of 2016. Please be assured that whatever rumors you might have heard, **NO DECISIONS REGARDING PARISH AND SCHOOL COMPREHENSIVE DESIGN (OPENINGS, CLOSINGS, MERGINGS OR NEW CONSTRUCTION) HAVE BEEN MADE, NOR WILL BE MADE, UNTIL AFTER MANY ROUNDS AND LEVELS OF CONSULTATION AND INDEED NOT BEFORE THE 1ST QUARTER OF 2017 AT THE VERY EARLIEST.** Please consult the Office of Pastoral Planning page on our Archdiocesan website: <http://archdioceseofhartford.org/office-of-pastoral-planning/>, for on-going "Stewards for Tomorrow" pastoral planning progress.

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 Se. Questions? Contact Ann, ames.distefano@gmail.com; (860) 463-7495

Kids' Summer Mercy Challenge

Whether you're at home, at camp or on vacation, there are lots of ways you can do mercy this summer! Go on stannavon.org for more info and to download a Summer Mercy Challenge sheet. Bring your completed sheets to the Family Masses in the fall and we'll add them to our Mercy Quilt!

Mercy Stories

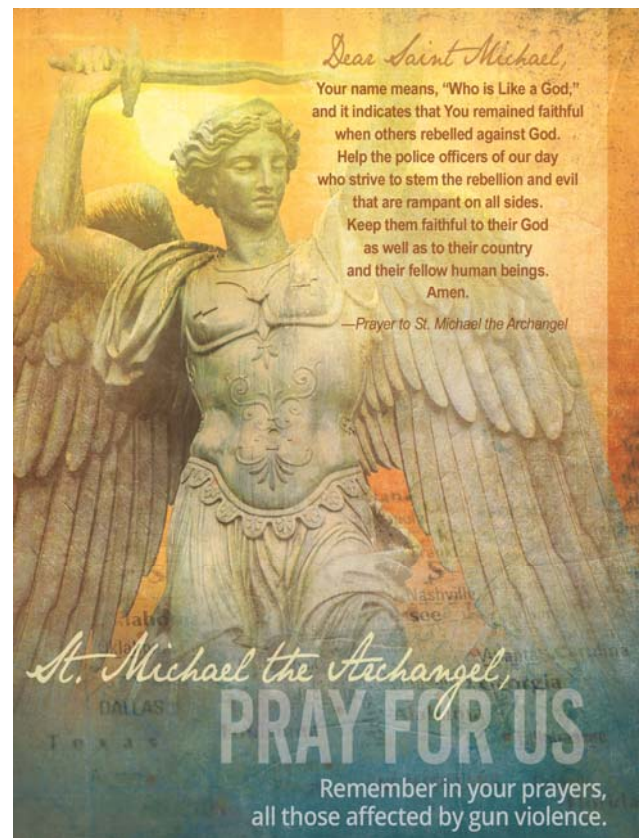
Check out the latest at stannavon.org.



Visit our website for news, events, to learn about our many ministries and for great resources: stannavon.org



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FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY



Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

journey	woman	listening	Martha	chosen
village	Mary	serving	anxious	better

jnreyou	j o u r n e y
vagelli	_____
wamno	_____
rayM	_____
lentsingi	_____
sigvern	_____
hartMa	_____
axinosu	_____
ceshon	_____
bretet	_____

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For the Children...

QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

WHEN DO YOU MAKE TIME
FOR THE "BETTER PART" -
SPENDING MOMENTS WITH
THE LORD?

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In any household with more than one child, parents have to deal with sibling rivalry. The more benign forms find expression in simple competition, in which one child strives to do better than another in contests or sports. At other times, the rivalry shows itself in a negative light, offering up comments on who's not doing what, whether that is schoolwork or household chores. The supposedly aggrieved child has a heightened sense of justice, often proclaiming that the other child seems to get away with doing less.

It almost seems as though this is what is playing out in the Gospel story today between Martha and Mary. Martha wants Jesus to be the arbiter of the dispute, much as if she would be running to Mom or Dad. Mary seems to have found the sweet spot, sitting at the Teacher's feet. Plenty of German-inspired stained glass windows show exactly that, portraying Mary with an almost beatific quality to her face, while Martha stands in the background with a rather sour grimace. Jesus sits between them as though he is the referee between the two feuding sisters.

Since the time of Augustine the story of Martha and Mary has often been interpreted as a commentary on the difference between the active and contemplative life-with the contemplative winning out. It's hard to imagine that a Gospel such as Luke's, so filled with stories of compassion and assistance, would profess that view. It is Luke's Gospel that includes the story of the good Samaritan, the classic example of active love of neighbor. Maybe a better way for us to understand the story of Martha and Mary is this: Mary's example is a reminder that we must clearly hear what Jesus is teaching. We cannot just run about acting as we always have. Rather, we need to take his teaching to heart, and in that way ensure that our actions are based on his commands.

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

In his homily at the closing Mass of Fortnight for Freedom at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., Bishop David Zubik commended the congregation for standing together and praying for religious freedom. He noted that just as footnotes in a term paper solidify the accuracy and strengthen the message of a point being made, "You and I are called to be footnotes, footnotes to the truth who is Jesus Christ himself."

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 representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom. If you have called, call again, our representatives need to pay attention.

Readings for the Week of July 17, 2016

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-5/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/
Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-8/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10-13/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/Col 2:12-14/
Lk 11:1-13

THE BULLETIN BOARD

COMING THIS Summer

ROBBY BRISCO OPEN

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CURE CHILDHOOD CANCER

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

Wisdom House Retreat & Conference Center in Litchfield, CT

**Experiences of Emerging Church
With Peggy Richard.**

**Wednesday, August 10 from 6:30 - 8:30pm
or Saturday, August 13 from 10 - noon**

Donation: \$5

For information or to register: peggyrichard.ct@mail.com



Bring your family to see "Zorba," a musical, at The Gary The Olivia Theater, a roofed, open air theater located on the beautiful grounds of the Abbey of Regina Laudis, a Benedictine community in Bethlehem, CT. Weekend performances run from 7/30 to 8/14 at 7:30 PM with matinees on Sundays at 2:30 PM. Children 11 and under are free and discounts are given to seniors and groups of 10 or more. To purchase tickets, please visit www.thegarytheolivia.com or call the box office at 203-273-5669.

EWTN OFFERS EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016!

Join EWTN on a historic journey to celebrate the Lord's mercy with Pope Francis and thousands of young adults! Our coverage, July 25-31, includes on-location broadcasts of the events plus interviews with Catholic youth and religious men and women from around the world! You can find EWTN on your TV, radio, computer, and mobile device! For more information, go to www.ewtn.com

22nd Annual Tabor House GIANT Tag Sale/Auction

7/28 5-8PM \$10 admission opening reception/shopping

7/29 12noon-6PM \$1.00 7/30 8-3pm free.

KOEPEL COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTER at TRINITY COLLEGE

175 NEW BRITAIN AVE/CORNER BROAD ST Hartford 06106

Free off-street parking. Benefits Tabor House AIDS residences in Hartford.

The 22nd Annual Tabor House GIANT Tag sale/Auction, formerly at the Convent Sisters of St Joseph in West Hartford, has become a Connecticut tradition to benefit formerly homeless men living with HIV/AIDS who now live at both homes. This event has utilized over 300 volunteers annually who work all week to set it up. The event also benefits the immigrant and poor population of the inner city who need to outfit their residences with affordable items. 100% of the proceeds go to Tabor House.

Donations of gently used household items (no books, clothes or TV's) may be dropped off on site 7/25, 7/26, 7/27 8:30am-3:30pm contact tdtyson@comcast.net if questions?



Would you like to study the Bible in depth, in the company of others?

The Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Biblical School offers a comprehensive Bible study from a Catholic perspective. Interested? Please contact the CBS office at St. Thomas Seminary *by August 15*. Classes begin at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield in early September, as well as at satellite locations in Hamden, Plantsville and Terryville. For more information, check the website www.orehartford.org or contact

BJ Daly Horell at 860-242-5573, ext. 2670 or catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org. If you'd like to talk to a St. Ann's CBS grad, please contact Ann DiStefano (see front page of bulletin).