



# Church of Saint Ann

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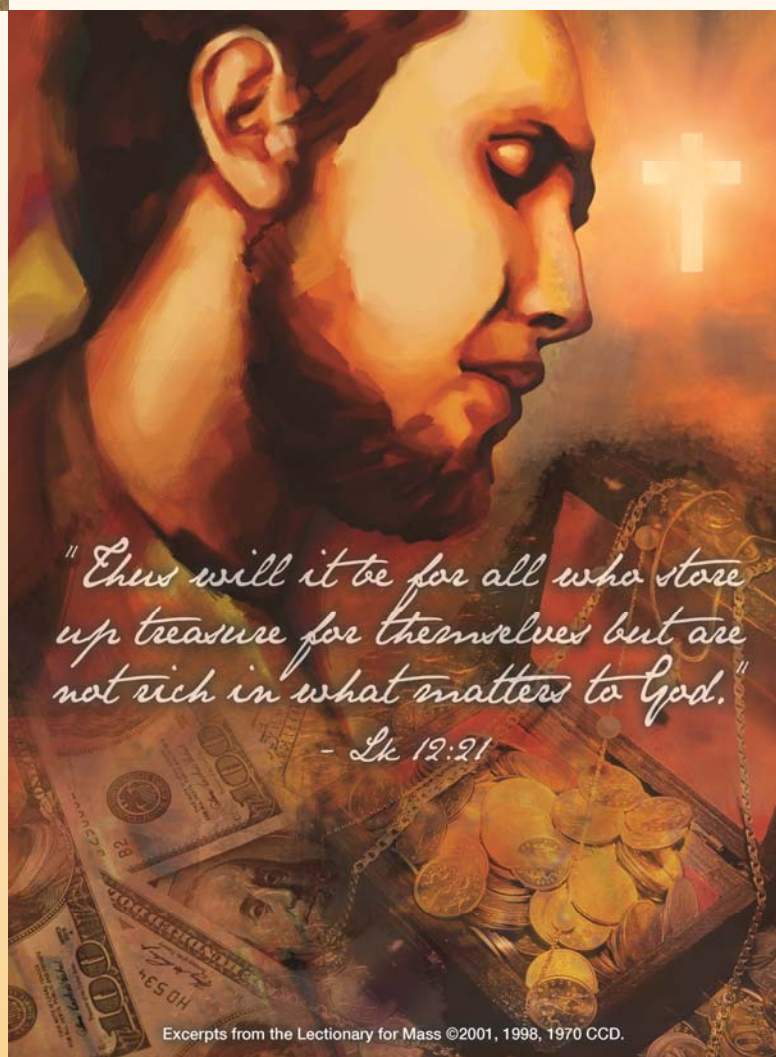
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## MARRIAGES

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.



*"Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."*

- Lk 12:21

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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: 8:35 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

*18th Sunday Ordinary Time*

### MONDAY, August 1

9:00 **Camille & Peter Angelina and  
Michael Nay**, *requested by the family*

### TUESDAY, August 2

9:00 **Camille & Peter Angelina and  
Michael Nay**, *requested by the family*

### WEDNESDAY, August 3

9:00 **Special Intention**

### THURSDAY, August 4

9:00 **For Vocations**, *requested by  
the Bondhus Family*

### FRIDAY, August 5

9:00 **Bill Ryan (2nd Ann.)**, *requested by the family*

### SATURDAY, August 6

4:00 **Sam Riela**, *requested by the family*

### SUNDAY, August 7

7:30 **Julie-Ann Poll**, *requested by  
Robert and Regina Cirilli*

9:30 **In Thanksgiving**, *requested by  
Ajoy & Nina Alphonso*

11:00 **Louis J. Collacchi**, *requested by  
Paul & Constance Rotondo*



*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, August 1

**Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle:** 7:15pm in the church wing.  
All are welcome! (*Enter through door on the left side of the church*)

### TUESDAY, August 2

### WEDNESDAY, August 3

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

### THURSDAY, August 4

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

### FRIDAY, August 5

### SATURDAY, August 6

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

### SUNDAY, August 7

## CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



## Can You Lend a Helping Hand?

We are looking for parishioners to volunteer their time to help with Confirmation and Youth Ministry Programs. Some things we need help with are hall monitoring and lending a hand with set-up and clean up after Teen Life Nights and group events.

If you are able to help us please contact  
Rosemary Neamtz at  
rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com  
or 860-673-9858, ext. 226

# WANTED Catechists

Although we have many catechists who are moving on with their classes, we still have a need of teachers for 8th Grade this coming Fall. If you are at all interested in sharing your faith with the children of Saint Ann's, we would welcome your coming forward to teach a class this year.

***The requirements are a love of God and wanting to share that love with others.***

If you fit the bill, please call Valerie St. Jean  
in the Office of Religious Education  
for more information: 860-673-2137.



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

July 24, 2016: \$6,300.65

Online Giving (week ending 7/27/16): \$2,441.00

Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: none

The family of John G. Bernetich would like to sincerely thank the many parishioners who sent us notes and cards expressing their sympathy in the loss of our beloved son and brother. We greatly appreciate your kind words and thoughtfulness.

Thank You



## 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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](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**.

### 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](mailto:holdenbnd@comcast.net)



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Religious Education 2016/17 Religious Education Registration

Again this year we have automatically enrolled all existing students into the next grade assuming all requirements have been met. New students must complete a registration form available on our website

The Faith Formation program Grades K-8 will begin Sunday, September 25, 2016 (**PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE**). Classes for grades K-8 will be held at Avon Middles School. Grades K-4 meet from 9:00am – 10:30am. Grades 5-8 will meet from 5:45pm – 7:15pm (**PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE**)

If payment has not been received on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, your child (ren) will not be placed in a class. **NOTE:** Please do not hold up your child(ren)'s registration because of financial issues. We are able to make arrangements and all information is confidential.

The Confirmation Program will begin Sunday September 11 2016. Confirmation classes will meet Sunday evenings at the Church of Saint Ann. The deadline for Grade 9 & 10 registration is 9/02/2016, as activities are already scheduled.



### 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](http://stannavon.org/news).

#### *Laudato Si*

#### IV. Decline in the Quality of Human Life and the Breakdown of Society

46. The social dimensions of global change include the effects of technological innovations on employment, social exclusion, an inequitable distribution and consumption of energy and other services, social breakdown, increased violence and a rise in new forms of social aggression, drug trafficking, growing drug use by young people, and the loss of identity. These are signs that the growth of the past two centuries has not always led to an integral development and an improvement in the quality of life. Some of these signs are also symptomatic of real social decline, the silent rupture of the bonds of integration and social cohesion.

47. Furthermore, when media and the digital world become omnipresent, their influence can stop people from learning how to live wisely, to think deeply and to love generously. In this context, the great sages of the past run the risk of going unheard amid the noise and distractions of an information overload. Efforts need to be made to help these media become sources of new cultural progress for humanity and not a threat to our deepest riches. True wisdom, as the fruit of self-examination, dialogue and generous encounter between persons, is not acquired by a mere accumulation of data which eventually leads to overload and confusion, a sort of mental pollution. Real relationships with others, with all the challenges they entail, now tend to be replaced by a type of internet communication which enables us to choose or eliminate relationships at whim, thus giving rise to a new type of contrived emotion which has more to do with devices and displays than with other people and with nature. Today's media do enable us to communicate and to share our knowledge and affections. Yet at times they also shield us from direct contact with the pain, the fears and the joys of others and the complexity of their personal experiences. For this reason, we should be concerned that, alongside the exciting possibilities offered by these media, a deep and melancholic dissatisfaction with interpersonal relations, or a harmful sense of isolation, can also arise.

# 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 Sept. Questions? Contact Ann, [ames.distefano@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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!

## "Summer of Mercy" Daily Email Reflections

Continue to grow in faith and mercy this summer! Receive daily inspiration in your email inbox from Matthew Kelly and team, and the authors of *Beautiful Mercy*. Sign up via [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com).

## Mercy Stories

Check out the latest at [stannavon.org](http://stannavon.org).



*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.) We thank those parishioners who have already responded to the May letter from Father McHugh. If you are interested, please let him 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.

## Q Why can't everyone who wants to receive & Communion, receive Communion at Mass? A

Social organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, academic achievements, professional standings, even a specific national origin. We rarely question them and accept them as a fact of life. The requirements help the group focus on its common interests, purposes and goals. Everyone can't belong to everything.

The church has a basic requirement for membership and receiving sacraments; it is a relationship with God. We happen to call it faith. Faith allows the church to be one, focused on spreading the good news of Jesus and carrying on his mission of teaching, preaching, healing and forgiving. It is the practice of faith, participating in the work of the church, that makes one worthy to receive Communion. The word itself comes from the Latin word that means sharing.

For non-Catholics, because they do not share in the union of faith, they are excluded from receiving Communion. For Catholics, if guilty of serious sin, they, too, are excluded from the sacrament until they are reconciled, or restored to the mission of the church. Why? Because sin separates us from the work of the church. Communion is the culmination of our union with God and his people, not the beginning point. We receive what we in fact are: the body of Christ—one, holy, Catholic and apostolic.

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## FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

### Sharing the Gospel

Previews give us a quick peek at a movie, in hopes that we will want to see more. In today's Gospel, we celebrate Jesus' Transfiguration. That's when God gave Peter, James and John a preview of the risen Jesus, the Jesus they would see again one day. Jesus glowed brightly. Moses and Elijah came to talk with Jesus. Then a great cloud covered everyone, and God said Jesus was his Son. Jesus was the Savior that God's people had been waiting for.

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for showing us through your Word that Jesus is our Savior. Amen.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus glowing on top of the mountain.

### Mission for the Week

Read today's Gospel with your family. What would have surprised you most about seeing Jesus like that on top of the mountain?

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For the Children...

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

DESCRIBE THE SPIRITUAL  
INHERITANCE YOU HOPE TO  
LEAVE YOUR FAMILY AND  
FRIENDS.

### 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In fiscal 2012, lottery sales in the United States averaged approximately \$250 per person.

Forty-three states and the District of Columbia accounted for that \$78 billion in sales. It was in March 2012 that the largest prize to date (\$656 million) was split between three winners.

While it is clear that many people enjoy playing the lottery recreationally, a question that is often asked is, "What does someone do with all that money?" Of course, that particular problem has not seemed to bother those who play regularly. Indeed, the largest jackpots, far from being a deterrent, end up provoking an even greater number of players, who seem intent on turning a single dollar into a large fortune.

The Gospel this weekend offers a perspective on the material world. While possessions are needed, Jesus says, "One's life does not consist of possessions" (Lk 12:15). This comment by Jesus is not something new to any of us. We have heard this all before. But we also know that there is wisdom in storing up for ourselves. As a matter of fact, saving for the future is an act of personal responsibility. We are constantly told to save for retirement, to have a rainy-day fund, to set aside something for a vacation instead of going into debt to take one. All of these actions are so we don't become overly dependent on the social fabric and cause an undue burden on others.

There is a difference between having a sufficiency and having an excess. When our desire for an excess outstrips our reasonableness and our need, then we are flirting with greed, the very thing that the Gospel warns against. Yes, we may work hard, and save for the future. We may even win the lottery. But when we have more than we need the Lord expects that we use it not just for ourselves but also for others. What we do with the blessings we have makes all the difference.

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### Defending Our Religious Liberty

At the closing Mass of Fortnight for Freedom at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop David Zubik noted that the Little Sisters of the Poor in their service to the elderly poor and in their stand for religious freedom "are carrying the banner that we will not back off the truth that is Jesus Christ." He noted that the nation's forefathers put forth religious liberty as the first freedom in the Constitution's Bill of Rights, giving people the freedom "to worship our God as the source of our strength," and also to "live our faith outside our churches, synagogues and mosques."

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 listen to us.

### Readings for the Week of July 31, 2016

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/  
Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102/  
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-21, 29,  
22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10-13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35-36, 39, 41/  
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/  
2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/Heb 11:1-2,  
8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40



## THE BULLETIN BOARD



JOIN US TO HONOR FIRST RESPONDERS  
at the  
**2016 Blue Mass**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 11 a.m.**  
Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford • All faiths are welcome • [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org)

Wisdom House Retreat & Conference Center in  
Litchfield, CT

Experiences of Emerging Church  
With Peggy Richard.

Wednesday, August 10 from 6:30 - 8:30  
pm

or Saturday, August 13 from 10 - noon

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[peggyrichard.ct@mail.com](mailto:peggyrichard.ct@mail.com)



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Monday, August 15, 2016

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87 Town Farm Road  
Farmington, CT

10:00 am Shotgun Start

5:00 pm Dinner, Awards,  
Prizes and Auction

Register at [vieforthekids.org](http://vieforthekids.org)



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**Save the Date**

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer  
of Hartford, CT

Kickoff Breakfast  
**Tuesday, August 16, 2016**

Riverfront Boathouse  
20 Leibert Road  
Hartford, CT

**Program: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 am | Registration 7:30 a.m.**

RSVP by Friday August 5, 2016  
203.379.4755  
[maureen.jasse@cancer.org](mailto:maureen.jasse@cancer.org)

Join us at the walk!

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer  
of Hartford, CT

**Sunday, October 16, 2016**

Bushnell Park  
Hartford, CT

Please visit [makingstrideswalk.org/hartfordct](http://makingstrideswalk.org/hartfordct)  
for more information or to sign  
up your team today.

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### 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.ahhartford.org](http://www.ahhartford.org) or contact BJ Daly Horell at 860-242-5573, ext. 2670 or [catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org](mailto: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).