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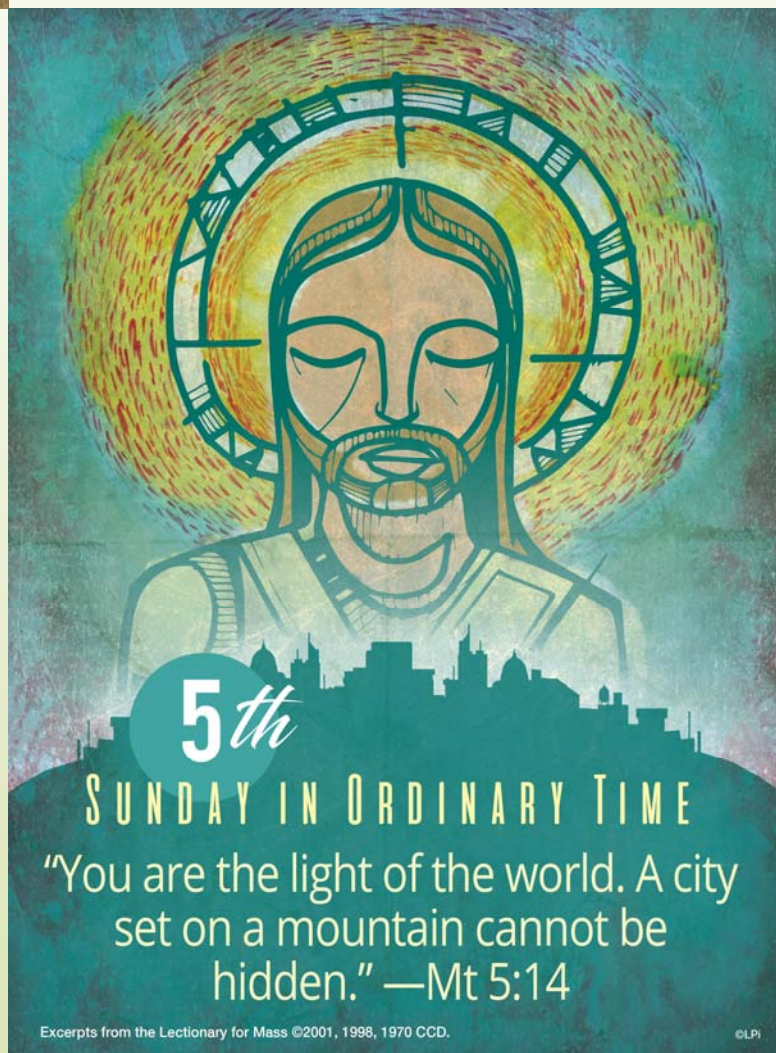
Call the Parish Office

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: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, February 6

9:00 **Marguerite Fogel**, requested by the Downey Family

TUESDAY, February 7

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, February 8

9:00 **John Wolchok**, requested by Rosanne and Mark Harutunian

THURSDAY, February 9

9:00 **Ethel Melanson**, requested by Lorraine Stepien

FRIDAY, February 10

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, February 11

4:00 **Special Intentions**

SUNDAY, February 12

7:30 **Frances Grahn**, requested by Carolyn and Richard Mogielnicki
 9:30 **Sam Riela**, requested by the family
 11:00 **Antony & Josefa Poprawa**, requested by the Osiecki Family
 4:30 **Teen Mass**



Update on our Little Lambs Ministry!!!

This is a reminder that we are still offering the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30 AM mass. Because we have a limited number of adult leaders, we have decided to only offer the Little Lambs ministry on the Sundays that there is no Faith Formation Class at the middle school. All children of the parish, and visiting children as well, are welcome to join us! There is no registration needed to participate in the Little Lambs ministry. We encourage all children, especially those ages 2 1/2 - 8 years old, to come forward after the opening prayer. Father will ask for the children to join us at the Altar and we will process down to the Activity Room. We return during the Offertory, in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Thank you all for your continued support of this important ministry.

WELCOME!



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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, February 6

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

Quest: 7:15pm in Room 3

TUESDAY, February 7

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 1

WEDNESDAY, February 8

Vacation Bible Camp Planning Meeting: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
Re-Employment Support Group: 7pm. in the Activity Room

THURSDAY, February 9

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft (per director)

Youth Choir: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft (per leader)

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

FRIDAY, February 10

Quest: 9:30am in Room 3

SATURDAY, February 11

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, February 12

Quest: 10:30 am in Room 3

Teen Mass: 4:30pm in the church

*All are Welcome to Join Us for our
Teen Mass
 on Sunday, February 12th at 4:30pm*

It's That Time of Year Again...

If you are a registered parishioner using envelopes or online giving, and would like a copy of our records of your weekly envelope contributions, please e-mail Kris in the Parish Office: kris.martino@stannavon.com or call 860-673-9858, ext. 221. note: Contributions to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are mailed separately from the Archdiocese.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

January 29, 2017: not available at time of upload
 Online Giving (week ending 2/1/17): \$2,286.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection:
 none

ADULT *Faith* FORMATION

"MYSTERY" SOLVED:

Thanks to the dozens of adults who participated in the Bible Study series, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, which concluded this week. Responses ran from: "This has really strengthened my faith." to "Now I'm able to connect the readings at Mass." to "My kids loved that I had 'CCD homework!'" Special thanks to our Small Group facilitators: Chip Janiszewski, Kristen Jerger, Claudine Meaney, and Angela Tollis.

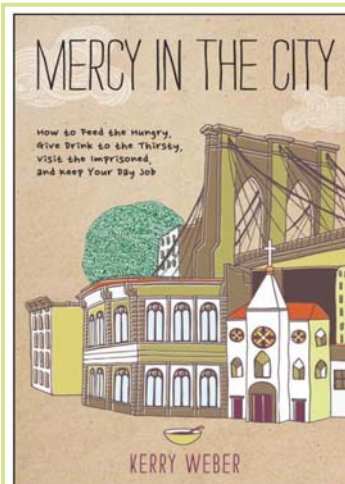
PARENT ENRICHMENT:

Join us for a mini-Bible Study based on the Sunday . We meet in Room 228 upstairs at Avon Middle School, while the kids are in Youth Faith Formation - 9-10:30am and 5:45-7:15pm. Sundays, Feb 12th & Feb 26. Come to one or both! Register with Ann, ann.distefano@stannavon.com and indicate morning or evening session. No experience necessary! Materials provided.

QUEST CONTINUES:

Join St. Ann's Adult Small Groups for prayer, fellowship and a lively discussion of how God's word in the Sunday scriptures applies to your life. Our resource is the *Quest* reflection book. Dates are Jan 15-Feb 24. Choose one of three convenient meeting times: Sunday's, 10:30am; Mondays, 7:15pm or Fridays, 9:30am. We meet in Rooms 1 and 3, lower level of FB Hall. Register with Ann ASAP: ann.distefano@stannavon.com; (860) 673-9858, x. 228. Books are \$6.

All are welcome! No Bible study experience required.



Marthas
Marys

TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 21, 2017
7:00 PM
ACTIVITY ROOM

(BELOW THE WING OF THE CHURCH)

All women are invited to join us on
 Tuesday, February 21st to discuss the book:
Mercy in the City by Kerry Weber.



Snow Date: Tuesday, February 28th

RSVP:

Nancy Casey - nancekc@gmail.com

Mary Healey - maryfromavon@gmail.com

Saint Ann
cares

St. Ann Cares is currently
 looking for projects for this coming
 St. Ann Cares Day on May 6th.
 Contact Steve Rose with ideas at
 860-250-5355 or
 e-mail: rose_sp@sbcglobal.net



It is hard to look outside and think about summer camp, but we all know how time flies!



"Many hands make light work" and **MANY** hands are need to continue making VBC
 at the Church of St Ann the most popular in the Farmington Valley!
 "For surely I know the plan I have for you, says the Lord." (Jeremiah 29:11)

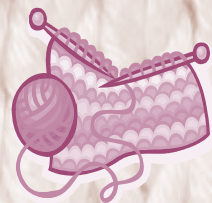
Please join me at our kick off planning meeting
Wed., February 8th at 7pm in FBHall

Please RSVP via email : Valerie.stjean@stannavon.com

Our planning agenda will include:

Revisit last year's session to determine what worked and what could be better, review the theme and brain storm ideas, set camp dates and schedule, station Leader assignments...Other?





Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, December 5th
7-8:30pm in Room 2

All are welcome...including brand new knitters!
For more information call Tina: 860-674-1541

Save the Date St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday,
March 18
2017



Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle Monday evenings in the church from 7:15-8:15pm

The MMP is for priests and laity who are devoted to Our Lady and her Rosary. The Prayer Cenacles are gatherings of prayer that consist of the Holy Rosary and Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Message from the MMP Book "To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons" is read at every Cenacle. We are praying for an outpouring of The Holy Spirit, and for Our Lady's intercession. For more information on the Marian Movement of Priests, please visit the official website at www.mmp-usa.net
Come and see, come pray with us. All are welcome.

Communion For Shut-Ins

The Eucharistic ministers would be happy to bring Communion 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**.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Calling All Artists!

WHO: Artists of all ages
WHAT: Your art work as a donation to the 8th Annual St. Ann Art Show and Sale
HOW: Use contact information below. All mediums accepted: watercolor, acrylic, oil, pencil, collage, photography, sculpture, artisan crafts, fabric art, etc.
WHEN: Receiving or picking up donations the week of March 20-24 but, of course, late gifts will be happily accepted.

CONTACT:
Inez Faillace: 860.673.5579 or faillace1@comcast.net
Meg Kundahl: 860.521.1051 or mkfk@sbcglobal.net

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:

What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

Answer:

Holy water is a sacramental; a reminder of the life of the church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. By blessing ourselves with holy water as we enter the church, we are reminded of our own baptism and our call to conversion. Much as we are baptized and then journey through life, we bless ourselves and move through the church, symbolizing again the guiding presence of the Lord, which comes to us through baptism. We especially use holy water during Easter when the priest sprinkles the people. It serves to remind us that we are indeed on a journey of faith that makes us one with Christ. So blessing ourselves not only reminds us that we are baptized into a community of faith, but also helps us renew our own baptismal promises to reject sin and to believe in God. It is the heart of Christian belief to turn from sin and toward God. Holy water and baptism make it a visible sign for all of us to follow.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

I recently watched the film adaptation of "Godspell" with my teenage daughter. I had such fond memories of watching it when I was young, back in the day. I listened to the soundtrack so many times and learned to play many of the songs on my guitar. The exclamation from the show, "You are the light of the world!" has always been firmly planted in my mind.

After about ten minutes, my daughter looked at me with that look only a teenage girl can display. "What is this?" she asked with a certain level of condescension. Yes, the film did not hold up so well in the eyes of the twenty-first-century critic. So we laughed most of the way through it.

What attracted me to the film and the soundtrack in the first place wasn't Jesus in a Superman shirt or the idea of the apostles wondering around the urban jungle. I was attracted to the message. I was attracted to that assertion in the song, "You are the light of the world."

There will always be people who see the Gospel of Jesus Christ as dated, irrelevant, and even hokey. You and I are called to be the light of the world? Good stewards must never shy away from living lives that truly bear witness to the reality of the Gospel. The parables of Jesus have as much meaning for us today as ever. Look around. The world we live in needs a little light for sure.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

It is love that gives value to all our works.
- St. Francis de Sales

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

(Is 58:10)

Psalm:

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. (Ps 112)

Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. (1 Cor 2:2)

Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." (Mt 5:13a, 14)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2017

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20--2:4a/Ps 8:4-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



GOSPEL MEDITATION

"You are the light of the world." Speaking to his followers, Jesus tells them of the influence they are meant to have. Like the seasoning that gives food its flavor, they are to be "the salt of the earth" and like a lamp on a lampstand that "gives light to all in the house." Clearly, their influence on the people around them is meant to be positive and substantial. But what is the source of this irreplaceable influence? Elsewhere in the Gospels, Jesus declares that HE is "the light of the world" (cf. Jn 8:12). So when he tells his disciples that "your light must shine before others," he is speaking about the light that comes from following him, from believing in him, from living their lives for him and with him. The light of Christ brightens the world, showing us the truth and meaning of our existence. And to the extent that we have that light in our hearts, it naturally spreads out to impact those around us.

So, today we must ask ourselves whether or not we are shining the way we are meant to as Christians. Do we brighten up our families, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and our parishes? Are people encouraged, inspired, edified, and supported by our presence? Do we bring the kind of flavor that enriches life with a taste of the authentic truth, beauty, and goodness that comes from God alone? Or have we become a bit bland, like salt that "loses its taste" or light that is hidden "under a bushel basket"? It's important to be on guard against any tendency to let our faith be reduced to a mere routine or ritual. Rather, when we nurture our faith to be a living force that defines us and our actions, it will be a source of joy and renewal not only for us, but for the whole world.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls for us to be a sign of God's revelation to the world. We come together today to be enflamed with love for God, that all we encounter might see our light and come to the Father.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Faith Formation Opportunities at St. Patrick-St. Anthony in Hartford

Spiritual Reflection

(Mondays: Feb. 6, March 6, April 3, June 5) 6:30-8:30pm
Spiritual Reflection offers a monthly opportunity to take a moment, an experience of everyday life, or an event in time and to consider it through a spiritual lens using Scripture and stories from our tradition. All are welcome to join this group process of reflecting upon spiritual moments in daily life.

Mom's Night Out "Food for the Body...Food for the Soul"

Thursday, February 9 from 6:30-8:30pm
Take this opportunity for a NIGHT OUT for yourself! Brought back by popular demand, Sebastian Kolodziej, chef and trainer at the House of Bread, will cook for us and teach time-saving recipes and creative cooking tips just in time for Valentine's Day! During dessert, we will reflect upon our ministry of motherhood. This program is designed for MOMS of all ages and we encourage you to bring a friend.

Suggested Offering: \$10

Limited seating available-reserve your spot early!

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend March 3-5, 2017 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 financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Women's Retreat being offered at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center

On the weekend of April 21-23, the women of St. Ann's are invited to Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT. This year's theme is "*Embracing Joy: Learning to Bear the Beam of Love.*" You will have an opportunity to reflect on this year's theme, hear conference talks, participate in the sacraments, and share with other women. Come and experience a weekend of rest, relaxation and spiritual renewal. For information call: Chris Healy at 860-693-8562

Black History Mass "Strength in Unity"

Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 10:00am
Saint Michael RC Church - 7 Clark Street, Hartford

Principal Celebrant and Homilist
Rev. Canon A. Gerard Jordan, P. Praem



ALIVE
 IN CHRIST



All high school students are invited to join us for an exciting one-day Catholic Youth Rally with engaging worship, music, speakers, and faith-filled fellowship with Teens from around the Archdiocese!

Sunday * April 30, 2017

1:00-8:00 pm

Cathedral of St. Joseph * Hartford, CT

Tickets: \$25.00

For registration forms, please see your parish youth minister or visit the Vocation Office website, www.hartfordpriest.com. Forms and payment are due by April 18, 2017. Don't miss this awesome opportunity to grow in faith and celebrate the new Easter life we have in Jesus Christ!

DEAR HAITI VOLUNTEERS, THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!!

For 717 items sewn and delivered for the Haiti Mothers and Babies Project SINCE JANUARY 1, 2017!!! So many diapers [biggest need], baby beds, maternity jumpers, health care worker aprons, soap, christening gowns and bonnets!!! This is a huge result of your ongoing commitment to this vital ministry. All 717 have been delivered for packing for the next shipment to Haiti.

Keep up your loving, giving sewing for the mothers and babies in Haiti, still trying to begin to recover from the devastating Hurricane Matthew last October.

FEBRUARY SEW/CUT-A-THONS are:

Tuesday February 7 @ 78 Bronson Rd., Avon 10:00 - 4:00

Wednesday February 8 @ Sew Inspired 8 Wilcox St. Simsbury 10:00 - 4:00

Saturday, February 18 @ Sew Inspired 8 Wilcox St. Simsbury 10:00 - 4:00

Monday, February 20 @ 78 Bronson Rd., Avon 10:00 - 4:00

Please join us whenever you are available. NO sewing experience is needed. I hope you will join us whenever you are able and/or pick up fabrics and directions to work on at home.

Looking forward to seeing you!....for an hour or for the day...whatever time you can give to this ministry is very helpful and very much appreciated. Thank you!

Hugs,

Dr. Paula DeSilva

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