



# 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.



## 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



**2nd Sunday of Easter  
Sunday of Divine  
Mercy**

## MONDAY, April 24

9:00 **Florence Piernat**, requested by  
Jim and Marian Glynn

## TUESDAY, April 25

9:00 **Santa Calderone**, requested by  
Linda Chenausky

## WEDNESDAY, April 26

9:00 **Lucille McKeeman**, requested by  
Marcia Payne

## THURSDAY, April 27

9:00 **Bridget Howard**, requested by  
Sciobhan and Paul Mason

## FRIDAY, April 28

9:00 **Mildred Lawryniewicz (14th Ann.)**,  
requested by her daughter, Dottie Cialfi

## SATURDAY, April 29

4:00 **Richard Pedrini**, requested by  
The McHugh Family

## SUNDAY, April 30

7:30 **Special Intentions**

9:30 **Robert Fetherston**, requested by  
the Bompene Family

11:00 **Tom Kobylarz**, requested by the family

4:30 **Teen Mass**

# 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, April 24

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

### TUESDAY, April 25

**"Making Sense of the Bible":** 9:30am in Room 3

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3

**Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Room 1

### WEDNESDAY, April 26

**Acts of the Apostles Bible Study:** 9:30am in Room 2 & 3 (filled)

**Re-Employment Support Group:** 7pm. in the Activity Room

### THURSDAY, April 27

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

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

**Youth Choir:** 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

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

**M+M's Trivia Night:** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

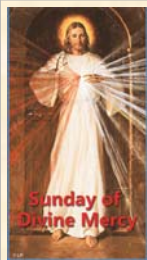
### FRIDAY, April 28

### SATURDAY, April 29

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

### SUNDAY, April 30

**Teen Mass:** 4:30pm in the church



## Divine Mercy Sunday

## April 23, 2017

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated here at St. Ann THIS Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, with a Holy Hour from 2:30- 3:30pm. Please join us to honor our Lord's request that the Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. He promised that the floodgates of heaven would open and extraordinary graces would be poured out among us.



## THIS WEEKEND!



## 7th Annual St. Ann Art Show & Sale

*Saturday, April 22nd*

*2:30-5:30pm*

*Sunday, April 23rd*

*8am-1pm*

*Grace your walls with affordable art by  
adult fine artists and young artists*

*All proceeds go towards scholarships for deserving city students attending  
local Catholic High Schools*



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

April 9, 2017: \$8,882.00  
 April 16, 2017: \$12,809.83  
 Online Giving (week ending 4/19/17): \$2,947.00  
 Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:  
*none*

*\* New Date \**  
**Marthas and Marys**  
**Trivia Thursday**

*April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm*

*Come on your own or bring a friend or two!*



**\$ Winners Win \$**

**Beverages and Snacks**

*RSVP soon - there is a limited number of places for this evening.*

RSVP by Monday, April 24th to:  
 JoEllen Oakes: 149 Forge Drive, Avon  
 Joellen.oakes@comcast.net

Checks payable to: Marthas and Marys: \$15  
 Questions? Call Anne Yurch at 860-675-1366

## 2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.

**ST. ANN CARES**



St. Ann Cares has decided on Mercy Housing, St. Agnes Home and FAVARH as this year's projects. Mercy Housing is a facility helping the homeless become independent. They provide skills and programs for the homeless to reach their goals with dignity and respect. St. Agnes Home provides housing and supportive services to parenting adolescent mothers and their infants. We will be doing some painting, carpentry and landscaping at these sites. FAVARH is a group home for the intellectually disabled. We will be building a ramp and landscaping a walkway. Please join us on Saturday May 6th to help these great organizations.



**For more information contact Steve Rose at  
 rose\_sp@sbcglobal.net or 860-250-5355.**

**Sign-Up forms for our May 6th Day of Caring are available  
 online at: <http://www.stannavon.org/saint-ann-cares>  
 or through the Parish Office.**

Dear Parishioners,

This year there will be 59 candidates receiving the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. They received their First Reconciliation on December 10, 2016, and are preparing for reception of the Blessed Sacrament in the Spring. Soon we will be putting out the Little Lambs for you to select a child and pray for them while they prepare for their sacrament.

Due to the overwhelming positive response, we would like to continue to gift each child with a First Communion Bible. We are asking that you sponsor any child or children, with this gift anonymously and it will be presented to them on their First Communion Day. In return, we will be asking the children to pray for the person who gave it to them every time they read their Bible.

The Bibles are reasonably priced and if you are interested in being part of this beautiful event, please pick up a form on the tables in the Gathering Space and return it with your payment of \$15.00 per Bible (made out to Church of St. Ann). Please mail to the church in an envelope clearly marked "for First Communion Bible" or drop it off at the Parish Offices. How pleased Jesus must be to know that both the children of this year's First Eucharist class and the adults of our Parish are praying for each other!

Thank you so much for your consideration and for your prayerful support of these beautiful children!

Yours in Christ, Father McHugh



The Men of St. Ann present the event of the year:

## Ladies Night Out

Friday, May 19  
6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall  
Price: \$25

Ladies, save this date on your calendar!  
The Men of St. Ann once again want to treat the ladies of the parish to a special night out. This is a well attended event so be sure to get your reservations in early. Reservations can be made with John Kuzia: 860-284-0020 or email at [kman@kuzia.com](mailto:kman@kuzia.com).

Seating is limited so reservations are a must.



## ADULT EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

### Join Us For Some Faith Enrichment For Spring 2017!

#### Studying/Praying with the Sunday Scriptures

Discover what the Sunday readings meant when they were written, and what they mean to you personally today (*Lectio Divina*).

April 23 - May 26. No experience necessary! Offered at three convenient times, in Room 3, lower level of Fr. Bennett Hall:

- Sundays, 10:30am-12pm (Leader: Chip Janiszewski)
- Mondays, 7:15pm-8:45pm (Leaders: Jim Serruta, Ann DiStefano)
- Fridays, 9:30am-11:00am (Leaders: Pat Wall, Ann DiStefano)
- All materials provided.
- Register ASAP with Ann: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com); (860) 673-9858, ext. 228



### Heartfelt Thank You for Corporal Works of Mercy Donations

Food, Medicine, Shelter Supplies  
Childrens' Clothes, Shoes, Easter  
Food & MORE!

It's no easy task to say thank you enough times to do justice to your generous outpouring of donations during Lent. This year's parish response has brought much relief and joy to our many recipients.

Our blessings shared are our blessings multiplied.

Thank you!  
Your Social Justice Committee



## PERENNIAL PLANT Sale

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
St. Ann's Parking Lot

### We Need Plant Donations!

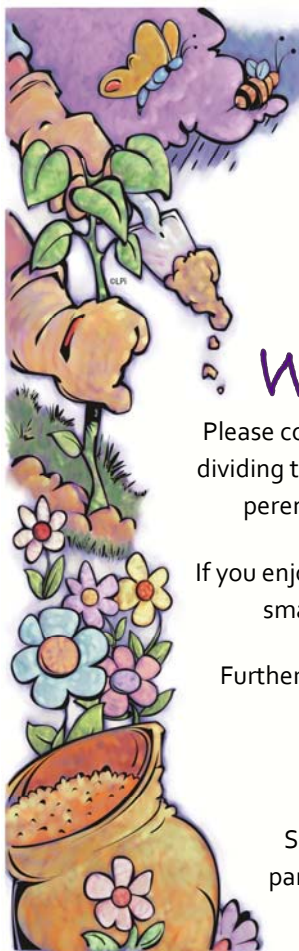
Please consider sharing some of your perennials that are ready for dividing this spring. We would welcome the donation of purchased perennials if you are unable to donate from your own yard.

If you enjoy gardening, we would love to have you join us. We are a small committee and could use some additional hands.

Further information will follow about drop-off dates and times.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Jean Frey at 860-673-1949.

The proceeds from the sale will benefit the Social Justice Scholarship Program, which provides partial tuition support for deserving Hartford students who attend local Catholic high schools.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*Due to the constant unchecked flow of data and information through the Internet, it can be hard to know when a story is real news or rubbish. It never ceases to amaze me when someone I know has bought into some crazy fake news story. Sometimes the story is just so unbelievable: celebrities who gained two hundred pounds in a month, women having babies who were never pregnant, or people actually being seen who are dead! Like Elvis!*

*The apostle Thomas found the news that Jesus was alive just too far-fetched to believe. But he didn't first hear the news on the Internet or read it standing in the grocery store checkout line. His friends told him. His fellow apostles told him they had actually seen the Lord with their own eyes. Their testimony was not enough. He needed proof.*

*The resurrection of Jesus gives us not only hope, but also a reason to be his disciples. We have not seen with our own eyes but, like Thomas, we have a community, the Church, that has relayed the truth to us. This same Jesus now calls us to go forth to spread the Gospel. More unbelievable than that, we have, through the gifts we have been given, a chance to change and even save lives. The day may come that you, moved by this news of the risen Lord, will be an agent of his love to the point where someone will tell the tale that you, a follower of Jesus, actually helped to change his or her life. Pretty unbelievable, right? Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*To the servant of God...every place is the right place,  
and every time is the right time.*

- St. Catherine of Siena

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. (Acts 2:46)

### Psalms:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)  
OR Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Pt 1:8-9)

### Gospel:

"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 20:27b-29)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of April 23, 2017

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/  
Jn 20:19-31  
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/  
Lk 24:13-35

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" This greeting from the resurrected Christ must have been a profound one for the disciples. They were living behind locked doors "for fear of the Jews," which really meant for fear of their own lives. They had seen what happened to Jesus and didn't want to face the same fate. Imagine the paralysis of this fear, keeping them locked inside a prison of their own making.

But even the walls and the locks could not keep Jesus out! He came "although the doors were locked" and brought them a message of peace. And then their fear turned to gladness for they "rejoiced when they saw the Lord."

This transformation from sadness to joy, from fear to peace was not just a gift for these first disciples. It is a gift for all of the followers of the Lord, ourselves included! When we are afraid of what might happen in our lives, where we are trapped or paralyzed by the burdens of our own habitual sins, Jesus wants to step in and offer us peace. This is what we celebrate today on this feast of the mercy of Christ. His love and peace--the gift of his mercy--is meant for all of us, weak, sinful, and scared though we may be.

And we who receive this great gift of mercy from the Lord are also called to be merciful to others. We are called to be peacemakers and to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Our celebration of Divine Mercy need not stop at the doors of our own hearts. We can seek ways to be ministers of God's mercy to others, reaching out with the love of God, bringing comfort and consolation to those who need it most.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Breathing is necessary for living. Without air and the ability to breathe, we would die. It is no wonder then that Jesus breathed on the disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. As our physical breath is essential to physically live, the Holy Spirit is essential to personally and socially live. Jesus shows his friends that God is within them, sustaining them with his gifts and providing them with the fullness of life and love. We take God's role in our lives for granted and we give ourselves more credit than we ought. Much of what we treasure and accomplish every day is due to God's inner presence moving and acting within us calling us to new life.



## THE BULLETIN BOARD



is proud to support  
Class of 2017 Safe Grad Event

Join us at Lisa's Luna Pizza on Thursday, April 27 for the NWC Safe Grade Event fundraising day. Lisa's Luna Pizza will donate a portion of their sales from that day to Northwest Catholic Senior Class. Let Lisa's do the cooking, and support NWC Safe Grad Night at the same time!

Thursday, April 27, 2017  
11:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Lisa's Luna Pizza  
530 Bushy Hill Road  
Simsbury, CT  
Call 860-651-6591 For Delivery

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH GRANNY'S ATTIC & GRANNY'S BOUTIQUE

**APRIL 24 - APRIL 29, 2017**

Monday April 24 - Thursday, April 27  
10am-6pm  
Friday, April 28 - 8am-6pm  
Saturday, April 29 - 8am-4pm



Wagner's Showroom 1285 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury

### A SPECIAL ONE DAY MARRIAGE RETREAT

Date: Saturday April 29th

Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Location: Caritas Christi Center (at Sacred Heart Academy) Hamden

*Marriage is a spiritual pathway in which God calls the married couple to grow into a strong and vibrant relationship. This requires vision, intention and persistence, as well as, skilled, consistent effort. We will explore what it is you really want for your marriage, and what gets in the way. You'll conclude by designing a future that facilitates a thriving, intimate and sacred marital relationship.*

*This special one-day retreat provides learning, prayerful reflection, couple time, a supportive community and some fun. Why not give this gift to your partner and yourself?*

Facilitators:

Chris and Don Paglia, former Co-Directors of the Hartford Archdiocesan Family Life Office.

Donation:

\$45. per couple (includes lunch)

Register or for information

Contact: Sr. JeanMarie Vonder Haar 203-281-2569

[www.cartaschisticenter.org](http://www.cartaschisticenter.org)

This one day marital retreat is designed especially for any couples who are involved in marriage enrichment or marriage preparation ministry or any couple that is looking for an opportunity to get away from their busy schedules and lives to revitalize and deepen their marital love.

### Read, Reap and Rise to New Life!

*The plowman should plow in hope, and the thresher in hope of receiving a share. (1 Cor 9:10)*

The Archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School (CBS) invites adults to engage the Word of God from the perspective of Catholic faith. Enrollment begins May 1. Contact the CBS office by August 15 to enroll. Classes begin in locations throughout the Archdiocese just after Labor Day.

For more information, check out our website [www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org](http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org) or contact us in the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis at 860-242-5573 or [catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org](mailto:catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org).



### Victorian Tea

Given by St. Bernard's Ladies Guild  
Saturday, April 29, 2017 - Noon to 3:00 p.m.

St. Bernard's Hall - Tariffville, CT

Tea Cup Auction

\$10.00 LADIES GUILD MEMBERS \$15.00 GUESTS  
(Dress Up!) Mothers and Daughters, Grandmothers, and Grand-daughters,  
Aunts and Nieces, Cousins, Groups of Friends, -----

*COME and spend a Special Luncheon together!*

Call Lorraine Goss 860-658-9007 for reservations.

### The Grotto Gift Shop...

located at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield, is now open daily Monday to Saturday from 10:30am to 4:00pm and on Sunday, 11:30am (after Mass) to 4:00pm. There are First Communion & Confirmation gifts in stock with more coming in daily.

For further information, call 860-567-0891 or email: [lourdesshriect@gmail.com](mailto:lourdesshriect@gmail.com).