



# Church of Saint Ann

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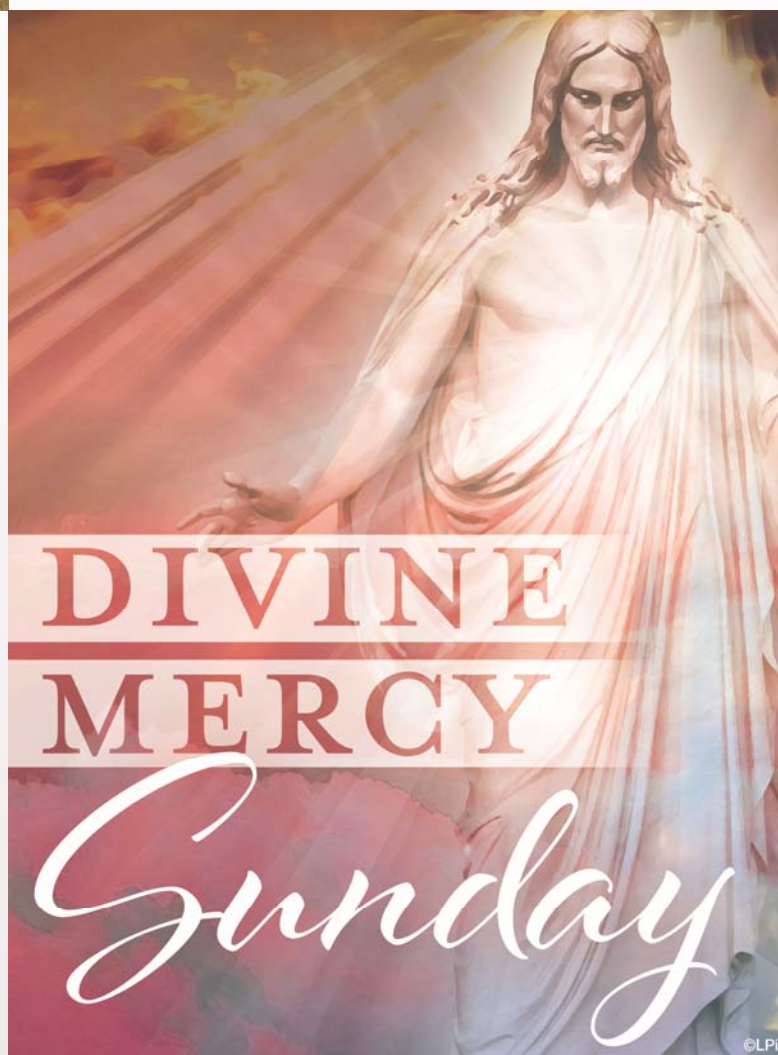
Call the Parish Office

## 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

April 8, 2018



## Sunday of Divine Mercy

### MONDAY, April 9

9:00 **John Kondzielaski**, requested by  
Ron and Dorothy Miller

### TUESDAY, April 10

9:00 **Pietro DiTommaso**, requested by  
his family

### WEDNESDAY, April 11

9:00 **Julia McHugh**, requested by the family

### THURSDAY, April 12

9:00 **For the Holy Souls in Purgatory**,  
requested by Lori Ryan

### FRIDAY, April 13

9:00 **Terry Moody (1st Ann.)**, requested by  
the family

### SATURDAY, April 14

9:00 **Jack Tromza**, requested by  
Mary Jane Jeter

### SUNDAY, April 15

7:30 **Frances Mitchell, Thomas Mitchell and  
Maria Kelly**, requested by Victor Mitchell  
9:30 **George Carr**, requested by  
Bill and Janet Newman  
11:00 **Mary Demaio**, requested by a friend

# 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 9

**MMP Cenacle:** 7:15pm in the church.

*Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!*

**Young Adult Bible Study:** 7pm in the Activity Room

**"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures":** 7:15pm in Rm. 3

### TUESDAY, April 10

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3

**Social Justice Committee Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

### WEDNESDAY, April 11

**Matthew Bible Study:** will return April 18th

### THURSDAY, April 12

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

**Children's Choir:** 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

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

**St. Ann Cares Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Room 1

### FRIDAY, April 13

**Matthew Bible Study:** returns April 20th

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

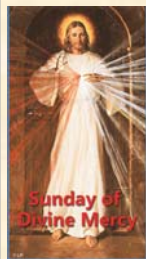
### SATURDAY, April 14

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

### SUNDAY, April 15

**"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures":** 10:30am in Rm. 3

**Parish Coffee:** after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall  
(sponsored by our Social Justice Committee)



## Divine Mercy Sunday April 8, 2018

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated here at St. Ann THIS Sunday, April 8th 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.

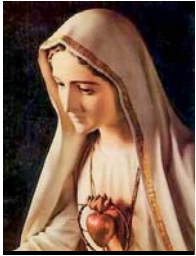


Come join St. Ann Cares on May 5th. Our project this year is for a parishioner in Avon. Project includes: bathroom remodel, window and door replacing, painting and landscaping. We will need carpentry help prior to May 5. Additional sign ups will be held in April.

Contact Steve Rose at  
860-250-5355 or at  
[sjrose1088@gmail.com](mailto:sjrose1088@gmail.com)



## CENACLES of the Marian Movement of Priests



**Question:** Is the cenacle primarily for priests?

**Answer:** No. In Message #34 (1-17-74), Our Lady introduces this question, "Why do I want them to come together in cenacle with me?" In this message she addresses herself to the priests, but what she tells them is also applicable to the laity. She wants all her children—priests, religious, laity, families, to gather together with her in cenacles of prayer, to pray with her and to learn how to love one another. Also, the cenacle helps us to deepen our understanding and live the obligations we have undertaken through our consecration to her

Immaculate Heart. We refer you to the message dated Nov. 1, 1973, "my Faithful Cohort." (#25)

*Excerpt from Cenacles of the Marian Movement of Priests Purpose/Guide*

**Our cenacle meets every Monday at 7:15pm in the church.  
Come pray the Rosary with us.**



## 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.

## 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**.

## 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

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### *This Spring, Let God Breathe New Life Into Your Relationship With Him!*

#### "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures"

Helps you connect the Bible to your daily life, and enhance your experience of Mass. Join us for community, refreshments, prayer and conversation featuring the popular Lectio Divina practice. All materials are provided.

**Drop-ins are welcome!**

- Sundays, 10:30am-12pm in Rm. 3 with Chip Janiszewski
- Mondays, 7:15-8:45pm in Rm. 3 with Jim Serruta

*Register with Ann DiStefano, (860)673-9858, x. 228*

*Or [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com)*

#### *"Falling Upward-A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life" Book Discussion*

Whether you're in the first or second half of life, this book by Fr. Richard Rohr is for you! Explore how "falling down" at times helps us move upward in spiritual growth. You'll find hot coffee, a warm welcome, and rich conversation.

- Tuesdays, beginning April 17th, 7:15-8:45pm in Rm. 2
- Thursdays, beginning April 19th, 9:30-11am in Rm. 3

#### "Matthew" Bible Study

After a hiatus for Lent & Easter, our "Matthew" Bible Studies are ready to reconvene. Due to Spring Break, the Wednesday, 7:15pm group will not meet on April 11th. The Friday, 9:30am group will delay gathering until April 20th. See the full calendar at [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org).



Thanks to everyone who so generously donated so many supplies to ImmaCare during the Lenten collection. As always, staff was amazed at the volume and wanted St. Ann's people to know how much this collection helps throughout the year. On an already stretched budget, these desperately needed items would be difficult to afford. Thanks also to the Witkowski family who packed up and delivered the full truckload.



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**March 25, 2018:** will be reported next weekend

**April 1, 2018:** will be reported next weekend

**Online Giving** (week ending 4/4/18): \$4,188.00

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

## 2018/2019 FAITH FORMATION SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

It's time to plan for our 2018-2019 Faith Formation school year. Again this year, we will automatically enroll all existing students into the next grade level assuming all requirements have been met. Please visit our website for the registration form and return with your payment on or before June 1, 2018. Registrations received after June 1st will be charged a \$40 late fee. Please do not hold up your child(ren)'s registration due to financial issues. We are happy to make payment arrangements that work for your family. All information is confidential.

## Our Faith, Our Future Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference!

## Young ADULT BIBLE STUDY!

Young Adults in their 20's & 30's are invited to join us for faith filled discussions on Sunday's scripture, with open minds and hearts. We meet Monday nights at 7:30pm, usually in the Activity Room beneath the church wing, but check our Facebook group (St. Ann's Young Adult Group) for location information. Everyone is welcome - please bring friends! Coordinator:  
Ceci Menendez: [cecilia.menendez@uconn.edu](mailto:cecilia.menendez@uconn.edu).

**Save the Date**

**ST. ANN'S  
SUMMER BIBLE CAMP**

**JUNE 25-28**

**9:30AM - 12:30PM**

**This year's theme is  
Shipwrecked:  
Saved by Jesus.  
Stay tuned for more  
news to come!**

Dear Parishioners,

This year there will be 53 candidates receiving the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. They received their First Reconciliation on January 20, 2018, 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



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*What do you own and what owns you? You can find this question asked many times in several different contexts. Are you looking to find some kind of financial freedom? How about trying to live simply in a complex world? Has a mountain of stuff invaded your home garage to the point where parking a car inside is only a dream?*

*The early Church practiced a radical form of fellowship called koinonia, which literally means "sharing in common." Those who had homes and other major possessions would sell them and then place the proceeds in the care of the Apostles to be shared with the entire community. People focus mostly on the fact that people sold all their possessions for the benefit of the community. However the real point is the action that occurred after every selling: the proceeds were given to Church authority, in essence, to God first. I wasn't just selling my house and then giving the money to random people. My offering was to God and it was for the Apostles (those who personally encountered Jesus and now represented him on earth) to decide how to divide up the wealth.*

*Why do such a thing? One could say it was so that no one wanted for anything. If we push that thinking too far, as some in history have done, we can create a system that takes from some to give to others. Nothing was taken from anyone in that first Christian community. It was freely given. And perhaps the reason why people were moved to do so lies at the heart of stewardship: because all we have already belongs to God anyway.*

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*The greatest attribute of God is love and mercy*

- St. Faustina Kowalska

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. (Acts 4:33)

### Psalm:

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

### Second Reading:

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (1 Jn 5:5)

### Gospel:

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 20:28-29)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of April 8, 2018

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/  
Jn 20:19-31  
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/  
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/  
Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/  
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Should we be a little easier on Thomas? The last few days have been a whirlwind. On Thursday, a Passover celebration went horribly awry as Jesus was betrayed and taken into custody for unstated crimes. Less than 24 hours later, the simple arrest has turned into a death sentence to be carried out that very afternoon. Most of the disciples fled, including Thomas. He would have heard of the events of Good Friday secondhand, in shock over the death of his Lord and Master. Then Sunday morning arrives with joy from a few disciples—Jesus is risen! But there is no persistent sight of him, only Mary Magdalene's quick moment in the garden and an empty tomb. Another day passes. The Apostles are gathered that Monday night, but Thomas is absent. He returns to a jubilant report of the risen Lord. Again, Thomas has seen nothing.

The experience must have been surreal. Did Jesus really appear raised from the dead? Did he really suffer and die? Has all of this been some strange hoax? Desperate for an answer, Thomas insists, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

After his resurrection, Jesus' body-mangled and bloody from the crucifixion-is restored. Did it need the scars? A perfected body would have taught us one lesson: everything is renewed as it once was, the past erased. Jesus chooses another lesson, however. He retains his scars that we might know him. In the whirlwind of our lives, we make our own mistakes, our own betrayals and compromises. In the resurrected Jesus, we see a God who does not forget his own sorrow. We are invited to meet him—wound for wound—and place our hand on his own nail-scarred palm, the eternal sign of his everlasting mercy.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

What do you own and what owns you? You can find this question asked many times in several different contexts. Are you looking to find some kind of financial freedom? How about trying to live simply in a complex world? Has a mountain of stuff invaded your home garage to the point where parking a car inside is only a dream?

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## THE BULLETIN BOARD

Join Us for the Archdiocesan

### Mass of Remembrance

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 5:30pm

St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
West Hartford, CT

The Mass of Remembrance is a time for reflection on the lives of our children who have died from any cause. The causes are numerous but the resulting emotions of pain, longing and sorrow are the same.

Perhaps one of the most misunderstood and often overlooked losses is of miscarriage. Too frequently it is seen as less than other deaths of children, but for those who have experienced miscarriage, it is no less painful.

Parents wish these children to be remembered and the Mass of Remembrance provides this opportunity. Please join us in praying for children who have died by miscarriage, abortion, illness, or any cause, and for their families.

### Catholics Coming Home - An Opportunity to Learn More About Our Faith

St. Patrick Church, 110 Main Street, Farmington, is sponsoring a seven week program to learn more about our faith. Whether you are struggling with the church, have been away from the church, or are an active Catholic who'd like to learn more about the Catholic faith to grow closer to Christ, please consider this invitation to join us. In a relaxed environment we will discuss what Catholics believe, with an opportunity to address issues with which you may have problems.

The seven sessions, which will be led by a team of parishioners, will be held on Thursdays, 7:00 -8:30 PM from April 19 to May 31, 2018, in the basement church hall at St. Patrick. If you wish to register or want more details, please contact David Edwards at 860-413-2536, e-mail [eugeneedwards5468@icloud.com](mailto:eugeneedwards5468@icloud.com).

### 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](mailto: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.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God in our marriage? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jul 6-8, 2018 in MANCHESTER, CT and Nov 2-4, 2018 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

### House Bill 5340, An Act Concerning Education Savings Accounts

It was recently announced that St. Francis-St. Hedwig School in Naugatuck will be closing after this academic year. Michael Culhane, Executive Director of the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, has written a statement that will appear in various media, regarding this school closure and the impact that proposed legislation will have on the future of Catholic schools.

Visit the web address below to read the full statement.

[https://www.stewardsfortomorrow.org/uploads/1/1/7/1/117137536/op-ed\\_march\\_2018\\_-\\_naugatuck\\_schools\\_03.11.2018.pdf](https://www.stewardsfortomorrow.org/uploads/1/1/7/1/117137536/op-ed_march_2018_-_naugatuck_schools_03.11.2018.pdf)

### Beginning Experience of Connecticut for the Widowed, Separated and Divorced

#### Weekend Dates:

May 4-6, 2018 in Bloomfield, CT  
September 21-23, 2018 in Farmington, CT

"The truth is no one has to suffer alone, and although life may never be the same, it can be good again...very good. Beginning Experience can help, just give us one weekend. You'll meet people who have gone through the same things you are going through. They know how you feel because they have felt it and lived through it. They will share with you how they came to terms with their loss and how they've moved forward with their lives. More important, they will listen.

Founded by a Catholic sister and her divorced friend, our program serves those of all faiths. It can help you deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning your pain of loss into an experience of positive growth.

**For more information, contact: Victoria at 860-993-2384 or visit their website at: [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org)**