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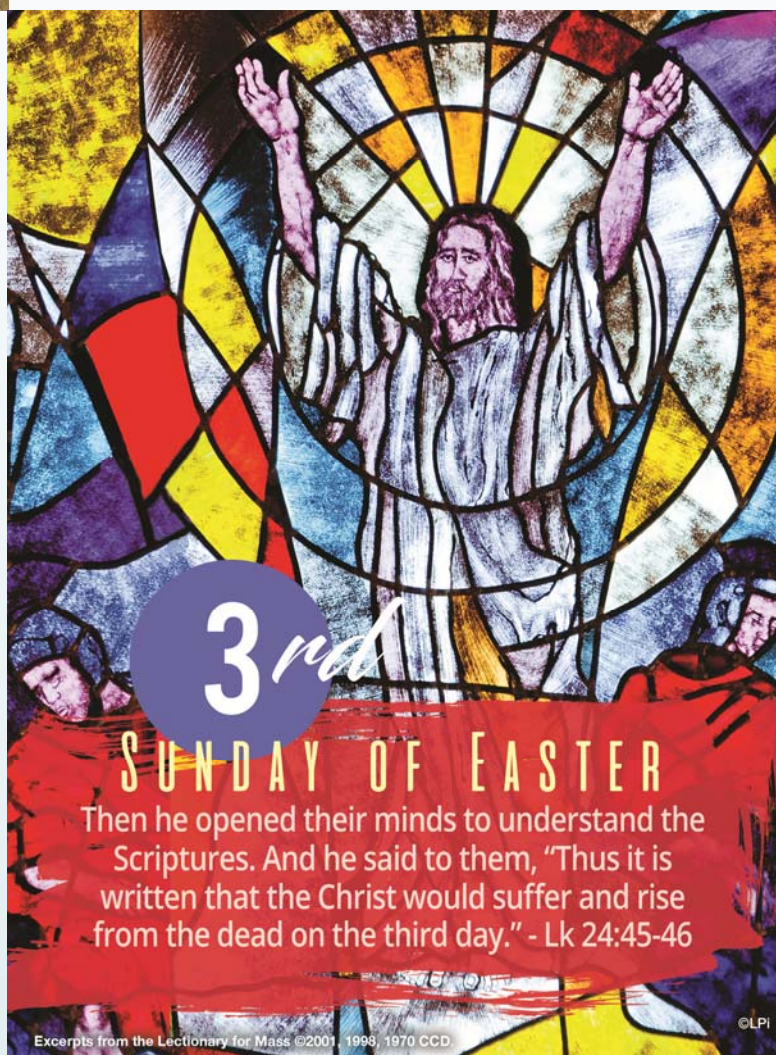
Call the Parish Office

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.



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

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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: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon

April 15, 2018



MASS INTENTIONS

3rd Sunday of Easter

MONDAY, April 16

9:00 **Marie Dragilow (6 mo. Ann.),** requested by the "coffee group"

TUESDAY, April 17

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, April 18

9:00 **Joseph & Filomena Ribera,** requested by the family

THURSDAY, April 19

9:00 **Robert Collier,** requested by the family

FRIDAY, April 20

9:00 **Shawn Kruse,** requested by Ron and Dorothy Miller

SATURDAY, April 21

9:00 **Derek Stockwell,** requested by the family

SUNDAY, April 22

7:30 **Pat Clark (10th Ann),** requested by the family

9:30 **Louis Del Prete,** requested by Eileen and Lou Del Prete

11:00 **Angelina Rallo,** requested by a friend

4:30 **Teen Mass**



St. Ann Cares

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. St. Ann Cares will be holding sign ups after all masses this weekend. For those interested in learning about our project, you can join us at our Thursday meeting on April 19 or 26 at 7pm in room 2 in Fr. Bennett Hall.

Contact Steve Rose at 860-250-5355 or at sjrose1088@gmail.com



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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, April 16

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 17

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

Falling Upward Book Discussion: 7:15pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, April 18

Matthew Bible Study: will return April 18th

Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, April 19

Falling Upward Book Discussion: 7:15pm in Room 3

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 20

Matthew Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 3

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

SATURDAY, April 21

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, April 22

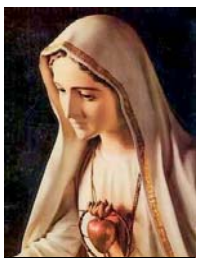
"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures": 10:30am in Rm. 3

Parish Coffee: after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall
(sponsored by our Prayer Shawl Ministry)

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

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**.



Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, April 18th

at 7-8:30pm

Room 2 (under Fr. Bennett Hall)

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled. You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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*

"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.



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: \$8,641.90

April 1, 2018: \$11,170.27

April 8, 2018: \$6,900.30

Online Giving (week ending 4/11/18): \$4,202.00

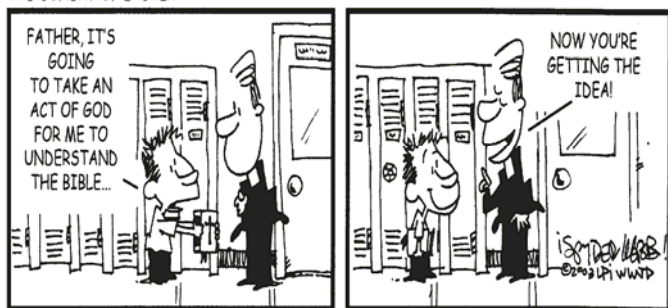
Next weekend's 2nd collection: monthly

Our Faith, Our Future 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 2018 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.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.

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

If you ask me to tell you about one of my sons, my daughter, or my wife, I could spend quite some time elaborating on them as individuals and my interactions with them throughout the years. An authentic relationship leads each party into a rich knowledge of the other. If I have little to say about someone other than some incidental information or gossip, I cannot claim to really know him or her.

Indeed, every relationship has expectations. If we do not know the needs of the other or the responses expected in living out the relationship, we easily create division and separation. I do certain things for my children because I am a parent. I respond in certain ways to my wife based upon her needs. If I am oblivious, or just don't care, the relationship will move on a path toward hurt, pain, and in some instances, permanent separation.

To know Jesus is to love Jesus. The key is you actually have to know him. Knowing him is listening to his words and keeping his commands. Just like in all relationships, we will fall short at times. However, because we know the expectations we can then make amends and continue to grow together. So if I asked you to tell me about this friend of yours named Jesus, what would you say?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Aspire not to have more, but to be more.

- Oscar Romero

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses." (Acts 3:15)

Psalm:

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4)

Second Reading:

He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)

Gospel:

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled? You are witnesses of these things." (Lk 24:44, 48)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 15, 2018

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17
and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/
Jn 6:60-69

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Why do questions arise in your hearts?" After the Resurrection, the Apostles experienced their fair share of incredulity. Jesus had died-John had been there-and now the tomb was empty. What should they believe? Was the Jesus before them truly real? And who was Jesus really? It's no surprise that the Apostles were initially "startled and terrified" to the extent that they "thought that they were seeing a ghost."

Jesus has compassion on his confused friends. Once he affirms his non-ghostly identity-"look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself"-Jesus gets down to business. He has risen from the dead, but life would not continue as normal. Throughout Jesus' ministry, he spoke in parables and veiled prophetic language. His followers likely thought much of his words were metaphors, some symbolism for the person and their relation to God. Now Jesus has something else in mind. He "opened their minds to understand the scriptures," making known the connections between his own words and deeds and "everything written about [him] in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms."

Why now? Why this increased depth of understanding? The answer lies in the shifting role of the Apostles. "You are witnesses of these things." The treasury of truth is no longer Jesus' responsibility alone but our own. Then and there, the Apostles are appointed to proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus, the forgiveness of sins and the mercy of God. This message is no longer for only the Jewish people but "all the nations."

This is our invitation! We have the rich heritage of the Church's teaching. By sacramental grace, God's "peace" is "with [us]." We, too, are sent to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and the hope that belongs to his call.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Why are you troubled? Life can easily get the best of us. Anxiety, worry, doubt, and uneasiness are just some of the things that can trouble our hearts. Often we are troubled about temporal things. Sometimes our faith troubles us and we wonder where God may be. If we allow Jesus to open our minds so we can understand the Scriptures and the significance of his passion, death, and resurrection, we can begin to trust that God's plan includes something much more than the current concern of our minds. Jesus can then become a light of revelation who helps us keep our lives in perspective and persevere.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Our Lady of Calvary CELEBRATING 60 YEARS! RETREAT CENTER 1958-2018

WESTERN BARBECUE *Dinner and Comedy at OLC*



Delicious Western Barbecue- Pulled Pork, Chicken, Homemade Corned Bread, sides and dessert with a complimentary glass of wine
Musical Entertainment and Comedy
Improvisation Performance by Sea Tea

Gift Card Envelope with the purchase of Raffle Tickets and Raffle Prizes

Bring your Friends & Family and join the fun while supporting OLC! Dinner Seating is limited so reserve your table of 4 or 6 today!

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

5:30-9pm

OLC: 31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT

To register, please call OLC's office at:
(860) 677-8519 or register online at:

<https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/event/western-barbecue-comedy-night-2/>



Healing Grieving Hearts Together

Even small acts and celebrations can have a profound impact on the lives of those grieving the loss of a loved one. Camp Kangaroo allows for these acts and times to gather to process losses.

If you know of an individual, aged 5-18, who has lost a loved one in the last two years, Camp Kangaroo is a safe place for them to share, process and grieve this loss. The camp curriculum is specifically designed to meet clinical outcomes in the healing journey. Structured free time is also incorporated throughout the camp to allow campers to play and enjoy being in their own creative space outside a therapy session related to their grief.

Dates: June 22-24, 2018

Location: Camp Mattatuck, Plymouth CT

This camp is fully funded by the Seasons Hospice Foundation; there is no charge to campers.

Please contact Theresa Bachhuber, RN to register, volunteer, or for more information.

Email: tbachhuber@seasons.org or Phone: 203.802.7670

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 egeneedwards5468@icloud.com.

Take a Chance and Support a Local Retreat Center!
Buy Car Raffle tickets to upgrade heating and cooling systems at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington win a **2018 Mercedes-Benz C-Class Sedan!**

Only \$60 each, in honor of the 60th Anniversary of this ministry. Call 1-888-816-5813 to order - *leave only name and telephone number so that staff can call you.*

For more information please visit: www.OurLadyofCalvary.net;

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/olcretreat>

Our goal is to sell 2,500 tickets!

**Men of St. Ann...you're invited to:
A MEN'S FRATERNITY GATHERING & PRESENTATION
ST. PATRICK CHURCH in COLLINSVILLE
Friday, April 20th at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall.
PIZZA and SALAD will be served. BYOB**

A talk/discussion will be presented by Deacon Victor Mitchell, member of the ad hoc committee on Human Trafficking of the Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford. His topic is entitled:

**STOLEN LIVES:
Human Trafficking in Connecticut and
what we can do about it.**

All men of the parish are invited, including young men of high school age and above.
Teens under 18 must be accompanied by their parent/guardian.
For more information contact: Rich Stoops at 860-693-1913.