



# Church of Saint Ann

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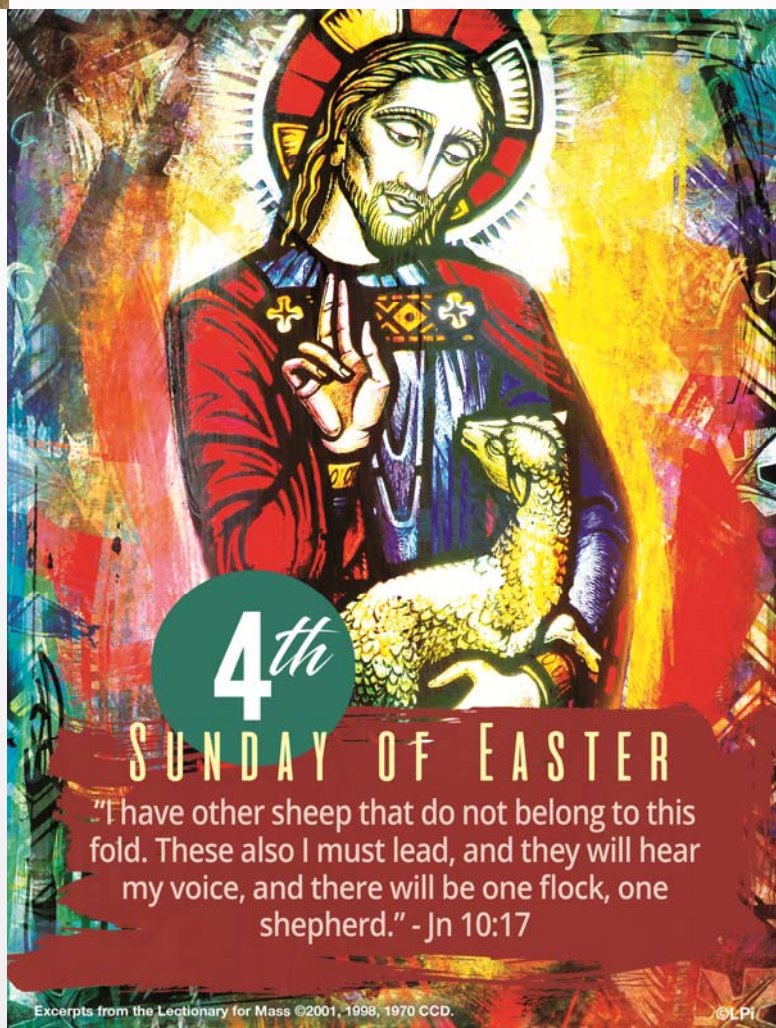
Call the Parish Office

## 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 22, 2018



### 4th Sunday of Easter

#### MONDAY, April 23

9:00 **John O'Neill**, requested by Heidi O'Neill

#### TUESDAY, April 24

9:00 **Francis Cachat**, requested by  
Alfred and Mary Paliwoda

#### WEDNESDAY, April 25

9:00 **Martha Kilbane**, requested by  
Mike and Rosemary Madden

#### THURSDAY, April 26

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

#### FRIDAY, April 27

9:00 **Mildred Lawrynowicz**, requested by  
her daughter

#### SATURDAY, April 28

4:00 **Manda Koch**, requested by  
Russell and Diane Koch

#### SUNDAY, April 29

7:30 **Irene Girard (27th Ann)**, requested by  
the family  
9:30 **Muriel Deck**, requested by the Saxe Family  
11:00 **Anthony Alphonso (1st Ann.)**, requested  
by the Alphonso Family

# 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 23

**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 24

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3

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

#### WEDNESDAY, April 25

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

#### THURSDAY, April 26

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

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

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

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

#### FRIDAY, April 27

**Matthew Bible Study:** 9:30am in Room 3

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

#### SATURDAY, April 28

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

#### SUNDAY, April 29

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



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. For those interested in learning about our project, you can join us at our Thursday meeting on April 26 at 7pm in room 2 in Fr. Bennett Hall.

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

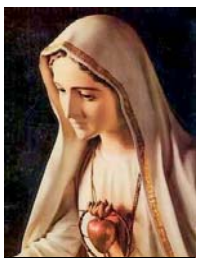


## 2018-2019 Faith Formation School Year Registration

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.



## 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

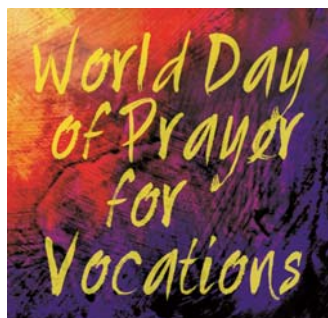
The Eucharistic ministers would be happy to bring Communion to those in our parish who are unable to come to church. Please call the Parish Office and leave your name and address if you wish to receive Communion **860-673-9858**.

## Prayer For Vocations

Good and gracious God,

You call each person by name and invite them to follow you. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, may each person hear and respond to the call they have received. We pray for all discerning marriage, the chaste single life, consecrated life, or ordained ministries, that your Holy Spirit would guide, inspire, and strengthen them. May your Church and the world be enriched by the "yes" your children.

Amen.



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

The Men of Saint Ann present their annual

## *Ladies Night Out*

Friday, May 11th

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: [kman@kuzia.com](mailto:kman@kuzia.com)

*Seating is limited so reservations are a must.*



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

April 15, 2018: \$6,477.79

Online Giving/Payments (week ending 4/18/18): \$3,287.00

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

## Perennial Plant Sale

Saturday, May 19th

St. Ann's Parking Lot

Calling All Gardeners!

As the weather grows warmer and you start to work in your yards this spring, please consider sharing some of your perennials that are ready for dividing. We would welcome the donation of purchased perennials if you are unable to donate from your own gardens.

If you enjoy gardening, we would love to have you join us. We are a small committee and could use some additional hands for our 10th annual sale.

Further information will follow about plant drop-off dates. 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 to deserving urban students who attend area Catholic high schools.



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Our Faith, Our Future  
Archbishop's Annual Appeal

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2018 Appeal literature! Please visit the Appeal website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org) to learn more and make your gift today.

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

**JUNE 25-28**

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

This year's theme is Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus. Registration form is available on our website and outside of the Faith Formation Office.

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

*During the Easter season, we reflect on being followers of the stone that the builders rejected, the crucified and risen Jesus. Like a shepherd he leads us by his voice that echoes throughout the centuries and remains real and effective even in our modern world. To be his disciple means to risk rejection in a similar way as he experienced. The shepherd will not lead his lambs into danger, but there is danger all around us regardless.*

*Everyday Stewardship can be something we talk about in the abstract or a way of living we simply wish we could follow. It can be an imperfect reality that at times places us in direct conflict with the world. As we decrease and Jesus increases in us, many will be drawn to the love and compassion that flows through us. However, some will see us for fools and will suggest we are ridiculous. Cultivating our gifts for God's sake and the total surrender of all we possess and have become to God is not wise in some eyes. Either they think we are crazy, or, just maybe at times, the example of our lives causes them to question their own values.*

*If you give a little, you will be admired. If you give a lot, you will be celebrated. If you give it all, you can be rejected. Not everyone will have this negative reaction. Some will see your example and will seek to do the same. They will then join you in following the shepherd. They will become a true sign of Jesus Christ to the world. But their conversion of heart begins with you and your example.*

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

### Words to Inspire the Faithful

*What did not lie in my plan lay in God's plan...from  
God's perspective—nothing is accidental.  
- St. Edith Stein*

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

"It was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed." (Acts 4:10B)

### Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.  
(Ps 118)

### Second Reading:

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. (1 Jn 3:1A)

### Gospel:

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." (Jn 10:14-15)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of April 22, 2018

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/  
1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/  
Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14  
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/  
1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Today's Gospel occurs in the middle of Jesus' ministry. At first, Jesus' words seem to be about the value of self-sacrifice in a leader. "I am the Good Shepherd? I will lay down my life for the sheep." The Apostles likely would have accepted these words easily enough. But then comes something more strange. "I lay down my life in order to take it up again? I have power to lay it down and power to take it up again." Only later, when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them after his resurrection, would the Apostles understand his words. Only then would they understand why such an act was necessary for the salvation of the world.

Even now, we may struggle with the necessity of Holy Week. How often do we hear complaints against the silence of God, as if He is the "hired man" who "runs away" from suffering? Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is our redemption in fact. God himself bears the full weight of sin's consequences. The Paschal Mystery is also a sign that happens in full view of the human experience. We have seen Jesus lay down his life. We have seen him accompany others. "I know mine and mine know me." We have seen him reach those outside the traditional flock, "sheep not of this fold." Jesus is the Good Shepherd, not only in Scripture but in our daily lives.

While we can't experience physically walking alongside him like the Apostles did, the grace of our redemption continues through the Church. We are shepherded by the sacraments, by faith formation, by good mentors. At the same time, we are not only the sheep. In imitating Jesus, we, too, are invited to lay down our lives for others. We can be the hands, feet, and shepherd's crook of Christ.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

There is something comforting about knowing that we are in someone's care. Children can feel this most easily when surrounded by the embrace of a mother or father. All is well. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. We don't have to figure out all of the complexities of life. All we need to do is allow Jesus to be the true shepherd of our lives: to point us in the right direction, lead us to the best pasture, and keep us safe from harm. So many things in the world can hurt us, and we can quickly find that we are on the road to despair. Keeping focused on Jesus, remaining close to him, allows us to develop the gifts and talents God has given us and discover the key to true happiness. Jesus welcomes me with all of my doubts and fears, limitations and sins.

## THE BULLETIN BOARD



**SAVE THE DATE**

9th Annual Bishop Peter Rosazza  
*"Rooted in Faith  
 Bringing Social Justice Home"*  
 Saturday, June 9, 2018  
 St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield CT

Contact us for more information  
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 and workshops (in English &  
 Spanish)!* Featuring current social  
 justice issues and initiatives.  
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### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life 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/>.

### 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.OurLadyofCalvary.net);

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

*Our goal is to sell 2,500 tickets!*

### 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](mailto:tbachhuber@seasons.org) or Phone: 203.802.7670

### Common Ground – Holy Ground



**Tuesday, May 15th, 2018**

7:00 - 8:30 PM | Open to the public

**Beth David Synagogue**

20 Dover Rd, West Hartford, CT 06119

In prudence and love, join us for an evening dialogue as we explore Christianity, Islam, and Judaism, recognizing the moral, spiritual, and socio-cultural values found within them and how their communities can provide us concrete ways to foster peace and solidarity in our common pursuits to live compassionate lives.

#### PANELISTS

Patrick Laorden, Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry

Fr. Edward Moran, St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Rabbi Yitzchok Adler, Beth David Synagogue

Imam Omar Tawil, Farmington Valley American Muslim Center, Inc.

For more information contact Patrick Laorden : (860)242-5573 Ext. 2686

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