



# Church of Saint Ann

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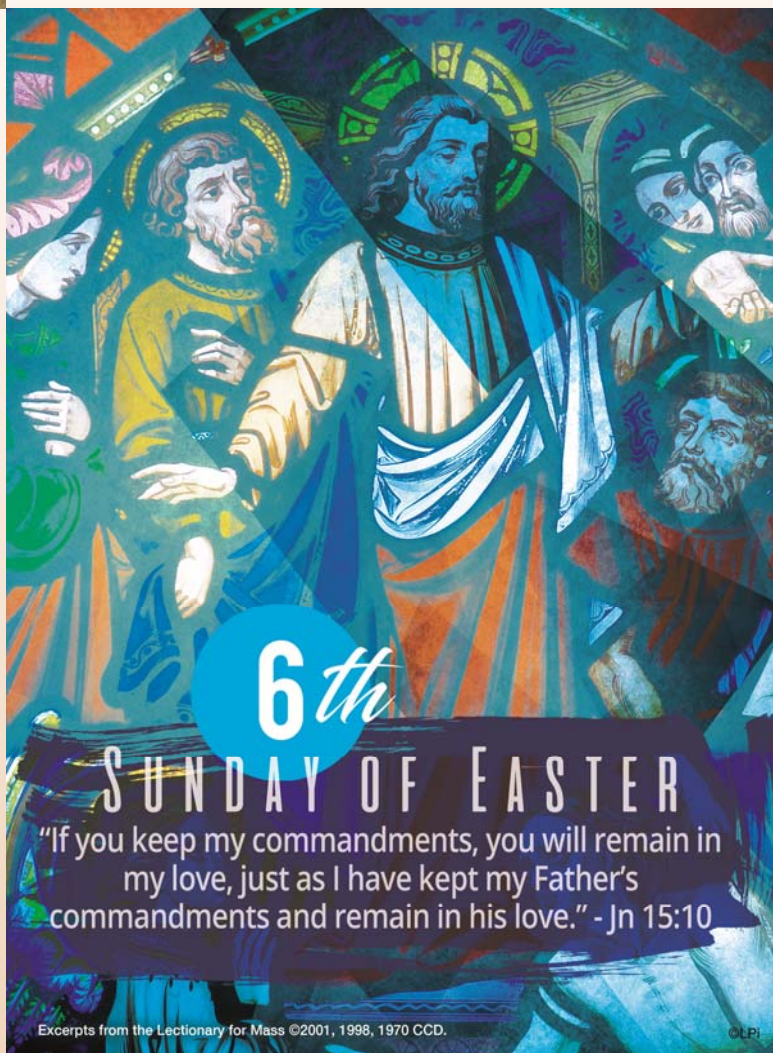
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## MARRIAGES

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

May 6, 2018



## 6th Sunday of Easter

### MONDAY, May 7

9:00 **Michael Sumers**, requested by  
Rosanne Harutunian

### TUESDAY, May 8

9:00 **Oscar Maillet**, requested by a friend

### WEDNESDAY, May 9

9:00 **Oscar Maillet**, requested by  
Dr. and Mrs. Richard ZuWallack

### THURSDAY, May 10, The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 **Barbara Alu**, requested by the family  
12:10 **Sheila Jadovich (1st Ann.)**, requested by  
her children and grandchildren  
7:00 **Special Intentions**

### FRIDAY, May 11

9:00 **Mildred Bonk**, requested by Carol Smith

### SATURDAY, May 12

4:00 **John O'Neill**, requested by Heidi O'Neill

### SUNDAY, May 13

7:30 **For All Mothers, Living & Deceased**  
9:30 **For All Mothers, Living & Deceased**  
11:00 **For All Mothers, Living & Deceased**



## Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 10, 2018  
Holy Day of Obligation

*Masses will be at:*

9:00am \* 12:10pm \* 7:00pm

# 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, May 7

**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

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

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

### TUESDAY, May 8

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3

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

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

### WEDNESDAY, May 9

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

### THURSDAY, May 10

**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, May 11

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

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

**Ladies Night Out:** 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

### SATURDAY, May 12

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

### SUNDAY, May 13

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

## 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.





## 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.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
7-8:30pm in Room 2

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

## Young ADULT GROUP

The **St. Ann Young Adult Group** welcomes all adults in their 20s and 30s to join us for

- community
- growing in faith
- exploring how our relationship with God can help us navigate

We hold socials, offer Bible Study, and more. We meet Monday nights at 7:30pm, generally in the Activity Room beneath the left wing of the church. To get on our communications list, contact

Ceci: [cecilia.menendez@uconn.edu](mailto:cecilia.menendez@uconn.edu). To explore further, visit us at [www.stannavon.org/young-adults](http://www.stannavon.org/young-adults). Come check us out – we can't wait to meet you



Please join us this Sunday,  
May 6th as we crown Our  
Lady at the 11:00am Mass.

Second Graders are  
welcome to wear their  
First Communion outfits!

## 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.



Also, the Mercy Purses collection is back by popular demand! Please bring to Ladies Night a gently used purse filled with items to bless homeless and refugee women. See the website for a list of suggested items.

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

April 22 2018: will be reported next weekend  
 April 29 2018: will be reported next weekend  
 Online Giving/Payments (week ending 5/2/18): \$4,471.00  
 Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:  
*Helping Haitian Children*

## Perennial Plant Sale

Saturday, May 19  
 8 a.m. to Noon  
 St. Ann's Parking Lot



### Plant Donations Needed!

Please consider sharing some of your perennials that are ready for dividing this spring. In addition, we would welcome donations of herbs, purchased perennials if you are unable to donate from your own gardens, and large plant containers.

Donations may be dropped off in the parking lot  
 (West Avon Rd. side, under tree) on:

**Thursday, May 17, from 8:30-10am & 5-7pm, and  
 Friday, May 18, from 8:30-10am & 1-2pm**

*Please IDENTIFY plants (name, color, sun/shade)*



Please come to shop on the 19th and support the Social Justice Scholarship Program. The program provides partial tuition support for deserving urban students who attend area Catholic high schools. Knowledgeable gardeners will be available if you need help in selecting plants.

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



## St. ANN'S SUMMER Bible Camp

*(crew spots & Pre-K are full)*

**JUNE 25-28**  
**9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

REGISTER NOW! Space is limited. Registration form can be printed off of our website and there are some outside of the Faith Formation Office.



### Looking For A Fun & Simple Way That Your Family Can Help Others?

The **St. Ann Community Garden** provides fresh, healthy produce to the Avon Food Pantry located at our church. The garden was started as a way for kids & families to help others in need. Eagle Scout Ian D'Archangelo built the garden, and St. Ann families maintain it. We **plan, plant, tend and harvest** the garden. In the process, we have lots of **fun** together, **pray** about the people we are helping, and **learn** a few things about growing veggies.

### Here's How Your Family Can Get Involved:

- **Planting Day** is Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Meet us at the garden, behind the church. All are welcome, no experience necessary!
- Families are needed throughout the growing season (May - September) to **water and tend** to the garden. Many hands make light work!
- Contact: Leo - [leo.distefano@comcast.net](mailto:leo.distefano@comcast.net) to **sign up** or for more information

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

This month, after years of study, 2 men are scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood. During the years of preparation for their vocation, they were supported by family and friends – and by everyone who made a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. When you make a gift to the Appeal, **you** help meet the cost of priestly formation and education. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Appeal today.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*"Get Together" was a popular song in 1967 by the Youngbloods. I was not alive when the song was released, but it was a song I played frequently learning how to play guitar when I was younger. The song called for all of us to come together and "try to love one another right now." It was a song that came out in the Vietnam War era and during somewhat of a hippie revolution, but perhaps the words belong to no real moment in time. They are simply the commands of Jesus.*

*Sometimes we minimize the power of love by cute pop songs and slogans that mean little without action. However, we can never underestimate the power of love. Love can tear down barriers between people, change tears to laughter, and mend relationships torn apart by sin.*

*No option exists for disciples of Jesus Christ to not love others. Not only are we commanded to do so, but love is a gift we must pass on freely. If we give of our time, talent, and treasure, but choose not to love, we cannot claim to be truly committed disciples and good stewards. As this Easter season draws ever closer to an end, we must allow our love to bear witness to the source of all love, the Risen Jesus. This is our calling until, as the words of the Youngbloods' song states, "the one who left us here returns for us at last."*

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

### Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Love doesn't mean doing extraordinary or heroic things. It means knowing how to do ordinary things with tenderness.*

- Jean Vanier

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." (Acts 10:34)

### Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)

### Second Reading:

In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. (1 Jn 4:9)

### Gospel:

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." (Jn 15:16-17)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of May 6, 2018

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/  
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19  
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/  
Jn 15:26--16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/  
Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/  
Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28  
Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/  
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"I have called you friends." Authentic friendship can seem hard to come by these days, especially in our transient society. We move away from family, change jobs, switch parishes, and end up in entirely new places with entirely new people. When we look for new friends, we all have different qualities we're looking for. While we may think of certain standards of behavior necessary to be a "good" friend, we would hardly refer to them as rules or "commandments."

In fact, if a friendship or romantic relationship--new or old--becomes characterized by imposed obligations, we would rightly be suspicious. Friendships, we understand, ought to be characterized by freedom. We love the person, even sacrifice for them at times because, within ourselves, we want to maintain the friendship. So why does Jesus use the language of command as he calls the Apostles his friends? "You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Jesus is radically transforming the concept of commandment. In the Jewish heritage of the Apostles, they would hear the word "command" and immediately think of the strict Levitical law and distance from God. In introducing the language of friendship, Jesus ties "commandment" to inner freedom of heart. The disciples have this freedom precisely because they know "what [the] Master is doing." Jesus has invited his followers into intimate friendship all along. He shares openly with them. He has patience with their flaws. He isn't scandalized by their failures. He celebrates their successes. We, too, have been called by love and invited into a relationship with Jesus. It is you and I that Jesus chooses and appoints. He does so personally, not from a distant mountain shrouded in clouds. This "new commandment" to "love one another" is received around the shared table in the breaking of the bread.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

"Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love." So many people hunger for love. All of us desire to be intimately connected with others, God, and our world. Many things can work against this and cause us to feel alienated and even profoundly sad. Pope Francis tells us that our "infinite sadness can only be cured by an infinite love." We have been touched by God's love. We are called to bring that love to others so that their sadness and wounds can be healed. We must do this even for those we do not particularly like or who have hurt us. We cannot let anything stand in the way of love.



## THE BULLETIN BOARD

The Avon Lions Charities, Inc.

### PASTA DINNER

5:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Friday, May 11, 2018

The Town of Avon Senior Center

635 West Avon Road, Avon

Adults: \$10.00, Children 5-12: \$5.00

Children 4 and under: Free

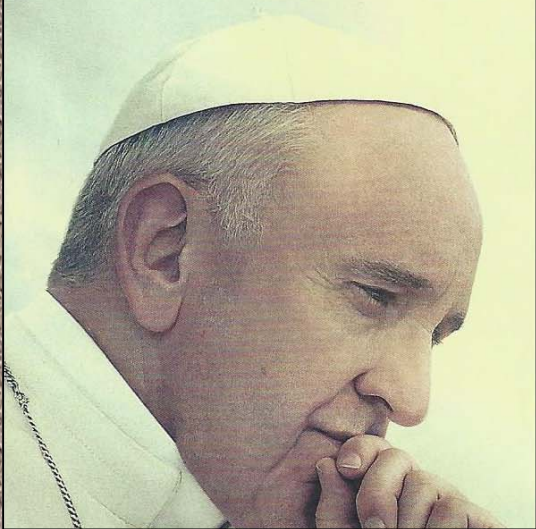
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WIM WENDERS

### POPE FRANCIS A MAN OF HIS WORD

ROCKEFELLER FILMS Presents, in Association with THE PALMBOOM, A CTV CENTRO TELEVISIVO ITALIANO CELESTIO MANAGER  
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Written and Produced by WIM WENDERS and ENZO ANGILERI

IN THEATERS MAY 18, 2018

HOPE IS A UNIVERSAL MESSAGE.



### 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

### A conference on cutting edge brain science and creativity



**Saturday June 2, 2018**

8:00am – 12:00pm

Registration 8:00am - 8:30am

**New Brain Research on Bipolar Disorder**

Dr. Hilary Blumberg, M.D.  
Professor of Psychiatric Neuroscience, Yale School of Medicine

**Understanding schizophrenia - advances in the field**  
Nevena Radonjic, M.D., Ph.D.  
UConn Health

**Evidence Based Pharmacotherapies for Schizophrenia**  
Glenn Konopaske, M.D.  
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, UConn Health

**The Use of Music as a Therapeutic Intervention for Psychological Health**  
Rana Singh, M.D.  
Psychiatry Resident, UConn Health

**The Use of Art as a Therapeutic Intervention for Psychological Health**  
Amy Guyette, M.A.  
Clinical Mental Health Counselor, UConn Health

**Service Recognition Award**  
Dr. Warren Thime Ph.D.  
Clinical Psychologist, Institute of Living

**NAMI Farmington Valley Annual Meeting**  
12:00 to 1:00 PM with lunch

Keller Auditorium  
UConn Health Center  
263 Farmington Ave  
Farmington, CT 06030



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