



# Church of Saint Ann

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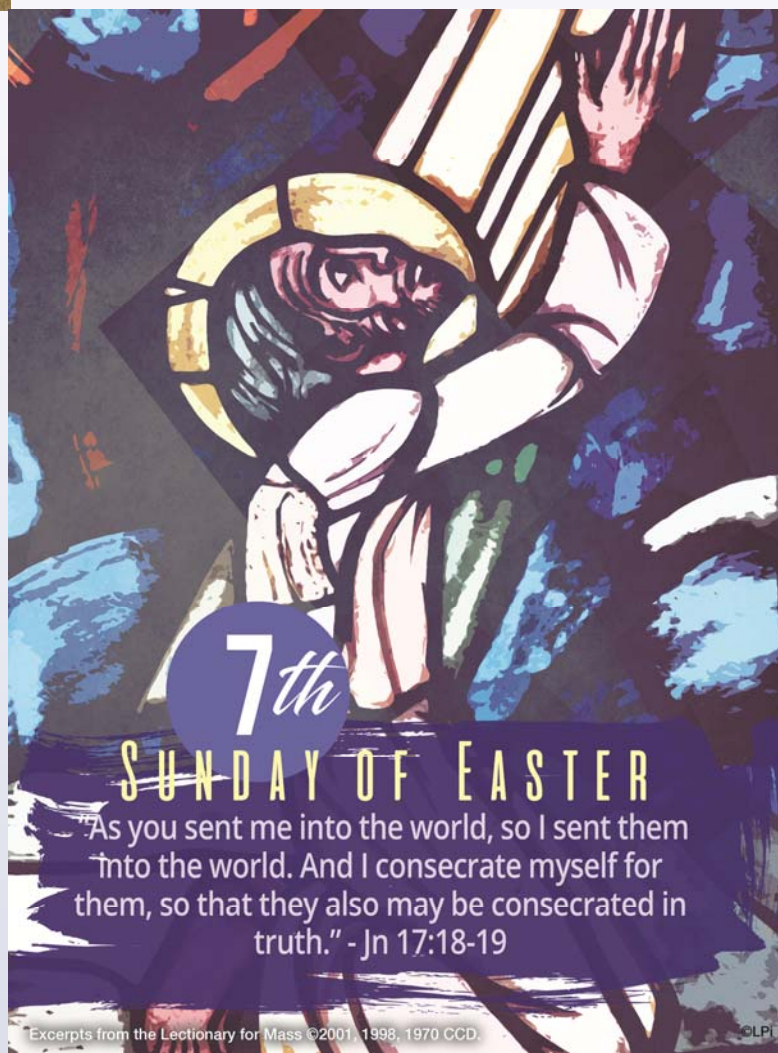
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## MARRIAGES

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 13, 2018



# MASS INTENTIONS

**7th Sunday  
of Easter**

**MONDAY, May 14**

9:00 **Oscar Maillet**, requested by  
John and Alice Kuzia

**TUESDAY, May 15**

9:00 **Paul Gresh**, requested by  
the Murphy Family

**WEDNESDAY, May 16**

9:00 **Delores & Robert Lawrence**, requested by  
Ellen

**THURSDAY, May 17**

9:00 **Special Intentions**

**FRIDAY, May 18**

9:00 **Special Intentions**

**SATURDAY, May 19**

4:00 **Mary R. Clark**, requested by the family

**SUNDAY, May 20**

7:30 **James Fiedler**, requested by the  
St. Ann Eucharistic Ministers  
9:30 **Angelina Rallo**, requested by a friend  
11:00 **In celebration of the 50th wedding  
anniversary of George and Gloria Tolve**,  
requested by the family

## 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,**  
**Friday, May 18, from 8:30-10am & 1-2pm**

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

# 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 14**

**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, May 15**

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

**WEDNESDAY, May 16**

**Knights of Columbus:** 7pm in Room 2

**Matthew Bible Study:** 7:15pm in Room 3

**THURSDAY, May 17**

**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 18**

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

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

**SATURDAY, May 19**

**Perennial Plant Sale:** 8am-12noon in the front parking lot

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

**SUNDAY, May 20**

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

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour:** 2:30pm in the church



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.*





## Divine Mercy Holy Hour

NEXT Sunday, May 20th

2:30 - 3:30pm  
in the church



Our Lord told St. Faustina, "For the soul that trusts much will be given."  
Please join us as we place our trust in Jesus! The recitation of the rosary will follow to honor Our Lady during her month of May.

## 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

## 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 life

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

## 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.



## 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.



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

April 22 2018: \$6,502.50

April 29 2018: \$7,181.50

May 6, 2018: \$8,107.69

Online Giving/Payments (week ending 5/9/18): \$4,101.00

Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: *Catholic Communications*



**Knights of Columbus Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 16th**  
**at 7-8:30pm**  
**Room 2 (under Fr. Bennett Hall)**

## 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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**.

## 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 or make your gift today.



## 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



## PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*We are told in Scripture that in the early Church, as the first disciples went about preaching the Good News, their words were confirmed by accompanying signs. Miracles such as healings, prophecies, and the like occurred so that others might see and believe. Jesus' disciples now continued the ministry that Jesus had begun while he walked the earth in the flesh.*

*We certainly do believe that miracles still occur in our world, but few of us see amazing healings and works of wonder with our own eyes. We read of a time of frequent miracles, and we wonder what it must have been like to be there during those events. We can easily fall into the trap of seeing biblical times as something far removed from ourselves and in the distant past.*

*However, in the places we go and to the people we meet in this world, we are the signs. We give testimony to the power of the Good News, and we serve as living examples of God's work in the world. When others hear about how God has changed your life and they see the evidence of a profound love that many around them do not exhibit, they can find themselves wondering what made you this way. What made you that way is the power of Jesus Christ and that is as real now as it was 2,000 years ago.*  
-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*How completely satisfying to turn from  
our limitations to a God who has none.*

- A.W. Tozer

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

### Psalm:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets to the Lord. (Ps 47)

### Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters, I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received. (Eph 4:1)

### Gospel:

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs. (Mk 16:19-20)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of May 13, 2018

Sunday: 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 16:15-20  
Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17  
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a  
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19  
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26  
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19  
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25  
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Ascension is an interesting feast when you think about it. We celebrate Jesus leaving! Jesus' first departure from the earth was sudden and unexpected, at least to his followers. That Good Friday departure was characterized by sorrow, confusion, and loss. This departure has a different feel: anticipation.

Today's Gospel is full of the mighty deeds Jesus predicts for his followers. "In my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents [with their hands], and if they drink any deadly thing it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." Mark's account of the Ascension is abrupt and succinct. "Then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven." Jesus ascends and the Apostles go. "But they went forth and preached everywhere." The real moment likely had a bit of lag time. Realistically, the Apostles had quite the task in front of them. Can you imagine those first few moments on the hilltop after Jesus disappeared, as the Apostles met each other's eyes? "This is it. He really is gone this time. It's up to us now."

Mark's abrupt transition from Ascension to action makes his meaning clear. The Ascension isn't just about Jesus. It's about us. Are we ready to go? Are we ready to be commissioned? This is the heart of the Ascension message - Jesus leaves so we can go. We might not "go into the whole world," but we all live in a corner of it. The command to "proclaim the Gospel" isn't a call for everyone to be formal preachers of the Word. We do, however, proclaim our beliefs with the way we live our lives. Do our lives proclaim Easter joy?

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

We are called to be missionaries. Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." Proclaiming the Gospel means looking out at my brothers and sisters and choosing to walk with them on their journey of life. It means having a listening, loving presence that allows the Holy Spirit to work in and through us. In this way we can show them-not only in speech, but in action-the difference a relationship with God and a life of faith really makes. Even though Jesus has ascended to the Father, he still remains with us helping us proclaim the mission of the Gospel. Are we willing to allow him to do so?



## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

- Religious Freedom Week will take place from **June 22 – 29, 2018**. It begins with the feast day of Sts. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, includes the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, and ends with the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.
- The theme for this year is **Serving Others in God's Love**. Religious freedom is necessary if we are to have the space to continue to serve in areas like education, adoption and foster care, health care, and migration and refugee services. USCCB has produced resources for prayer and action on these issues for each day of the week. We encourage Christians to reflect on the importance of religious freedom so that the Church might have space to carry out her mission of service and mercy. We also invite Christians to pray for our brothers and sisters who face intense persecution in other parts of the world.

### *A Note of Thanks to St. Ann Parish*

*"To Fr. McHugh - Thank you so very much for the many words of encouragement, the many visits to Oscar, administering the sacrament of the ill. The many calls and offers of assistance of Ida and the family.*

*Thank you to the parishioners of St. Ann for all the kind words, visits, calls during the last few months of Oscar's life. The many visits at the hospital, to the convalescent home and at our home meant a lot to us. So many of you have been tremendous friends to Oscar and I over the years and please know it is appreciated. Thank you for your support and presence during the viewing and/or funeral. It meant a lot to me and my family. Thinking of me with your kind words, calls, visits, meals, generous donations in memory of Oscar Maillet. I know Oscar would be grateful for how you've looked after me during this most difficult time. We have been blessed by a Loving and Giving Church family.*

*A special thanks to Father Cronin for saying the Funeral Mass and personalizing the words that helped ease some of our sadness. The sermon you gave really reflected the kind of man Oscar was.*

*Thank you to the church volunteers who planned and served the food at the funeral reception.*

*Thank you to each and all of you for your countless prayers and support. May God Bless you and your families.*

*Gratefully,  
Ida Maillet and family"*

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Happy Mother's Day! Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship 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/>.

### READ, REAP AND RISE!

#### The Word of God Is Alive!

Come to know Jesus more fully in the Bible in



**Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield Counties**

Here's where you can find out more:

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