



# Church of Saint Ann

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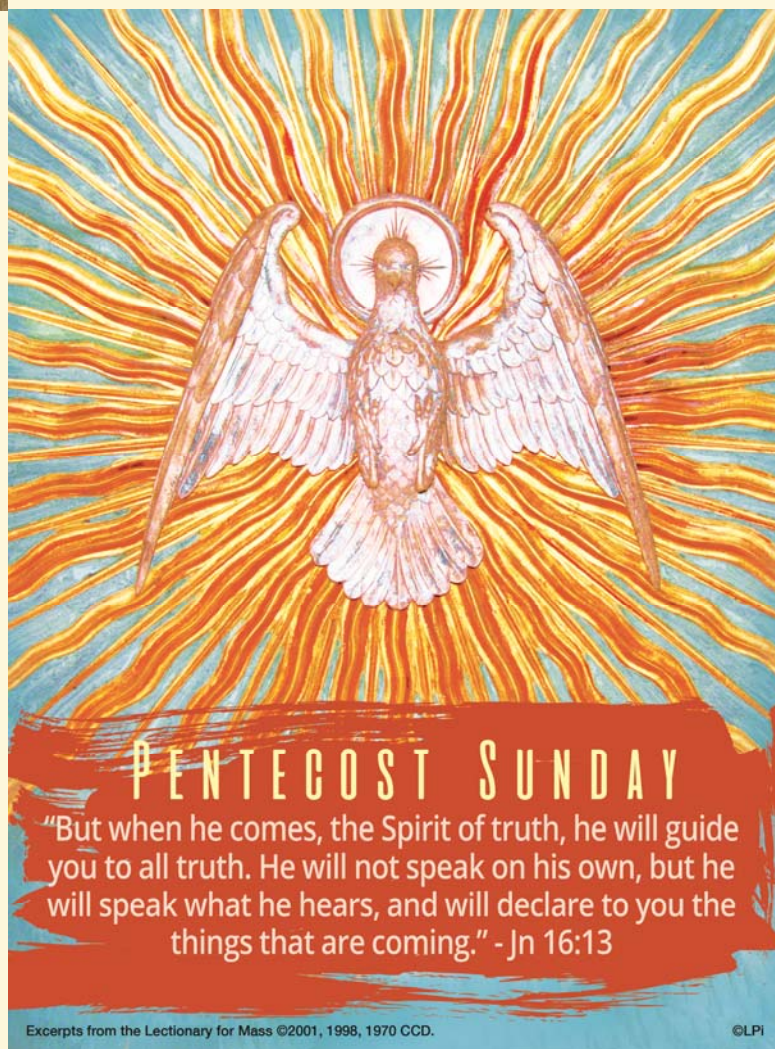
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## MARRIAGES

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 20, 2018

# MASS INTENTIONS



## Pentecost Sunday

### MONDAY, May 21

9:00 **Dr. Charles and Evelyn Zmijeski,**  
*requested by Barbara & Gino Calderone*

### TUESDAY, May 22

9:00 **Special Intentions**

### WEDNESDAY, May 23

9:00 **Thomas Clark** *requested by an old friend*

### THURSDAY, May 24

9:00 **Lewis Affelder (1st Ann.),** *requested by the family*

### FRIDAY, May 25

9:00 **Fausto Masdonati,** *requested by Alessandra Walmsley and family*

### SATURDAY, May 26

4:00 **Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy,** *requested by the Parish of St. Ann*

### SUNDAY, May 27

7:30 **Patrick McGinty,** *requested by the Welter Family*

9:30 **Richard Jendreski,** *requested by the Argay Family*

11:00 **Henri Kobilinsky Alessandri,** *requested by Anthony Schubert*

# 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 21

**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 22

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

### WEDNESDAY, May 23

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

### THURSDAY, May 24

**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

### FRIDAY, May 25

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

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

### SATURDAY, May 26

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

### SUNDAY, May 27

## 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.



## Divine Mercy Holy Hour THIS 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.



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

As the active phase of the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal begins to draw to a close, we would like to express our gratitude to those who have already made a gift or a pledge. If you have not yet made your contribution to the Appeal, we ask that you take a few moments in the days ahead to consider prayerfully your gift decision. Your help is very much needed. Each contribution ensures that the ministries, programs, and services of the Church remain strong throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford.

### 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

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

#### "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures"

Will not meet on Sunday, May 27th or Monday, May 28th due to Memorial Day Weekend.

#### "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



## Visit Our Website!

Visit our website for news, events, to learn about our many ministries and for great resources:

**[stannavon.org](http://stannavon.org)**

*Did you know that you can also read our weekly bulletin in full color on our website?*

*Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26*

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## 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

**May 13, 2018:** will be reported in a future bulletin  
**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:** *Monthly*

### 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**.



## 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** was Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 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

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

**Question:** How do we know when we receive the Holy Spirit?

**Answer:** My brothers and I discovered something as we got older. There's a little bit of dad in us. Each time we catch ourselves using one of his gestures, expressions, or comments about a meal, we say, "I'm getting more like Dad!" Many laughs and good-natured kidding have come out of it. Mom loves it, and so does Dad, although I doubt he'd admit it!

When we are confirmed, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is no radical change in us that makes us seem suddenly different. Over a period of time, we come to see that there is a little bit of the Spirit in us. We catch ourselves using the gifts, and often end up wondering where a bit of wisdom came from, or why we were so patient or we feel an intensity in our prayer. Perhaps we felt drawn to deepen our spiritual life or found courage in witnessing to our faith. That's when we know we have received the Holy Spirit. We take on his image. Yes, we grow in age, grace, and wisdom, but we also grow in our awareness and understanding of the working of God in our life. We become more godlike, realizing we're getting more and more like God. Our thoughts, words, and actions carry that quality and others, too, see it in us. You might call it holiness. But be confident! There's a little bit of him in all of us.

-LPI

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*On this Pentecost Sunday, if you come to Mass at my parish you will see a sea of red all around. The choir, the lectors, the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, the people in the pews, and of course the celebrant and our deacon, will all be wearing red. We are one of those parishes that strive to reflect the color of the liturgy in our dress. It can be a sight to see.*

*What we put on our bodies serves only as a reminder of what is really important during these liturgical celebrations. At Pentecost, it was the Spirit of God that filled those in the first Christian community. We wear red to call to mind that very Spirit, often depicted as a fire or flame. However, if we just use red as a reminder of the power of the Spirit without letting it change us, then our actions become merely sentimental.*

*We are filled with the Holy Spirit through the sacraments of the Church. God touches us and enters into us in a profound way, just like in that upper room at Pentecost. That first powerful movement of the Spirit led to a Church that grew and flourished and remains alive today. What is the movement of the Spirit within calling you to do today? Do we allow God to move us and do great things through us? Red is a bold color to wear at any time. But our actions should be even bolder.*

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*The wind and fire of the Holy Spirit must continually break down those barriers that we...continue to build between us; we must continually pass from Babel...to Pentecost.*  
- Pope Benedict XVI

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:3-4A)

### Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)

### Second Reading:

If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit. (Gal 5:25)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." (Jn 15:26)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of May 20, 2018

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  
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29  
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37  
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11 [Mt 5:3]/Mk 9:38-40  
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20 [Mt 5:3]/Mk 9:41-50  
Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12 [8a]/Mk 10:1-12  
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8 [2a]/Mk 10:13-16  
Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Today we celebrate the "birthday of the Church!" Pentecost is described in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. But before the great driving wind and tongues of fire empowering the Disciples, the Holy Spirit had already arrived. The Gospel for today's Mass during the day is from John 20. Jesus appears to the fearful disciples after his resurrection. He first speaks a message of calm. "Peace be with you." The apostles "rejoiced when they saw the Lord." When the enthusiastic response settles down, Jesus "breathed on them and said to them 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

This action is Trinitarian, and it has happened before. If you turn your Bible back to the beginning, you'll read: "The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so many became a living being" (Genesis 2:7). In the Garden of Eden, we see God's first, original covenant with man. The breath of life signifies that original indwelling of grace, the special state of likeness and friendship with God before the Fall. Here now, in this locked room, the Apostles receive the long-awaited promise: the very breath of God, new life, a new covenant.

In the pairing of these two readings-the Pentecost experience in Acts and the breath of Jesus in John's Gospel -we see that the coming of the Holy Spirit is not only an empowering, it is an indwelling. We have each received the breath of grace in our baptism. It is confirmed, strengthened, and deepened in each reception of the sacraments. If we persevere in virtue, the Spirit of God is alive in us, inspiring our actions of love. This Pentecost Sunday, how is the breath of God alive in you?

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

"Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth!" We only know that the wind exists because of what it does. A gentle breeze felt on our face or watching a tree swaying or swirling snowflakes all prove the existence of "something" causing these things to happen. But, apart from its effects, we cannot see the origin or substance of wind. The Holy Spirit is the wind of God. Watching an early Church emerge, people coming to believe, disciples of Jesus change the way they live and conduct their affairs-all give witness to the presence of the Holy Spirit. Observing the courage and conviction of those who have found faith, working for justice, feeding the poor, seeing how wounds are healed-all point to something greater than ourselves working and living among us. How do our lives give witness to the Spirit?



## 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.

### 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/>.

### 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

### Women's ACTS Retreat

Consider attending this upcoming Women's ACTS retreat, a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by women who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. This is a simple, reverent, Catholic retreat with goals of renewing yourself spiritually, strengthening your faith in your daily life, and creating lasting and supporting friendships within your church communities. Retreat begins on Thursday evening June 28th, with a 5:45 PM check-in at Saint Mary Church in Coventry, CT. Participants will then go to My Father's House in Moodus, CT, for the remainder of the retreat where you will experience true faith, fun and unconditional love. The retreat will end on Sunday, July 1st, with a morning Mass and reception at Saint Mary Church in Coventry, CT.

**\*\*\$199 First Time Retreatant Special**  
Questions? Contact Maureen Fleming 860-338-1392  
For more information, go to [actsct.org](http://actsct.org)

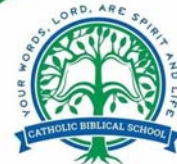
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