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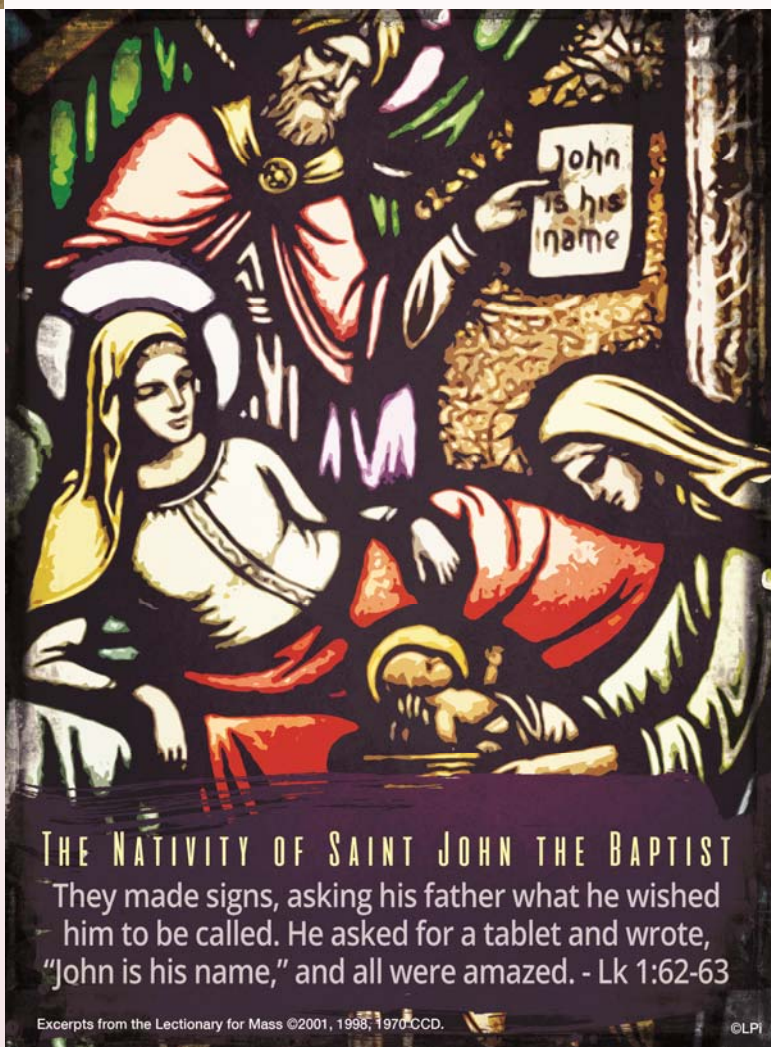
Call the Parish Office

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

MASS INTENTIONS



*The Nativity of
St. John the Baptist*

MONDAY, June 25

9:00 **Christopher Lee Tabora**, requested by
Lien and Long Thai

TUESDAY, June 26

9:00 **Rich Maltagliati**, requested by
Lou and Eileen Del Prete

WEDNESDAY, June 27

9:00 **Pat Hill**, requested by the family

THURSDAY, June 28

9:00 **John Winchester**, requested by
his children

FRIDAY, June 29

9:00 **Thomas Penzone**, requested by
Rosanne and Mark Harutunian

SATURDAY, June 30

4:00 **Charles Vuono**, requested by
The Bondhus Family

SUNDAY, July 1

7:30 **Maria Kelly, Frances Mitchell and
Thomas Mitchell**, requested by
Victor Mitchell
9:30 **James Fiedler**, requested by
Tom and Pat Heavren
11:00 **Pietro DiTommaso (7th Ann.)**, requested
by his 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, June 25

MMP Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.

Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!

BIBLE CAMP : ALL ROOMS USED

TUESDAY, June 26

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WEDNESDAY, June 27

BIBLE CAMP: ALL ROOMS USED

THURSDAY, June 28

BIBLE CAMP: ALL ROOMS USED

FRIDAY, June 29

BIBLE CAMP: ALL ROOMS USED

SATURDAY, June 30

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, July 1

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

St. ANN'S SUMMER Bible Camp THIS WEEK!

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

We are looking forward to seeing our campers this week! The Bible Camp crew has been busy decorating the church and getting ready for this wonderful week of faith, fun and friendship!



The Francine M. Sider Memorial Scholarship

Fr. McHugh is delighted to announce the Francine M. Sider Memorial Scholarship which is available to St. Ann 8th Graders that will be entering a Catholic high school in Fall 2018.

The application is available on our webpage under the "Resources" tab. You can also stop by or call the Parish Office for a copy.

Don't delay as the deadline is June 29, 2018!

If you have any questions please contact
Jane Ellen Peregrin at: jep325@hotmail.com.



CONGRATULATIONS FR. CHEAH!



Congratulations to Fr. Joseph Cheah, who received the Sister Mary Ellen Murphy Faculty Scholarship Award at the University of St. Joseph Commencement. The award annually recognizes a record of exceptional scholarly/creative work of the previous two years.



Congratulations to Maureen Fiedler!

Maureen was recently honored by the Archdiocese in recognition of her 20+ years of service in Adult Faith Formation!

Archbishop Leonard P. Blair presented Maureen with her award at the Archdiocesan Awards Ceremony at Cathedral of St. Joseph on Tuesday, June 19th. Thank you, Maureen, for blessing our parish for all these years, especially through your coordination of our RCIA and Adult Confirmation programs!

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 Kylie Brasel: kylie.brasel13@gmail.com.

To explore further, visit us at www.stannavon.org/young-adults. Come check us out – we can't wait to meet you!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This Summer Taste and See How Adult Faith Formation Can Enrich You:

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures...

will take place on most Sundays at 10:30am in Room 3, led by Chip Janiszewski. Materials are provided. Drop ins are welcome! Contact Chip to confirm that we're meeting: chip@chipj.com; (860) 675-6719

- enjoy community, refreshments, prayer and conversation
- make personal connections to the Sunday readings
- enhance your experience of Mass
- practice the popular *Lectio Divina* prayer method

"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"

- make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life
- see how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture
- uncover God's faithfulness and love for you

This overview of how to read Scripture is perfect for beginners and for those who want a refresher. Participate according to your availability:

- Do a self-study, using the workbook and/or viewing the videos online.
- Come to Room 3 to view the 30-minute videos on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am, from July 11-August 29
- Stay for discussion after the video, if you like, led by Janet Newman and friends
- Do a combination of self-study and drop-in

\$20 fee covers workbook and video access.

Register by June 27 with

Ann: ann.distefano@stannavon.com;

(860) 673 -9858, X228

2018 Good Summer Read

This year's *Good Summer Read* is "**The Prayer List and Other True Stories of How Families Pray**" by Jane Knuth. This simple but inspiring book offers something for people of all ages and spiritualities. \$12 discount-copies of the book are available through Ann – ann.distefano@stannavon.com, (860) 673-9858 x228. We will gather for discussion online during the summer, and at church at summer's end.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

June 17, 2018: \$6,939.46
Online Giving & Payments (week ending 6/20/18):
 \$3,517.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection: none

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.**

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 & leave your name & address if you wish to receive Communion **860-673-9858**.



Do You Shop on Amazon?

Did you know that you can support the Church of Saint Ann simply by shopping on AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile's website has all the same products, prices as Amazon.com, but 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products will be donated to the charity you select. This costs you absolutely nothing, so please follow this specific link to easily choose the Church of Saint Ann as your charity and shop at smile.amazon.com:

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Church of Saint Ann & Favarh Recycling Project

Church of Saint Ann is partnering with Arc of the Farmington Valley (Favarh) to promote recycling of returnable bottles and cans beginning July 1, 2018.

Favarh is a non-profit agency providing services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

By depositing your cans and bottles in the marked receptacle you will make a positive impact on the earth, take action to promote an ecofriendly future and to help support Favarh's non-profit Day Programs in Avon and the Farmington Valley area.

The proceeds from the returns will help Day Programs purchase much needed supplies to offer a stimulating and active day such as music, electronics, art supplies, books, sensory items, fitness items and much more.

Please consider your support by placing your cans and bottles in the identified receptacle located in the Church Hall.

Thank you for making a difference!!!!



thank you

Many thanks to everyone who helped maintain the St. Ann church reputation for serving delicious and plentiful meals at ImmaCare. This year there were a number of groups from the Religious Ed. classes and the Avon schools that provided food and served. There was a record setting total of 21 nights that dinner- from appetizers to dessert- was shared with 80 guests.

On two nights, we were even able to host the of Casa de Francisco, the apartment complex built and operated by ImmaCare. What an honor to talk with many of the residents who formerly stayed at the shelter and their independence and pride made it clear why housing is truly the goal. No one should ever see a shelter as a permanent solution to homelessness.

It is impossible to say enough for those people who have cooked, baked, donated appetizers, salad, or all the other items that a good meal requires, for many years. These are the people who are really the only reason we can book so many dates in advance, and be confident that good food is provided. We have picked up some new people who are also on the "email anytime" list. Our deepest thanks to all of you.

Although there are no official dates throughout the summer, we still keep in contact with shelter. If you have linens, towels, kitchen items, toiletries, or anything else that is always needed, please just mark and drop in the church kitchen and we'll make sure ImmaCare gets them. We can also be contacted at Kfinocchio@gmail.com or Twohig7@gmail.com.

Have a great summer!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

What power lies in a name? Have you ever met a "David," "Holly," or "Jack" and said, "They don't look like a David, Holly, or Jack"? Sometimes our name actually adds something to our person. Peculiar people sometimes have peculiar names. Some people of tremendous strength have names that we deem strong as well. Sometimes we give nicknames to people because of some attributes they exhibit.

In the Bible, names mean a lot. Saul changes his name to Paul when he converts. Adam means "man," as in the first man. Eve means "to live" or "to breathe." Elizabeth took great care to name her son John as God commanded, even if other family members did not understand why such a unique name not found in their lineage. It was a unique name for a child who had a unique future of preparing the way for the Messiah.

We have our baptismal names, our surnames, our Confirmation names, and our maiden names. But all disciples of Jesus also bear the same name: Christian. People may wonder what does a David, Holly, or Jack really look like, but they should never wonder what a Christian looks like. Unfortunately, too often those who bear this name don't resemble the characteristics embodied in the name. Simply, a Christian looks like Christ. A Christian acts like Christ. A Christian truly is Christ to a world that seeks to uncover the true meaning of his name.
-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*The best prayer is the one in which
there is the most love.*

- Charles de Foucauld

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The LORD called me from birth, from my mother's womb he gave me my name. (Is 49:1b)

Psalm:

I praise you, for I am wonderfully made. (Ps 139)

Second Reading:

Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet. (Acts 13:25b)

Gospel:

When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply,
"No. He will be called John." (Lk 1:59-60)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 24, 2018

Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/
Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/
Lk 1:57-66, 80
Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9D]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40 [33a]/
Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/
Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/
Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Tiny fingers and toes. A little yawn. A loud cry. An infant wrapped in swaddling clothes. "What will this child be?" It is a question every parent asks time and time again. As first steps are taken, as personalities emerge, as a child shows interest in reading or drawing or climbing, the question is on our lips. "What will this child be?" This question is asked as John the Baptist is born. Will he be a priest like his father? Does his strange, unexpected name signal a departure from that inheritance? Could Elizabeth and Zechariah ever have predicted what would be?

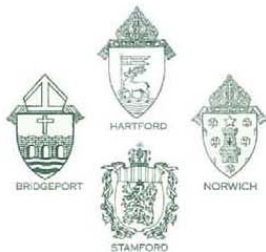
Under the tutelage of his priestly father, John "became strong in spirit." As an adult, John would retreat into the desert to preach repentance. He would attract a large following and eventually attract the attention of the rulers of the day. He would point out the adulterous ways of King Herod and would find himself in prison. Eventually, he would be beheaded. But today, he is a child, an infant newly born.

On this special feast, we're reminded of the great humility required of parents. The character formation, the discipline and encouragement, the violin lessons and soccer practices? every parental effort is subjected to the decisions of the child themselves. Even children on a sure track by high school graduation transform under life's circumstances. Entrusting our children to God can be incredibly intimidating. "What will this child be," especially when that transformation lies outside of my control? John the Baptist's story might not have ended as his parents imagined. But he is celebrated as the greatest of the prophets, as the one who prepared the way for the Messiah. Here is the hope of all Christian parents -- that our children would be raised in such a way that when people meet them, they meet Jesus Christ.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

As we celebrate today's feast, we are reminded that God creates and fashions each one of us with intent and purpose. We are not random accidents. We are special creations and wonderfully made. Each of us brings a unique twist to the one shot at life that we are given. As people of faith and children of God, we are asked to use our specialness to announce God's kingdom. Each of us reveals a unique part of God's face. Each day presents opportunities to communicate our faith to others and to reveal God's mercy. We have the means to point the way to Christ. How can we show Jesus to others today?



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Connecticut General Assembly concluded its work last month, and we would like to share with you our profound disappointment that House Bill 5340 *An Act Concerning Education Savings Accounts* was not permitted to see the light of day, even though it had the support of a number of legislators and had advanced through various committees.

For years, the Connecticut Catholic Conference (CCC) has tried to impress upon the state legislature both the justice and the benefit of providing significant relief to Catholic school families. Catholic parents, like all residents, contribute to state and local revenue. And by reducing the number of students in public schools, our families and parishes have underwritten public education for decades.

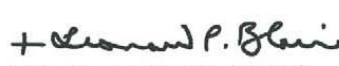
Yet, despite twelve million dollars in tuition aid from parishioners and the three (Arch) dioceses in Connecticut last year, many working families cannot afford to enroll their children in our schools. To help them, the CCC has proposed an expanded inter-district transportation system and corporate tax-credits to K-12 scholarship foundations. And yet, unlike other states that provide some sort of assistance to private school families, these proposals have been virtually *dead on arrival* at the Connecticut legislature. Only on a very limited basis has some legislation advanced.

Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) would grant parents access to funds equivalent to all or a portion of the money allocated toward their child's government school education, to use on educational alternatives such as tutoring, learning therapies, and private school tuition. It would enable our superintendents to expand special needs services that have been cost prohibitive at some of our schools. This expansion of services would make Catholic education greatly accessible to an even more diverse student population—a population that already ethnically and racially mirrors the Connecticut census.

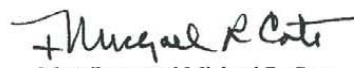
Sadly, Catholic schools in Connecticut have been closing. In 1967 there were 205 Catholic elementary schools in Connecticut. Five decades later, in 2017, there were 78 schools. There are some people who are happy at this trend. We are not, but this diminishment will continue without some reasonable steps from the legislature comparable to what has worked in several other states.

We invite you, the Catholic people of our State, to make known to your elected representatives the importance and the justice of legislative measures that can ease the burden of education for Catholic school parents who are exercising their right as the primary educators of their children. As legal scholar of religious liberty Carl Esbeck wrote, when the state offers educational services to its resident children, it should not exclude a child whose parent makes a religious choice over a secular one: "To take note of religion only in order to exclude it from modern civil society...runs counter to the Establishment Clause's predisposition to enlarge religious freedom."

Thank you for your attention and support, and above all for your efforts on behalf of our Catholic schools. God bless you.


Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford


Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport


Most Reverend Michael R. Cote
Bishop of Norwich