



# Church of Saint Ann

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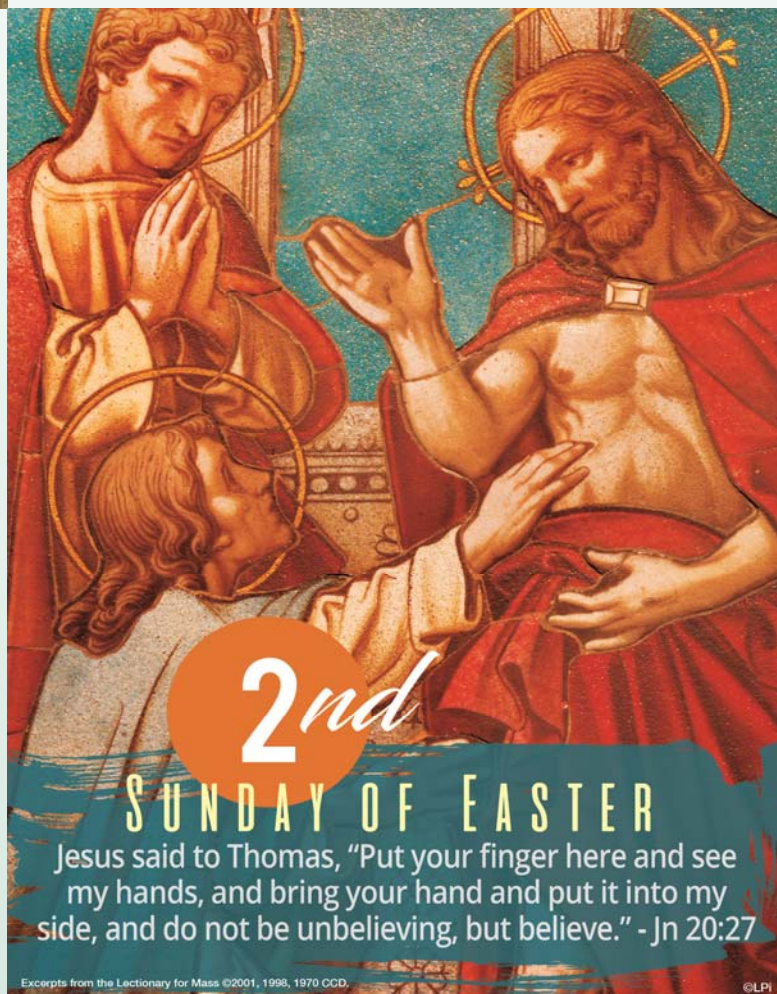
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## MARRIAGES

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.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

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## 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:

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays 9:30-10:30am

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri.

9:30-9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon



# MASS INTENTIONS

**2nd Sunday of  
Easter/Sunday of  
Divine Mercy**

**MONDAY, April 29**

9:00 **Mary Fregeau**, requested by the Book Club

**TUESDAY, April 30**

9:00 **In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother**

**WEDNESDAY, May 1**

9:00 **In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother**

**THURSDAY, May 2**

9:00 **Special Intentions**

**FRIDAY, May 3**

9:00 **In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother**

**SATURDAY, May 4**

4:00 **Sam Riela**, requested by the family

**SUNDAY, May 5**

7:30 **Mass of Thanksgiving**, requested by the Alphonso family

9:30 **Deborah Ann O'Connor Marino**, requested by Pat Wall

11:00 **William Joseph Civitillo, Sr.** requested by the Suski Family



*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, April 29

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 9:30-10:30am in the church

**MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group:** 7:15pm in the church .

All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church)

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

### TUESDAY, April 30

**Refreshing Catholicism:** 9:30am in Room 3

### WEDNESDAY, May 1

**Refreshing Catholicism:** 7:15pm in Room 3

### THURSDAY, May 2

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

**St. Ann Cares Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

**Adult Confirmation Class:** 7pm in Room 3

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

### FRIDAY, May 3

**Getting More Out of Mass Lent Program:** 9:30am in Room

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

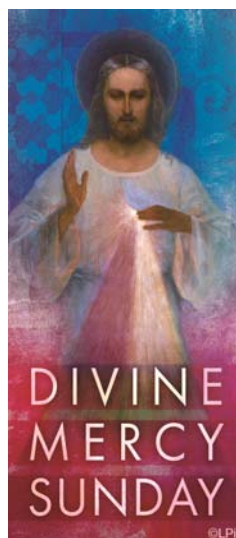
### SATURDAY, May 4

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

**St. Ann Cares' Day of Caring:** off site

### SUNDAY, May 5

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



## Divine Mercy Sunday April 28, 2019

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated here at St.. Ann THIS Sunday, April 28th with a Holy Hour from 2:30– 3:30pm. Please join us to honor our Lord's request that the Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. He promised that the floodgates of heaven would open and extraordinary graces would be poured out among us.



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### *New Spring Programs*

**Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures** returns the week of April 28! Come make personal connections to the Sunday readings through the lens of historical context and the popular *Lectio Divina* prayer method.

**Sundays, 10:30am-12pm, Room 3, with Chip Janiszewski**

**Mondays, 7:15-8:45pm, Room 3, with Jim Serruta**

**All materials provided. (Bring your own Bible if you like.)**

**Register with Ann DiStefano (see bulletin front) or drop in!**

### **Refreshing Catholicism (April 30 - May 29)**

If it's been a while since you were in catechism class, could you use a refresher? Or are you non-Catholic, interested in exploring the faith? Join us for this five-week series covering:

1. *We Are the Church*
2. *What Makes us Catholic?*
3. *Growing in Faith*
4. *Scripture*
5. *Jesus Christ*

**Tuesdays, 9:30-11am, Room 3**

**Wednesdays, 7:15-8:45pm, Room 3;**

**Book fee: \$10;**

**Register by April 24 with Ann DiStefano (see bulletin cover)**

### **Book Discussion Series:**

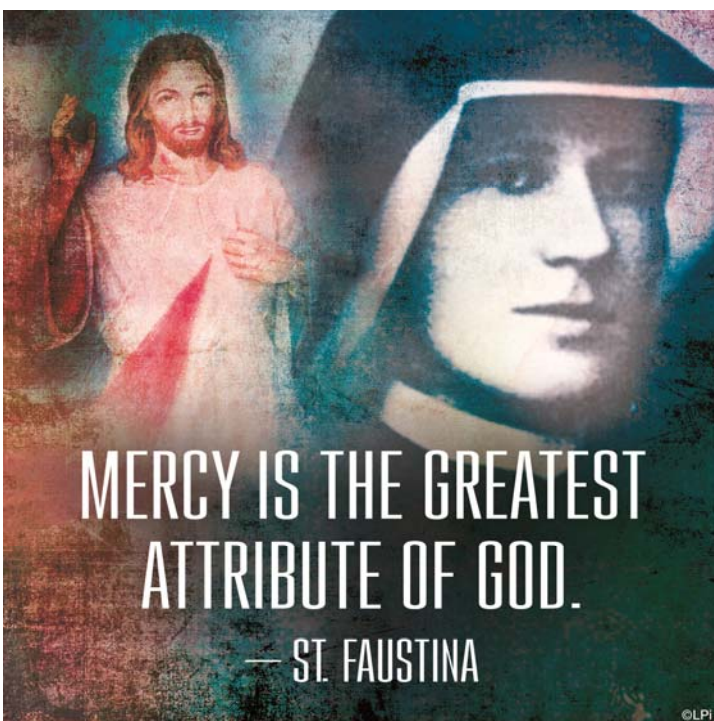
#### ***Here and Now* by Henri Nouwen**

Life is messy, God is a mystery, but with faith and the Spirit, we find peace.

**Thursdays, May 16- June 13, with Terry Pendergast**

**9:30-11am, Room 3**

**Register with Ann DiStefano (see bulletin cover)**



## St. Ann Cares' Day of Caring Saturday, May 4, 2019

St. Ann Cares Day of Caring is Saturday May 4th. Come join us and share in the joy of helping others. We will hold our final sign ups this weekend, April 27&28. You can get a sign up form on St Ann 's website also. Fill out and drop off to Parish Office or leave in the St. Ann Cares mail slot in the hallway of parish offices. We are doing pre-work on April 27 if you are interested in helping out.

Contact Steve Rose at 860-250-5355 or [sjrose1088@gmail.com](mailto:sjrose1088@gmail.com) if you have any questions or for more information.



### Heartfelt Thank You for Corporal Works of Mercy Donations

Food, Medicine, Shelter Supplies  
Childrens' Clothes, Shoes, Easter Food  
& MORE!

It's no easy task to say thank you enough times to do justice to your generous outpouring of donations during Lent. This year's parish response has brought much relief and joy to our many recipients. Our blessings shared are our blessings multiplied.

Thank you!  
Your Social Justice Committee

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**April 14, 2019: \$9,271.26**

**April 21, 2019: \$9,753.72**

**Online Giving (Week ending 4/24/19): \$2,354.00**

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

*Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"  
Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have  
seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have  
believed." - Jn 20:28-29*

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Dear Parishioners,

This year there will be 70 candidates receiving the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. They received their First Reconciliation on January 19, 2019, and are preparing for reception of the Blessed Sacrament in the Spring. Soon we will be putting out the Little Lambs for you to pick up & pray for all candidates while they prepare for their sacrament.

Due to ongoing 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



## Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal



## Perennial Plant Sale Volunteers Needed!

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference to the many outreach programs that serve our local neighbors.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

The Perennial Plant Sale, which benefits the Social Justice Scholarship Program, will be held this year on Saturday, May 25th, from 8am - 12noon. Volunteers are needed on the day of the sale and during plant donation hours the Thursday and Friday prior to the sale. If you will be able to help on any of those days, please call Jean Frey at 860-673-1949 for additional information. We are very short-handed this year!



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*After my mother passed away, my sister and father had a falling out of sorts. When he moved to be closer to me, she told me that she didn't ever want to speak to him again, saying, "Even if he is on his death bed, do not call me." My father was in his late 70's, and the pain he would have felt if he knew her wishes would have been too much to bear. Because of this, I made a decision to not tell him. This also put a strain on my relationship with my sister as I cared for the one person in this world she seemed to despise the most.*

*Of all the gifts God has given us, time and family are at the top of the list to be cherished. Also, both are finite gifts. Our family members will not walk in this world forever, and each day that slips away cannot be restored. Still, we build up walls of fear, doubt, resentment, anger, and pain, not allowing ourselves to forgive and be good stewards of what we have been given.*

*On Divine Mercy Sunday, God's mercy is overflowing through all the earth. There is no excuse for you and me to not be reconciled with God and accept this profound compassion. In turn, there is no excuse to not extend that mercy and reconcile with those who have hurt us.*

*I always believed I would have a renewed relationship with my sister when my father's death would come to pass. Two weeks after he passed, my sister suddenly died as well. There is no rewind of time. Yes, good stewards, today is the day!*

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Mercy is the greatest attribute of God*  
*—St. Faustina*

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. (Acts 5:12a)

### Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)  
 or Alleluia

### Second Reading:

"Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld." (Rev 1:18b)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of April 28, 2019

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31  
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8  
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15  
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21  
 St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14  
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

He has you in mind. Do we think about that much? The God of the universe has us in mind, individually as persons and together as one human family. We hear this truth in today's Gospel story of Thomas. His doubt is likely familiar to us by now. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Jesus is God. He could have risen any way he wanted. He could have risen perfectly healed, as a further sign of his power over death and suffering. But when Thomas encounters him, we see what Jesus chose. "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." In resurrecting his body, Jesus already has Thomas in mind. Jesus retains his wounds for Thomas, for the disciples, and for all who would doubt the sacrificial power of love. This intentional love of Jesus is echoed by John and his disciples, who authored this Gospel. "Jesus did many other signs...these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ...and that through this belief you may have life in his name."

From its earliest beginnings, the Church knew the power of sign and story. When they wrote the Gospels, they had us in mind. We are all Thomas from time to time. We need to see the mercy of God lived and real in our lives. This can happen throughout the circumstances of our daily comings and goings. It can also happen through meditating on the Scripture, through placing ourselves in the stories and listening to God's voice speaking. We don't get to see what the disciples got to see, but we know, through them, that God always has us in mind. As he reminds the disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

Peace be with you! Of all of the things the resurrected Christ could have said, he chose this: Peace be with you! These calming words lessened the disciples' anxiety and gave them a wonderful sense of reassurance. Words have the power to do that. Jesus touches his friends with his breath and breathes his Spirit upon them. This intimate gesture of peace begins to alleviate the uncertainty and fear that no doubt consumed their thoughts and hearts. Words and gestures are so important in doing God's work. Even the simplest of greetings and actions can profoundly move people and direct them to God. On this Sunday of Divine Mercy, we are reminded that God's all-forgiving and merciful love comes to us through the risen Christ. By our words and actions, may we show that forgiveness and merciful love to others.



## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BISHOP ROSAZZA SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

#### Save the Date

10th Annual Bishop Peter Rosazza  
Social Justice Conference

***"Rooted in Faith-Reimagining Charity"***

Saturday, June 8, 2019

The Pastoral Center, Bloomfield CT

Sponsored by the Office for Catholic Social  
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Contact us for more information

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[CatholicSocialJustice.org](http://CatholicSocialJustice.org)

### SILENT THEME RETREAT JUNE 20-23, 2019

The Silent Theme Retreat is designed for those who would like a quiet, less social retreat experience with some input, but more time for personal prayer and reflection. The retreat will include Morning Prayer, presentations, daily Mass and evening prayer. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during your retreat.

Date: June 20 at 4:30 pm – June 23 at 12:00 pm. Offering: \$310. To register contact Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT 06032 at 860-677-8519 or online at [www.ourladyofcalvary.net](http://www.ourladyofcalvary.net).



The Arthritis Foundation in Rocky Hill is sponsoring an up-coming event on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford from 9:00 a.m. until Noon.

For more information please e-mail Lauren Amendola at [lamendola@arthritis.org](mailto:lamendola@arthritis.org) or call her at 860-506-3441.

### Franciscan Sports Banquet and Silent Auction

Enjoy a lovely evening at the Aqua Turf Club and meet honored guests Jay Wright, Head Men's Basketball Coach, Villanova, and Sharon Robinson, daughter of Jackie Robinson, while supporting two Catholic ministries, Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care and the Franciscan Life Center. The Franciscan Sports Banquet and Silent Auction is June 4, 2019, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$65.00/person. Children 12 and under \$30.00. Make your reservations by calling 203-237-8084 or visiting [franciscanhc.org](http://franciscanhc.org) or [flcenter.org](http://flcenter.org).

### FULL TIME POSITION AVAILABLE

Carolyn's Place, a Catholic Pregnancy Care Center in Waterbury, CT, has a full time Office position which entails: event planning, fundraising, banking, newsletter writing, donor and Volunteer correspondence, minimal filing, and other office responsibilities. Must have computer skills. Please send cover letter and resume to [staff@carolynsplace.net](mailto:staff@carolynsplace.net) or call 203-597-9080.