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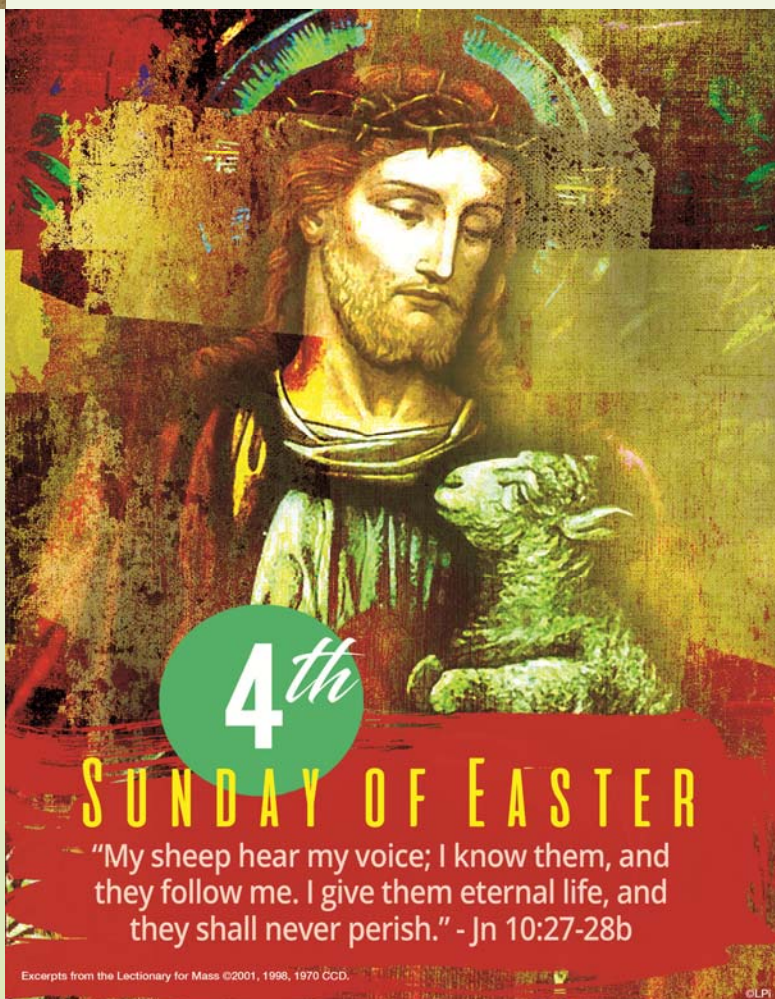
BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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:

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



**4th Sunday of
Easter**

MONDAY, May 13

9:00 In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

TUESDAY, May 14

9:00 **Joan Fazzino**, requested by
her sister, Frances

WEDNESDAY, May 15

9:00 In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

THURSDAY, May 16

9:00 **Angie Scalzo, Fray Arlotta and
Jennie Gillet**, requested by Andrea Pizzuti

FRIDAY, May 17

9:00 In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

SATURDAY, May 18

4:00 **Walter Boccaro**, requested by
The Alphonso Family

SUNDAY, May 19

7:30 **Christopher Hwang**, requested by the family
9:30 **Anthony Centofanti**, requested by a friend
11:00 For the 100th Anniversary of the
Church of Saint Ann

Please join us in celebrating the

CENTENNIAL

of the

**CHURCH OF
SAINT ANN**

Sunday, May 19, 2019

11:00am Mass

Principal Celebrant:

Archbishop Leonard P. Blair

Reception immediately following in
Fr. Bennett Hall

Let us fill our pews for this magnificent milestone!

Please only park in marked spaces!
Overflow parking available at Miller Foods

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 13

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, May 14

Refreshing Catholicism: 9:30am in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, May 15

Living Rosary: 6:30pm in the church

Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

Refreshing Catholicism: 7:15pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, May 16

Here and Now Book Series: 9:30am in Room 3

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 17

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

SATURDAY, May 18

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, May 19

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

100th Anniversary Mass: 11am in the church,

Reception following in Fr. Bennett Hall

The Living Rosary and May Crowning

St. Ann's Parish Family will show their devotion to our Blessed Mother by crowning her and celebrating the Living Rosary on Wednesday, May 15th at 7 p.m.

Those who would like to be a bead should come to Fr. Bennett Hall to line up by 6:45 p.m. Also please write your names on the sign up sheet in the Gathering Space since we need 50 beads. Please accept Our Lady's personal invitation "My Dear Children, Pray, Pray, Pray. All of our children are asked to bring a flower for Our Lady. There will be refreshments in Fr. Bennett Hall following this celebration.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

New Spring Programs

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures

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 - June 5)

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 six-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 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)



Items Needed For Historical Exhibit at Library

As part of St. Ann's 100th anniversary celebration, we are planning an exhibit of historical memorabilia at the Avon Free Public Library during the months of July and August, 2019. This will be a dual exhibit with the Avon Congregational Church, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary. The exhibit will be in the History Corner, and St. Ann will have use of a glass case that can be locked in addition to the tack-board wall and metal shelves. If you have items (photos, old documents, letters, or other memorabilia) that you would like to share for the exhibit, please contact Jean Frey at 860-673-1949. It would be nice to be able to include photos and/or memories related to the first church on Mountain View Avenue as well as our current church location. Copies could be made of items such as photos or old letters that might be damaged if hung for display. Precious items will be locked in the glass case.

Perennial Plant Sale



**Saturday, May 25
8 a.m. to Noon
St. Ann's Parking Lot**

Plant Donations Needed!

As the weather grows warmer and you start to work in your yards this spring, please consider sharing some of your perennials that are ready for dividing. If you are unable to donate from your own gardens, we would welcome the donation of purchased perennials and herbs.

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

**Thursday, May 23, from 8:30-10am & 5-7pm
Friday, May 24, from 8:30-10am & 1-2pm**

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



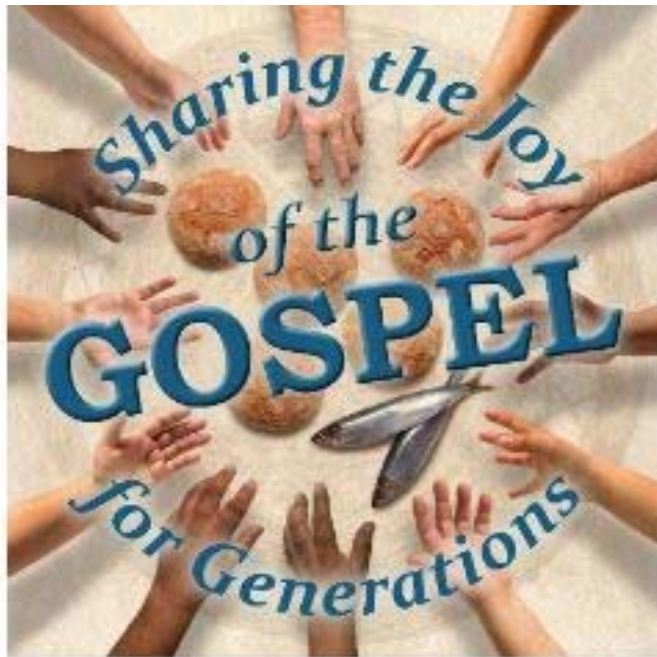
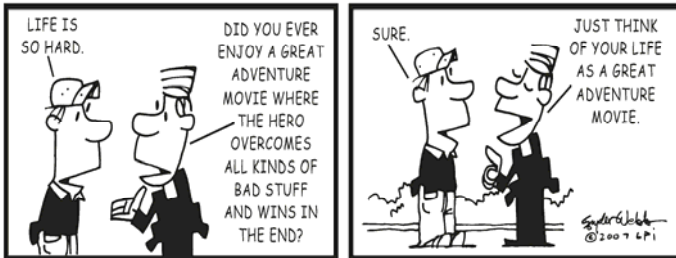
*The proceeds from the sale
will benefit the Social Justice
Scholarship Program, which
supports deserving urban
students with partial tuition
to area Catholic high
schools.*

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

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

May 5, 2019: \$9,322.22
Online Giving (week ending 5/8/19): \$3,206.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Catholic Communications

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend! All parishioners will have the opportunity to make a pledge to the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal during Mass. Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org to learn more or make your gift today.

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.

Thank You St. Ann Cares Volunteers



Thank you to all those who came out to help with this years St. Ann Cares project. We repaired some rotten wood, landscaped the yard and painted the house. The group was fed and kept hydrated by another wonderful team. The homeowner was excited and thrilled with the work that was done. She said she feels blessed. What a terrific job was done by our dedicated team of St. Ann's volunteers!



Blessing of Mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

God our heavenly Father,
 you give to each the ability to share your generative love.

Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love
 and bring forth life through their willingness
 to risk bringing new life into this world.

Help us to show them our gratitude
 for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.

May our life-giving God continue to bless them
 and show them his unfailing love.

We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother.

Amen.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

When I was little, I would always cling to the same routine each night before going to bed. I would say to my parents, "Good night." They would respond, "Good night." I then would say, "See you tomorrow, okay?" I would await their response, and if they did not respond, I would say it again louder, "See you tomorrow, okay?" I somehow felt that if they did not assure me that I would see them tomorrow, it would possibly not happen. What would happen to me if I awoke and no one was there? It seems silly now, but to a small boy, it was very serious.

In our lives, many of us have somehow bought into the notion that there is so much in the world that can take us away from God. We believe that worldly values, immorality, or evil itself can take us away from God's love and protection. But there are few greater lies than this. The reality is that if we find ourselves far away from God, the only force that carried us away was our own choices.

In John's Gospel, Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me... No one can take them out of my hand." Yes, we are tempted at every side, but no temptation can take us away from him. Unfortunately, sometimes after initial choices, we find ourselves in addiction or dependency, making our reconciliation with God impossible without the help of friends and loved ones. But make no mistake, no one or nothing can take those who are His sheep away from God.

When you think about this, you realize the importance of your actions. The power of your stewardship is great, because by utilizing your gifts, you determine if you will draw closer to or wander away from God. The world can't do that. The devil can't do that, nor can the wishful words of a little boy in the night.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*We are, all of us, molded and remolded
by those who have loved us.
-Francois Mauriac*

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. (Acts 13:52)

Psalm:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100) or Alleluia

Second Reading:

"For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rev 7:17)

Gospel:

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (Jn 10:27)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 12, 2019

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/
Jn 10:27-30
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3, 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/
Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/
Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 1]/
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We all face obstacles in life. Perhaps it's a lost job, the death of a loved one, a sudden accident that places an unexpected dent in our finances. Sometimes the challenges are of our own making. Perhaps we've developed patterns of sin in our personal lives or our family relationships. We've all felt the jolting shock of, "This is all my fault." How do these things affect our relationship with God? Or, perhaps more poignantly, how do we now view God's relationship to us?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' words to us are encouraging ones. "No one can take them out of my hand." Did you catch that? In case you didn't, Jesus reemphasizes the point again a few verses later. "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand." God's grip of providential care and mercy is so strong that nothing can separate us. We might think things take us out of God's hand - life circumstances, tragedy, our lukewarm attitudes towards faith - but Jesus tells us otherwise. Nothing, no one, can take us out of the Father's hand, and we can't take ourselves out! We can't remove ourselves from Him, not entirely. Even when grievous sin hardens us to grace, His love is still sustaining us in existence. And His mercy is always awaiting our repentance.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." This Sunday, let us heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. Whatever we feel might take us from God's hand, we can turn back to Him. God is always inviting us to follow Him and to trust in His care and be sustained by His hand.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

When something delights us, it touches us in a unique and special way. We are stirred within, filled with happiness, glee, and joy. The object of our delight captivates us, and we are eager, sometimes beyond words, to obtain it. Have you ever been delighted by your faith, the Gospel, God's Word, or an encounter with God? The Gentiles were delighted when they learned they were sharers in the Good News and ecstatic that they were included. They recognized their shepherd and realized that they discovered something or someone unlike any other before. We can easily become lukewarm in our relationship with God and forget just how life-changing the Good News of our faith really is. We are brought to the springs of life-giving water and are gifted with something secular life simply cannot provide: Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

10TH 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
Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford

Contact us for more information

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Email: info.ocsjm@aohct.org

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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.

WE ARE, ALL OF
US, MOLDED AND
REMOLDED BY
THOSE WHO HAVE
LOVED US.

FRANCOIS MAURIAC

Franciscan Sports Banquet & 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, 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 or flcenter.org.



Innovations in Women's HealthCare

A seminar on the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTECHNOLOGY to be held on

Saturday May 11, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. until 4 p.m.

This seminar will shed light on the great work being done in building a culture of life in women's healthcare using the Creighton Model Fertility Care System and NaProTECHNOLOGY. It will provide lay people, medical professionals, clergy and religious with information and resources to help couples struggling with infertility (and contemplating in vitro fertilization IVF) and it will help couples who want effective and morally acceptable methods of family planning, and women struggling with various gynecologic issues such as repetitive miscarriage, premenstrual syndrome (PMS), Polycystic Ovarian Disease (PCOD), endometriosis, postpartum depression, premenopause, etc.

Speakers: Dr Lenore Snowden

Location: Saint Maron Maronite Church
613 Main St. Torrington, CT 06790

To learn more: Visit <http://www.cedaroflebanonfrc.com/events.html>