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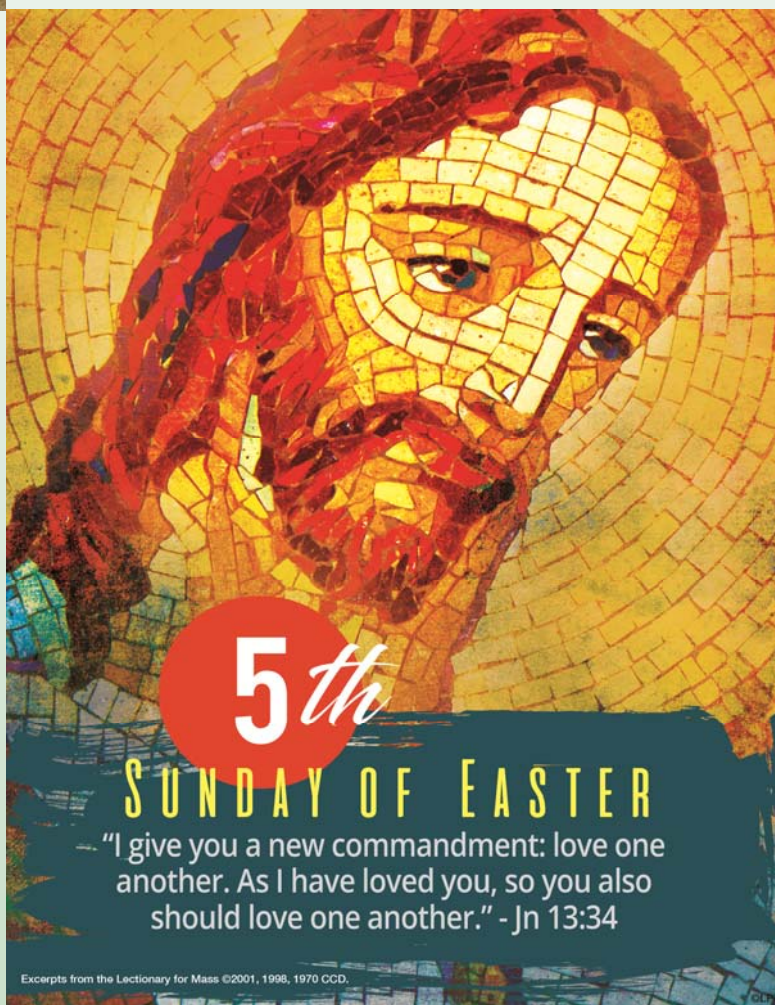
BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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.



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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



5th Sunday of Easter

MONDAY, May 20

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

TUESDAY, May 21

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

WEDNESDAY, May 22

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

THURSDAY, May 23

9:00 **Antoinette Alphonso (month's mind)**,
requested by the Alphonso Family

FRIDAY, May 24

9:00 **Warren Miller**, requested by
Ron and Dorothy Miller

SATURDAY, May 25

4:00 **Fausto Masdonati**, requested by
The Walmsley Family

SUNDAY, May 26

7:30 **Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy**, requested by
the family

9:30 **Ann Murray Tamisulo**, requested by
Tony and Dee Pastizzo

11:00 **Gloria Menezes**, requested by
the Alphonso 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, May 20

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 21

Refreshing Catholicism: 9:30am in Room 3

St. Ann Playgroup: 10am in the Activity Room

WEDNESDAY, May 22

Refreshing Catholicism: 7:15pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, May 23

Plant Sale Drop Off: 8:30 - 10am on parking lot

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

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Plant Sale Drop Off: 5-7pm on parking lot

Adult Confirmation Class: 7pm in Room 3

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

FRIDAY, May 24

Plant Sale Drop Off: 8:30 - 10am on parking lot

Plant Sale Drop Off: 1 - 2pm on parking lot

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

SATURDAY, May 25

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

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

SUNDAY, May 26

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

Please join us in celebrating the

CENTENNIAL of the CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

This Sunday, May 19, 2019

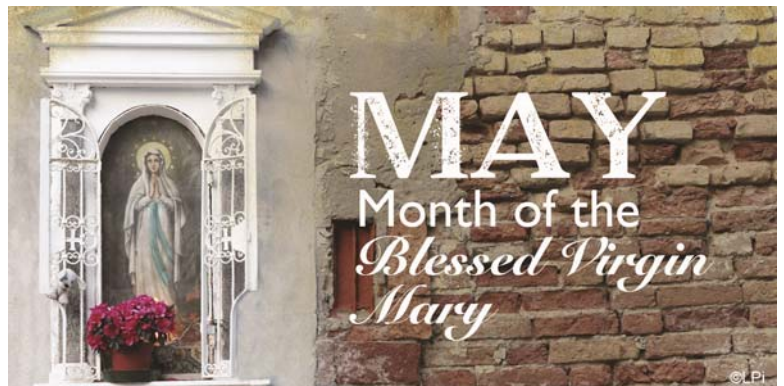
11:00am Mass

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





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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

2019 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:

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| 1. <i>We Are the Church</i> | 2. <i>What Makes us Catholic?</i> | |
| 3. <i>Growing in Faith</i> | 4. <i>Scripture</i> | 5. <i>Jesus Christ</i> |

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.

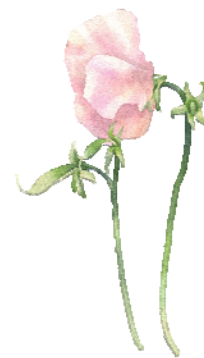
Thursdays, May 16- June 13, with Terry Pendergast

9:30-11am, Room 3

Register with Ann DiStefano (see bulletin cover)

Perennial Plant Sale

**Saturday, May 25th
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 12 2019: \$5,821.63

Online Giving (week ending 5/15/19): \$2,176.00

Next weekend's 2nd collection:

Monthly

Save the Date



Blessing of Graduates
Sunday, June 9th
11:00am Mass

All graduates, from preschool through college - and beyond - are invited to join us for a Mass with a special blessing of graduates on Sunday, June 9th at our 11am Mass. No matter your age or your stage, if you are celebrating an educational milestone and/or are transitioning to a new phase in your educational journey we hope you will join us!

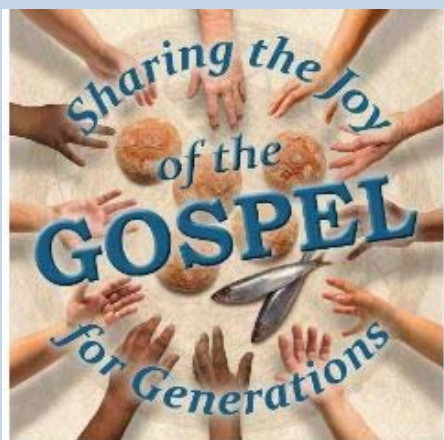
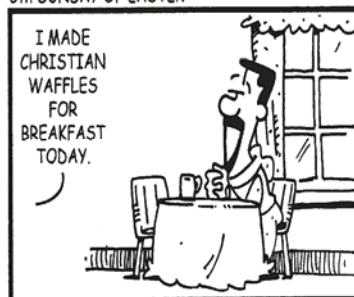
Thank You

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!

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

2019 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND

As the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal "Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations" enters Commitment Weekend, We'd like to thank all of our parish families for your continued support. Our efforts as a family of faith provide a wonderful opportunity to touch and improve the lives of thousands.

"Through the generosity of our parish community we have reach approximately 75% of our financial target. We encourage everyone to consider a gift that is appropriate for them; let's work together to exceed our parish goal. Every gift makes a difference and has an incredible impact. Thank you for your consideration.

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."

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

I was recently reading an article about the real aspects of true love. The psychologist writing the piece said that many people hide behind the words "I love you." They can start believing that if they say it enough times, it simply becomes true.

Jesus claimed that the world would know his disciples by the fact that they loved one another. In the Church, we speak of loving one another quite frequently. I hope that someone can tell that I am a disciple of Jesus by the way I love others. However, that hope is something I have to keep in the center of my mind because I fear too often that I speak more of love than act out of love.

As Christians, we can find ourselves hiding behind our words. History, unfortunately, has shown us that our witness of action has not always been profound enough. The world will surely know whom it is we serve if we love like Jesus, we act like Jesus, and we serve others like Jesus. Our stewardship will bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ, and we will bring others to him. Our love will be an instrument of our evangelization. Our words will become true, not because we said them enough, but because they are true.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*May you trust God that you are exactly
where you are meant to be.*

-St. Therese of Lisieux

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

When they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)
or Alleluia

Second Reading:

The One who sat on the throne said,
"Behold, I make all things new." (Rev 21:5a)

Gospel:

"I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (Jn 13:34)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 19, 2019

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
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/
Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"I give you a new commandment: love one another." With these words, Jesus sums up the law and the prophets in one concise phrase. Love one another. After 2,000 years, you'd think we'd have it figured out by now! But all too often we fail in this commandment. Perhaps we mistake "love" for mere "common decency." Perhaps we've been betrayed, or our own visions of love have been tarnished or misrepresented in our lives. Blessedly, Jesus doesn't leave us without a guide.

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Jesus himself modeled what this love should look like. So what are some of the characteristics of the love of Christ? Humility, for one. St. Paul writes that Jesus "emptied Himself." In becoming man, Jesus puts aside the full splendor of the Godhead. Not only does he become human, but he takes on many of the mundane privations of human life. He spent most of his life in relative poverty - especially by our standards - as a common laborer. When he began gaining popularity as a preacher, he still traveled on foot and spent nights in other people's homes or outdoors.

Jesus' love is generous. He was always available to the crowds and to being interrupted by people in need. He invested time in his disciples and patiently taught them about the kingdom of God. The love of Jesus is also courageous. He encountered many people deemed less worthy of human respect, due to being public sinners or having a physical or mental disability. Jesus was brave in breaking these social boundaries to show care and concern to the outcast. These traits are possible for us to imitate! Indeed, we are hardly identifiable as Christians without them. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

How do people know that you are a disciple of Jesus Christ? Some folks prefer to keep their faith a secret and rarely mention their belief in Jesus. Others are more vocal and readily tell people that they are Christian. For Jesus, there is another way to recognize whether one is a disciple. He tells his friends that all will know they are disciples if they have love for one another. The love to which Jesus calls us to is not just an earthly love. It's not just about doing nice things for people or even keeping positive thoughts about others. Jesus' love is divine love. Put simply, Jesus became human so that we can become divine. We are called to look at the world, people, and ourselves as God does. This requires unconditional compassion and a whole lot of mercy and forgiveness. We cannot do this alone. That is why the risen Christ remains with us, especially through the Eucharist, to help us become who he is. If done correctly, there will be no question about who has our allegiance. How do people know that you are a disciple of Jesus Christ? Some folks prefer to keep their faith a secret and rarely mention their belief in Jesus. Others are more vocal and readily tell people that they are Christian. For Jesus, there is another way to recognize whether one is a disciple. He tells his friends that all will know they are disciples if they have love for one another. The love to which Jesus calls us to is not just an earthly love. It's not just about doing nice things for people or even keeping positive thoughts about others. Jesus' love is divine love. Put simply, Jesus became human so that we can become divine. We are called to look at the world, people, and ourselves as God does. This requires unconditional compassion and a whole lot of mercy and forgiveness. We cannot do this alone. That is why the risen Christ remains with us, especially through the Eucharist, to help us become who he is. If done correctly, there will be no question about who has our allegiance.

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

Phone: (860)242-5573 Ext 2688

Email: info.ocsjm@aohct.org

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.

Franciscan Land-based Summer Experiences & Youth Leadership



The Franciscan Life Center is offering two sessions of the Franciscan Land-based Summer Experiences for children ages 6 to 12, and one session of Youth Leadership for youth ages 13 and 14 on the campus of the Franciscan Life Center, 271 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT 06451.

Dates: Franciscan Land-based Experiences, June 24 – 28, and July 29 – August 2, 2019
Youth Leadership Training, June 24 - June 28, 2019

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$180/child for camp and \$250/child for youth leadership

For more information:

Call 203-237-8084 or visit flcenter.org.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another." Learn how to love your spouse more by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jul 12-14, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT and Nov 1-3, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.