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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.

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looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. - Lk 9:16

MASS SCHEDULE:

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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

9:00

June 23, 2019



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



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, June 24

Bible Camp: All Rooms Used MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church . All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church)

TUESDAY, June 25

Bible Camp: All Rooms Used

WEDNESDAY, June 26 Bible Camp: All Rooms Used

<u>THURSDAY, June 27</u> Bible Camp: All Rooms Used

FRIDAY, June 28 Bible Camp Clean-Up: All Rooms Used

SATURDAY, June 29 Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

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

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MONDAY, June 24

WEDNESDAY, June 26 9:00 Thomas C. McMahon (1st Ann.), requested by the McMahon Family

THURSDAY, June 27

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

FRIDAY, June 28

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

SATURDAY, June 29

4:00 Alfred Koch, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

SUNDAY, June 30

- 7:30 **Barbara Maliszewski**, requested by Susan and Tom McCabe
- 9:30 **Connie and Reginald Ballantyne,** requested by Dr. Paula (Szabo) & Dr. Hema DeSilva
- 11:00 **Maria and Frank DiNardo,** requested by the family

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 2019.

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 28, 2019!

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

Thank You!

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the 11th annual Perennial Plant Sale on Saturday, May 25th. Once again, we had a lovely, healthy selection from which customers could choose at prices that ranged between \$1 and \$25. A total of \$1,319 was raised to benefit the Social Justice Ministry's Scholarship Fund. Whether you donated plants, purchased plants, or volunteered your time, your support is greatly appreciated!



Long and Lien Thai

Christopher Lee Tabora, requested by

TUESDAY, June 25 9:00 Special Intentions

2019 Summer 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

All materials provided. (Bring your own Bible if you like.) Register with Ann DiStefano (see bulletin front) or drop in!

Summer Video Series: Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother



The Better We Know Mary, the Better We Know Jesus!

Have you ever wondered why Mary is so important to our faith? Join us for an extraordinary study that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this series will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Mary will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Wednesdays, July 3-Aug 21 (come as often as you can) 9:30-11:30am, Room 3 Leader: Eileen DiMauro RSVP by June 24 to <u>ann.distefano@stannavon.com</u> Book fee: \$25 (checks payable to Church of St. Ann)



Check it out at:

https://www.courant.com/community/avon/hc-vaavon-church-st-ann-anniversary-20190613-20190610-6fusnuy7sffq7berwkgbh7r3pu-story.html

Honor a Veteran with a at Veterans Memorial Way

Veterans Memorial Way is almost complete! Orders for engraved pavers are now being accepted. Each paver that is purchased will be engraved with a veteran's name and information regarding their service. Pavers may honor veterans who are <u>living or deceased</u>. If you are purchasing a brick in honor of a deceased veteran, it is not required that they are buried at St. Ann's Cemetery.

Order forms are available in the Gathering Space and are also available on our website.



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WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

June 16, 2019: \$6,874.21 Online Giving (week ending 6/19/19): \$2,276.00 Next weekend's 2nd collection: *Holy Father*

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Join in prayer and sacrifice with other Catholics during Religious Freedom Week, <u>June 22 - June 29</u>. Consider making a small sacrifice each day for the intention of preserving religious freedom

Intercession

We pray for the freedom to live out our faith through respect for human life.

Prayers

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Peter and Paul, Apostles





Summer Tips from Our Parish Nurse...

As the summer months are upon us, it is ever more important to be

mindful of three simple preventive measures: **Sunscreen** - to protect you from the sun's harmful rays. Be sure to get to those places that are more often forgotten: earlobes, tops of the ears, and back of the neck. Apply frequently if swimming or perspiring.

Insect Repellent - to protect you from mosquito and tick born illnesses. Apply prior to outdoor activities. It's a good idea to keep some in the car...you never know when one of our State's Hiking Trails may appeal to you!

<u>Hydration</u>- to protect you from becoming dehydrated. Be sure to pack your water or sports drink when cycling, running, walking, etc. outdoors. A good alternative to plain water is Scratch Labs' exercise hydration mix which can be added to your water.



Summer is a time for friends, family and fun. May you be abundantly blessed with a safe & happy one. See you in September!

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 lan 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:

- Families are needed June August to water and tend the garden. Many hands make light work!
- Contact: Leo leo.distefano@comcast.net for more information.
- **2019** ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations

THANK YOU!! To the more than 31,700 generous donors have pledged over \$8,200,000 to the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations!! It is only with YOUR help that we will be able to achieve the Annual Appeal goal of \$10 Million! This year's Appeal goal may be a challenge – but it is nothing compared to the challenge many suffer with each and every day of their lives. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2019 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

If you have not yet made a gift, please prayerfully consider, making your pledge or gift today. Every gift makes a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals and families throughout our Archdiocese, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please visit the Appeal website at <u>www.archdioceseofhartford.org</u> and follow the link *Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations*, to learn more and make your gift today. All pledges can paid through December 31st 2019 towards this year's Appeal. 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 <u>https://archdioceseofhartford.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/</u>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

JUNE 23, 2019 - THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

When I was a child, I can remember stopping by my parish or another local Catholic church to just spend some time in prayer before the Holy Eucharist. We didn't have exposition and adoration much in those days, but we were keenly aware of the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. I would sometimes stare at the lighted candle near it and know that Jesus was alive.

I had never heard someone speak about a stewardship way of life back then. If I am honest, the primary message I heard in those days was along the lines of "We need to be as good as we are able." Sacrifice was only at Lent, disciples were people in the Bible, and generosity mostly had to do with the collection basket and the poor box at the church entrance. I even went to Catholic schools!

Maybe the message of stewardship was there somewhere packaged differently, and I just missed it. It wasn't until I was an adult, and after acquiring two theology degrees, that I understood both with my head and my heart what a stewardship way of life really meant. But I look back at those days, and I realize that the groundwork was laid for me to understand these things. It was those times before the Holy Eucharist that I began to understand true sacrifice. It was at those times that I began to understand how actions and realities that seem so simple to the human eye can be so profound. And it was at those times that I began to see true love knows no bounds. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES Words to Inspire the Faithful Blood is poured and flesh is broken, yet in either wondrous token Christ entire we know to be. - Lauda Sion

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"Blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." (Gn 14:20a)

Psalm:

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. (Ps 110)

Second Reading:

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. (1 Cor 11:26)

Gospel:

They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. (Lk 9:17)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 23, 2019 Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/ Lk 9:11b-17 Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [6]/1 Monday: Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17. Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14-15 [14]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14 Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/ Wednesday: Mt 7:15-20 Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 7:21-29 Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5b-11/ Lk 15:3-7 Saturday: 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 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19 Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [cf. 5a]/ Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"They all ate and were satisfied." Why read the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves this Sunday? Here we see the mystery of our physical and spiritual realities intermingling. Too often, they can feel separate. When we go to Mass, how often we appear more ordinarily human rather than stretching toward the divine.

Perhaps our experience of the Eucharist is fairly mundane. We notice when a new sacramental wine has been selected. We feel the varying textures of the host and wonder if they'll ever bring back the one that tasted distinctly like wheat. As we shuffle up to the front and stride back to our pew, we notice the looks on people's faces and the clothes on their backs. We get distracted by the crying child, the man blowing his nose, and the mechanical sound of the air conditioner kicking in. How human we are, how earth-bound, how material!

And how good God is for entering into these selfsame realities. How good God is for proclaiming "the kingdom of God," for "heal[ing] those who needed to be cured," for having mercy on a tired and hungry crowd. How many of the crowd noticed what had been done for them? Did they realize their dinner was a miracle? How often do we miss the deeper reality of the Eucharist? Even if in the moment of receiving Communion we don't experience radical ecstasy and don't feel any different, there is a tangible reality to cling to. Our God loves us enough to become bread for us, not only to feed us but to be fed upon by us.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

How can we ever succeed at truly loving God and our neighbor and fully embrace Gospel living? Achieving this goal without an intimate connection with Christ is impossible. The Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, connects us with God in a unique and most intimate way. His very life and presence is wedded with ours. Being forgiven and nourished, we are given the strength and conviction to pick up our wounded and broken lives and be living heralds of Good News. Our world is broken and needs authentic, living witnesses to bring it back to truth. Nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, are you ready to be sent?

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