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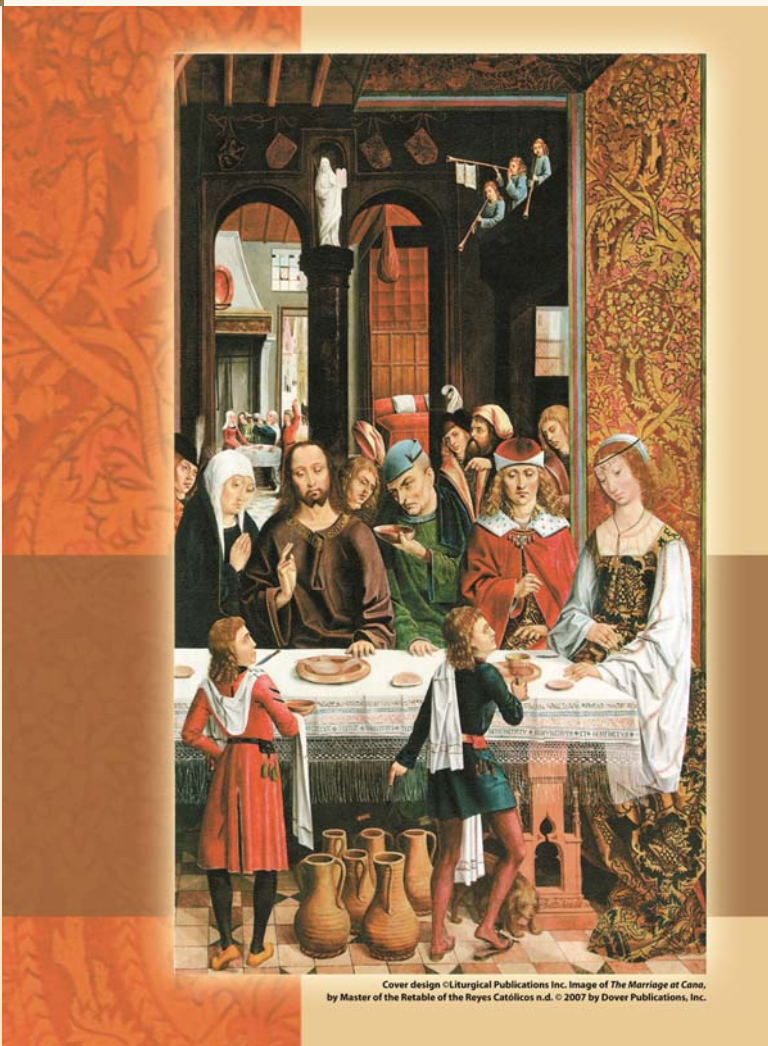
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BAPTISMS (Registered Parishioners):

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:

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

MONDAY, January 18

9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, January 19

9:00 Robert Gagne, Sr., *requested by the family*

WEDNESDAY, January 20

9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, January 21

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, January 22

9:00 For the sanctity of all human life,
especially the unborn

SATURDAY, January 23

4:00 Levio Cirilli and Alice Castellani,
requested by the family

SUNDAY, January 24

7:30 Janice Lonabaugh (7th Ann), *requested
by the Maillet Family*
9:30 Tom and Ella Heavren *requested by
Tom and Pat Heavren*
11:00 Veronica Morgan, *requested by
the Downey Family*

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, January 18

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church wing.
All are welcome! (*Enter through door on the left side of the church*)

TUESDAY, January 19

M+M Moms: 9:30 in the Activity Room
RCIA: 7pm in Room 3
Social Justice Ministry Meeting (make-up): 7:30pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, January 20

Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3
1st Eucharist Parent Meeting: 6pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, January 21

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church, weather permitting
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
Children's Choir (grades 4-8): 4:15pm in the Choir Loft
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, January 22

Holy Hour for Life: 12 noon in the church

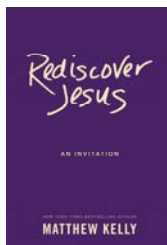
SATURDAY, January 23

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, January 24

ST. ANN CELEBRATES THE YEAR OF MERCY

This Lent, are you open to feeling more
connected to our parish family?
Come *Rediscover Jesus*.



In keeping with the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Fr. McHugh is introducing something exciting for Lent, 2016 - a parish-wide book discussion program centered on Jesus, who is mercy personified. From Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10-March 21, we will read Matthew Kelly's simple but powerful book, *Rediscover Jesus*, and meet in Small Groups at home - or in gatherings at church and Faith Formation, or even online - to discuss its implications for our lives. To register and receive your FREE book, please stop by the Gathering Space after Masses this weekend, or visit the parish offices during the week.

INFO SESSIONS

(how Small Groups work, etc.) will be offered:

- Sunday, January 24th at Avon Middle School during 9am & 6pm Faith Formation classes
- Saturday, January 30th Wine & Cheese after 4:00 Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall
- Sunday, January 31st Coffee in Fr. Bennett Hall after 9:30 & 11:00am Masses
- Sunday, January 31st at 5:00pm in the church (For Gr 9 & 10 Confirmation Parents)

SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR TRAINING

- Friday, February 5th at 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
 - Sunday, February 7th at noon in Fr. Bennett Hall.
- RSVP: Ann DiStefano, ames.distefano@gmail.com; (860) 463-7495 (talk or text).

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

January 10, 2016: \$5,184.26

Online Giving (week ending 1/13/16): \$1,819.00

Next weekend's second collection:
none

**HEARTS & SOULS**

Ministering to body, mind and spirit, the Health Ministry offers blood pressure screening, health counseling and referrals to our community of faith. Office hours are the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary. *

**Marian Movement of Priests -Cenacle of Prayer
Monday evenings at St. Ann's from 7:15 8:15pm**

The Cenacle format is very simple:

1. Invocation to the Holy Spirit, 2. Recitation of the Holy Rosary,
3. Prayers for our Holy Father, 4. Prayers for our Priests and Seminarians, 5. Reading and meditation on one of the messages given in the book—"To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons",
6. Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Please visit the official website of the MMP at www.mmp-usa.net for additional information.

If you are interested in joining us to pray a holy rosary, please come to the church on Monday evenings at 7:15. All are welcome! Come pray with us.

Communion For Shut-Ins

The Eucharistic ministers would be ha to those in our parish who are unable to come to church. Please call the Parish Office and leave your name and address if you wish to receive Communion **860-673-9858**.

St. Ann's Re-Employment Group

meets every other Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Activity Room at St. Ann's. For more information, or if any working member of the parish hears of :**JOHN DRAKE, 860-989-2377** or email at: johndrake.humancapital@live.com.

Free Rosary Repair Service...

Free Rosary Repair Service at St. Ann's will resume in May. If you should need rosaries repaired from November to April, please send to Betty and Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd. #502, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. For more information you may call: 239-463-3993 or email them at: HoldenBnD@comcast.net

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-8: UPCOMING CLASSES

January 24th and February 21st

Next Family Mass: February 7th at 9:30am

Grades K-4 sponsor Parish Coffee after the Mass

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN...

The Men of St Ann are reaching out for new members to help us build community within the parish. A great chance to meet other men in the parish as well as meeting many parish members at our events.

These include Pasta Dinners during Lent, Ladies Night Out (Mother's Day weekend) and a couple of wine tastings during the year.

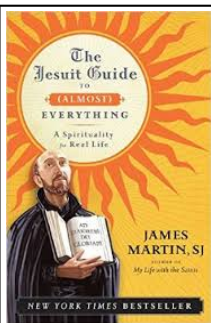
We are also exploring new activities that would also include the kids of the parish (post Confirmation would be the target).

*If interested contact John Kuzia
at 860-284-0030 or
kman@kuzia.com.*

**Thank You . . .**

...to all the parishioners of the Church of St. Ann who remembered the residents at Avon Health Center & Apple Rehab this past Christmas. The many gifts were greatly appreciated.

May God bless you all in 2016.



The M+M's Annual Book Discussion Evening

Title: The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything – A Spirituality for Real Life
Author: James Martin, S.J.
Date: Wednesday, Feb.17 at 7 P.M.
Place: Meeting room under church annex

Father Martin translates St Ignatius Loyola into insights for us, revealing how we find God in our everyday lives and how it is often surprising to us. "Inspiring, easily comprehensible and so often humorous." St. Ignatius was the founder of the Jesuit Order. Pope Francis is a Jesuit. Look for the similarities in their thought and actions. Jot down any remarks and discussion questions you may have. All are invited.



Divine Mercy Holy Hour THIS Sunday, January 17th 2:30 - 3:30pm.

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated on Sunday, January 17, 2016 at St. Ann's in Avon. Please join us for this powerful devotion and to pray for the sanctity of all human life especially the unborn.



First Holy Communion Parent Meeting

Wednesday January 20 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM in Fr. Bennett Hall.

Deacon Tim Healy will be giving a presentation on this beautiful Sacrament to all parents who have children enrolled in the First Sacraments program. One parent per family should be present. Informational packets and preparation material will be handed out.

Questions: Please contact Valerie St. Jean, Religious Education Coordinator, K-8
 860-673-9858 x223 or Valeriestjean@stannavon.com

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Our Father,
 We seek you in so many ways and places in our life. We seek you for guidance and for comfort. But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry. We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common. Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will. We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



The Men of Saint Ann's Annual Retreat

January 22-24, 2016

At Holy Family Passionist
 Retreat Center
 West Hartford, CT

Join Us!

For more information go to the Holy Family Retreat Center website, Click on Retreats, then Themed Retreats

Questions?

Call or Email us:

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Pgwatson33@gmail.com

Bob Yurch 860-675-1366
byurch@fiainc.com

Peter Zikowitch 860-603-9459
peterzikowitch@att.net

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

All of our parishioners are invited to participate in the Pro-Life activities scheduled to memorialize the 43rd Anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion.

Sunday, January 17th, St. Ann's will celebrate The Divine Mercy Holy Hour from 2:30-3:30 p.m. to pray for the end to abortion and a renewed respect for all human life.

On the Anniversary, Friday January 22nd, St. Ann's will celebrate the 9 a.m. Eucharist with prayers for the sanctity of all human life, especially the unborn. A Holy Hour for Life will also be observed from 12 noon until 1 p.m. We will unite our prayers with those who are on the March for Life in Washington.

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

Sharing the Gospel

At a wedding party, Mary said to Jesus, they have no more wine. Help them. Even though it was not time for him to perform miracles, Jesus honored his Mother by changing the water into wine. When you obey God by honoring your mother's wishes, you turn ordinary things, like opening a door, emptying trash, or making the bed into a gift Of love. This love makes your mother and God smile.

Prayer

Lord, help me turn chores for my family into gifts for you.

Something to Draw

Draw two pitchers, one filled with water and one with purple wine.

Mission for the Week

I will put all of my toys away neatly after I finish playing.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

HOW DOES YOUR PARISH
SUPPORT MARRIED
COUPLES?
HOW DO YOU?

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's the miracle that always captures the attention! Sight restored. Lame limbs healed. Hearing brought back. The dead raised. Water changed into wine. When you think about it, the first four are often routine today. Granted, the miracle doesn't happen every time. But many have their sight restored through cataract surgery. Broken bones that would have led to incapacitation are mended.

Cochlear implants help some who did not hear. And even some people who were in cardiac arrest have been brought back. These medical miracles happen so regularly that we don't even advert to them as "miracles" anymore. They are "procedures." It's when things don't work that we get disappointed-and maybe even pray for a miracle.

Of course, we still haven't been able to crack that water-into-wine thing. It is still a bona fide miracle. Relying on the miraculous misses the point that John is trying to make in today's Gospel. The "sign" is not about how much wine we can get out of Jesus, but rather that he was revealing his glory, leading his disciples to belief. The signs in John's Gospel are again and again about faith, about coming to believe in Jesus.

Praying for the miraculous can lead to an increase of faith. But we can't let the miracle-or lack thereof-get in the way of faith. Instead, we can let our faith uncover the miraculous that already takes place each day: the healing that goes on in hospitals; the amazing production of food that feeds so many; the growing ability of humankind to understand this created world; the wonder of a child who grows from just a few cells to an adult in the span of two decades. It's these miracles that can capture our attention and deepen our faith!

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

Pope Francis has emphasized that: "religious freedom is not simply freedom of thought or private worship. It is the freedom to live according to ethical principles, both privately and publicly."

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2016

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/
Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4;
4:14-21

THE BULLETIN BOARD

MASS OF THANKSGIVING AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

To conclude the *Year of Consecrated Life*, the Office of Religious for the Archdiocese of Hartford cordially invites all of you whose lives have been enriched by your spiritual shepherds to a

Mass of Thanksgiving

January 31, 2016

11 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Joseph

140 Farmington Ave. Hartford, CT

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford
Most Reverend Daniel A. Cronin, Archbishop Emeritus
Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell, Archbishop Emeritus
Members of the Clergy from the Archdiocese of Hartford

The Year of Consecrated Life: November 30, 2014 – February 2, 2016

"Consecrated life is a gift for the People of God on a journey." – Pope Francis

Marriage Enrichment Celebration


Hartford Catholic Engaged Encounter and the Office of Family Life will hold its 9th annual Marriage Enrichment Evening on Sat., Feb. 6, 2016, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Mary Our Queen Church and Parish Center, 248 Savage St., Plantsville, CT. This year's program will begin with Mass, include dinner, prayer, reflection, and fun centered on the theme: "A Sign for Our Times: The Witnessing Power of Sacramental Marriage." Our keynote address will be given by Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Peter A. Rosazza. The cost is \$25.00 per couple and includes dinner. To register or obtain more information, contact Tom and Donna Finn at 860-302-1110, or email to dfinnspt@sbcglobal.net. Please R.S.V.P. by Feb. 2, 2016.

St. Mary's School, Simsbury...

- Come explore the advantages of a Catholic education! Join us on Wednesday, January 27th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center for our Open House. To RSVP or for further information please contact Toni Chagnon at [860-658-9412](tel:860-658-9412) or tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net

- Enjoy an evening out in support of Saint Mary's School at our first annual Art Show and Wine Tasting at the Hillstead Museum on Friday, January 29, 2016 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm - Free admission and museum tours

Healthy Aging
The Information You Need for the Future You Deserve...



McLean
2016 Winter Speaker Series

At the Simsbury Library
725 Hopmeadow Street
Simsbury, CT 06070

RSVP
860-658-3741

McLean is an integral senior living community in Simsbury, CT offering a continuum of services including independent living, assisted living and memory care services. For more information, please call 860-658-3741 or visit www.mcleancare.org.

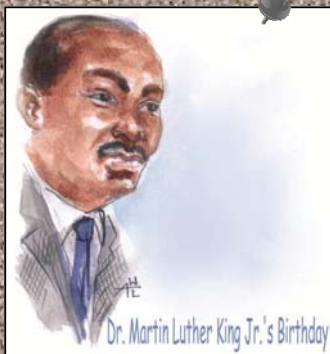
www.McLeanCare.org
75 Great Road | Simsbury, CT 06070

January 20, 1:30 pm
"Dementia Care: What's Happening Inside the Brain and How Best to Connect with Your Loved One."
Learn the physical changes occurring in the brain in someone with Alzheimer's and other dementias, plus tips on how to communicate with someone with memory loss.
Presented by Megan Gill, CDR, Director of Memory Care, Assisted Living, and Senior Safety, RN, SALSAA, Assisted Living

January 27, 1:30 pm
"Finding the Most Appropriate Care Environment and Navigating the Application Process."
Help determine what is the best care environment for you or your loved one, what insurance will cover, and how to get through the application process.
Presented by Kelly Kovacs, Director of Admissions


February 3, 1:30 pm
"Understanding the Senior Living Alphabet."
Decode acronyms and commonly used terms such as IL, ADL, LifeCare, waiting lists, CNAs, and Title XDL, when talking about senior living.
Presented by Lisa Margolis, Director of Marketing and Sales

February 10, 1:30 pm
"Health and Wellness through the Ages."
Learn the importance of good nutrition and exercise as we age and gather helpful advice on how to incorporate small changes into your daily life that make a big difference.
Presented by Sarah Leathers, Community Advisor and Health Coach



January - June

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