



# Church of Saint Ann

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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:

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon

# MASS INTENTIONS



## 4th Sunday of Easter

### MONDAY, May 8

9:00 **Angela O'Connor**, requested by *Louis and Eileen Del Prete*

### TUESDAY, May 9

9:00 **Special Intentions**

### WEDNESDAY, May 10

9:00 **Barbara Alu**, requested by *the family*

### THURSDAY, May 11

9:00 **Aleksandra Smolinski and Cora Sopolak**, requested by *the Sopolak Family*

### FRIDAY, May 12

9:00 **Special Intentions**

### SATURDAY, May 13

4:00 **Anne Crumlish Feeley**, requested by *the O'Brien Family*

### SUNDAY, May 14

7:30 **For all mothers, living and deceased**

9:30 **For all mothers, living and deceased**

11:00 **For all mothers, living and deceased**

# 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 8

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

### TUESDAY, May 9

**"Making Sense of the Bible":** 9:30am in Room 3

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3

**Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Room 1

**Social Justice Committee Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

### WEDNESDAY, May 10

**Acts of the Apostles Bible Study:** 9:30am in Room 2 & 3 (filled)

**Re-Employment Support Group:** 7pm. in the Activity Room

### THURSDAY, May 11

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

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

**Youth Choir:** 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

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

### FRIDAY, May 12

### SATURDAY, May 13

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

### SUNDAY, May 14



## PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am - 12 noon  
St. Ann's Parking Lot

## Plant Donations Needed!

Please consider sharing some of your perennials that are ready for dividing this spring. In addition, we would welcome donations of herbs, purchased perennials if you are unable to donate from your own gardens, and large plant containers.

Donations may be dropped off in the parking lot (W. Avon Rd. side, under tree) on Thursday, May 18, from 8:30-10 a.m. and 5-7 p.m., and Friday, May 19, from 8:30-10 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. Please IDENTIFY plants (name, color, sun/shade).

The proceeds from the sale will benefit the St. Ann Scholarship Fund, which provides partial tuition support for deserving Hartford students who attend local Catholic high schools.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Jean Frey at 860-673-1949. New helpers would be most welcome!



*Save the Date!*

## Mass for Graduates

Sunday, June 11, 2017  
11:00am

2017 High School Graduates and Families

Join your parish Family for a special Mass to celebrate, honor and bless you!

**WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

April 30, 2017: \$8,215.8800  
 Online Giving (week ending 5/3/17): \$2,664.00  
 Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:  
*Helping Haitian Children*



*Congratulations*  
 to all of our students who made  
 their First Holy Communion  
 this weekend!



**Thank You  
 from the Art Show  
 & Sale Committee**

Thanks to all who came to visit and enjoy the 8th St. Ann Art Show and Sale on April 22-23. Proceeds from all sales of the donated art benefits the St. Ann Scholarship Fund which provides partial tuition support for deserving urban students to attend area Catholic high schools.

If any adult or young person was inspired by what they experienced and would like to contribute their own art, we welcome your donation. We collect art all year long for the next show, so feel free to contact Inez Faillace or Meg Kundahl at: [mkfk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mkfk@sbcglobal.net) or 860-521-1051.

The Men of Saint Ann present their annual  
**Ladies Night Out**  
 Friday, May 19th  
 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall  
 Price: \$25

Ladies, save this date on your calendar! The Men of St. Ann once again want to treat the ladies of the parish to a special night out. This is a well attended event so be sure to get your reservations in early. Reservations can be made with John Kuzia: 860-284-0020 or email: [kman@kuzia.com](mailto:kman@kuzia.com)  
*Seating is limited so reservations are a must.*

Also, the Mercy Purses collection is back by popular demand! Please bring to Ladies Night a gently used purse filled with items to bless homeless and refugee women. See the website for a list of suggested items.



**ADULT EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT**

**Join Us For Some Faith  
 Enrichment For Spring 2017!**

**Studying/Praying with the Sunday Scriptures**

Discover what the Sunday readings meant when they were written, and what they mean to you personally today (*Lectio Divina*). April 23 - May 26. No experience necessary! Offered at three convenient times, in Room 3, lower level of Fr. Bennett Hall:

- Sundays, 10:30am-12pm (Leader: Chip Janiszewski)
- Mondays, 7:15pm-8:45pm (Leaders: Jim Serruta, Ann DiStefano)
- Fridays, 9:30am-11:00am (Leaders: Pat Wall, Ann DiStefano)
- All materials provided.
- Register ASAP with Ann: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com); (860) 673-9858, ext. 228

**2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**



This month, after years of study, 2 men are scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood. During their years of preparation for this vocation, they were supported by family and friends – and by everyone who made a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. When you make a gift to the Appeal, **you** help meet the cost of priestly formation and education. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Appeal today.

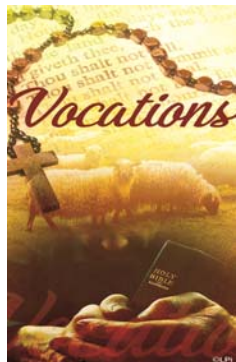
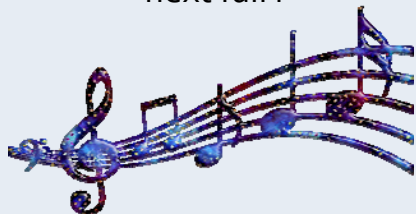


# Thank You, Youth Choir!

Thank you, Youth Choir for sharing your talents to bless our parish throughout the choir year. Thanks also to your parents for making time in their busy family lives for Youth Choir.

And we thank directors Carl Sauerbrunn, Tom Stockton, and choir moms Ann DiStefano, Diane Nusom and Kelly Varano for their generosity, humor, patience, care and creativity on behalf of our young people, the future of our Church.

All singers in grades 4-8, watch for the kickoff of another great season of St. Ann Youth Choir next fall!



# 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 generally the 2nd Sunday of each month (**NEXT Sunday**) from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2<sup>nd</sup> door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

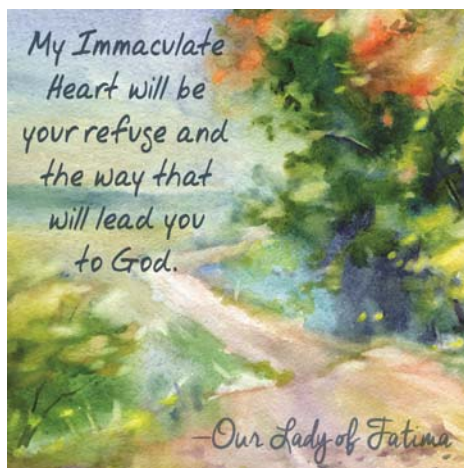


*Church of Saint Ann Legacy Society*

Father McHugh invites you to join the **Church of Saint Ann Legacy Society**, founded to recognize and honor parishioners, who wish to perpetuate the efforts of Saint Ann's Parish Ministries and Outreach, through legacy gifts made in their lifetime.

All the proceeds from these estate plans will be used exclusively for the benefit of this parish. Legacy gifts will be added to the endowment fund in order to strengthen the financial future of the parish. By honoring all parishioners who make bequests with membership in the **Church of Saint Ann Legacy Society**, the parish hopes to inspire others to contribute toward long term fiscal stability.

You are invited to join those fellow parishioners who have already designated bequests that will reach beyond their lifetimes to support the mission of the parish. If you wish to take advantage of this ideal way to pass on your faith and heritage, please contact Father McHugh and make him aware of your intentions. (Of course, requests for anonymity will be honored)



*"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."  
- Jn 10:9-10*

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*In the past year, my wireless provider introduced something called HD Voice. Suddenly, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.*

*The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the call. How clearly can you hear the voice of Jesus Christ? In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.*

*Jesus is our gatekeeper, but unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.*

Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.*

- Our Lady of Fatima

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)  
OR Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. (1 Pt 2:24)

### Gospel:

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice." (Jn 10:2-4)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 7, 2017

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10  
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:11-18  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7/Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14  
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." Jesus uses the image of a gate today to help us understand how we are to relate to him. He is our path to "pasture," in other words, to the peace and prosperity that we long for. He shows us the way to find all that we need right there before us.

Some people, however, may think that it's better to avoid the trouble of finding the gate and thus choose to enter another way instead. But Jesus says, "Whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber." Although this is all cast in the gentle terms of an analogy about sheep, the message is actually rather stern. Jesus is telling us that if we don't follow him, we are taking the wrong course of action. He is not suggesting a kind of relativistic principle that says, "Following me is one of many good options." No. He is telling us that in order to "have life and have it more abundantly," we must follow the path that goes by way of Christ.

This isn't always the easiest path to follow. It might mean taking the long way around a situation instead of a shortcut. It might mean waiting a little while to get to that pasture instead of hopping the fence and finding it on our own terms. Insisting on using the gate may also make us look like fools to those around us. But to be truly faithful followers of Jesus, we need to trust that his way is the best way. We need to trust that, by letting him lead, we will ultimately end up in the best possible pasture.

In our culture, it is becoming less and less popular to believe in one true religion, but as Christians we know that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Did you ever wonder why so many images of a shepherd show him with a sheep around his neck? When sheep wander, they need to learn who to follow. A good shepherd realizes that in order for the animal to do this, there must be a bond so tight that they then "smell" like each other and the sheep can recognize the scent. Jesus has us around his neck. He wants us to follow him; not just his teachings, but in the relationship with his Father. Jesus shows us, by his life, suffering, death, and resurrection what we ought to do to be fully human and live as children of God. By bonding with those most poor and vulnerable, Jesus calls us to do the same and desires to be our Good Shepherd. As you worship here today, keep in mind an image of Jesus carrying you around his neck. He wants you to recognize him so that you can follow, especially when we find ourselves wandering away.

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### **Candlelight Living Rosary & Crowning St. Mary Star of the Sea, Unionville May 11th at 7pm**

The Legion of Mary at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Unionville will hold a Candlelight Living Rosary and Crowning May 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm. in honor of our Blessed Mother.

Please help us celebrate the 100th. Anniversary of the Apparitions of Fatima.  
Light refreshments to follow.  
All are welcome.  
For further information call  
Kathy Dossot (860)673-3163

### **Read, Reap and Rise to New Life!**

*The plowman should plow in hope, and the thresher in hope of receiving a share. (1 Cor 9:10)*

The Archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School (CBS) invites adults to engage the Word of God from the perspective of Catholic faith. Enrollment begins May 1. Contact the CBS office by August 15 to enroll. Classes begin in locations throughout the Archdiocese just after Labor Day.

For more information, check out our website [www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org](http://www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org) or contact us in the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis at 860-242-5573 or [catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org](mailto:catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org).

### **FACS Position Available**

The Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools is hiring a part-time Administrative Assistant. The ideal candidate will have Administrative Assistant experience and want to work twenty hours per week. Bachelors or Associates degree preferred, Three to five years of executive secretarial experience preferred, Excellent computer experience, ability to use internet, must demonstrate computer proficiency and have working knowledge of all Microsoft Office and EXCEL applications. Working knowledge of Raiser's Edge 7 preferred. For more information, or if you know someone who may be interested, please contact the FACS Executive Director Cynthia Basil Howard at: [CBHoward@FACSHartford.org](mailto:CBHoward@FACSHartford.org)



### **NWC Pre-High School Placement Test**

Northwest Catholic will offer a Pre-High School Placement Test on May 13, 2017. This practice test is for 7<sup>th</sup> graders interested in applying to area Catholic high schools next year.

For more information and to sign up, please visit [www.northwestcatholic.org/PreHSPT](http://www.northwestcatholic.org/PreHSPT).

### **Lourdes in Litchfield**

May 2<sup>nd</sup> marked the beginning of the 59<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage Season of the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, located at 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield, CT 06759. Mass is celebrated Tuesday through Sunday at 11:30 am in the outside Grotto. In the event of inclement weather, Mass is celebrated in the Grotto Chapel located on the Shrine grounds. Also on the grounds are the Grotto Gift Shop and the Grotto Café. Following are events that will take place during the month of May.

**May 14<sup>th</sup> : Mother's Day** – There will be a special blessing for all women present at the conclusion of Mass. Donation of plants & flowers to help beautify the Grotto will be greatly appreciated.