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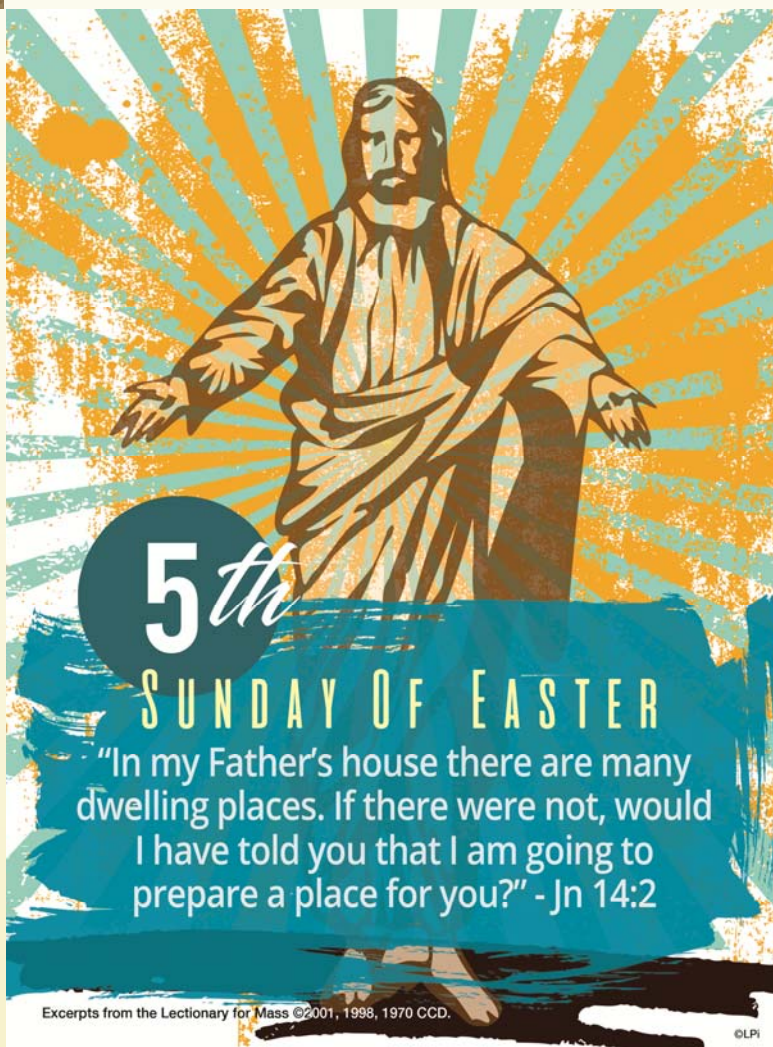
Call the Parish Office

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



**5th Sunday
of Easter**



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, May 15
9:00 **Special Intentions**

TUESDAY, May 16
9:00 **Bob and Dolores Lawrence**, requested by the Bompene Family

WEDNESDAY, May 17
9:00 **Edward Stepien**, requested by Lorraine and family

THURSDAY, May 18
9:00 **Carol DeVita**, requested by our St. Ann Adult Altar Servers

FRIDAY, May 19
9:00 **Terry Moody**, requested by Dick and Lorraine ZuWallack

SATURDAY, May 20
4:00 **Richard Casey III**, requested by Carolyn & Richard Mogielnicki

SUNDAY, May 21
7:30 **Special Intentions**
9:30 **Special Intentions**
11:00 **Jane Thimot**, requested by Cathy and Gerry deSimas

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, May 15
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church. Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!
Studying/Praying with the Sunday Scriptures: 7:15pm in Room 3

TUESDAY, May 16
"Making Sense of the Bible": 9:30am in Room 3
RCIA: 7pm in Room 3
Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 1

WEDNESDAY, May 17
THURSDAY, May 18
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, May 19
Studying/Praying with the Sunday Scriptures: 9:30am in Room 3
Ladies Night Out: 6:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

SATURDAY, May 20
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3
Perennial Plant Sale: 8am-12noon in the front Parking Lot

SUNDAY, May 21
Studying/Praying with the Sunday Scriptures: 10:30am in Room 3
Divine Mercy Holy Hour and Crowning: 2:30pm in the church

Mass for Graduates



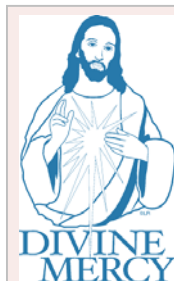
*Sunday, June 11, 2017
11:00am*

2017 High School Graduates and Families

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

Light refreshments and the Signing of the Book of Graduates to follow in the Gathering Space

RSVP by June 4 to Rosemary Neamtz at: rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com



The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated here at Saint Ann on Sunday, May 21st, 2017 from 2:30 - 3:30pm.

Since May is the month when we crown Our Blessed Mother we will have the recitation of the Rosary following the Holy Hour.

Please join us for this powerful devotion and to honor Our Lady in this special way.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

May 7, 2017: \$8,270.18
Online Giving (week ending 5/10/17): \$2,795.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Catholic Communications



Mercy Purses



Thank you for helping support women who are homeless or seeking refuge. Your Mercy Purses will be delivered to: Mercy Shelter & Housing and Catholic Charities Migration & Refugee Services.

Fill your donated purses with some of the following items and bring to Ladies Night Out on May 19th or to the Parish Offices.

Suggested Items:

- Prayer card/inspirational quote,
- deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste,
- tampons/pads, mini antibacterial soap,
- cleansing wipes, lip balm, lotion,
- hairbrush, nail clipper/file,
- laundry detergent, makeup, costume jewelry, pen, small notebook

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

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 to the left for a list of suggested items.



PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

*Saturday, May 20th
 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!

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.





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 (**THIS Sunday**) from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

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.

Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle Monday evenings in the church from 7:15-8:15pm

The MMP is for priests and laity who are devoted to Our Lady and her Rosary. The Prayer Cenacles are gatherings of prayer that consist of the Holy Rosary and Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Message from the MMP Book "To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons" is read at every Cenacle. We are praying for an outpouring of The Holy Spirit, and for Our Lady's intercession. For more information on the Marian Movement of Priests, please visit the official website at www.mmp-usa.net

Come and see, come pray with us. All are welcome.

Communion For Shut-Ins

The Eucharistic ministers would be happy to bring Communion 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**.



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 Failace or Meg Kundahl at: mkfk@sbcglobal.net or 860-521-1051.

ADULT EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

Join Us For Some Faith Enrichment For Spring 2017!

Studying/Praying with the Sunday Scriptures Drop-Ins Welcome!

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; (860) 673-9858, ext. 228



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, all requests for anonymity will be honored)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

What do you think is the value of your stewardship? Do you believe that through your actions both great and small that God can touch people, heal them, and change their lives? Too often we can mistakenly assume that what we do, say, or offer can have little effect in the grand scheme of life. We are simply poor sinners in need of salvation so what could we do anyway?

Jesus speaks very powerfully to what can be done by those who believe in him and follow him. He says in John's Gospel, "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." Greater ones than these? Think about all the miracles of Jesus recorded in sacred Scripture. You and I can do works greater than those?

St. Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours." We are Christ to a world that needs him. It is the Christ in you that responds to the Christ in me. If it were only you alone going about doing good works and deeds, then your stewardship would amount to little. But if you bear the name Christian, and you approach your discipleship seriously, you can truly do greater things. If you understand your stewardship as a way that Jesus works in our world, then this way of life, cultivating and sharing your gifts at every turn, becomes more valuable than all the gold in the world.
Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

In all your actions seek in the first place the kingdom of God and His glory.
- St. Bernardine of Siena

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task." (Acts 6:3-4)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)
OR Alleluia.

Second Reading:

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9)

Gospel:

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." (Jn 14:2-3)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 14, 2017

- Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do." What were the works that Jesus did? Miracles, sometimes, but what were the essence of these miracles? Caring for the sick, comforting the sorrowful, feeding the hungry ... much of Jesus' ministry was spent in carrying out what we call the works of mercy. But he did more than that; he also preached and publicly shared the good news, he fostered fellowship and community, and he prayed. All of this makes a kind of plan of action for us as Christians. As Jesus says today, if we truly believe in him, we will follow in his footsteps and do these same things.

What this all suggests is that belief itself--having faith, being Christian--is only part of the picture. Jesus expects us to take this faith and put it into concrete, practical action. Apparently this goes hand in hand with real faith. If actions don't follow, then faith is not being lived to its fullest.

This of course presents a real challenge. Our lives are busy and our plates are full, just with the tasks and demands of daily existence. It can seem like a burden to serve others, to share the Gospel, to be actively involved in a faith community, to find time to pray. But these are meant to be priorities for true disciples of Christ. And as many will testify, when we sincerely ask God to help us get our priorities in order, he has a way of miraculously multiplying our time. Somehow, we find the opportunities right before us to follow God's will and bring our faith to life. That simple prayer of asking for help may be where we need to start. The first step is not so much to fill our calendar as to fill our hearts, or just to pray that God will fill our hearts, with the desire to "do the works" of Jesus.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

"Let yourself be built into a spiritual house." These words are found in today's second reading. Are we willing to take up this challenge? Being built into a spiritual house means that I am willing to be shaped, constructed, stretched, changed, and designed. Growth involves many challenges and a lot of pain. It is not easy allowing my humanness to be transformed into the divine, and trusting God to do the work. Life's issues can easily cause us to try to control the uncontrollable and to become overly anxious when confronted with life and death issues. Yet Jesus tells his followers, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." For those willing to be stretched and shaped into the spiritual dwelling they are meant to be, these words can be reassuring and lead to greater trust.

THE BULLETIN BOARD



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.

L.P.

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 or contact us in the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis at 860-242-5573 or catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org.

Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College

Once again, Northeast Catholic College in Warner, NH is pleased to announce the dates for its Summer Program for high school students. The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2017. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week session that runs from Sunday, July 23 - Saturday, August 5, 2017.

Register today at www.NortheastCatholic.edu!

For more information, contact the admissions office at admissions@northeastcatholic.edu or 603.456.2656.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD WEEKENDS FOR HEALING

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend June 2-4, 2017 in Litchfield, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance.

For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.