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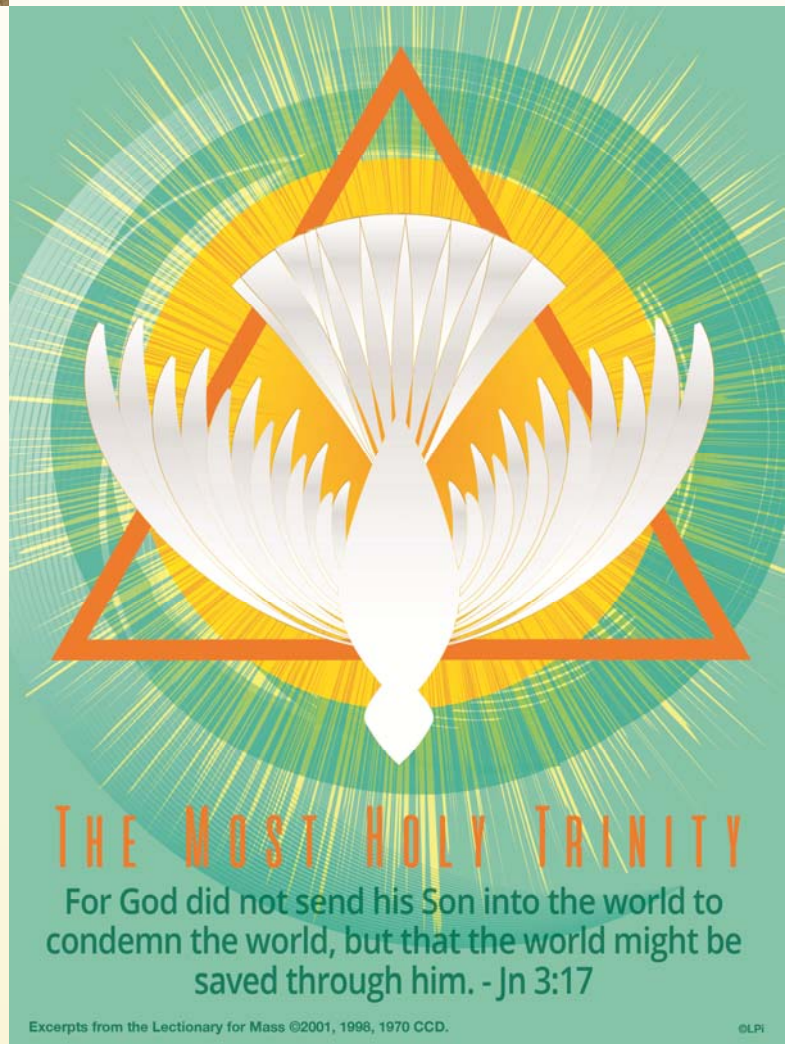
Call the Parish Office

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



The Most Holy Trinity

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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

MONDAY, June 12
9:00 **Special Intentions**

TUESDAY, June 13
9:00 **Richard Cunningham**, requested by the Cunningham Family

WEDNESDAY, June 14
9:00 **William Roell**, requested by Constance Rotondo

THURSDAY, June 15
9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, June 16
9:00 **John O'Neill**, requested by Heidi O'Neill

SATURDAY, June 17
4:00 **John Curran**, requested by Gladys and Sal

SUNDAY, June 18
7:30 **For all fathers, living and deceased**
9:30 **For all fathers, living and deceased**
11:00 **For all fathers, living and deceased**

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, June 12
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church. Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!

TUESDAY, June 13

WEDNESDAY, June 14
Re-Employment Support Group: 7 pm. in the Activity Room

THURSDAY, June 15
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, June 16

SATURDAY, June 17
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, June 18
"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures": 10:30am in Rm. 3



Mass for Graduates



This 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

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 2017.

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 12, 2017!

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



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

May 28, 2017: \$ 6,345.59
 June 4, 2017: \$7,570.00
 Online Giving/Payments (week ending 6/7/17): \$5,016.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection: *Monthly*

ADULT EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

By Popular Demand...

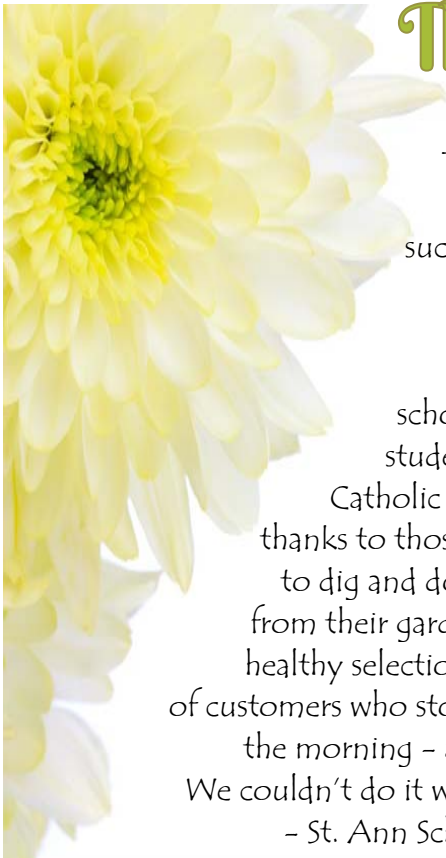
We will continue to offer "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" on most* Sundays through the summer, from 10:30am- 12pm in Room 3. Come discover what the Sunday readings meant when they were written, and what they mean to you personally today (*Lectio Divina*) Please register with Chip Janiszewski, chip@chipj.com, however, **DROP INS ARE WELCOME!** This is the perfect time to try out a Small Group Bible Study experience – join us! All materials are provided – bring your own Bible, if you like. *Check the www.stannavon.org for the updated schedule.



Our 2017 Bible Camp is now filled and we are no longer accepting registrations.

We look forward to a great week of learning, laughter and love!

Thank You!



Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the 9th annual Perennial Plant Sale on May 20. All the proceeds go toward scholarships for Hartford students who attend local Catholic high schools. Special thanks to those who took the time to dig and donate so many plants from their gardens. We had a lovely, healthy selection for the steady flow of customers who stopped by throughout the morning – and good prices, too. We couldn't do it without your support.
 – St. Ann Scholarship Committee



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 Fr. McHugh and make him aware of your intentions.

(Of course, all requests for anonymity will be honored)



Thank You from Our ImmaCare Food & Serving Ministry

Our thanks to all those people who came forward to make sure that the guests of ImmaCare had good meals on cold nights this winter. Many of you have supported this "last resort hotel" for many years, while for some it was the first time. All of you made it possible for St. Ann's to take additional dates and provide dinner on extra nights when no other group had committed. The meals were always delicious and hearty, and people made such generous sizes that we were able to drop some off at an emergency No-Freeze shelter. Breakfast supplies were often dropped off in the kitchen, and sandwiches were made and donated throughout the winter. We could always leave in the evening knowing there was food for the next day. Many times guests and staff commented that the desserts were better than at any bakery. We are always proud to serve your food, and humbled by the appreciation shown.

We will not be booking dinner dates for the summer but will sometimes be visiting down there. We'd like to take many cans of Kool-Aid (pre-sweetened) since it is often very hot in the shelter and the guests need to drink a lot. As always, it would help with expenses. Just drop off in church kitchen if you want to help with this. Thanks!

Have a safe and fun summer with family and friends.



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 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**.

Mercy Purses Thank You

Thank you to the May 19th Ladies Night attendees who donated 55 Mercy Purses for charity! The ladies pocketbooks and tote bags stuffed with goodies were delivered to our grateful friends at Mercy Housing and Shelter, and Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services in Hartford. May God bless you for your generosity, and for the thoughtful care you used to choose items to fill the purses that will bless women in need.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

After years working for the Church, I can honestly say that even though I feel closer to God, I still cannot fully grasp all that is God. The complexity of God has been the source of many volumes by many writers and theologians. The crazy reality of growing in a relationship with God is that the more you get to know God, the more complex God becomes.

But I think that is true of human relationships as well. I feel like I can really peg a person one way or another after only meeting him or her a few times, but my wife and children continue to perplex me. Getting to know someone means you begin to uncover the layers of personality, feeling, and emotion that make up each human being. For those who see God as only a force or a light, God is simply defined. But for those who seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ, the God we find in relationship has many layers as well.

But that which we do know for certain about God comes to us primarily from the person of Jesus. He called us to a way of life by not only teaching us about how to live, but by showing us the example of his life. Our God is defined by generosity, sacrifice, compassion, and, of course, love. The more we incorporate these characteristics into our own life, the more we bear witness to the true nature of God. Then others can see a God that is a little less complex because they understand him through you and me. Our life will speak more than all the volumes written by all the theologians.
-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Among all things that are lovable, there is one that is more lovable than the rest, and that most lovable of all things is life.
- St. Anthony

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 11, 2017

- Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
- Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-9/Mt 5:1-12
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129-133, 135/Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5-9/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab, 10-14/Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-18/Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Mt 5:33-37
- Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/ Jn 6:51-58



GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Most Holy Trinity
"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." We are used to this profound idea, so used to it that we often glaze over the incredible reality: God the Father has a Son who became man and dwelt among us! Too often we blithely make the sign of the cross in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, without realizing what a radical theology we are announcing.

Only Christianity proclaims a triune God. Only Christianity professes that we have one God in three divine persons. Only Christianity declares that the very nature of God is to be relational and literally "personal." Why does this matter? Because we are made in God's image, as the opening chapters of Genesis tell us. We, therefore, are made in the image of this Trinitarian God who IS love. We are built to be like this God! Just as God the Father loves God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, we too are called to love one another. In fact, we are not fulfilling our nature and design when we don't. And just as God loved the world (that is, us!) so too we are called to love him in return.

We don't have to embrace this image in which we were made, of course. God gave us freedom so that our love can be real, but this means our choices really matter. We can decide not to reflect God's interpersonal love in the world. We can opt not to return the love that God pours out to each of us. But this can only lead to disappointment in the end. After all, God sent his Son so that "everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Ultimately, this means spending eternity in the Trinitarian embrace of love. So why not start now?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Today's celebration of the Most Holy Trinity shows us how awesome and huge God really is! He is not a judgmental and aloof king reigning in heaven but a loving and compassionate God who is intimately involved with his children and all his creation. God as Father reveals the immensity of God's presence as seen in the wonder of creation: the stars and seas, the mountains and hills, and all the glory that surrounds us. Jesus reveals the compassionate and gentle face of God, a God of mercy who desires nothing more than for his children to seek and come to him. God the Holy Spirit reminds us that God is the very life force of our existence, without whom we would have no breath and the universe would have no life.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." (Ex 34:6)

Psalm:

Glory and praise for ever! (Dn 3)

Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. (2 Cor 13:11)

Gospel:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. (Jn 3:16-17)

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

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.

Dear Parish Members:

Our Sunday bulletin is a primary way we use to communicate with you. Through our arrangement with Liturgical Publications, Inc. the parish does not pay for the bulletin printing, which saves us thousands of dollars every year. Our bulletin is supported through the generosity of the advertisers, many of whom are our own parish members. Most are members of our local communities. During these difficult economic times, we urge you to support our advertisers with your patronage. Tell the business owner that you appreciate their support of our parish through their advertising in the bulletin. This is one small way we can work within our own community to weather these challenging times. A strong and vibrant parish is good for our community and a strong business community is good for our parish.

If you are interested in placing an ad in the bulletin please call: 800-888-4574

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LIFE AFTER CANA:

Lessons Learned through Unexpected Turns

Are you newly married and looking for a great date? The Family Life Office invites couples married 5 years or less to an evening of fun and enrichment on Sat., June 17, 2017, from 5:00-8:30 p.m. at Mary Our Queen Church, 248 Savage St., Plantsville, CT. Engaged couples that have attended an Engaged Couples' Conference or Engaged Encounter are also invited. The program will begin with Mass, include dinner, prayer, discussion and laughter centered on the theme "Life After Cana: Lessons Learned through Unexpected Turns."

The cost is \$10.00 per couple and includes dinner.

To register or obtain more information, contact Tom and Donna Finn at 860-302-1110, or email to thomas_finn_ph_d@sbcglobal.net. Please R.S.V.P. by June 13th.