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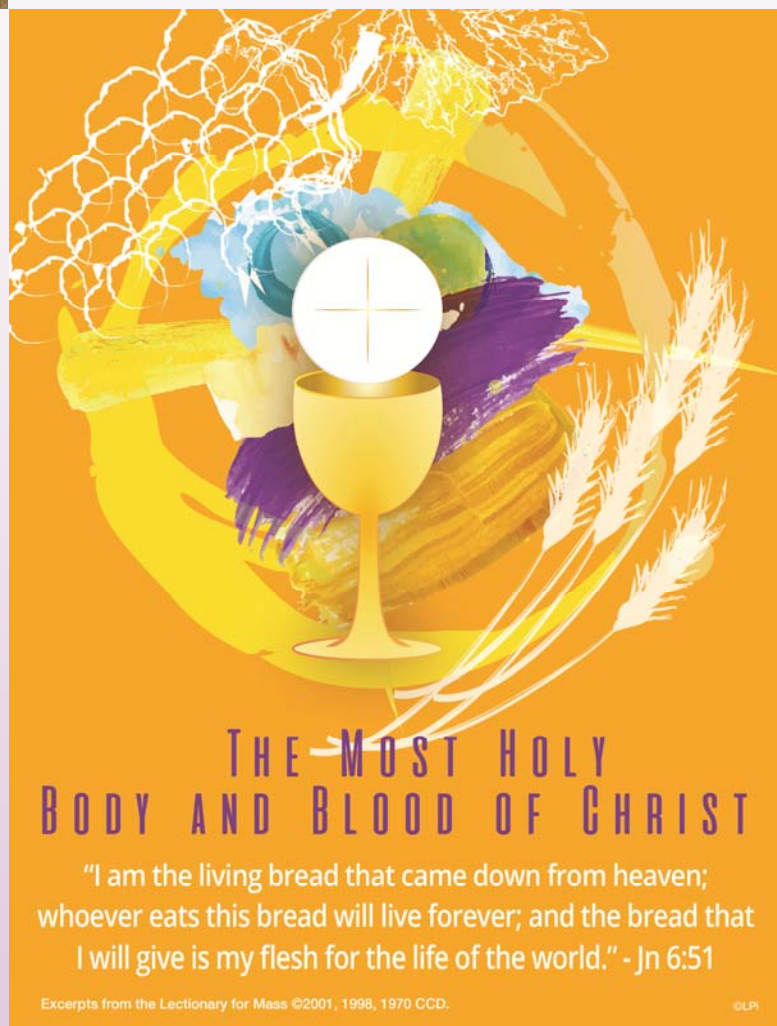
Call the Parish Office

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.



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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

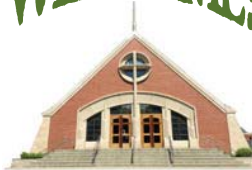
Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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 19

9:00 Helen Roman, requested by Dottie Cialfi

TUESDAY, June 20

9:00 Dr. Theodore deGroot, requested by his wife and family

WEDNESDAY, June 21

9:00 Anna and Carl Bondhus, requested by the Bondhus Family

THURSDAY, June 22

9:00 Joseph Cunningham, requested by the Cunningham Family

FRIDAY, June 23

9:00 Lewis Affelder, requested by Dick and Lorraine ZuWallack

SATURDAY, June 24

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

SUNDAY, June 25

7:30 Maria Kelly, Frances Mitchell and Thomas Mitchell, requested by the Mitchell Family

9:30 Carol DeVita, requested by Dan and Mary Healey

11:00 Terry Moody, requested by Susan and Tom McCabe

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, June 19

Bible Camp Set Up: All Rooms
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church. Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!

TUESDAY, June 20

Bible Camp Set Up: All Rooms

WEDNESDAY, June 21

Bible Camp Set Up: All Rooms

THURSDAY, June 22

Bible Camp Set Up: All Rooms
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, June 23

Bible Camp Set Up: All Rooms

SATURDAY, June 24

Bible Camp Set Up: All Rooms

SUNDAY, June 25

Bible Camp Set Up: All Rooms

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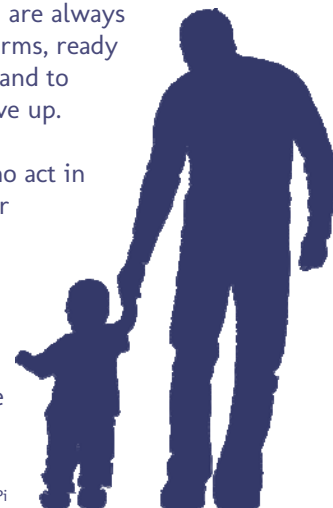
Short shorts, tank tops and other beach attire are fine for the beach but are inappropriate for church. Thank you in advance for dressing respectfully.

Blessing of Fathers

God and Father of all creation, we come before you today with humble hearts. You are our model of a loving father. When we fail and fall short of your expectations, you are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children. Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures. Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance. We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

June 11, 2017: \$7,844.13
 Online Giving/Payments (week ending 6/14/17): \$3,212.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection: none

Announcing St. Ann's Good Summer Reads!



Summer is a great time to relax and enjoy a good read or two. Choose from the following selections, and join us for discussions at summer's end:

"The Joy of the Gospel" (*Evangelii Gaudium*), Pope Francis

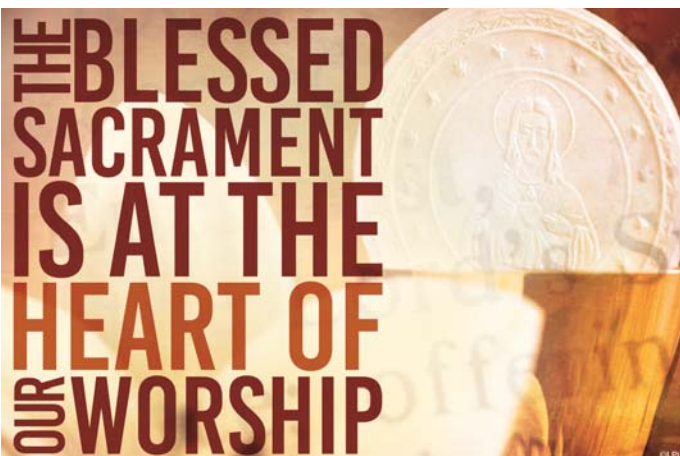
In keeping with the Church's faith formation focus for 2017-2018: "Living as Missionary Disciples," the Holy Father discusses the blessings and challenges of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with others in today's world. The writing is at times earnest, but always inspiring. The work is available in book form, or you may download it for free via stannavon.com.

The Five Love Languages, Gary Chapman, PhD.

Years of practice as a Christian psychologist/Marriage Counselor led the author to the discovery that there are five primary ways that people receive and express love. Gain wisdom about yourself and others that can inform ALL your relationships.

The Five Love Languages of Children Gary Chapman, PhD, and Ross Campbell, MD

Learn how to express love to each of your children in a language that they understand.



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 www.stannavon.org for the updated schedule.

Curious about the benefits of a small group Bible Study? Here's what one participant has to share:

"As a stay at home mom to four young children, Bible study has never been a priority. I had been pushing away the idea of attending St. Ann Bible Study for some time. I was too busy, too scared and felt like I lacked adequate knowledge of the Bible. But I felt like there was something absent from my life.

I have been to Bible studies at other churches, but attending St. Ann's "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" has given me something more than what I feel like I was getting anywhere else. This group leaves me feeling uplifted, recharged and giving something back just for me!

Being surrounded by a loving community and caring individuals helps me learn more about myself and my faith. Becoming more actively involved within my church has helped me make deeper connections with others, myself and my relationship with God. These relationships have developed into some life-long friendships. I feel beyond blessed to be part of St. Ann's Bible Study!" - Callie Barnes





*Thank you to all those
who made the
Mass for Graduates on
June 11th such a special
liturgy for our high school
graduates and
families. May God bless
the Class of 2017!*



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**.


Jesus of Nazareth Requests the Honor of your Presence at His Banquet

What if you were to receive an engraved invitation with these words? Would you be humbled, honored, and awed to be invited? Or would you turn down the invitation?

- Would you wear clothes that reflected the dignity of the occasion, or would you show up in shorts and a tank top?
- Would you say hello and greet your Divine Host warmly, or would you rush in late and plop down in a chair?
- And when the meal was over, would you thank your Host, or would you rush from the table with the last bite of food in your mouth without saying Thank You or Goodbye?

We all receive this exact invitation every week—the invitation to participate in Jesus' Banquet of the Eucharist. Do we sometimes take for granted this incomparable gift of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ? Do we arrive a few minutes early to say a prayer before Mass, and genuflect before entering the pew? Do we dress respectfully, and pray after receiving, and remain until Mass is over?

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is a time to reflect on the awesome gift of Jesus Himself, truly present in the Eucharist. Nothing else in all creation can compare to it, and we all are invited to the Banquet! May God grant us prayerful and grateful hearts to respond to His greatest gift of Love.



FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

June 21–July 4

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator,
from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
You have called us as your people and given us
the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,
and your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel
to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood
and every danger overcome—
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us—
this great land will always be "one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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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 back 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 that true love knows no bounds. What does the holy Eucharist say to you about stewardship? Maybe today is a great time to reflect on your answer. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

This blood that but one drop of has the power to win all the world forgiveness of its world of sin.

- St. Thomas Aquinas

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 18, 2017

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/ Jn 6:51-58
 Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4/Mt 5:38-42
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-9a/Mt 5:43-48
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
 Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
 Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
 Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Acts 13:22-26/ Lk 1:57-66, 80



GOSPEL MEDITATION

"The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'" From the beginning, the Eucharist has been a source of controversy. Some people have always found the teaching difficult to accept. But as Catholics, the Blessed Sacrament is at the heart of our worship and our spirituality; we go to Mass to share in the holy sacrifice of Jesus' body and blood, and we receive spiritual nourishment from partaking of this heavenly food. As Jesus himself tells us in today's Gospel, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

From this passage it is clear that Jesus intended the Eucharist to be a tremendous gift for us, for "whoever eats this bread will live forever." This of course is because the bread is Christ's "flesh for the life of the world." In other words, just as he gave his body on the cross to save us from our sins, so too this same flesh is given for us at every Mass to strengthen our weakness and unite us more deeply to our Savior.

Receiving Communion isn't like taking a magic pill, however. We must beware of reducing this sacrament to an empty ritual or a foolproof guarantee of heaven. No, it is quite possible to receive Communion unworthily and reject its spiritual efficacy. Just like the benefits of a healthy meal can be undone by a habit of bingeing on junk food, so too we can prevent holy Communion from having its full benefits when we crowd our souls with vices and sins. If, on the other hand, we wish to let this sacrament of divine grace flourish, we should receive it with a sincere spirit of gratitude and reverence, praying that we may be made worthy to receive such a gift.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Today is all about transformation. The bread and wine is transformed into the body and blood of Christ and we, by partaking in the Eucharist, are also transformed into the body and blood of Christ. St. Augustine issued a wise instruction regarding the Eucharist: "Become what you eat." This is the real challenge of every eucharistic celebration. Will we allow God to transform us into his Son so that the hope, love, healing, comfort, and mercy he embodies can be brought to our world through us? As Jesus feeds us, how can we feed others?

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD. (Dt 8:3)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (Ps 147) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:17)

Gospel:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world..."

"For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (Jn 6:51, 55-56)

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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.



Vie for the Kids is teeing it up to honor and remember St. Ann parishioner, Robby Brisco, and all of the kids who are battling cancer.

It is our mission and purpose to help other kids with cancer in Robby's honor. Please consider supporting our beloved event by either sponsoring, golfing or joining us for dinner. For more information, please go to: connecticutchildrensfoundation.org/event/robb-brisco-open/



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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.