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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.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

— Lk 7:48-50



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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: 8:35 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

11th Sunday Ordinary Time

MONDAY, June 13
9:00 Special Intentions
TUESDAY, June 14
9:00 Joseph Sheridan, requested by the Sheridan Family
WEDNESDAY, June 15
9:00 Special Intentions
THURSDAY, June 16
9:00 Special Intentions
FRIDAY, June 17
9:00 Helen Roman, requested by Dottie Ciaffi
SATURDAY, June 18
4:00 In celebration of the 25th wedding anniversary of John & Jean Henares
SUNDAY, June 19
7:30 For all fathers, living and deceased
9:30 For all fathers, living and deceased
11:00 For all fathers, living and deceased



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, June 13
Bible Camp Set-Up: all rooms used
TUESDAY, June 14
Bible Camp Set-Up: all rooms used
WEDNESDAY, June 15
Bible Camp Set-Up: all rooms used
THURSDAY, June 16
Bible Camp Set-Up: all rooms used
FRIDAY, June 17
Bible Camp Set-Up: all rooms used
SATURDAY, June 18
Bible Camp Set-Up: all rooms used
SUNDAY, June 19
Bible Camp Set-Up: all rooms used



Church of Saint Ann Legacy Society

Fr. McHugh is pleased to announce the formation of the Church of Saint Ann Legacy Society to recognize and honor parishioners who make a bequest that will benefit our parish. It is important to create this program in order to perpetuate the work of Saint Ann's parish ministries and outreach. All the proceeds from these estate plans will be used exclusively for the benefit of the Church of Saint Ann. Legacy gifts will be added to the parish endowment fund in order to strengthen the financial future of St. Ann. 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 financial stability. (Of course, requests for anonymity will be honored.) Please let Father McHugh know of your intentions by filling out the confidential form that was mailed with his bequest letter and return it to him as soon as possible.



Please join us before daily Mass for Rosary at 8:35 am and the Divine Mercy Chaplet immediately following Mass.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

June 5, 2016: \$7,797.20

Online Giving (week ending 6/8/16): \$2,581.00

Next weekend's 2nd collection:

monthly



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**.



LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to Drew Duarte for all of his hard work renovating the church library here at St. Ann. Drew did a wonderful job painting, adding and repairing shelves, and neatly arranging the materials. Come down the stairs below the church wing/side entrance to enjoy the library, located in the back

Free Rosary Repair Service

We have lots of parts. Leave broken rosaries in the rosary repair box which is now on a table in the Gathering Space . Repaired rosaries will be returned within the week. Also, donations of old and broken rosaries are accepted which will be repaired and sent on to the missions. Betty and Dick Holden at 860-658-6330 or holdenbd@comcast.net



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2016/17 Religious Education Registration

Our Faith Formation classes have ended and it is time to plan for our 2016/2017 year. Again this year, we will automatically enroll all existing students into the next grade level assuming all requirements have been met. Please complete a registration form (download on our website: www.stannavon.com) on or before June 1, 2016 to avoid a \$40 late fee.

We are now past the June 1st deadline, all payments must include the \$40.00 late fee.

The Faith Formation Program Grades K-8 will begin Sunday, September 19, 2016. Grades K-4 will attend Avon Middle School Sunday mornings from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Grades 5-8 will attend Avon Middle School Sunday evenings from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

The Confirmation Program will begin Sunday, September 11, 2016. Confirmation classes will meet Sunday evenings at the Church of Saint Ann **Grade 9 and 10 Registrations end on 09/02/2016, as activities are already scheduled.**

***NOTE:** Please do not hold up your child(ren)'s registration due to financial concerns, we will happily work with you, all information is confidential.*

Save the Date: Sat. Sept. 10, 1-4pm

Rain date: Sun, 12-3pm

MINISTRY FAIR!

Church of St. Ann, Backyard

Ministry Booths!

Games!

Food!

Prizes!

There's a place in our parish for your talents, so come

Get in the GAME!



"Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair? So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love."

- Lk. 7:44b, 47a



Graduation Mass

THIS Sunday, June 12th, 2016, 11:00am

Come help us
CELEBRATE, HONOR & BLESS
OUR 2016 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
& FAMILIES

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

GRADUATES,
please RSVP to Ann DiStefano by June 5
ames.distefano@gmail.com; (860) 463-7495

The Church of Saint Ann *Lives the Year of Mercy*

Take part in the "Good Summer Read" program
for the Year of Mercy!

My Journey to Live from the Inside Out, by our own parishioner, **Shawn Elizabeth George**, is a compelling story about Shawn's awakening in faith, filled with practical wisdom on how our relationship with God can help our marriages, parenting and even our finances reflect mercy. **Stop by the parish offices to pick up your discounted copy of the book.** (\$15, checks payable to Shawn George) We'll gather for book talks in September. Questions? Contact Ann below.

Share Your Mercy Stories
We Know They're Out There!

Have you had an encounter with mercy – big or small, recent or distant - that you'd be willing to share? These stories are important because they connect us with one another, provide proof of God's action in our lives, and inspire others to do mercy. To share your story, please contact Ann below.

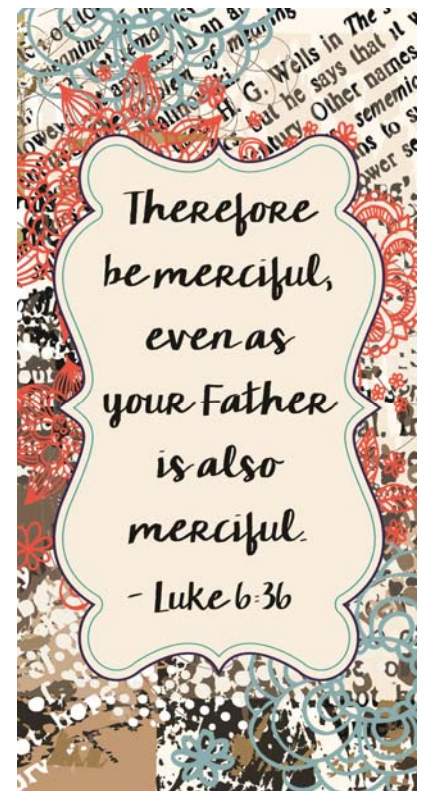
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Some people say that living together before marriage helps you be more certain that a couple will get along when they are married. It seems logical, but my and priest do not approve. Wouldn't marriages be better if couples lived together before they married?

It might seem logical but actually living together before marriage diminishes your chances of success. Several people have examined the success rate and found that couples who live together before marriage do not do as well as couples who don't. Why? People will attribute it to many things, but I would offer this. Love is essentially a choice. We choose to spend time together, to get to know one another, to share ourselves and our interests. Bonds of love and friendship are built and strengthened because of our choosing to separate and come together again. A good example of this is the life of priests. While priests are assigned together at the same parish, they might very well become good friends. They share the same mission, living space and concerns. But sometimes when one is transferred, they do not speak for months or even longer. Why? There was no choice. The relationship was built on things other than interpersonal relationship. Couples who live together can short circuit the process of developing the interpersonal and intimate bond that is the basis of a marriage and end up unknowingly building their relationship on common tasks, shared living space, and financial interdependence. Time, repetition, choice and love are all part of building a marital bond.

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FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

Sharing the Gospel

The woman in today's Gospel was not well-liked in her town. She had made some pretty bad choices, and everybody knew it. In her heart she knew she had really messed up, and she was truly sorry. With a broken heart, she found Jesus. When Jesus saw the faith in her heart, he forgave her. He gave her the freedom to live a better life.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to be truly sorry for my sins.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself crying because you made a bad choice.

Mission for the Week

If there is someone in your class who is not well-liked, show God's love by being kind.

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For the Children...

QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

**Give thanks for God's forgiveness.
Whom do you need to forgive?**

Defending Our Religious Liberty

During Fortnight for Freedom (June 21-July 4th), our liturgical calendar will celebrate a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power – St. John Fisher and St. Thomas Moore, St. John the Baptist, SS Peter and Paul and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Last month, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously vacated the decisions before it, remanding the cases to the lower courts with instructions to afford the parties the opportunity to work out an alternative approach to the mandate. Let us pray that the State courts prevail in support of religious freedom.

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 state representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

Readings for the Week of June 12, 2016

Sunday: 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11/
Gal 2:16, 19-21/Lk 7:36-8:3 or 7:36-50

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-6, 11, 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20-21, 24/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11-14, 17-18/
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Gal 3:26-29/
Lk 9:18-24

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A lot was made in the last election about the two parties' differing appeals to women voters. Since the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the US Constitution, women have had the right to vote in every election. No candidate can afford to ignore more than half the population. Often the press will cite certain issues as being of particular concern to women (things like health care, violence, workplace equality, food security) as opposed to topics that the media would label as of more concern to men (defense, terrorism, banking and finance law). While legislators may find themselves attuned at one time to one part of the population, and then the other, in the end, they must respond to all of their constituents and be concerned with the common good.

The Gospel this weekend gives us an insight into the band of believers who followed Jesus in his ministry. Luke paints a portrait of a mixed group of followers. There were the Twelve, that is the apostles, but there were also a number of women, some of whom were influential people. We know from the letters of St. Paul that in the early church men and women worked together to build up the kingdom of God by spreading the message of Christ.

In forgiving the sinful woman in the Gospel, Jesus outlines a path to be taken in achieving the common good, a path of forgiveness and healing. These are not easy virtues to exercise in the political world, which is often a cutthroat, winner-take-all type of endeavor. As Christians, it is our duty to influence our legislators on the issues that will promote the common good of all rather than the personal good of some. As Luke's writings in his Gospel and in Acts of the Apostles points out, Christianity is a religion of community. In both our private and our public lives we profess our faith in Christ and we care for our neighbor.

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

COMING THIS Summer

ROBBY BRISCO OPEN

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CURE CHILDHOOD CANCER

Monday, August 15, 2016

Tunxis Golf Club
87 Town Farm Road
Farmington, CT

10:00 am Shotgun Start

5:00 pm Dinner, Awards,
Prizes and Auction

Register at vieforthekids.org

Honor the First Anniversary of Laudato Si

On June 18th, Catholics all over the world will celebrate the anniversary of *Laudato Si* ("Praise Be to You"), Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment. Summer is a great time to sit as a family and talk about how we can better care for God's creation. Visit www.stannavon.com for a link to the very readable *Laudato Si*.
For more resources, visit www.catholicsocialjustice.org/laudato-si.html.

An invitation from Sr. Jerilyn Hunihan,
guest speaker from the
Rediscover Jesus Lenten Program
on Prison Ministry:

2016 CT Prison Art Show
June 2nd - June 25th
Foyer/Lobby of Capital Comm. College
950 Main Street, Hartford

FREE to the Public!

Prison Arts helps incarcerated women and men develop self-discipline, self-examination, self-esteem, and positive interpersonal and communication skills.
For more info: www.cpa-ct.org/prisonarts/

VOCATION DISCERNMENT NIGHTS FOR MEN AGES 16-35

Mon. July 11 at St. Mary Church, 626 Willard Ave., Newington 6-8 pm
Mon. Aug. 8 at St. Dominic Church, 1050 Flanders Rd., Southington 6-8pm

Have you figured out yet what you want to be when you "grow up"? More importantly, have you figured out why? We invite you to join us for an informational gathering where there will be a short talk with practical suggestions for "discerning" the call that God has in store for you, some time for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, a chance to hear the story of the vocation journey from a few of our seminarians, and we will play a round of "Stump the Seminarian" giving you the chance to bring your questions to them. There's even free pizza, so why not swing by? To reserve your spot, please call: 860-761-7457 or e-mail the Vocation Office at: vocations@aohct.org, or use the form on our website at www.hartfordfordpriest.com.

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Celebrate the Eucharist with EWTN

Tune in to EWTN throughout the year for daily Mass, devotionals, powerful documentaries, excellent teaching series, and live events from around the globe to foster your faith in the Real Presence. Find channel for your area at www.ewtn.com A few programs to look for, which are currently airing, Extraordinary Faith, Biblical Story of the Mass, and when children Adore.