



# 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.



# 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. —Lk 24:35

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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



**3rd Sunday  
of Easter**

**MONDAY, May 1**

9:00 **Margaret Fuller**, requested by her daughter

**TUESDAY, May 2**

9:00 **Joseph & Filomena Ribera**, requested by the family

**WEDNESDAY, May 3**

9:00 **Joseph & Margaret Juliano**, requested by the Abate Family

**THURSDAY, May 4**

9:00 **Sam Riela**, requested by the family

**FRIDAY, May 5**

9:00 **Michael Sumers**, requested by Rosanne Harutunian

**SATURDAY, May 6**

4:00 **Manda Koch**, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

**SUNDAY, May 7**

7:30 **Linda & Salvatore Bonini**, requested by the family

9:30 **Ann Tromza**, requested by Mary Jane Jeter

11:00 **John Crouch**, requested by a friend of the family



*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 1**

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

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

**First Communion Practice:** 4:30-6pm (10am Group)

**TUESDAY, May 2**

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

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3

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

**First Communion Practice:** 4:30-6pm (1pm Group)

**WEDNESDAY, May 3**

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

**First Communion Practice:** 4:30-6pm (10am Group)

**THURSDAY, May 4**

**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

**First Communion Practice:** 4:30-6pm (1pm Group)

**FRIDAY, May 5**

**SATURDAY, May 6**

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

**First Communion:** 10am & 1pm

**SUNDAY, May 7**

**ST. ANN CARES**



**St. Ann Cares'  
Day of Caring  
Saturday May 6th.**



Come join in the fun as we help our neighbors. Arrive at the church at 7 am., have some coffee, check in, get your assignment and get blessed before you continue on to your site.

Questions contact Steve Rose at:

[rose\\_sp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rose_sp@sbcglobal.net) or 860-250-5355

*Sign-Up forms for our May 6th Day of Caring are available online at: <http://www.stannavon.org/saint-ann-cares> or through the Parish Office.*

**St. Ann Cemetery  
Headstone Cleaning Fundraiser**

The Confirmation & Youth Ministry programs will be holding a fundraiser for the St. Ann Cemetery. They will be cleaning headstones on May 7th. Please support them by making a suggested donation of \$20 in memory of a loved one.

Donations will be accepted after the 9:30am & 11:00am Masses this Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.


If you won't be here this weekend you can drop your donation off throughout the week in the Confirmation/Youth Ministry Office or the Parish Office.



**WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

**April 23, 2017:** \$8,530.96.00  
**Online Giving (week ending 4/19/17):** \$2,642.00  
**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:**  
*National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.*

**2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**



It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2017 Appeal literature only! For more information please visit the Appeal website at:  
[www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org).

**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



*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)

Dear Parishioners,

This year there will be 59 candidates receiving the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. They received their First Reconciliation on December 10, 2016, and are preparing for reception of the Blessed Sacrament in the Spring. Soon we will be putting out the Little Lambs for you to select a child and pray for them while they prepare for their sacrament.

Due to the overwhelming positive response, we would like to continue to gift each child with a First Communion Bible. We are asking that you sponsor any child or children, with this gift anonymously and it will be presented to them on their First Communion Day. In return, we will be asking the children to pray for the person who gave it to them *every time they read their Bible*.

The Bibles are reasonably priced and if you are interested in being part of this beautiful event, please pick up a form on the tables in the Gathering Space and return it with your payment of \$15.00 per Bible (made out to Church of St. Ann). Please mail to the church in an envelope clearly marked "for First Communion Bible" or drop it off at the Parish Offices. How pleased Jesus must be to know that both the children of this year's First Eucharist class and the adults of our Parish are praying for each other!

Thank you so much for your consideration and for your prayerful support of these beautiful children!

Yours in Christ, Father McHugh





## 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!



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 the website for a list of suggested items.



## PERENNIAL PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am - 12 noon

St. Ann's Parking Lot

## We Need Plant Donations!

Please consider sharing some of your perennials that are ready for dividing this spring. In addition, we would welcome the donation of herbs, purchased perennials if you are unable to donate from your own gardens, and large plant containers. Further information will follow about drop-off dates.

If you enjoy gardening, we would love to have you join us. We are a small committee and could use some additional help. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call Jean Frey at 860-673-1949.

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

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*The road to Emmaus is one of my favorite Gospel stories because it shows a Jesus that is masterful at reaching people. First, when he comes upon those walking on the road, he asks them what they are talking about and then asks them to explain. How often are we too eager to just start talking at people when we feel they need to hear what we have to say? Jesus offers an invitation for them to share first. Allowing them to share first opens them up for what Jesus will do next.*

*Second, Jesus takes time to interpret for them the words of the prophets. He gave them their turn and now it is his. Not only wise, but a movement of respect. After a long walk, they invite Jesus stay with them and dine. Third and finally, Jesus breaks bread with them and they are able to see that he is no ordinary traveler. He is the risen One. He could have just told them who he was, but allowing them by their experience to uncover who he was had the greater impact. Jesus demonstrated to us in these actions how to be gracious and impactful when sharing the good news. If we are to be good stewards and fruitful disciples then we must imitate him in this regard. This Easter season let us practice the following: 1) Allow others first to share what they have to say. 2) Then be willing to take the time to explain fully or to the best of our ability our faith. And 3) help others find a way to experience firsthand the message you have shared. No one can understand love without witnessing love. In this way, your words and deeds will become a pathway to Jesus for others.*  
*Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

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## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*To fast is to banquet with angels.*

- St. Athanasius

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

"God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear." (Acts 2:32-33)

### Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16) OR Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (1 Pt 1:20-21)

### Gospel:

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. (Lk 24:33-35)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of April 30, 2017

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/  
Lk 24:13-35  
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29  
Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17,  
23-24/Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16/Mt 13:54-58  
Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab/  
Jn 6:30-35  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a/Jn 14:6-14  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69  
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." The disciples on the road to Emmaus had already heard reports about Jesus' resurrection. It was at the forefront of their minds, but in spite of this, they did not recognize Jesus when he stood right before them.

Why not? Perhaps because they weren't looking for him. Maybe they didn't really believe that he was alive. Or it could be that his appearance was not the same as it had been before. Whatever the case, it's very interesting to learn that it was actually while celebrating the Eucharist that these men finally realized who was right there with them! "He was made known to them in the breaking of bread."

Living as we do some two thousand years later, it is easy to imagine that recognizing Jesus was a snap for those who walked the earth when he did. We can run the risk of feeling sorry for ourselves that we don't get to see Jesus in person they way THEY did. But look here! It was through the Eucharist that Christ was made known to them, and we too have that gift right in front of us. We celebrate every week the same "breaking of bread" at the altar during Mass. Jesus is present with us, body, blood, soul, and divinity, even if we don't recognize him! He is there, present in our midst. do the same for us through the Most Blessed Sacrament. We only need to be sure that we are always on the lookout to find him in our midst.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

Does your celebration of the Eucharist ever transform you? Today we are presented with the story of what happened on the road to Emmaus. The disciples are simply journeying with Jesus, whom they do not recognize, talking about all that happened over the past days. They were quite bewildered as they did not know what to think about the empty tomb. Each year, we gather to celebrate the Resurrection and many of us wonder, what does it all mean? Jesus journeys with us every moment of our lives, yet we often do not recognize him. When we gather each week, the word of God, the homily that is preached, and the Eucharist that is received all help us lift the veil that often hides the wonder, power, and presence of God. Will you be open today to being taught, led, and transformed by Christ? He is walking with us, eager to open our eyes so that we can see.

## 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).

### **The Grotto Gift Shop...**

located at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield, is now open daily Monday to Saturday from 10:30am to 4:00pm and on Sunday, 11:30am (after Mass) to 4:00pm. There are First Communion & Confirmation gifts in stock with more coming in daily. For further information, call 860-567-0891 or email: [lourdesshrinct@gmail.com](mailto:lourdesshrinct@gmail.com).