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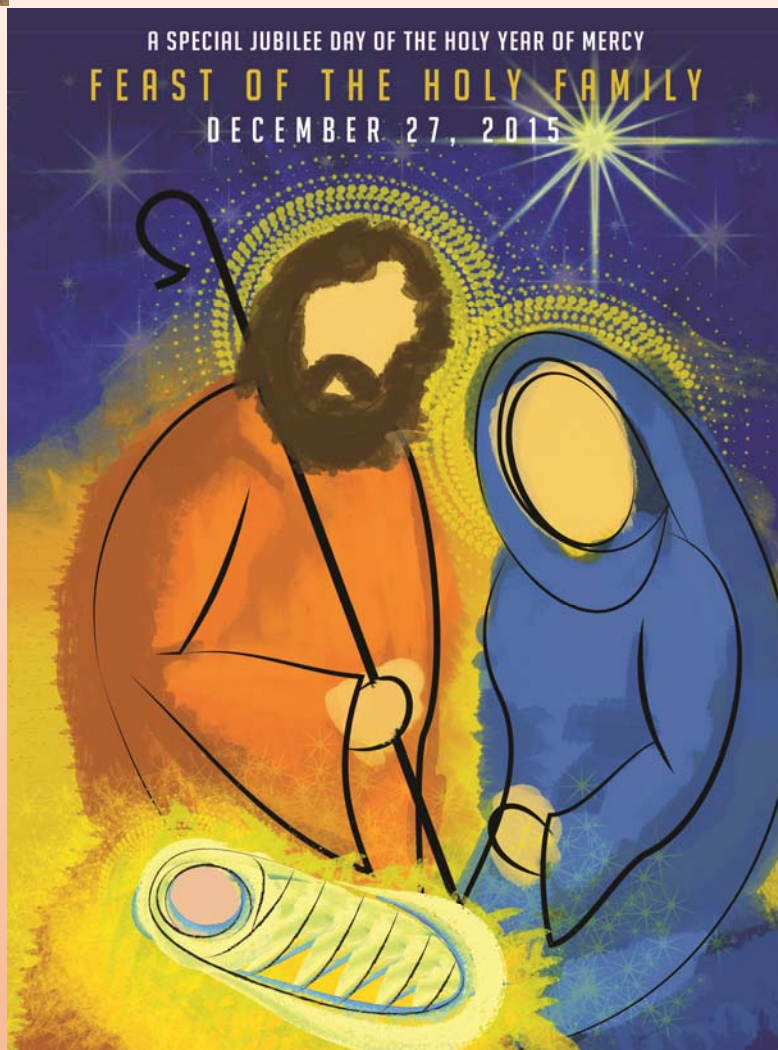
Call the Parish Office

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

MONDAY, December 28

9:00 **John Gallagher**, requested by
John & Alice Kuzia

TUESDAY, December 29

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, December 30

9:00 **Vincenzo Iannuzzo**, requested by
Roseanne Harutunian

THURSDAY, December 31

9:00 **Special Intentions**
4:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, January 1, Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 **Special Intentions**
12:10 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, January 2

4:00 **Henry Hojnowski**, requested by
Russell & Diane Koch

SUNDAY, January 3

7:30 **Carmel Kealy**, requested by
Fiona & David Tolin & Family
9:30 **Jeremiah McQuillan**, requested by the family
11:00 **Nino Cessario**, requested by
Walter & Joni Suski & 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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, December 28

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

TUESDAY, December 29

RCIA: will resume January 5, 2016

WEDNESDAY, December 30

Lectio Divina: will resume January 13, 2016

THURSDAY, December 31


FRIDAY, January 1, Solemnity of Mary



SATURDAY, January 2

Men's Breakfast Group: not meeting this week

SUNDAY, January 3

 *Our 7th & 8th Grade students will be sponsoring coffee and refreshments after the 9:30am Mass*



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Friday, January 1st
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

** A Holy Day of Obligation **

Masses will be at:

December 31st: 4pm Vigil
January 1st: 9am and 12:10pm

January 1 is the oldest celebration of Mary in the Catholic Church. The custom of honoring the Virgin on the first day of the New Year originates in the sixth century, when her celebration was tied to the octave day of Christmas, the eighth day after December 25. In doing so, ancient preachers would remind their congregations about the role that Mary played in the history of salvation. Jesus was born of a woman, and so, as Eucharistic Prayer 4 states, "Made incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, he shared our human nature in all things but sin." The human nature of Christ is rooted in his being born like us. As we round out the Christmas celebration with its Octave Day on January 1, we venerate the woman who gave birth to him.

There is a dual action in today's Gospel that is sometimes overlooked. The shepherds find the infant in the manger as has been told to them by the angel. And then they go out to tell others about the child. In the meantime, Mary reflects on all these things in her heart. These are the two complementary stances of the Christian: action and reflection. Both are needed for a balanced spiritual life. It is, in effect, putting into practice the two great commandments: love God and love your neighbor.

As we begin the New Year, it is customary to make resolutions: to diet, to exercise, to change something in one's life. Like Mary, who reflected on the events surrounding the birth of her child, we take some time to reflect on our own lives: where we have been, and where we are going. The Gospel gives us the opportunity to situate that reflection in a spiritual context. What does the birth of Jesus mean for me spiritually (reflection), and what do I intend to do about that in my daily life (action)?

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

December 13, 2015: \$7,394.50

December 20, 2015: will be reported next weekend

Online Giving: we will resume reporting this after the New Year weekend because bulletins need to be uploaded so early

Next weekend's second collection: none



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**.

Free Rosary Repair Service...

Free Rosary Repair Service at St. Ann's will resume in May. If you should need rosaries repaired from November to April, please send to Betty and Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd. #502, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. For more information you may call: 239-463-3993 or email them at: HoldenBnD@comcast.net

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-8: UPCOMING CLASSES

January 10th and January 24th

Next Family Mass: January 3rd at 9:30am

Grades 7 & 8 sponsor Parish Coffee after the Mass

The Holy Family

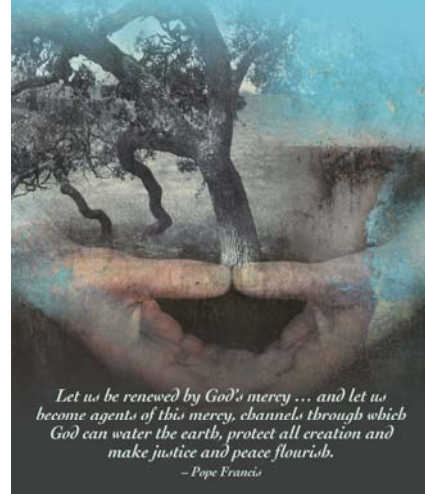
Every parent knows the trials of raising children. There is the wonder of watching someone grow and learn and discover new things. There is satisfaction as a child takes to heart the morals and values that a parent seeks to share. There is sadness, and even grief, when some difficult problem or illness besets a son or daughter. There may even be anger or despair if, as a child grows, he or she rejects what a parent holds dear. Needless to say, family life is complicated, never perfect, sometimes full of joy, sometimes crowded with pain.

Today's Gospel gives a hint that the life of the Holy Family was not always the perfect example we might imagine. Trials and struggles were a part of their life too. As the Gospel story relates today, Jesus basically skipped out on Mary and Joseph, not an unusual practice for an adolescent. But also not the kind of thing we would typically associate with a well-behaved teenager. In other words, the Holy Family is exhibiting the traits and behaviors that are part of the dynamic of ordinary family life.

And that is good! It serves as a reminder to all of us that their example is that of a family not so different from our own. On this feast the church lifts up the Holy Family for us to imitate. The prayer for the day asks God to help us be like them "in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity." No matter the structure of our family household, we are called to put into practice the eternal love of God, first revealed in the mystery of the family of the Trinity, and then lived out concretely in human life in the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It is the bond of charity that holds any family together, a love that penetrates deep into our souls and abides in our hearts no matter the joys or sorrows that life brings.

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HOLY YEAR OF MERCY
December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016



Let us be renewed by God's mercy ... and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.

— Pope Francis



Wishing the Parish of Saint Ann a blessed New Year filled with good health, happiness and a renewed commitment to spread God's love to others in words and actions.

SAVE THE DATE

Please Save Your Books to Donate to the
8th Annual Book Sale
at the Church of Saint Ann

All proceeds go toward scholarships for deserving Hartford students attending local Catholic High Schools.

Please donate books in good condition during the following book sale collection dates/times:

Wednesday, January 6th, between 9:30am - 6pm
Thursday, January 7th, between 9:30am - 6pm
Friday, January 8th between 9:30am - 11:30am

Please donate best sellers, fiction, non-fiction, religious, classics, biographies, memoirs, self-help books, vintage books, cookbooks, collectibles, large print, children's books, young readers and books-on-CD. Please do NOT donate encyclopedias, magazines, VHS movies, records, albums or cassette tapes. In addition to books, please donate sturdy computer paper boxes and lids. Thank you!

January 2016 Book Sale dates:

Friday, January 8th: 5pm - 8pm (\$5 adult admission)
Saturday, January 9th: 9am - 6pm (no admission fee)
Sunday, January 10th: 8am - 12:30pm (no admission fee)

Volunteers are needed for collection and sale week!

To volunteer at the January 2016 Book Sale, please contact Nancy Casey (860.673.3141) or Constance Rotondo (860.404.0204) constance.rotondo@comcast.net



The Men of Saint Ann's Annual Retreat

January 22-24, 2016

At Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
West Hartford, CT

Join Us!

For more information go to the Holy Family Retreat Center website, Click on Retreats, then Themed Retreats

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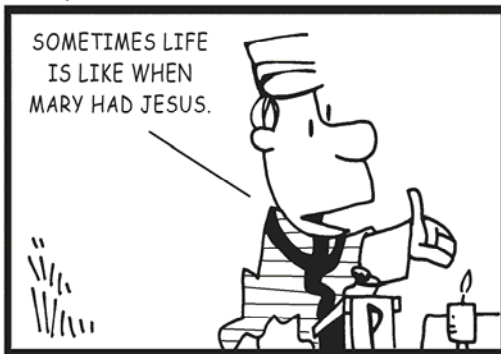
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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



Thank You...

To all the families who participated in the Christmas Caroling at River Ridge. It was so much fun! The residents loved it so much they want us to come back again soon to do another program!

Join us for the next Youth Outreach meeting on Tuesday, January 5 from 7-8 pm in Room 2.

Kids of all ages are welcome! If you are unable to make the meeting but would like to learn more about Youth Outreach activities, please email Shawn George at segeorge12@gmail.com to be placed on the email list. Thank you for doing what you can, when you can:-)



January 1, 2016

The poinsettias decorating the altar for Christmas have been donated in honor of or in memory of the following persons:*

Marion Connors	Charlie & Rose DeFilippo	Mary, Edward, Jack,
Frances Connors	Frank Miles	& Helen Miller Healy
Theresa Benoit	John T. LaVia	Diane Marcuccio
Lucille Tavtigian	Julia D. Curtin	Vera Alft
David Kuzia	Rich St. Onge	*Bill Newman
Edmund J. Sikora	Horace & Anita Abate	The ZuWallack Family
Eugene Duarte	Joseph & Margaret Juliano	The Zalenski Family
The Bialaski Family	Arthur Chrapowitzky	The McHugh Family
Ruby Sutherland	Helen Chrapowitzky	The Cheah Family
Douglas & Mildred Gould	Helen Perrone	The Nashlenas Family
David Temple, Jr.	Frank Perrone	The Fregeau Family
Edwin Lysak	The Fee Family	The Wszalek Family
The John Lysak Family	The Peregrin Family	The Dowden Family
The Joseph Brennan Family	Zelinda & Lena Salvadori	The Widman Family
Nancy Milicki	Jack & Helen Affelder	The Babcock Family
John Milicki Sr.	Prima & Anne Butteri	George Waldeck
Pat Clark	Donald Thompson	Freeman Clark
Helen Ann Bachhuber	Connie & Tony Guglioit	Shirley Clark
John Bachhuber	Al & Lily Apuzzo	The Kulesa Family
Maryann Enderle	George & Catherine Taverna	The Testa Family
Marie Enrico	William LaMonica, Sr.	The Renaud Family
Gino Enrico	Katherine B. LaMonica	The Moody Family
The Szydlo Family	James P. Waldron	Raymond Teodosio
The Magiera Family	John F. McCusker	Natale & Ruth Balich
Fred Bielefeld	The Healy & Shoulder Families	Frances Curran
All my family and friends	Nicholas Seminara	The Messier & Marcotte Families
George & Virginia Yurch	The Picard Family	Elizabeth Caspar
Arthur & Betty Godbout	The Hooper Family	Joanna Puma
*The Prado Family	Eileen & Robert Rooney	The O'Hagan & Bernetich Families
The Gadzinski Family	Leonard Hudak	Mildred Bonk
The Choroscin Family	The Anderson, Pirnat	Robert Krawski
Martin T. Foy, Sr.	& Swanson Families	John & Dorothy McCoy
James R. Hamel	Corinne Elizabeth Wall	Mr. & Mrs Robert Glynn
Mary & Frank Rao	George Francis Wall	Mr & Mrs Joseph Kreivenas
Edward Stepien	Helen Frances Walls	Mr & Mrs Charles E. Devanney
Bill Olson	Donald Guzauckas	Mr & Mrs Miner L. Fyler Sr.
Judy Olson	& Alexina Charbonneau	*Jim and Barbara Martino
The Harvell/Benton Family	Matthew Gannatti	Family of John & Marie Peluso
*Judy Mazurik	John Frucci	The Angelina Family
Eddie Consuegra	Carmela Gannatti	
The Swaiqa Family	Livio & Anne Fresk	
Joseph & Pauline Centofanti	& Catherine Bostic	
Matthew & Rich Jerzyk	Al & Doris Tafuri	

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Joseph Savidge
Addis & Elsie Daly
Kyle Daly Brown
Larry Scelza
The Girard & Ahern Families
Ralph Labnon
Carolyn Calcagni
Joseph & Dahlia Calcagni
Ceil Biscoglio
The Tomlinson/Biscoglio Families
The Lenihan & Miller Families
Paul & Ardelle Murphy
Jean Leavitt
Lucy Rose
Carl & Mildred Lawryniewicz
Sam Riela
John Reilly
Ann Tromza
Pete Tromza
Jack Tromza
John Rims
Mary Pearson
Helen Kozak
Joan Sheldon
Walter Pietrusinski
Alice Pietrusinski
John Pietrusinski
George Korch
Dee Dee Sullivan
Douglas Blood
Rev. James Cronin
Hope & Harold Whalen
James & Mary Martino
Sarah & Jarrett Green
Aldo & Elizabeth Zeffiro
Mary O'Brien Stevens
& William Stevens
Evelyn Colturi Cooke
Clayton E. Cooke
The Colturi Family
The Cooke Family

The Bondhus & Vuono Families
Rev. Thomas P. Quinn
The Goett & Madden Families
John, Elizabeth & John Jr. Douglass
Eric Rebillard
Louise & Pat Bell
Rose & Frank Wolfel
Josephine & Joan Garger
Amelia & William Coccia
The Bingham & DuRoss Families
Rev. Thomas McCarthy
Una & Patrick Linnane
Margaret & Peter Meenan
The Corso Family
The Rucci Family
*Linda Duncan
Robert & Cecil Braun
Lucile & Robert Rubino
Marjorie & Jack Wuensch
*Anne Yurch
*Mary Lou Connors
Anna & Charles McNamara
Leopardo Salvatore
The Driscoll Family
The O'Neill Family
Miriam & Walter Hill
Jane & Mortimer Murphy, Jr.
Gene Overmyer
Helen Randall
Gerald Gill
Paul Irving
Mr & Mrs Luman Sipperly
Mr & Mrs Stanley Kapcinski
Patrick & Mary Marra
Vincent & Anna Vitkauskas
Leon & Apalonia Wawrzynowski
Julie Enright
Dr. Charles Enright
The Gagne Family
The Williams Family
The Zanolli Family

Albert & Olga Weiss
Americo & Agnes Accomasso
Arthur & Lucille Kern
Katherine DeVita
Anna Nanni
Walter Dymersky
Angelo & Anna Lagana
The Cronin Family
The Robinson Family
Mr. & Mrs Nicholas Hortonavich
Mr & Mrs Edwin Jud
The Speich Family
The Scribner Family
Daniel Miley
Thomas Ledwidge
Trevor Duffy
Our Parents
The Banasiewicz Family
The Swider Family
Gerald Buckley
*Timothy Buckley
Eileen Kornacki
Glenn Wiseman
Mary Wiseman
Frank & Anne Kundahl
Frank & Veronica Crowley
George & Cathie Jerto
Linda Beloin
Kathleen Talbot
Mary Hojnowski
Henry Hojnowski
Manda Koch
Alfred Koch
Dominick Assaro
The Spalla Family

THE YOUTH MINISTRY THANKS YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!