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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



**6th Sunday
of Easter**

MONDAY, May 22

9:00 **Carol DeVita**, requested by
Dick and Lorraine ZuWallack

TUESDAY, May 23

9:00 **Dr. Charles and Evelyn Zmijeski**,
requested by *Barbara and Gino Calderone*

WEDNESDAY, May 24

9:00 **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, May 25, Ascension of the Lord

9:00 **Carol DeVita**
12:10 **Special Intentions**
7:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, May 26

9:00 **Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy**, requested by
the Parish of Saint Ann

SATURDAY, May 27

4:00 **Fausto Masdonati**, requested by
Alessandra Walmsley

SUNDAY, May 28

7:30 **Special Intentions**
9:30 **Gloria Montano**, requested by
the Martino Family
11:00 **John O'Neill**, requested by *Heidi O'Neill*

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, May 22

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.
Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!
Studying/Praying with the Sunday Scriptures: 7:15pm in Room 3

TUESDAY, May 23

"Making Sense of the Bible": 9:30am in Room 3
RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, May 24

Re-Employment Support Group: 7pm. in the Activity Room

THURSDAY, May 25

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

FRIDAY, May 26

Studying/Praying with the Sunday Scriptures: 9:30am in Room 3

SATURDAY, May 27

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, May 28

Studying/Praying with the Sunday Scriptures: 10:30am in Room 3

Mass for Graduates



**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

RSVP by June 4 to Rosemary Neamtz at:
rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com



**The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will
be celebrated here at Saint Ann this
Sunday, May 21st, 2017
from 2:30 - 3:30pm.**

**Since May is the month when we crown Our
Blessed Mother we will have the recitation of the
Rosary following the Holy Hour.**

**Please join us for this powerful
devotion and to honor Our Lady in
this special way.**



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

May 14, 2017: \$7,855.67
 Online Giving (week ending 5/17/17): \$2,575.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection:
 Monthly

2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



This month, after years of study, 2 men are scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood. During their years of preparation for this vocation, they were supported by family and friends – and by everyone who made a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. When you make a gift to the Appeal, you help meet the cost of priestly formation and education. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Appeal today.

ADULT EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

Join Us For Some Faith Enrichment For Spring 2017!

Studying/Praying with the Sunday Scriptures Drop-Ins Welcome!

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; (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 Fr. McHugh and make him aware of your intentions.

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

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 will be included as a flyer in this weekend's bulletin and is also 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.



"On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." - Jn 14:20-21

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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**.



Congratulations!
Congratulations to Fr. Joseph Cheah for his recent award from the Asian Pacific American Coalition of Connecticut for his commitment and leadership in Higher Education & Public Service.



Visit our website for news, events, to learn about our many ministries and for great resources: stannavon.org

Cemetery Fundraiser Thank You

Thank you to all of the parishioners who donated money towards the cemetery headstone cleaning fundraiser. I'd also like to thank all of the Confirmation students who donated their time and energy to help beautify our cemetery. We raised \$580 and cleaned over 24 headstones. We hope to do this again next year!

With Gratitude,
Rosemary Neamtz, Confirmation and Youth Ministry Director



Please take a moment to "LIKE" us on Facebook our page **AND** choose to "RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS". Thank you and see you on Facebook!

To do this, please follow these 5 simple steps:

- Step 1: Log onto FACEBOOK
- Step 2: Search: Church of Saint Ann – Avon, CT
- Step 3: Go to the page and Click the "LIKE" button
- Step 4: Click the "LIKED" button, then drop down to "RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS"
- Step 5: Click "ALL POSTS" AND "EVENTS" to be informed of happenings at the Church of Saint Ann



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

My children could never succeed without their mother and me. That isn't me thinking too much of ourselves, it is just a fact. No one can find success in life in total isolation. I could never have become who I am today without my parents, various teachers and mentors, and my wife. Truth be told, I probably owe a lot of who I am to my children as well.

I can only imagine the fear and concern of the first disciples when it was apparent that Jesus was not going to be with them much longer. Some probably thought since Jesus had risen from the dead, he might just live with them in the same way forever. But Jesus tried to calm their fears by assuring them, "I will not leave you orphans." He said he would continue to come to them and that he would send the Spirit to be with them at all times. They would not have to continue what he had started and preach the good news to the ends of the earth on their own.

We may sometimes feel that we are alone. We may at times try to do too much or show others that we are independent and strong. However, without the help of others, without the help of God, true success will always elude us. Our actions and words can become empty. The gifts we have received can either be cultivated in secret and in the shadows, or we can welcome the help that God provides in his Spirit, his community, and the sacraments he gave us. By working together the world will truly know the power of the risen Lord.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

In all your actions seek in the first place the kingdom of God and His glory.

- St. Bernardine of Siena

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John... Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:14, 17)

Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)OR Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope. (1 Pt 3:15)

Gospel:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you." (Jn 14:15-17)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 21, 2017

- Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/ Jn 14:15-21 or Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66/1 Pt 4:13-16/ Jn 17:1-11a
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Jn 15:26--16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"If you love me you will keep my commandments." It's really as simple as that. We are only paying lip service to the Lord if we externally declare ourselves to be Christians but don't follow through on a life that confirms it.

In our modern culture, we often think of love as a feeling or a kind of devotion. It is thus all too common to separate love from appropriate action. Perhaps we reassure ourselves that we love Jesus because we believe that he is the Son of God and our personal Savior. But these thoughts--or even any grateful or pleasant feelings that come along with them--are not the fullest manifestation of real love. Rather, as Jesus tells us directly in today's Gospel, "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me."

Now, for those of us who may be asking what exactly these commandments are, it's helpful to remember Jesus' response when he was questioned on the subject. "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:37-39). These fundamental principles embrace everything that Jesus calls us to do. If we put God first and foremost in our lives, and if we treat our neighbors as we would wish to be treated, then all the rest falls into place. The Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and any other fundamental Christian codes of behavior are all summed up here. Indeed, if we truly seek to love Jesus, putting him first and following his ways won't feel like a burden but rather like a beautiful blessing.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." Keeping the commandments of Jesus ultimately means loving as he loves. How do you think people feel after they leave your presence? This is a question worth pondering if we are serious about being disciples. Gentleness and reverence are beautiful charisms to foster as they speak boldly of love. If we truly love God and our brothers and sisters, we will always be gentle with them and treat them with the reverent dignity they deserve, regardless of what they have done. This is the ultimate challenge of discipleship. Committing ourselves today to following Jesus' commandments and to love as Jesus loves, how can we make those who meet us this week leave us happier and grateful that they have crossed our path?

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Join us on Saturday, June 10th
Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference
Rooted in Faith-
One Family Under God



Saturday, June 10, 2017
 9:00 am—3:00 pm
 Registration 8:00—8:45 am
 St. Thomas Seminary
 Bloomfield, CT

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:
Sister Ruth Rosenbaum, TC, PhD
 Founder and Executive Director, CREA: Center for Reflection, Education and Action
Father Joseph Donnelly
 Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Southbury

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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.

Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College

Once again, Northeast Catholic College in Warner, NH is pleased to announce the dates for its Summer Program for high school students. The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2017. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week session that runs from Sunday, July 23 – Saturday, August 5, 2017.
 Register today at www.NortheastCatholic.edu!

For more information, contact the admissions office at admissions@northeastcatholic.edu or 603.456.2656.

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