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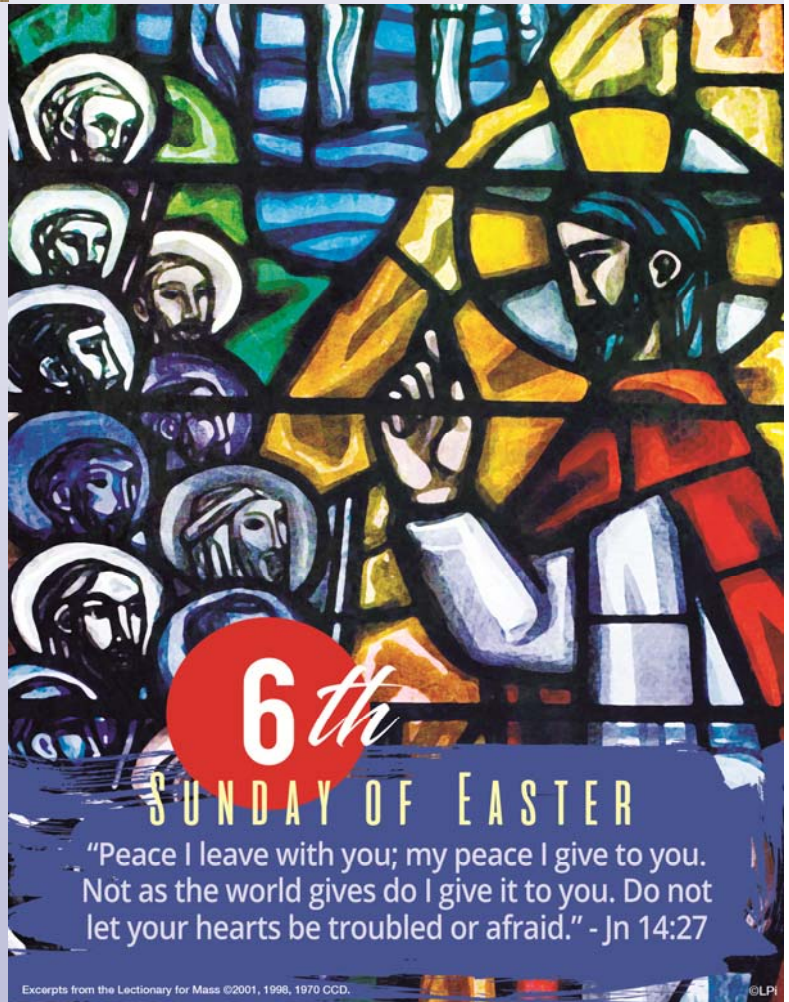
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MARRIAGES

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.



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." - Jn 14:27

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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:

Eucharistic Adoration:
Mondays 9:30-10:30am
Rosary: 8:30 am, daily
MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri.
9:30-9:40am in the Sanctuary
Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon

MASS INTENTIONS



6th Sunday of
Easter

MONDAY, May 27

9:00 In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

TUESDAY, May 28

9:00 Sheila O'Hagan Jadovich (2nd Ann.),
requested by her family

WEDNESDAY, May 29

9:00 In celebration of the Anniversary of
Fr. McHugh's Ordination

THURSDAY, May 30, Ascension of the Lord

9:00 Anna Bak, requested by
the Osiecki Family

12:10 Special Intentions

7:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, May 31

9:00 In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

SATURDAY, June 1

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

SUNDAY, June 2

7:30 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Kucera, John Evans
and Jackie Holland, requested by the family

9:30 Robert Lawrence, requested by Ellen

11:00 Pat Hill, requested by 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 27

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church

MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: will return next week

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 7:15pm in Rm. 3

TUESDAY, May 28

Refreshing Catholicism: 9:30am in Room 3

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Refreshing Catholicism: 7:15pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, May 30

Here and Now Book Series: 9:30am in Room 3

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Adult Confirmation Class: 7pm in Room 3

Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, May 31

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

SATURDAY, June 1

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, June 2

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 10:30am in Rm. 3



Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses will be at:

9:00am * 12:10pm * 7:00pm

Items Needed For Historical Exhibit at Library



As part of St. Ann's 100th anniversary celebration, we are planning an exhibit of historical memorabilia at the Avon Free Public Library during the months of July and August, 2019. This will be a dual exhibit with the Avon Congregational Church, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary. The exhibit will be in the History Corner, and St. Ann will have use of a glass case that can be locked in addition to the tack-board wall and metal shelves. If you have items (photos, old documents, letters, or other memorabilia) that you would like to share for the exhibit, please contact Jean Frey at 860-673-1949. It would be nice to be able to include photos and/or memories related to the first church on Mountain View Avenue as well as our current church location. Copies could be made of items such as photos or old letters that might be damaged if hung for display. Precious items will be locked in the glass case.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

2019 Spring Programs

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures

Come make personal connections to the Sunday readings through the lens of historical context and the popular *Lectio Divina* prayer method.

Sundays, 10:30am-12pm, Room 3, with Chip Janiszewski
Mondays, 7:15-8:45pm, Room 3, with Jim Serruta
All materials provided. (Bring your own Bible if you like.)
Register with Ann DiStefano (see bulletin front) or drop in!

Refreshing Catholicism (April 30 - June 5)

If it's been a while since you were in catechism class, could you use a refresher? Or are you non-Catholic, interested in exploring the faith? Join us for this six-week series covering:

1. *We Are the Church*
2. *What Makes us Catholic?*
3. *Growing in Faith*
4. *Scripture*
5. *Jesus Christ*

Tuesdays, 9:30-11am, Room 3
Wednesdays, 7:15-8:45pm, Room 3;
Book fee: \$10;
Register with Ann DiStefano (see bulletin cover)

Book Discussion Series:

Here and Now by Henri Nouwen

Life is messy, God is a mystery, but with faith and the Spirit, we find peace.

Thursdays, May 16- June 13, with Terry Pendergast
9:30-11am, Room 3
Register with Ann DiStefano (see bulletin cover)

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday, June 9th

2:30 - 3:30pm
in the church



Let's beg for God's Mercy and the outpouring of His Healing Love.
Please join us for this



VETERANS MEMORIAL WAY AT ST. ANN'S CEMETERY

I am delighted to announce that we are building a memorial dedicated to veterans at our cemetery on Arch Road. Veterans Memorial Way will be a permanent site in honor of veterans who have selflessly served our country. The memorial will consist of a brick walkway and majestic angel statue, which will be surrounded by the American flag, as well as the flags of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines.

Donors may purchase a memorial brick to honor family and friends who have served. The bricks, which are 4"x 8", will be engraved with the veteran's name, their branch of service, and date of birth and death. Bricks will be available for \$100 each.

Presently there are more than 250 veterans buried at St. Ann's Cemetery; however, this memorial will not be only for our parish veterans, but for anyone who wishes to commemorate the lives of a veteran on sacred ground. Please stay tuned for more information about purchasing an engraved brick.

Fr. John W. McHugh



Looking For A Fun & Simple Way That Your Family Can Help Others?

The **St. Ann Community Garden** provides fresh, healthy produce to the Avon Food Pantry located at our

church. The garden was started as a way for kids & families to help others in need. Eagle Scout Ian D'Archangelo built the garden, and St. Ann families maintain it. We **plan, plant, tend and harvest** the garden. In the process, we have lots of **fun** together, **pray** about the people we are helping, and **learn** a few things about growing veggies.

Here's How Your Family Can Get Involved:

- **Planting Day is Sunday, June 2nd at 12 noon.** Meet us at the garden, behind the church. All are welcome, no experience necessary!
- Families are needed June - August to water and tend the garden. Many hands make light work!
- Contact: Leo - leo.distefano@comcast.net for more information.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

May 19, 2019: \$6,220.11
Online Giving (week ending 5/22/19): \$2,026.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection: none



Prayer for the Fallen

God our creator and sustainer, today our country brings to our memory those who have defended this nation in times of trouble.

They have sacrificed their lives to protect our shores from those who would limit our freedoms or enslave us to ways that are against your will. Bring all those who have died in service to our country into your heavenly presence.

We humbly call down your blessing on those still serving; grant your heavenly protection to these men and women, and open your Sacred Heart to give them peace and comfort.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

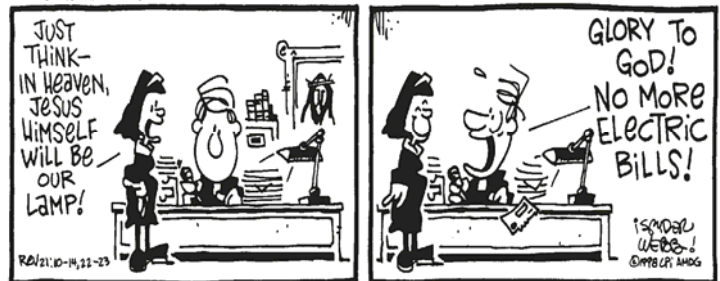
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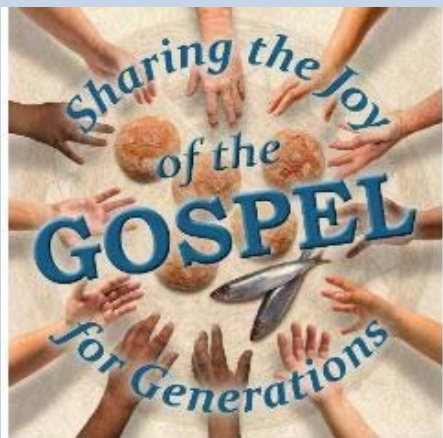
Blessing of Graduates
Sunday, June 9th
11:00am Mass

All graduates, from preschool through college - and beyond - are invited to join us for a Mass with a special blessing of graduates on Sunday, June 9th at our 11am Mass. No matter your age or your stage, if you are celebrating an educational milestone and/or are transitioning to a new phase in your educational journey we hope you will join us!

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



2019 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference.

Last weekend was Commitment Weekend across the Archdiocese for the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, 'Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations'. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider donating today. It is not too late to help!!

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

I often lead group prayer with similar words: "Give us the wisdom to know Your will for our lives and the courage to follow it as we seek to make our community a clearer reflection of the Kingdom of God." The words acknowledge that we need to be about God's will, not our own, and in that journey, we will bear greater witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

We talk about how we are called to live a stewardship way of life and that we have been given many good gifts, but it is never truly about us. We are never the main thing. In the same manner, it is never really about our parish. Our combined stewardship may lead to many fruits, like an increased offertory or more vibrancy in parish life. However, it is always about the Kingdom of God and the King, Jesus Christ.

Through our stewardship, we allow our parish community to shine like a city on a hill for others to see and then be drawn toward Jesus Christ. It is about leading people to heaven. Our actions of stewardship do not point toward us but instead to the one who calls us to this life. Our constant prayer needs to be that we always seek to discern God's will and follow it instead of our own. By doing that, we can transform our own lives, our parish communities, and then the world around us.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

- Gerard Manley Hopkins

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities." (Acts 15:28)

Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67) or Alleluia

Second Reading:

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. (Rev 21:22)

Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." (Jn 14:23)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 26, 2019

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Jn 15:26--16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/ Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/ Lk 1:39-56
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Theology has two words to describe the space between God and us - transcendent and immanent. When we say God is transcendent, we speak of the One whose ways are not our ways, the placer of stars and maker of mountains. This is God who transcends our understanding, whose being goes beyond what we can know. When we say God is immanent, we mean His nearness to us. This is the way Jesus speaks of himself in today's Gospel. "Whoever loves me keeps my word... and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

The Hebrews saw God as intimately involved with the fate of their people. But for all His care, God was still distant to most. He spoke through prophets and was represented in blazes of fire and pillars of cloud. Priests offered animal sacrifice to atone for the nation's sins. While we still know that God is transcendent - any morning's resplendent sunrise confirms this - Jesus introduces us to himself in a new way. Not only does Jesus walk among us, but the Holy Spirit dwells within us. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit... will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you!"

How do you tend to view God? For many of us, the transcendent sense of a distant God might fill our perception. Today's Gospel reminds us of something altogether different, something more intimate. Our God remains with us. He overcomes the confusion of the world and speaks peace to our troubled hearts. Our God is not far from us. The more we remain connected to Him and love as He loved, the more we will experience His nearness. We can have confidence in His presence and rest in His encouragement: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

To listen openly and be willing to dialogue are the most effective ways to discern how to solve a problem. We must be open to the Holy Spirit and, under his guidance, allow our opinions to be challenged and changed. Learning to trust the active work of the Holy Spirit in all things releases us from fear and brings us closer to living in the peace Jesus promised. Scripture, Church teaching and practice, the wisdom of others in our community, our relationship with God, and the promptings and stirrings of our hearts all have to be weighed when making important decisions. This is how the Holy Spirit keeps us faithful to Christ and the Gospel and the way the Church brings resolution to questions that inevitably arise.

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SILENT THEME RETREAT JUNE 20-23, 2019

The Silent Theme Retreat is designed for those who would like a quiet, less social retreat experience with some input, but more time for personal prayer and reflection. The retreat will include Morning Prayer, presentations, daily Mass and evening prayer. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during your retreat.

Date: June 20 at 4:30 pm – June 23 at 12:00 pm. Offering: \$310. To register contact Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, 31 Colton Street, Farmington, CT 06032 at 860-677-8519 or online at www.ourladyofcalvary.net.

NAMI (Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness) Summer Sessions at Precious Blood Parish

Family to Family

Mondays, June 3rd - August 19th,
6:00-8:30 p.m.

at St. Agnes Church (400 Merwin Ave. Milford)

A free 12 session program designed for family, friends and significant others of adults living with mental illness. It's designed to help family members understand and support their loved one with mental illness while maintaining their own well being. The course includes info on illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression and others. It is taught by trained teachers who are also family members and know what it's like to have a loved one struggling with mental illness. For more info or to register call CT NAMI office at (860) 882-0236 or visit namict.org.