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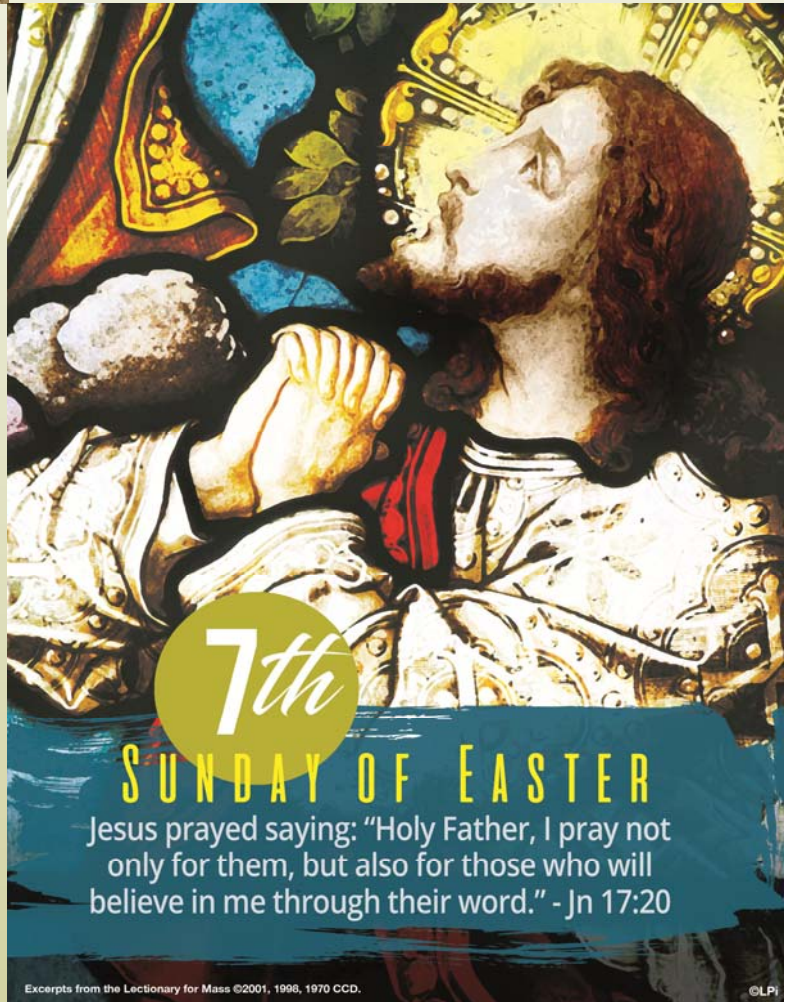
BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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.



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

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MASS INTENTIONS



7th Sunday of Easter

MONDAY, June 3

9:00 In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

TUESDAY, June 4

9:00 Lucy Fortino, requested by her son

WEDNESDAY, June 5

9:00 In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

THURSDAY, June 6

9:00 Maureen Sacharko, requested by Lou and Eileen Del Prete

FRIDAY, June 7

9:00 Margaret Maynard, requested by Charlene Bleakley and Charles Maynard

SATURDAY, June 8

4:00 Dee Dee Sullivan, requested by Dick and Anita Sullivan

SUNDAY, June 9

7:30 Lewis Affelder, requested by the family
9:30 Joseph Jamilkowski, requested by His wife, Eileen
11:00 For all those celebrating a Graduation this year

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, June 3

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

MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church .

All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church)

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

TUESDAY, June 4

Refreshing Catholicism: 9:30am in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, June 5

Refreshing Catholicism: 7:15pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, June 6

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

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

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

FRIDAY, June 7

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

SATURDAY, June 8

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, June 9

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

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church

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 2019.

The application is 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 28, 2019!

If you have any questions please contact Jane Ellen Peregrin at: jep325@hotmail.com.



Blessing of Graduates

Next Sunday, June 9th, 2019

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!

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)



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 THIS 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.

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.

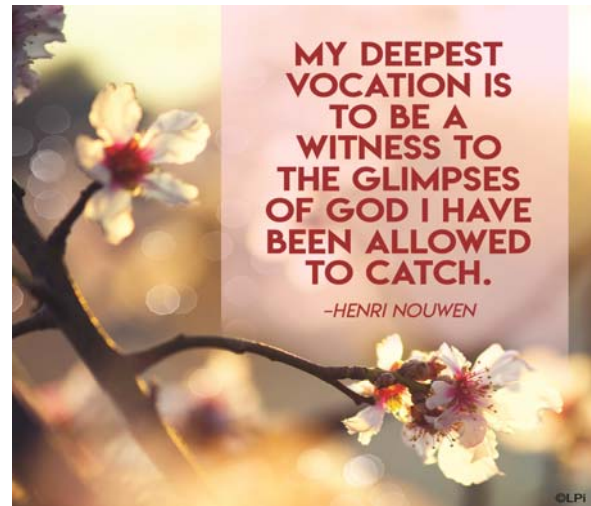
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WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

May 25, 2019: \$5,811.77
Online Giving (week ending 5/29/19): \$2,546.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Parish Cemetery

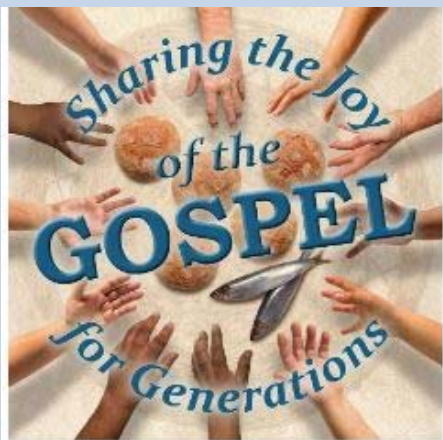
Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.
 - Lk 24:50-53

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ImmaCare Renovation

Beginning July 1, ImmaCare will close for at least 8 months in order to go through a renovation. The church, which has housed the shelter for 35 years, is just not structurally safe to stay in even temporarily. It has served well, but it is "worn out", inefficient and expensive to run. We greet this news with excitement- the men who stay there deserve better. At the same time, there is a real worry about what will happen with those experiencing homelessness during those winter months when other shelters may be at full capacity. At this point we hope to jump right back in the minute we hear the renovations are complete and meals can again be shared. We want to make sure that all all of you who so generously donate food or cook or bake - know that you have not been forgotten when you don't get the email in September or see the dates in the bulletin. And please stay in touch; we'll miss those emails and kitchen chats. We will keep you posted on shelter updates as the renovation proceeds. Our continued thanks for all you have done to make this mission one that has never been ordinary.



2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

2019 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Later in June, after years of study, 2 men are scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood. During the years of preparation for their 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.

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

We were created for community. Human beings are not meant to be alone. As each of us grows in our relationship with Jesus, we find ourselves drawn further into community. Our stewardship never reflects just on us, but on the Body of Christ to which we belong.

When speaking to his Father, Jesus always spoke about all of us as a whole. Jesus has a unique relationship with each and every one of us, but he also sees us collectively as one. When the Holy Spirit was sent to assist us until the Second Coming, she ascended upon a multitude, not just one person at a time.

We are called to live a fruitful stewardship way of life. It is by that fruit that we can tell if we are really giving of ourselves in a generous manner. However, the fruits that result from my stewardship and your stewardship will never amount to more than what we can produce together.

As you try ever harder to cultivate what God has given you and offer it back to Him with an increase, what does your relationship with your parish community look like? How has your stewardship helped enable your community to become a clearer reflection of God? It is important to reflect on these things because we can sometimes find ourselves drifting away from community if we are not careful. We are always stronger together. We never want to wake up one day and find ourselves alone.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Faithfulness in the little things is a great thing. - Hudson Taylor

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Stephen said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." (Acts 7:56)

Psalms:

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. (Ps 97) or Alleluia

Second Reading:

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rev 22:13)

Gospel:

"Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me." (Jn 17:24a)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of June 2, 2019

- 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 7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/ Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/ Jn 17:11b-19 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/ Jn 17:20-26 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19 Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/ Jn 21:20-25 Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39. Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [12]/ Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39. Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"So that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me." Does technology bring us together, or does it remind us of distance and differences and keep us apart? Most days, I'm not so sure. With the constant inundation of news from across the world, it can be easier to tune out the sufferings and the joys of people we'll never meet, in places we'll never visit. But is this the invitation of Jesus?

Over the centuries, our Church has become truly universal across the globe. There are Christians across nations and cultures, across lines of rich and poor. There are Christians who live behind white picket fences, and Christians dying in conflict zones. "That they may all be one," Jesus prays. One in what? Love. "That the love with which you loved me may be in them." This is easier said than done, of course. The world is far too vast for us to individually love every human being. I can hardly remember the names of half the regulars at my Sunday Mass! But that doesn't mean we can't try.

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word." Jesus had this religious popular explosion in mind. The mission and message of Christ was not meant to stop in the Apostle's generation or stay cordoned off in the geographic confines of Israel. Jesus' words at the Last Supper are a prayer, a plea to the Father for the spread and unity of the Church across time and space. This week, look up organizations supporting the persecuted Church and make a donation. Next week, visit a struggling parish within your own diocese. When you meet someone new at hospitality Sunday, invite them over for dinner to get to know them better. Whether far off or close to home, let's allow Jesus' prayer to live in us, to be drawn together in love.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

How do we find our way through life and discover who we really are? It is easy to get distracted by life's preoccupations and worldly constructs. We can avoid dealing with deeper questions simply by being absorbed in life's demands and the roles we are asked to play. Is it important to us that we come from God and have our identity in Him? The world cannot succeed in telling us who we are. Only God can. Only through Jesus's resurrection can we see clearly that he is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, and the bright morning star. It is by following his example that we can all become one with the Father and brought to perfection. We are designed to be one with God and united with one another as believers in Jesus Christ. When someone experiences our speech and actions, do they witness the fact that we truly believe this?

THE BULLETIN BOARD

10TH ANNUAL BISHOP ROSAZZA SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

Save the Date

10th Annual Bishop Peter Rosazza
Social Justice Conference

"Rooted in Faith-Reimagining Charity"

Saturday, June 8, 2019

The Pastoral Center, Bloomfield CT

Sponsored by the Office for Catholic Social
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Contact us for more information

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CURSILLO ULTREYA

The Cursillo community of the Archdiocese of Hartford invites you to our monthly Ultreya (a gathering for prayer and fellowship) to be held Wednesday, June 12 at St. Joseph Church hall, 1747 Poquonock Ave, Windsor, CT. We start at 7:00pm with light refreshments and fellowship. Opening prayer is at 7:30.

All are welcome; bring a friend.

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.