



# Church of Saint Ann

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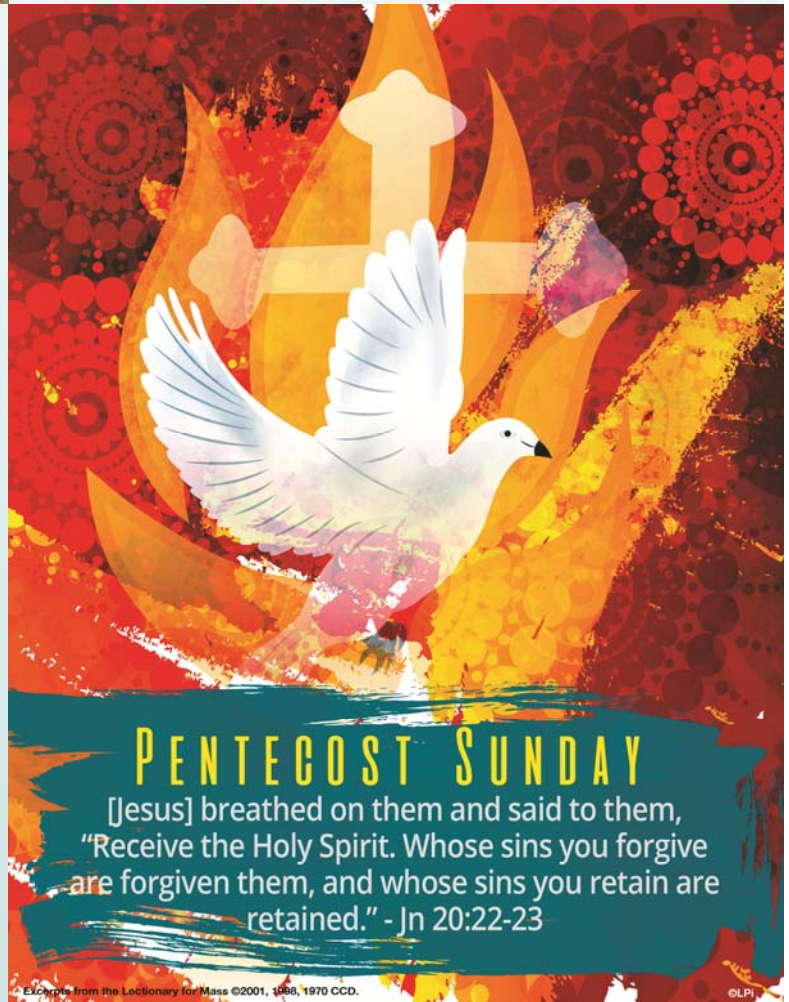
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## MARRIAGES

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.



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:22-23

## 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



**Pentecost  
Sunday**

**MONDAY, June 10**

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

**TUESDAY, June 11**

9:00 William Sharp, requested by Suzanne and Norby Williamson

**WEDNESDAY, June 12**

9:00 Mary O'Donnell, friend Chris deGroot and family

**THURSDAY, June 13**

9:00 Frank Scalzo, requested by Andrea Pizzuti

**FRIDAY, June 14**

9:00 For the intentions of Lorraine Guile (Living), requested by her sister

**SATURDAY, June 15**

4:00 Carl & Ann Bondhus, requested by the Bondhus Family

**SUNDAY, June 16**

7:30 For all fathers, living and deceased  
9:30 For all fathers, living and deceased  
11:00 For all fathers, living and deceased



*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, June 10**

**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)*

**TUESDAY, June 11**

**Refreshing Catholicism:** 9:30am in Room 3

**WEDNESDAY, June 12**

**Refreshing Catholicism:** 7:15pm in Room 3

**THURSDAY, June 13**

**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 14**

**Traditional Choir:** 2pm in the Choir Loft

**SATURDAY, June 15**

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

**SUNDAY, June 16**

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



**VETERANS MEMORIAL WAY**

*Honor a veteran with  
an engraved paver*



**Divine Mercy Holy Hour**

**THIS 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 powerful devotion.

**HONOR A VETERAN WITH AN ENGRAVED  
PAVER AT VETERANS MEMORIAL WAY**

Veterans Memorial Way is almost complete! Orders for engraved pavers are now being accepted. Each paver that is purchased will be engraved with a veteran's name and information regarding their service. Pavers may honor veterans who are living or deceased. If you are purchasing a brick in honor of a deceased veteran, it is not required that they are buried at St. Ann's Cemetery. Order forms are available in the gathering space and are also available on our website.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### 2019 Summer 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!

#### 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.

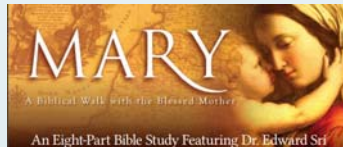
Thursdays, May 16- June 13, with Terry Pendergast

9:30-11am, Room 3

Register with Ann DiStefano (see bulletin cover)

#### Summer Video Series:

#### *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*



The Better We Know Mary,  
the Better We Know Jesus!

Have you ever wondered why Mary is so important to our faith? Join us for an extraordinary study that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this series will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Mary will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Wednesdays, July 3-Aug 21 (come as often as you can)

9:30-11:30am, Room 3

Leader: Eileen DiMauro

RSVP by June 24 to [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com)

Book fee: \$25 (checks payable to Church of St. Ann)



### 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:

- Families are needed June - August to water and tend the garden. Many hands make light work!
- Contact: Leo - [leo.distefano@comcast.net](mailto:leo.distefano@comcast.net) for more information.

## *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](mailto:jep325@hotmail.com).



## Blessing of Graduates

This Sunday, June 9th, 2019

11:00am Mass

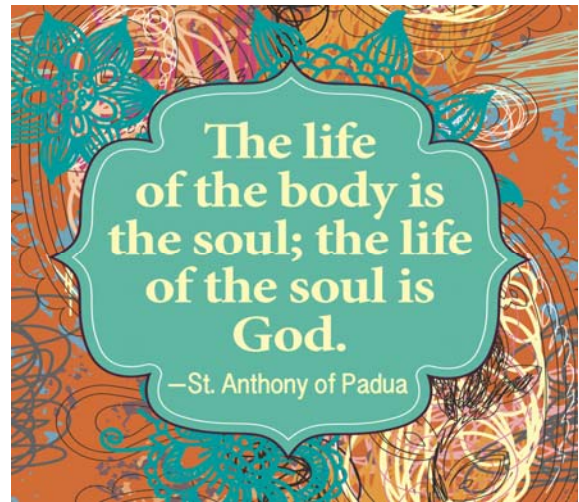
All graduates, from preschool through college - and beyond - are invited to join us for a Mass with a special blessing of graduates on Sunday, June 9th at our 11am Mass. No matter your age or your stage, if you are celebrating an educational milestone and/or are transitioning to a new phase in your educational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

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

June 2, 2019: \$7,621.56  
 Online Giving (week ending 6/5/19): \$2,466.00  
 Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:  
 Monthly

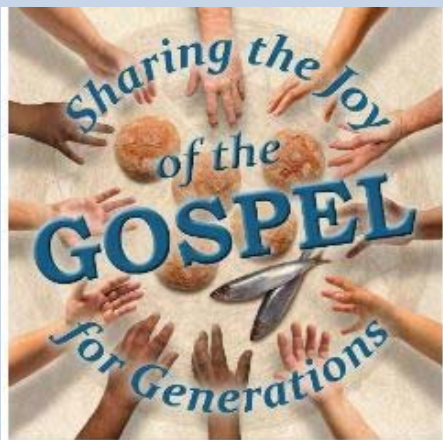
*Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." - Jn 14:23*

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## 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

**THANK YOU!!!** As of June 5<sup>th</sup>, more than 30,000 generous donors have pledged over \$7,800,000 to the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, *Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations!!* Gifts to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided by the Archdiocese.

If you have not yet made a gift, please prayerfully consider, making your donation today. Every gift makes a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals and families throughout our Archdiocese, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please visit the Appeal website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org) and follow the link *Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations*, to learn more and make your gift 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/>.

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*I am a sports fan, and perhaps you are one, too. I don't follow all sports, but those that I do follow usually involve a team. There is something about a team of individuals coming together for the goal of victory that is compelling. A team is only as good as the sum of all its players. If you have all the right talent at the right positions, great things can happen. What is hard for a fan to watch is a team that has great talent but fails to achieve its goals because some players choose not to give their all to the team. Selfishness, apathy, or immaturity keep some from giving fully of themselves. The hopes and dreams of a team and fan base are dashed even though they had all they needed to be the best.*

*A parish is a lot like a team. Those in a parish community work together to achieve goals that ultimately lead others to Christ. We come together to give of ourselves to advance the mission of the parish. When we all are committed to fully giving our gifts and talents, fulfilling our position in the Body of Christ, then our hopes and dreams of transforming the world around us can become reality.*

*However, when we sit out on the sidelines, we hurt our team. When we hold back and choose not to give of ourselves, we diminish what is truly possible for our parish community. I believe God always provides our parishes with what they need to be fruitful and vibrant. His gifts to us exist in each other. If you think your parish could be so much more, than perhaps this week you should call your pastor or other pastoral leader and say, "Put me in coach!" -Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Being in love with God is never boring.*  
- Fr. Thomas Dubay

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

### Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Ps 104) or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. (Rom 8:14)

### Gospel:

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (Jn 14:26)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of June 9, 2019

**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/ Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/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

**Monday:** Gen 3:9-15 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/ Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [cf. 2b]/ Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26

**Friday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [17a]/Mt 5:27-32

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Mt 5:33-37

**Next Sunday:** Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"God is always more." Have you ever heard that? If we truly believe that He is infinite, then this statement is worth exploring. Today, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in power upon the early Church. But Pentecost wasn't the first time the disciples received the Holy Spirit. The Gospel actually occurs chronologically before Pentecost. Soon after the Resurrection, Jesus already "came and stood in their [the disciples'] midst... he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

God is always more. Sometimes we might think the grace of God as one and done. God might break through in people's lives, but it's a one-time event on a retreat or preceding a dramatic conversion of life. But there's always more to come. Even today's Gospel isn't the first time the breath of God stirred. In Genesis, it's God's breath that stirs life into Adam in the garden. Jesus breathes on the Apostles, giving them the Holy Spirit in the quiet and silence. Later, that breath will stir into a "driving wind", and the Spirit will descend with flame? not unlike Moses on Mount Sinai.

God is always more. He has spoken throughout salvation history, and continues to speak into our lives through His Church and through the Holy Spirit alive in our hearts. This Pentecost Sunday, let us come before Him with expectant hearts! Like the disciples in the Gospel and first reading, let us await what "more" God will do.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

When faced with a decision or a dilemma, where do we turn? Whenever we have to discern the proper course of action, the Holy Spirit is available as our advocate and guide. As Christians, we look not to our world for direction but to God. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to help us find our path to proper thought and conduct. Wisdom, right judgment, knowledge, understanding, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord are all perfect tools for discernment. These gifts allow us to keep our relationships and perspective in proper order. It is the Holy Spirit who opens our eyes to see that which we would otherwise overlook and opens our hearts to receive those people who would otherwise be ignored. Ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten you today.

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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](http://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](http://namict.org).