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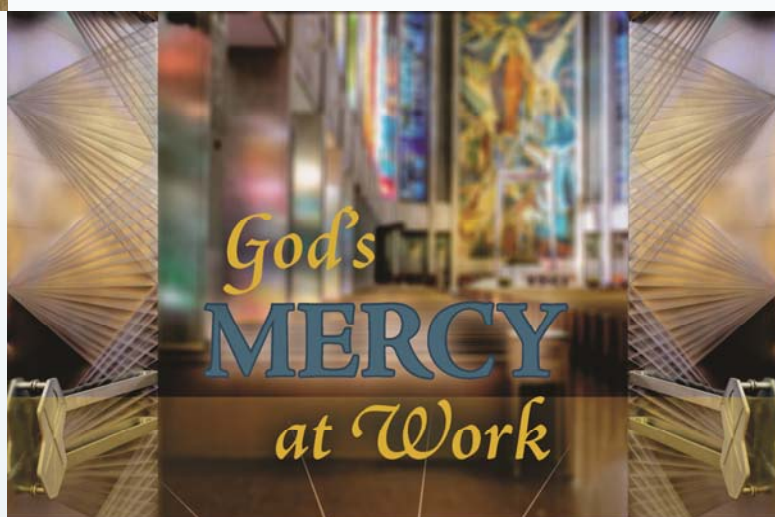
Call the Parish Office

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.



Enriching the Ministries and Parish Life of the Archdiocese • Spreading the Message of our Faith



Building Communities • Answering God's Call • Forming Our Next Generation • Inspiring Hope

Kick-Off Weekend

2016 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



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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:

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

4th Sunday of Lent

MONDAY, March 7

9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, March 8

9:00 Leo ZuWallack, *requested by the family*

WEDNESDAY, March 9

9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, March 10

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, March 11

9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, March 12

4:00 Special Intentions

SUNDAY, March 13

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 In Celebration of the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Jose & Amy Arias-Camison, *requested by Barbara and Dick Simpson*

11:00 Frances Caspar, *requested by the Marthas*



Youth Ministry Easter Plant Sale Starts This Weekend!

March 5/6 and March 12/13

Please help beautify our Church for Easter by supporting the Youth Ministry Easter Plant Sale. Plants are \$10 and can be purchased in honor of, or in memory of a loved one after Masses. The plants will decorate our altar for Easter.

www.Light4you.info

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT
MONDAYS 6-7 PM

Every Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford



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, March 7

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church wing. All are welcome! (*Enter through door on the left side of the church*)
Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

TUESDAY, March 8

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7:30pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, March 9

Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, March 10

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church, weather permitting

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

Children's Choir (grades 4-8): 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

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

St. Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

FRIDAY, March 11

Stations of the Cross: 7pm in the church

SATURDAY, March 12

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, March 13



Registration Has Begun!

Registration Form is on our website (www.stannavon.org)

June
20-24, 2016
9:30am-12:30pm
Pre K - Grade 4
(completed)



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Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent: **7:00 pm**



It's That Time of Year Again...

If you are a registered parishioner using envelopes or online giving, and would like a copy of our records of your weekly envelope contributions, please e-mail Kris in the Parish Office: kris.martino@stannavon.org or call 860-673-9858, ext. 221.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

February 28, 2016: \$7,147.84

Online Giving (week ending 3/2/16): \$2,764.00

Next weekend's second collection:

Youth Ministry

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-8: UPCOMING CLASSES

March 20th, April 3rd and April 17th (last class)

Corporal Works of Mercy

This Weekend of March 5/6

Visit the Sick

Parish Collection: Collection of health aids for Helping Haitian Children/ the CarreFour Clinic, Haiti: Vitamins and minerals (children & adult), Aleve, Band-Aids (all sizes), Anti-fungal ointment, Cortisone cream, TUMS, Calamine Lotion, Sewing kits, Nail clippers, Tylenol, Motrin, Ziplock Bags, Bacitracin, Hand sanitizer, Decongestants, Eucerin Cream, Artificial Tears, Scissors, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Vegetable seed

Personal Connection: Visit those in nursing homes, shut-ins, or friends in need. Please call Avon Health Center (860) 673-2521 or Apple Rehab (860) 673-3265 for the names of those who would welcome visits. Flu shot may be needed. **Don't worry about what to say – just come and be yourself!** If you can't personally visit, why not send flowers or a postcard. We may even have some "Thinking of You" postcards in the Gathering Space for your convenience.

Next Weekend of March 12/13

Visit those in Prison

Parish Collection: Please help fund our effort to provide religious periodicals to help inspire and rehabilitate prisoners.

Personal Connection: Send personal messages of mercy and hope through the Postcards for Prisoners program. To participate, please contact Deacon Tim Healy, (860) 693-8562.

Another idea is to visit a neighbor or family member who is homebound or lonely.

St. Ann Celebrates the Year of Mercy

Rediscover Jesus Lenten Program This Week

Focus: Jesus as Communicator;

Open our lips to speak the truth in love, like Jesus

READ:

Week of Mar. 6th, we discuss Chap. 20-26 (week of 3/13: Chap. 27-33)

GATHER: Visit stannavon.org for full details.

Small Groups: Meetings continue!

Large Groups: (Guest speaker & book discussion. RSVP or Drop-in!)

- Sun, March 6th, 12:00pm, FB Hall: **Parish Gathering.** Nurses Nancy Casey & June Bryant will share their faith stories and the role of spirituality in healing
- Mon, March 7th, 7:15pm, FB Hall: **Parish Gathering.** Repeat of Sunday's presentation. (Snowdate Tues, 3 7:15pm.)

Speaker for Sunday Mar. 13th, 12:00pm and Monday, March 14th, 7:15pm in the Hall:

- Mary Lou Benoit-Connors and Sr. Jerilyn Hunihan will share stories about faith from their work in prison ministry.

Online Discussion Forum: Join in! Log on via stannavon.org

ACT:

- Participate in the March 12th/13th Corporal Works of Mercy "Visit the Imprisoned" collection in a big way!
- Do the suggested activities in *Rediscover Jesus*.
- **SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK!** Visit stannavon.org to see what folks are saying about the book and the program, and share your thoughts.

For more info, visit www.stannavon.org, or contact Ann DiStefano, ames.distefano@gmail.com; (860) 463-7495.

Dear Parishioners,

This year there will be 72 candidates receiving the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. They received their First Reconciliation on December 5, 2015, and are preparing for reception of the Blessed Sacrament in the Spring. Soon we will putting out the Little Lambs for you to select a child and pray for them while they prepare for their sacrament.

Due to the overwhelming positive response, we would like to continue to gift each child with a First Communion Bible. We are asking that you sponsor any child or children, with this gift anonymously and it will be presented to them on their First Communion Day. In return, we will be asking the children to pray for the person who gave it to them *every time they read their Bible*.

The Bibles are reasonably priced and if you are interested in being part of this beautiful event, please pick up a form on the tables in the Gathering Space and return it with your payment of \$15.00 per Bible (made out to Church of St. Ann). Please mail to the church in an envelope clearly marked "for First Communion Bible" or drop it off at the Parish Offices. How pleased Jesus must be to know that both the children of this year's First Eucharist class and the adults of our Parish are praying for each other!

Thank you so much for your consideration and for your prayerful support of these beautiful children!

Yours in Christ, Father McHugh



ST. ANN CARES



St Ann Cares is starting sign ups for the May 7 project after all masses on March 5 & 6. This year's project is for a parishioner in need. We especially need volunteers to do demolition and construction prior to the May 7th date. If you would like to help this worthy project, please sign up - We need you. We are also in need of your financial generosity as this home has extensive roof and interior damage. Contact Steve Rose at 860-250-5355 or rose_sp@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

MARTHAS AND MARYS !!MARCH MADNESS!!



BASKETBALL



WOMEN AND THE



CHURCH

The Marthas and Marys Lenten Evening will feature Joan Kennedy presenting "Basketball, Women and the Church," a look at positive trends regarding attitudes toward women in our church today. Come for Soup and Salad!

Wednesday, March 16 @ 6:30 p.m.

\$5 at the door. Kindly respond by March 14 to Sue Ollestad: sollestad@yahoo.com/ Anne Yurch 675-1366



Thank You...

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Corporal Works for Mercy collections! It is a great way to teach our children about being the hands and feet for Christ, helping those in need.

Save the Dates...

- **Saturday, April 16 time TBD** - Walk for Water in the Buckingham neighborhood
- **Sunday, April 17** - Clean the Rails to Trails with Farmington Valley Trails Council
- **Sunday, May 22 at 3 pm** - Planting Day for the Garden

Have a blessed week! Be well and God bless,
Youth Outreach Committee

BASKETBALL STATS - week of 2/27/2016

RED STS. ANN/CHRIS BLUE STS. ANN/CHRIS

55

46



Red Team: A.Blackmore, M.Gondek: 18, M.Gorack: 25
(St. Chris players: Max, 12 and Sam)

Blue Team: S.Del Gallo: 18, T.Del Gallo: 4, T.Donovan: 7, Meaney: 6
(St. Chris player: Tristan,11)

St. Chris and St. Rose were matched up for the 7 p.m. game on Saturday night. St. Ann was scheduled to play the FISH or combined team. When our game began at 6 p.m. only 2 players from St. Chris showed up. Our coaches Matt Gondek and Dean Zaccchio decided to allow them to be the captains of the two teams and choose who would play for each of them. It was extremely face paced and the score was close even until the last moments of the game. Most importantly everyone is truly enjoying themselves as friends on our team push themselves to the limit. Having a combined team this year has prove to be such a blessing.

2016 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - GOD'S MERCY AT WORK

This weekend marks the start of the 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. If you haven't already, you will receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. Together we can change the lives of thousands. The Good Works of the Church in social services, healthcare and pastoral services are exciting, challenging and fulfilling.

Through the generosity of individuals in our community, we helped provide the following:

- More than 8,500 clients received mental health counseling through Catholic Charities.
- More than 140,000 meals were served to those who are hungry.
- More than 39,000 free patient visits were provided to individuals without healthcare since 2006.
- Hundreds of families were kept from homelessness and helped through the Emergency Assistance Fund.
- 240+ local organizations are supported annually through the Vicariate Outreach Program.



These are some examples of how your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is used. Please respond as generously as you can.

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine that your father gave you and your brother \$10. You saved yours. But when it was time to put the money in the bank, your brother told your father, "I'm sorry. I wasted my money on candy bars." Your father forgave him and gave him another \$10. You felt hurt and asked him why. He said, "I love you both. Your brother has learned his lesson. I am happy."

Prayer

Lord, help me take good care of my money and my soul.

Something to Draw

Draw yourself and your brother saving your coins in a piggy bank.

Mission for the Week

I will save a quarter, spend a quarter, and share a quarter.

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For the Kids...

QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

JESUS WELCOMED SINNERS. DO YOU FIND THIS COMFORTING OR CHALLENGING? WHY?

4th Sunday of Lent-2nd Scrutiny

Candles provide a wonderful atmosphere. Their soft glow and warm light soften the colors and give us a sense of comfort. Even in a large room that is illumined by other lighting, when there are candles around we feel that we are drawn in closer, because the candlelight itself casts just a small footprint, almost asking us to huddle together. Modern lighting can flood every nook and cranny with a brilliance that surpasses the light of a single candle. But we won't lean in to be close to a light bulb the way we might to a flickering flame. More than a century and a quarter after light bulbs were first introduced in the 1880s, we still use candles for light in some of our most joyous and most intimate moments.

The man born blind in today's Gospel has no experience of light at all. He would have felt the sun's warmth, but known nothing of its brilliance. He likely knew flame, and the heat generated by the fire of a hearth or the burning of an oil lamp. But he had no idea of the glow of illumination shed by these lights. He was completely in the dark. That is what makes his cure all the more amazing. This man has never seen light! Even if we close our eyes for an extended period of time, we can still imagine what something is like, because we have seen it before. This man in the Gospel has never seen!

The light that the man born blind sees is not so much the brilliance of the day, as it is Jesus, the light of the world. Like a room illumined by electric lights in which candles are burning for atmosphere, the man is drawn to the light that gives him comfort and solace, that is Jesus. The man's single-hearted gaze on Christ is a reminder to us not to be distracted by other lights.

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

After promising that the Little Sisters' religious beliefs would be protected, the government created a new regulation requiring the Little Sisters to change their healthcare plan to offer services that violate Catholic teaching. But 1 in 3 Americans do not have a plan that is subject to the mandate HHS is fighting so hard to force the Little Sisters of the Poor to follow. Exxon, Chevron, and Pepsi -- as well as other large corporations -- are exempt from the mandate, because they never changed their plans and are grandfathered. And the government is not even requiring our own US military to provide these services through their family insurance.

The government is arguing that since it has offered to reimburse the costs of the services it wants the Little Sisters to provide, they should have no moral objection to offering them. The Little Sisters are saying this is not about money, but conscience, and whether they should be forced to change their healthcare plan to offer services they have a moral objection to when those services could be provided more effectively through the government's healthcare exchange.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

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Readings for the Week of March 6, 2016

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Carolyn's Place, Inc. PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Join us for our Annual Meeting

WED., MARCH 30, 2016

at St. John the Evangelist Church
574 Main St., Watertown, CT

The evening will begin at **6 pm** with a Mass in celebration of life, followed by the meeting of our year's activities.

Come get an update about our 23 years of ministering and meet our Board and Staff members & enjoy a dessert buffet.

All are welcome... bring a friend!

Save the Date!
Tuesday, March 22nd
4-9pm

Annual Flatbread Night for ImmaCare Homeless Shelter
Sponsored by St. Ann's Food Group

Flatbread Company
110 Albany Turnpike
Canton, CT

Pizza! Live Music! Tea Cup Auction! Family Fun!



Relay For Life of Farmington Valley

Seeking teams from Churches, Civic Groups, Businesses, Families and Friends!

Find out what Relay is all about and how to form a team to support the American Cancer Society!!!

Information Night
Thursday, March 10 7 p.m.

Avon Library, First Floor Conference Room

Please join us!!!

Questions? Contact: dutilrelav@gmail.com

Meditation on the Lenten Season

Sacred Music & Readings

Sunday March 6 at 4:00pm



St. Michael's Parish
25 South St. (Rt. 63)
Litchfield
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StMichaels-Litchfield.org
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St. Michael's Choir
Marguerite Mullée,
Music Director
Free will offering

Archbishop's St. Patrick's Day Breakfast

Please join Archbishop Leonard Blair and the Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools (FACS) at the *Archbishop's Patrick's Day Breakfast* which benefits Catholic school students and includes great food and Irish entertainment.



Thursday, March 17, 2016 7:30 ñ 9:00 a.m.
Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford

- President of Fairfield University Rev. Jeffrey von Arx, S.J. will be the guest speaker.
- Proceeds will provide scholarships and fund special projects at Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford.
- For information about sponsorship opportunities, advertising in the program, or to purchase tickets, please contact: Mdussault@facshartford.org or call 860.761.7499.

Adult Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for baptized Roman Catholics who have made their First Communion and

are over the age of 18 will be held in four locations this fall.

St. Bridget, 175 Main St., Cheshire, CT on

Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 29, April 5, 12, 19 from 7 to 9 pm.

St. Mark the Evangelist, 467 South Quaker Lane, West Htrd., CT on Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 29, April 5, 12 from 7 to 9 pm.

Old St. Peter School, 28 St. John Place, Torrington, CT on Sundays, March 6, 13, 20, April 3, 10, 17 from 10am to 12 pm.

St. Mary, Branford, 731 Main Street, Branford, Mondays March 7, 14, 21, 28 April 4, 11, 18

For directions see our web page, www.orehartford.org

Registration forms are available in your parish office or on www.orehartford.org.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on April 26th, 2016 at 7 pm in The Cathedral of St. Joseph,

140 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT.

Holy Land Tour 2016

St. Catherine of Siena Parish invites you to travel with them to the Holy Land in October, 2016.

Learn all the details of this exciting once in a lifetime trip on Wednesday March 9th, at 7 PM in Russell Hall, St. Catherine of Siena Church, West Simsbury. A veteran professional Holy Land traveler will present the trip itinerary including: Galilee, Nazareth, Capernaum, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. Non-stop airfare, accommodations, tour guides, trip costs and trip insurance will be reviewed.

Please join us for this opportunity to experience our themed tour "Walk in the footsteps of Jesus". Questions or for more information contact Tom Clarke 860-559-1047 or email tom.daybreak@gmail.com