



# Church of Saint Ann

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Call the Parish Office

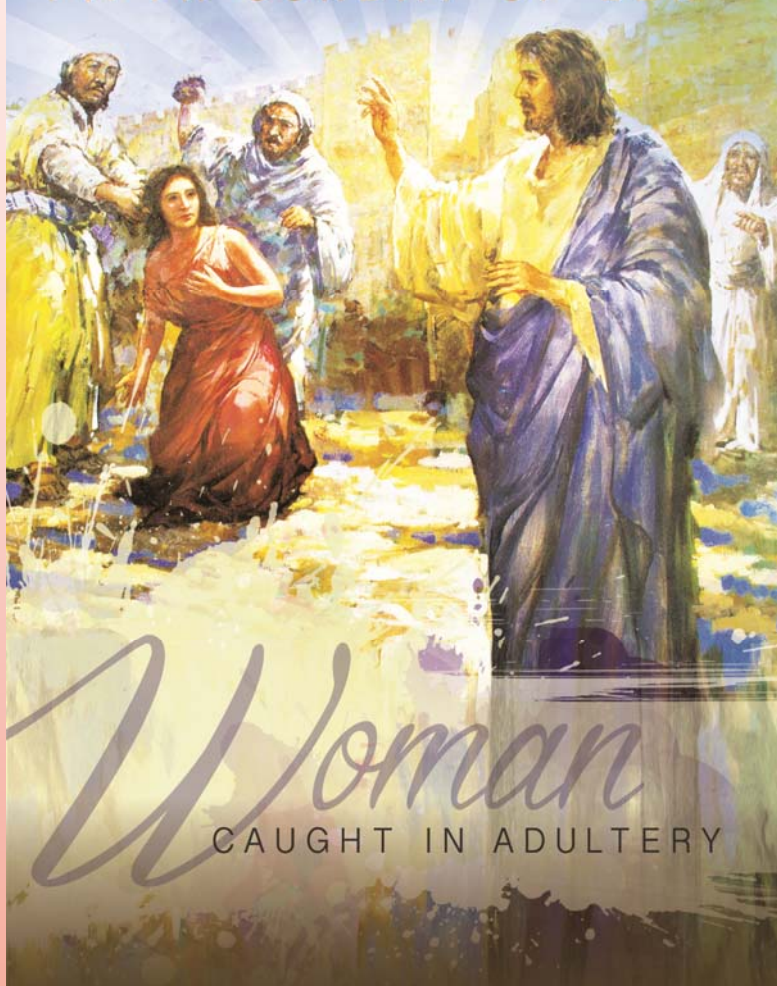
## MARRIAGES

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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## 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

**5th Sunday of Lent**

### MONDAY, March 14

9:00 **Special Intentions**

### TUESDAY, March 15

9:00 **Joseph Savidge, Jr., requested by the family**

### WEDNESDAY, March 16

9:00 **Horace & Anita Abate, requested by the Abate Family**

### THURSDAY, March 17

9:00 **Special Intentions**

### FRIDAY, March 18

9:00 **For the deceased members of the Liptack Family, requested by the Bondhus Family**

### SATURDAY, March 19

4:00 **Mary Hojnowski, requested by Russell & Diane Koch**

### SUNDAY, March 20

7:30 **Dr. Theodore deGroot, requested by his wife & family**  
 9:30 **Frances Caspar, requested by the Saint Ann Bereavement Committee**  
 11:00 **Norman Bailot, 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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

### MONDAY, March 14

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

### TUESDAY, March 15

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3

### WEDNESDAY, March 16

**Lectio Divina:** 3:30pm in Room 3  
**Marthas + Marys March Madness event:** 6:30pm in FBHall  
**Knights of Columbus Meeting:** 7pm in Room 3

### THURSDAY, March 17

**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 18

**Stations of the Cross:** 7pm in the church

### SATURDAY, March 19

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

### SUNDAY, March 20



## Youth Ministry Easter Plant Sale Ends 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 this weekend. The plants will decorate our altar for Easter.

[www.Light4you.info](http://www.Light4you.info)

**CONFESSIONS  
DURING LENT  
MONDAYS 6 - 7 PM**

Every Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford



Get Glowing  
to VBS!

## Registration Has Begun!

Registration Form is on our  
website ([www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org))

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



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### It's That Time of Year Again...

If you are a registered parishoner 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.com](mailto:kris.martino@stannavon.com) or call 860-673-9858, ext. 221.

**Stations of the Cross  
Fridays During Lent: 7:00 pm**



**WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME****March 6, 2016: \$7,756.50****Online Giving (week ending 3/2/16): \$1,889.00****Next weekend's second collection: monthly****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 the 2nd Sunday of each month (THIS SUNDAY) from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary. \*

**Corporal Works of Mercy****This 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.

**Next Weekend of March 19/20****Bury the Dead**

**Parish Collection:** Easter is coming – the celebration of Jesus' resurrection and triumph over death! EASTER FOOD BASKET COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND.

**Personal Connection:** \*Include a personal message in your Easter food basket, from your family to the recipient's. \* Reach out to those family, friends, and neighbors who have lost a loved one (particularly a spouse) by inviting them to lunch, bringing them to Mass, or including them in social activities.

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION****Grades K-8: UPCOMING CLASSES****March 20<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup> (last class)****St. Ann Celebrates the Year of Mercy****Rediscover Jesus Lenten Program This Week****Focus: To Love Like Jesus;***Open our hearts to love unconditionally, like Jesus*

**READ:** Week of Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>, we discuss Chap. 27-33; week of 3/20, Chap. 34-40.

**GATHER:** Visit [stannavon.org](http://stannavon.org) for full details.

**Small Groups:** Meetings continue!

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

- Sun, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm, FB Hall: **Parish Gathering**. Mary Lou Benoit-Connors and Sr. Jerilyn Hunihan will share stories about faith from their work in prison ministry.
- Mon, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:15pm, FB Hall: **Parish Gathering**. Repeat of Sunday's presentation.

**NEXT WEEK - Shawn George will speak on finding room for prayer in the midst of our busy lives. Catch her at one of the following Gatherings - our last of Lent!**

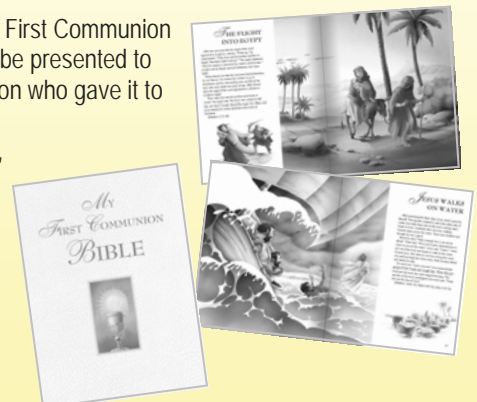
- Sun, March 20, 9:00am, AMS: **Gr. K-4 Parents' Gathering**
- Sun, March 20, 12:00pm, FB Hall: **Parish Gathering**
- Sun, March 20, 6:00pm, AMS: **Gr. 5-8 Parents' Gathering**
- Mon, March 21, 7:15pm, FB Hall: **Parish Gathering**

**Online Discussion Forum:** Join in! Log on via [stannavon.org](http://stannavon.org)

**ACT:**

- Participate in the March 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Corporal Works of Mercy Easter Food Basket collection in a big way!
- Do the suggested activities in *Rediscover Jesus*.

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



**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



**Knights of Columbus Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 16th at 7-8:30pm**  
**Room 2 (under Fr. Bennett Hall)**

**ST. ANN CARES**

St Ann Cares began sign -ps 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](mailto:rose_sp@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.

**2016 Holy Week Schedule****Monday, March 21**

Lenten Confessions at 6pm - 7pm

**Wednesday, March 23**

Tenebrae at 7:30 pm

**Holy Thursday, March 24**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm  
Adoration until 10pm

**Good Friday, March 25**

Morning Prayer at 9am  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm

**Holy Saturday, March 26**

Morning Prayer at 9am  
Confessions at 10:00am - 11:00am  
Blessing of the Food at 12pm  
Easter Vigil at 8pm

**Special Easter Sunday Schedule**

7:30am, 8:45am, 10am and 11:30am

**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

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

The 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures the essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward. We hope you can help meet our parish goal. If you would like to make a gift, kindly mail in your pledge card. You may also contact our parish secretary, visit the Archdiocesan website at [archdioceseofhartford.org](http://archdioceseofhartford.org) or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow for a monthly payment plan.



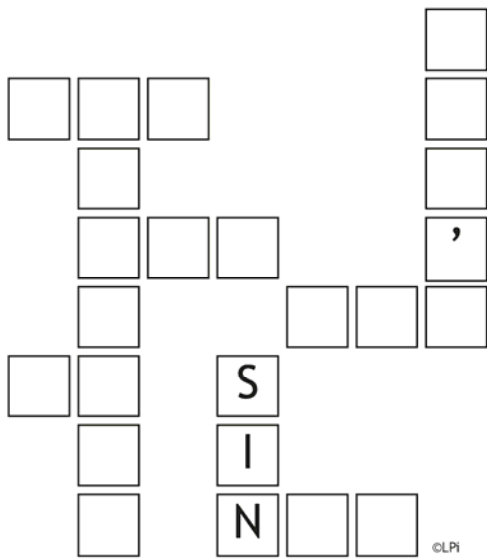
## FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY



### Puzzle

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You may go now, but don't sin anymore.



For the Kids...

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

WHAT IS THE  
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
BEING RIGHTEOUS AND  
BEING SELF-RIGHTEOUS?

### 5th Sunday of Lent - 3rd Scrutiny

The Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem is often filled with incense that wafts through the archways and corridors as worshippers pray in one of the most sacred places for Christians. Burned in sacred rites through the centuries, the dried, hardened sap of the Boswellia trees that grow on the Arabian Peninsula forms the base of most religious incense blends today. Mixed with myrrh and other fragrances, the same sap was used in the preparation of bodies for burial in an attempt to mask the stench of decomposition.

### Defending Our Religious Liberty

When evaluating the presidential candidates, keep in mind their position on preserving the Constitution of the United States and our First Amendment right to religious liberty.

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.

### Readings for the Week of March 13, 2016

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11  
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/  
Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:12-20  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42  
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or  
Lk 2:41-51a  
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/  
Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49

Martha's warning to Jesus in today's Gospel about the state of Lazarus' body is a reminder of our very mortality. After he commands the onlookers to take away the stone from the tomb, Martha tells Jesus, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." With our modern funerals, embalming practices, and sealed caskets, Martha's rather blunt expression of the eventual disposition of our human remains seems like a shocker. About the only remnant we retain of what would cover a rather messy end is the abundance of flowers that surround a casket. What was once a need because of their scent, is now just a pleasant addition to a mournful situation.

The death of Lazarus is a reminder of our own eventual passing. Like him, we will not be in this world forever. Our death is just as real. And while our human remains may not necessarily corrupt as quickly as those of Lazarus, we will still turn to dust. At least our physical selves will. But we are much more than that. Just like we can see incense, so we can see one another physically. But there is more to incense than the smoke we see. There is also the sweet smell, that unseen fragrance that rises toward the heavens. And so do we. More than our physical selves, our souls rise with Christ to the heavenly realm.

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## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### St. Mary's School/Simsbury Now Enrolling! Walk In Wednesdays Are Back!

For the month of March, every Wednesday from 9:30am to 11am, guests are invited take a look in our classrooms, meet our faculty and staff, and see all of the advantages a Catholic education has to offer. Please note that school is closed Wednesday, 3/16/16, for a faculty in-service.

RSVP to Toni Chagnon: 860-658-9412 or [tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.edu](mailto:tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.edu)



### "The ABCs of Annulment"

Fr. Robert Schlageter OFM, Pastor of St. Paul Parish, 485 Alling St., Kensington will host "The ABCs of Annulment" on Friday, April 1st, from 7-9 pm. The main speaker will be Rev. Juan Diego Brunetta, OP, Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Hartford. He will review the changes in the annulment process initiated by Pope Francis and the Archdiocese of Hartford. A secondary speaker will be Brother Larry Lussier CSC, Pastoral Associate at St. Gabriel, Milford will discuss how he and his Annulment Team can assist those seeking annulment.

To assist participants in writing their annulment application, a Writing Workshop led by the Annulment Team (Br. Larry, Deacon Robert Macaluso and Jim Tottenham) will be held on six (6) successive Fridays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, and May 6 and 13 from 7-9 pm at St. Paul, Kensington. The "ABCs of Annulment" information night is a requirement to participate in the follow up workshop.

"The ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all. A donation is requested to defray the cost of printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call 203-937-7040.

### 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!*

### 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 St. 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](mailto:Mdussault@facshartford.org) or call 860.761.7499.



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### March Day of Recollection with Deacon Steven DeMartino

Begins Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 10:00 AM  
Bl. Oscar Romero

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**Save the Date!**  
**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**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!**