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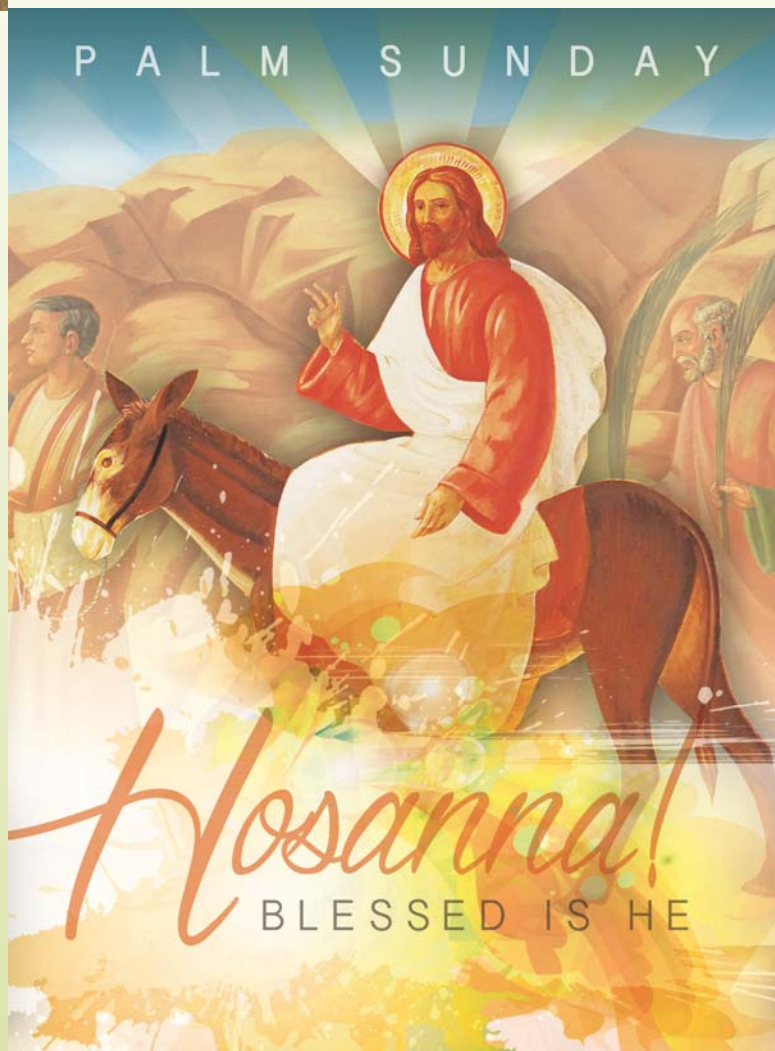
Call the Parish Office

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.



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

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

MONDAY, March 21

9:00 **Olga & Ruben Villanueva**, requested by
Sara Bensics

TUESDAY, March 22

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, March 23

9:00 **Anna Bondhus**, requested by
the Bondhus Family
7:30 *Tenebrae*

THURSDAY, March 24- Holy Thursday

7:30 *Mass of the Lord's Supper*,
Adoration till 10pm

FRIDAY, March 25- Good Friday

9:00 *Morning Prayer*
3:00 *Liturgy of the Lord's Passion*

SATURDAY, March 26- Holy Saturday

9:00 *Morning Prayer*
10-11 *Confessions*
Noon *Blessing of the Food*
8:00 *Easter Vigil*

SUNDAY, March 27- Easter

7:30 *For all those in whose memory or honor the
altar plants have been donated*
8:45 *For all those in whose memory or honor the
altar plants have been donated*
10:00 *For all those in whose memory or honor the
altar plants have been donated*
11:30 *For all those in whose memory or honor the
altar plants have been donated*

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

Every Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford

The Divine Mercy Novena will begin on
Good Friday. We will pray the Novena
in the wing of the church following the
3pm Liturgy of the Lords Passion.

All are welcome to join us.



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 21

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 22

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, March 23

Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, March 24, Holy Thursday

FRIDAY, March 25, Good Friday

SATURDAY, March 26, Holy Saturday

SUNDAY, March 27, Easter

Happy Easter!



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

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

March 13, 2016: \$6,306.35

Online Giving (week ending 3/15/16): \$2,754.00

Next weekend's second collection: *Easter/Parish Charities*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-8: UPCOMING CLASSES

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



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 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 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.



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



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2016 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.




Get Glowing to VBS!

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

Register Now!

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



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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





**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
TENEBRAE SERVICE ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD
7:30 P.M.**

What is Tenebrae? The name 'Tenebrae' means darkness or shadows and it is a Holy Week devotion dating back to the 7th or 8th Century A.D. It is characterized by successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses. No service during the entire church year is more biblical: Every word of Tenebrae is taken verbatim from the scriptures. The purpose of the service, through prayer and music, is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story and the events leading up to Good Friday; it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Sunday. Attending this powerfully moving service will set the tone, introduce the themes and adjust your heart and mind for the great events of the Passion and will help you prepare your heart for an even greater experience of Easter JOY.



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.

Please join us for our next Youth Outreach meeting on **Tuesday, April 5th from 7- 8 pm in room 2.** We will be firming up some fun family activities for the spring!

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

St. Ann Celebrates the Year of Mercy

ST. ANN CARES

St Ann Cares began 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.



As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen.
Lk 19:36, 37b



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.com or call 860-673-9858, ext. 221.

Rediscover Jesus Lenten Program This Week

Focus: Jesus and Prayer;

Open our ears to hear Jesus' call to meet with Him daily in prayer

READ: Week of Mar. 20th, Chap. 34-40.

GATHER: Visit stannavon.org for full details.

Small Groups: Meetings continue!

Large Groups: (Guest speaker & book discussion.)

Shawn George will speak on finding room from 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

Attend the beautiful liturgies of Holy Week. Schedule available via the bulletin & website.

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

ACT:

- Look over the new St. Ann Ministry booklet, pray about where God is calling you to get involved, and complete the 'I Can Do This' form.
- Do the suggested activities in *Rediscover Jesus*.

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

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY



Puzzle

Jesus is the King, so here is a maze inside of his crown.



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For the Kids...

QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

HOW DOES YOUR PARISH
HELP INNOCENT PEOPLE
WHO SUFFER TODAY?

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The federal health care mandate violates religious liberty because it forces conscientious objectors to actively go against their moral principles. It also deprives those objectors of the right (a right that others continue to exercise) to do what they see as morally required.

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. Let her know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

Readings for the Week of March 20, 2016

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1-6/
Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/
Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or
22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-14/
Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12
or Lk 24:13-35

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

What a day of ups and downs! We start out with the account of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. In Luke's version, which is proclaimed this year, we hear the crowds reprise the refrain of the angels. In Luke, at Jesus' birth the angelic choir sang out, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (2:14). Today, it is the citizens of Jerusalem who shout, "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest," as Jesus rides by. Completing the circle from angelic to human to every created thing, Jesus tells the Pharisees who want him to rebuke the crowd, "If they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" (19:40). This is a day of exaltation!

But it doesn't take us long to hit the lows that are also part of this day. The story of the Passion reminds us that even though Jesus was hailed as the king riding through Jerusalem, he was also crucified under that same title: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. Yet even as he hung upon the cross, Jesus' words spoke of forgiveness. He prayed, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." He said to the repentant thief, "You will be with me in Paradise."

In some ways the experience of this day reflects what happens to us in everyday life. For the most part, our life is a series of ups and downs. There are days when things go well, and days when life seems to treat us badly. What is called for is a response consistent with a Christian way of living. In his darkest moments, Jesus did not give up hope. He promised the thief paradise. Jesus also did not give in to vengeance, but instead forgave. How we live through the ups and downs of life will reveal how we put into practice each day the example given to us by the Savior.

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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



"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!



In Veneration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy The Archdiocese of Hartford Invites You to participate in a Divine Mercy Sunday Pilgrimage and Liturgy April 3, 2016, 2 - 4 pm

Join Archbishop Leonard P. Blair and others in procession from the Bushnell Park Performance Pavilion in Hartford, to the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, where pilgrims will walk through the Holy Door, participate in Benediction, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and have the option to go to confession.

Free parking will be available at Aetna's Flower Street Garage. A shuttle service will be available from 1:05 to 2:00 pm for those needing a ride to Bushnell Park to begin the pilgrimage. Those who do not wish to march from Bushnell Park to the Cathedral can meet pilgrims at the Cathedral at 3 p.m. For information, call: 860-541-6491.

Pope Francis addresses "every person living on this planet" in the latest encyclical, *Laudato Si: On Care of Our Common Home*. The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will be hosting a day of reflection and action: "Creating a Culture of Solidarity, Encounter and Relationship" on Saturday, April 9th, from 8:30 am- 2:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Rocky Hill. This workshop will explore the vision of Pope Francis, as expressed in his new encyclical, and provide practical tools for strengthening parish ministry through relationship and advocacy efforts. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Please call (860) 242- 5573 ext. 2688 or visit catholicocialjustice.org for more information.



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!