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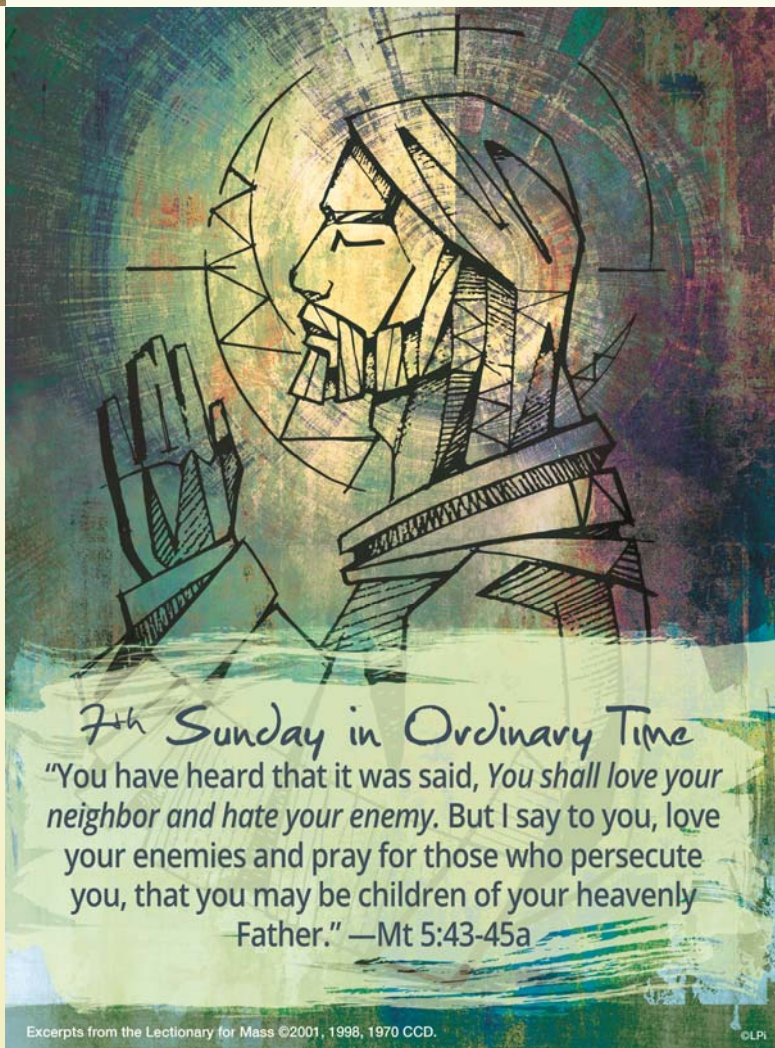
Call the Parish Office

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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, February 20

9:00 **John O'Neill**, requested by
Anne and Robert Yurch

TUESDAY, February 21

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, February 22

9:00 **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, February 23

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, February 24

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, February 25

4:00 **Manda Koch**, requested by
Russell and Diane Koch

SUNDAY, February 26

7:30 **Thelma Martinez**, requested by
the Zone Family

9:30 **Ethel Melanson**, requested by
the Bompene Family

11:00 **Jeff Heim**, requested by the Downey Family

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, February 20

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.
Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!
Quest: 7:15pm in Room 3

TUESDAY, February 21

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 1

Social Justice Committee Meeting-rescheduled: 7pm in Rm. 2

M+M's Book Discussion: 7pm in the Activity Room

WEDNESDAY, February 22

Re-Employment Support Group: 7pm. in the Activity Room

THURSDAY, February 23

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft (per director)

Youth Choir: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft (per leader)

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

FRIDAY, February 24

Quest: 9:30am in Room 3

SATURDAY, February 25

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, February 26

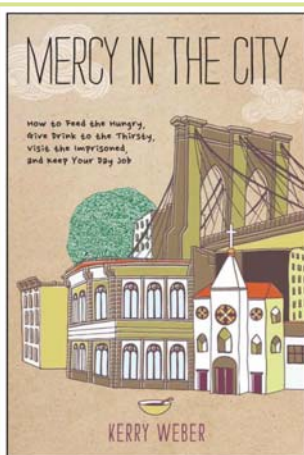
Divine Mercy Holy Hour



This Sunday February 19th

2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Come and experience God's
transforming Love and Mercy!



Marthas
Marys

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 21, 2017
7:00 PM
ACTIVITY ROOM**

(BELOW THE WING OF THE CHURCH)

All women are invited to join us on
Tuesday, February 21st to discuss the book:
Mercy in the City by Kerry Weber.



Snow Date: Tuesday, February 28th

RSVP:

Nancy Casey - nancekc@gmail.com

Mary Healey - maryfromavon@gmail.com

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.

Note: Contributions to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are mailed separately from the Archdiocese.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

February 12, 2017: \$5,304.50
 Online Giving (week ending 2/15/17): \$2343.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Monthly

ADULT *Faith* FORMATION

PARENT ENRICHMENT:

Join us for a mini-Bible Study based on the Sunday readings. We meet in Room 228 upstairs at Avon Middle School, while the kids are in Youth Faith Formation - 9-10:30am and 5:45-7:15pm. Sundays, Feb 12th & Feb 26. Come to one or both! Register with Ann, ann.distefano@stannavon.com and indicate morning or evening session. No experience necessary! Materials provided.

QUEST CONTINUES:

Join St. Ann's Adult Small Groups for prayer, fellowship and a lively discussion of how God's word in the Sunday scriptures applies to your life. Our resource is the *Quest* reflection book. Dates are Jan 15-Feb 24. Choose one of three convenient meeting times: Sunday's, 10:30am; Mondays, 7:15pm or Fridays, 9:30am. We meet in Rooms 1 and 3, lower level of FB Hall. Register with Ann ASAP: ann.distefano@stannavon.com; (860) 673-9858, x. 228. Books are \$6. All are welcome! No Bible study experience required.

Calling All Artists!

WHO: Artists of all ages
WHAT: Your art work as a donation to the 8th Annual St. Ann Art Show and Sale
HOW: Use contact information below. All mediums accepted: watercolor, acrylic, oil, pencil, collage, photography, sculpture, artisan crafts, fabric art, etc.
WHEN: Receiving or picking up donations the week of March 20-24 but, of course, late gifts will be happily accepted.

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 Meg Kundahl: 860.521.1051 or mkfk@sbcglobal.net

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LENT 2017 at the Church of Saint Ann

REFLECTION SERIES ON PRAYER

- + Do you ever feel like something's missing in your prayer life?
- + Do you have a way to pray that you'd like to share with others?
- + Would you like to learn how Catholic prayers can give you peace, strength & clarity?

JOIN US FOR OUR SERIES:

The Prayer Banquet - Nourish Your Soul and Get Strength For Life's Journey

PARISHWIDE PROGRAM:

Five weekly sessions offered Sundays,
12:00-1:30pm & Mondays, 7:15-8:45pm
March 5 – April 3, 2017 in Fr. Bennett Hall
Featuring guest presenters, discussion, refreshments and PRAYER!
RSVPs appreciated - Contact Ann: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

PARENT PROGRAM:

Three sessions offered while the children are in Youth Faith Formation
Sunday Mornings, 9-10:30am or Sunday Evenings, 5:45-7:15pm
March 5, March 19, April 2
Room 228, Avon Middle School
Featuring presentations, discussion, refreshments and PRAYER!
RSVPs appreciated - Contact Ann: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

INTERACTIVE DISPLAY:

Think "Yelp" review! Share your favorite way to pray with us! Send Ann a brief descriptor, including the prayer, where & when you like to pray it, and why it's meaningful to you.

THE WORD AMONG US DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Copies available in the Gathering Space. Read on your own, or form a Small Group. (Contact Ann for Small Group discussion guide.)



March 1, 2017

9:00 am

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

12:10 pm

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

5:30 pm

Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes

LIGHTFORYOU

ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

"Peace be with you!" With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. Christ repeated the words, "Peace be with you." Then he added, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are given them" (Jn20:19-23). What an extraordinary gift – the gift of divine forgiveness!

Prepare for Easter by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During Lent, every Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be open on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Lenten Confessions.

For more information, visit: Lightforyou.today.

Lenten Pasta Dinners

The **Men of St Ann** will be serving Pasta Dinners during Lent again this year. There will be both Marinara Sauce and Clam Sauce. Come and enjoy!
Upcoming dates:

March 3rd and March 31st
5:30 ~ 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

Come alone or bring the family!

Adults: \$5
Kids under 18: \$3
Family Max: \$15

Why not feed your soul as well? Come to Stations of the Cross at 7pm following the Pasta Supper.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

My pastor likes to say that his parents would always remind him to "leave a place you visited a little better than the way you found it." I have always tried to live by those words as well. The important word here is "tried" as I am sure that I have not always been successful.

The desire to always go a step further, to give even more than is required, is truly honorable. Jesus speaks to his disciples about this when he urges them to give more than what is asked and to travel two miles in service when all that was required of them is one. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to live the same way. It is fundamental to understanding a stewardship way of life.

True generosity has no limits. When we say that mature disciples are to answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost, we are inviting good stewards to embody this type of generosity. We can be the person who does not respond to the call, be the person who responds and gives what is required, or, finally, be the person who seeks to give above and beyond what is required. God doesn't just give us what we need, but he gives us more than we need. Made in his image, we are called to do the same. If we try to live in this manner every day, then we might just succeed in leaving this world a little better than the way we found it.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

If we do not risk anything for God we will never do anything great for Him.

- St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy." (Lv 19:1-2)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16)

Gospel:

"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father." (Mt 5:43-45a)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 19, 2017

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/
1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6/Mt 16:13-19
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-18/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Is 49:14-15/Ps 62:2-3, 6-9/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34



GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow." Today Jesus continues the powerful teaching of his Sermon on the Mount. Typical of this famous sermon, here he urges us to see things in a new way, specifically regarding situations and people who bother us. First, he tells us not to seek revenge. Instead, we are to demonstrate incredible generosity. Then, he instructs us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." These instructions don't come naturally to most of us. We are much more inclined to want to get even with those who cause us to suffer, and to wish ill for those who have hurt us. But Jesus proposes another way.

In truth, what good does it do to seek revenge or foster hate? It only continues the cycle of evil. Jesus encourages behavior that will stop the cycle short. He gives us a model that--although it may not change the heart of our "enemies"--will nonetheless change OUR hearts for the better. When pressed into service for one mile, if we voluntarily go two, then WE are the ones whose attitude and experience is certain to change. Instead of spending the length of that one mile cursing and complaining, we spend the length of two enjoying a surprising kind of freedom: "I chose to do this," instead of "I am being forced to do this."

When we practice the generosity of giving more than we are asked, and the charity of praying for those who persecute us, we will find ourselves in a position to transcend the trouble. It sets us free to not be mastered by the evil around us. Thus, we are able to help end the cycle of evil and begin a new cycle of love and peace.



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us to love our enemies and to pray for those who persecute us. It is one of the most challenging commands of the Gospel for believers. We should consider how well we fulfill this command of the Lord.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Women's Retreat Weekend! Our Lady of Calvary, Farmington April 21-23, 2017

Women of St. Ann's! Give yourself a weekend! Sign up now for our parish retreat at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT on the weekend of April 21-23.

"Embracing Joy: Learning to Bear the Beams of Love" is this year's theme. For information, contact Chris Healy at 860-693-8562 or email sonesinger@gmail.com.

JOIN US! Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center ANNUAL MEETING Wednesday, March 8, 2017

The Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center Annual will be held Wed., March 8 at St. Bridget Church (175 Main St.; Cheshire, CT). The evening will begin at 6:00 PM with a Mass celebrated by our founder, Fr. Robert Rousseau, in celebration of life. Mass is followed by the meeting in the church hall beginning at 7:00. We will update you on our activities and our plans for the future, and provide an opportunity for you to ask questions of our Board of Directors and staff. We will end early so you may enjoy a delicious dessert buffet.

ALL ARE WELCOME...AND ENCOURAGED TO BRING A FRIEND!

Divorce and Beyond Support Group Spring Session

Our Lady of Loreto
Church Hall
12 Ardsley Road, Waterbury, CT 06708
Beginning on March 8, 2017
6:30 PM

Register by contacting Barbara at: (203) 910-1561

<http://www.ourladyofloretotwby.org/>

Registration Deadline: 2/21/2017

Space is limited

ALL INQUIRIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL

ALL ARE WELCOME

I Phone Fast! Will u?

Yes! On Ash Wed and Good Fri

When? Mar 1 & Apr 14

Shut off your phone and let God call your heart

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"I Phone Fast! Will U"

For the first time ever, the Archdiocese of Hartford is inviting people to "fast" from using cell phones on Ash Wednesday, March 1st, and Good Friday, April 14th, in an initiative called: "I Phone Fast!"

Silencing our busy phones, gives God a chance to call our hearts. Please consider including this practice in addition to fasting from food, almsgiving and prayer, which are traditional disciplines by which the Church observes Lent. Visit: archdioceseofhartford.org.

Dr. Joan Kelly will offer a Lenten Mission: CATHOLIC IDENTITY: RENEWING OUR APPRECIATION Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, W. Simsbury March 5-7 (Sunday-Tuesday) at 7pm

Dr. Joan Kelly will lead us on a tour of our Catholic faith Tradition. Together we will explore the wealth of our glorious Catholic heritage steeped in a centuries old Tradition more than 2000 years old. You will be enlightened about the historical resplendency of Catholic doctrine, ritual and devotion that manifest itself in our Church down to the present