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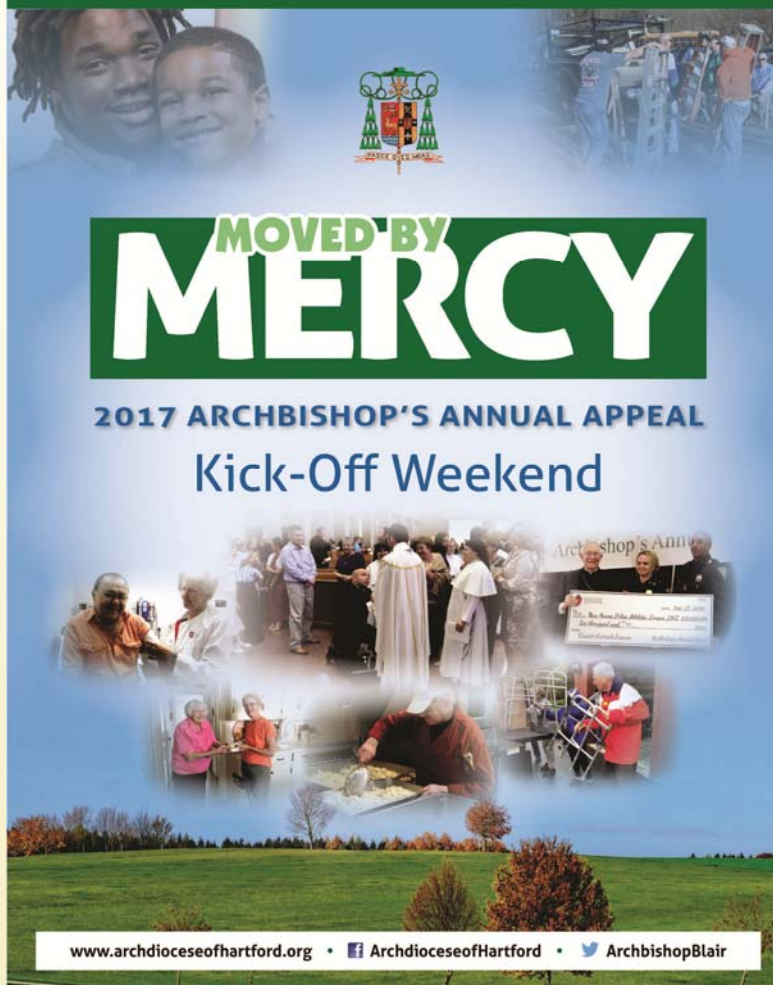
MARRIAGES

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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD



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



First Sunday of Lent

MONDAY, March 6

9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, March 7

9:00 Leo ZuWallack, requested by
the ZuWallack Family

WEDNESDAY, March 8

9:00 Santa Calderone, requested by
a friend of the family

THURSDAY, March 9

9:00 Harold Schenk, requested by
the Bruno Family

FRIDAY, March 10

9:00 Horace and Anita Abate, requested by
the Abate Family

SATURDAY, March 11

4:00 Lucille McKeeman, requested by
a friend of the family

SUNDAY, March 12

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 John Walsh, requested by the family

11:00 Ann Marolda, requested by
The ZuWallack Family



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

*except on Friday, March 24th *
due to Confirmation

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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, March 6

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

Prayer Banquet Lent Series: 7:15pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

TUESDAY, March 7

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 1

WEDNESDAY, March 8

Acts of the Apostles Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 2 & 3 (filled)

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

THURSDAY, March 9

Marthas + Marys Planning Meeting: 9:30am in Room 3

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, March 10

Stations of the Cross: 7pm in the church

SATURDAY, March 11

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

First Eucharist Retreat: 12-4pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, March 12

Prayer Banquet Lent Series: 12 noon in Fr. Bennett Hall

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church

Confessions to Be Heard on Monday Evenings During Lent

If you have gotten caught up in the busyness of life and have fallen away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you can change that. This Lenten season, the Archdiocese of Hartford is initiating an Archdiocesan-wide effort to inspire Catholics to experience God's love and mercy offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Every church in the Archdiocese will be open on Mondays from 6 to 7pm during Lent for confessions.

To help you prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, visit: Lightforyou.today

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Next Sunday March 12th

2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Our Lord told St. Faustina, "For the soul that trusts much will be given."

Please join us as we place our trust in Jesus!



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

February 26, 2017: \$7,266.96
 Online Giving (week ending 3/1/17): \$3,046.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Youth Ministry



St. Ann Cares Day of Caring May 6th



**Would you like join us in
helping others?**

**Sign Up after all Masses
on March 4/5**



Moved by Mercy Archbishop's Annual Appeal

This weekend marks the start of the 2017 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 of God's people. The "Good Works" performed by our Church in the areas of social services, healthcare, pastoral services are critical for so many in need.

Through the generosity of Appeal donors, we helped provide the following:

- Through the Catholic Charities basic needs program 750 families avoided homelessness in 2016. More than 140,000 meals were served to those who are hungry.
- In our Catholic elementary schools' 2,370 eligible students benefited from scholarship awards.
- More than 44,000 free-patient-visits to the Malta House of Care has been provided to individuals since 2006.
- 218 families benefited from the Emergency Assistance Fund and received emergency funding for basic human needs.
- In 2016 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to 246 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties.
- Local organizations receive funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that made a difference in serving our local neighbors.

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

St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 18, 2017

7:00pm



Dress: Casual Green

Refreshments:

Corned Beef Sandwiches Provided
 Bring an Appetizer or a Dessert
 Irish Beer and Irish Coffee Provided, of course!

Entertainment:

Fitting for the Occasion
 Music to be Sung by Tenors...and YOU!
 Step Dancers
 Loads of Irish Laughter!

Tickets: \$15

(will be sold after Masses in March)

Or mail by March 14th

Anne Yurch: 25 Stony Corners Cir.
 Avon, CT 06001

Checks Payable to:
 Marthas + Marys

Vacation Bible Camp
 June 20-23, 2017
 9:30am - 12:30pm
 PreK - Grade 4 (completed)

Registration Has Begun!
Register Early - Space is Limited

**Registration form
 is on our website:
www.stannavon.org**

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 Gain Strength For Life's Journey

PARISHWIDE PROGRAM:

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

THIS WEEK (March 5/6): *Developing a Taste—What does God say about prayer? Why do we pray? How do we pray? Guest presentation on Contemplative Prayer.*

NEXT WEEK (March 12/13): *Come to the Feast—Why it's essential to pray in community. Guest presentations on the many opportunities for group prayer at St. Ann.*

PARENT PROGRAM: (while the K-8 children are in Faith Formation)

Sunday Mornings, 9-10:30am or Sunday Evenings, 5:45-7:15pm
March 5, March 19, April 2 in Room 228, Avon Middle School
RSVPs appreciated - Contact Ann: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

THIS WEEK (March 5): *How verbal prayer can enrich you and your family*

"PRAYER SHARING" INTERACTIVE DISPLAY:

You share your favorite recipes—share your favorite way to pray with us!
Forms available in the Gathering Space and on the parish website: stannavon.org.

SMALL GROUP STUDY OF THE WORD AMONG US

Friday Mornings from 9:30-11am in Room 3
All are welcome! Materials provided. Register with Ann above.



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Corporal Works of Mercy 2017

During this Lenten season, our Parish family Lenten commitment is to practice the corporal works of mercy, both individually and as a community. Donations should be placed in the labelled boxes in the Gathering Space. Anything you can donate is appreciated!

In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own, and to take practical steps to alleviate it. - Pope Francis

This Weekend: Feed the Hungry

Food collection for the Avon Food Pantry and two Hartford parishes.

Next Weekend: Visit the Sick

Collection of health aids for Helping Haitian Children at the Carrefore Clinic in Haiti:

Vitamins (Children & Adult)	Eucerin cream
toothpaste	Tylenol (500mg & 325 mg)
toothbrushes	Ben Gay/Muscle Rub
Bacitracin ointment	antifungal ointment
Aleve	

We also ask that you visit those in nursing homes, shut-ins, or friends in need. Locally, call Avon Health Center 860.673.3265 for names of residents who would welcome visitors.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Come be a part of our ministry!

Upcoming Meeting:

Monday,
January 9th
7-8:30pm
in Room 2



All are welcome...
including brand new knitters!
For more information call
Pat: 860-673-3747
Tina: 860-674-1541

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.



MARCH 5, 2017 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Can you believe Lent is here already? It seems like not that long ago I was decorating a Christmas tree! Time waits for no one and that is why it is important to make a mindful commitment now to not let this Lenten season pass you by. It is a great time to focus on growing as an everyday steward. The temptations are always there to procrastinate or to give in to spiritual laziness, but the Church's observation of Lent offers us so many tools to help us get on track. Increased devotions such as Stations of the Cross, various parish missions, or Lenten-focused literature are all gifts that your parish may be offering to assist you in this season.

With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse.

But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.
--Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*There are two ways to get enough.
One is to continue to accumulate more and more.
The other is to desire less.*

- G. K. Chesterton

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. (Gn 3:6)

Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

Gospel:

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!" (Mt 4:8-10a)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 5, 2017

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



GOSPEL MEDITATION

"He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry." And no surprise! That's an incredibly long time to fast. Undoubtedly Jesus' physical and emotional strength would have been extremely weak after enduring such a marathon of abstinence. And isn't it interesting that the "tempter" should choose to appear at this particular moment? When bread must have sounded better than ever, the devil comes and tests Jesus, saying, "Command that these stones become loaves of bread."

How hard it must have been to resist! Surely, Jesus could have caved in. He could have shown the devil his power--and had a bite to eat while he was at it--but he didn't. Instead, Jesus relied upon the word of God, and battled the devil by holding fast to the truth. "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

What an excellent model this provides for us. We too face temptation of various kinds and degrees. As the first reading from Genesis reminds us, the "cunning" serpent has been slithering around humanity from the beginning of time. Even when we have all that we need, the devil makes us want more, or want different, than what we have. Today's Gospel calls Satan "the tempter" for good reason. He tempts us to break God's law as Adam and Eve did when they ate from the tree "in the middle of the garden." But Jesus shows us the right response by battling the devil with the truth of God's word. Whatever temptations might beset us, there is power in clinging to the truths that we find in Scripture. In our moments of trial, may we have the strength to claim these truths as our own and, like Jesus, defeat the deceit of the devil.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

We have begun Lent, entering into a season of conversion and repentance. Like us, Jesus was subject to temptation, but he resisted with all his heart. As we celebrate our Eucharist today, let us ask God to give us the perseverance to avoid sin.

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.

Lenten Bible Series at St. Mary's in Simsbury

Fr. Frank Matera will present a Bible Study on the Epistle to the Hebrews, entitled, *Entering God's Rest*, on the Thursdays of March 9, 16, 23, 30 in the Lower Church of St Mary's, 942 Hopmeadow St, 7:00 to 8:30 PM. The series is open to the public.

Three Day Lenten Mission St. Patrick's Church, Collinsville, CT: Monday-Wednesday, March 27-29 at 7pm Presented by Br. Michael Moran, CP

Each night of this Lenten Mission, the music, reading, homily, image, and participation will build on the theme of the night. On Monday we learn to let go of the noise and distractions in our lives and just be present with Jesus. On Tuesday we learn that the love of God for us is in the Passion of Christ and this love has the power to change us and heal us if we are open to it, and on Wed. just as the disciples on the road to Emmaus began to understand the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection, Jesus does the same for us if we take the time to let him. Come join us on this three day journey during this most sacred season of the church year.

Religious Education Director Search:

St. Mary's Parish in Simsbury is actively searching for a Director of Religious Education. For more information, contact the Business Manager, Mr. William Heiden (860 658 7627) at businessmanager@stmarysimsbury.org

Archbishop Leonard P. Blair & the Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools (FACS)

Present the

17th Annual Archbishop's St. Patrick's Day Breakfast

Friday, March 17, 2017

Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford, CT



Featuring Guest speaker
Mark K. Shriver

Author of: *Pilgrimage - My Search for the Real Pope Francis* President of: Save the Children Action Network

Event sponsorship, tickets and book sales coming soon!

All proceeds raised benefit the Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools to assist Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford by providing funding for scholarships and special projects.

2017 FACS Partners



The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford in collaboration with the Office for Small Christian Communities will host a day of shared Lenten reflection, silence, and conversation as we ponder the Pope's call to action in *Laudato Si*. "Encounter Creation: A Day of Reflection on Pope Francis' call to Care for our Common Home" will be held on Saturday, March 18 from 9am-2pm at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. Released on June 18, 2015, *Laudato Si* is Pope Francis' second encyclical. It ties lack of concern for others to environmental degradation and poverty.

Our guest speaker will be Kevin Johnson, Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Religion, and Theology at Sacred Heart University and the President of The Inner Room, a Roman Catholic Lay Association and Non-Profit Organization in Connecticut. Kevin has a Master of Arts in Theology from Yale Divinity School.

To register for the event call (860) 242-5573 ext. 2688. Online registration available at <http://www.catholicssocialjustice.org/>. Registration is \$25, which includes workshop materials, lunch and refreshments.