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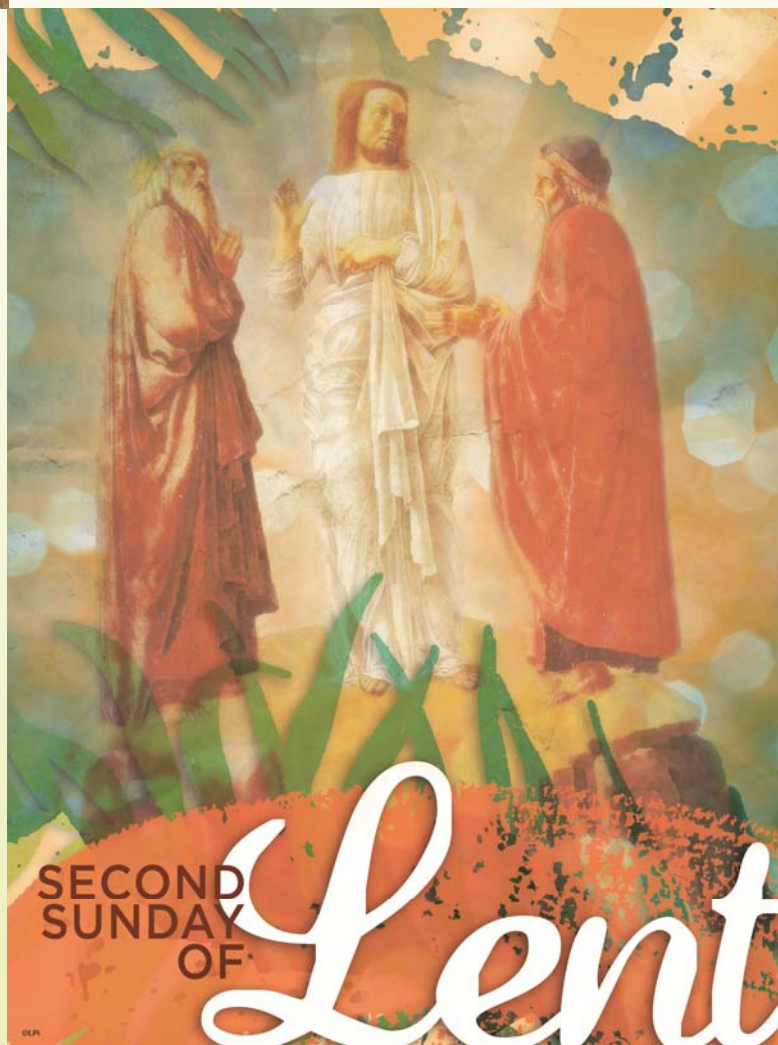
Call the Parish Office

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

Second Sunday of Lent

MONDAY, March 13

9:00 **Santa Calderone**, requested by
John and Alice Kuzia

TUESDAY, March 14

9:00 **Marion Manocchio**, requested by
the Ledwidge Family

WEDNESDAY, March 15

9:00 **For the Intentions of Shawn George**
(living), requested by Roy and Peggy Connoy

THURSDAY, March 16

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, March 17

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, March 18

4:00 **Louise Liptack & Family**, requested by
The Bondhus Family

SUNDAY, March 19

7:30 **Joseph Savidge, Jr.**, requested by the family

9:30 **Joseph Clementina & Madeline**
Vernesoni, requested by the King Family

11:00 **Michael Schinas**, requested by
a friend of the family



Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent: 7:00 pm

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

Dispensation from Lenten Abstinence on Friday, March 17



Archbishop Leonard Blair has formally dispensed the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford from the obligation to abstain from meat on the Memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop, which will be observed this year on Friday, March 17, 2017. Inasmuch as fasting is a spiritual good, meant, in the words of the Catechism, "to help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart," the Faithful who partake of meat on March 17, 2017 are encouraged to observe the Lenten abstinence on Thursday, March 16, or Saturday, March 18.

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 13

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.
Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!
Prayer Banquet Lent Series: 7:15pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

TUESDAY, March 14

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3
Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 1
Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, March 15

Acts of the Apostles Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 2 & 3 (filled)
Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, March 16

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 17

Stations of the Cross: 7pm in the church

SATURDAY, March 18

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3
St. Patrick's Day Party: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, March 19

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



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CONFESSIONS DURING LENT MONDAYS 6 - 7 PM



Every Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford



Divine Mercy Holy Hour



This 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

March 5, 2017: \$9,386.63
 Online Giving (week ending 3/8//17): \$3,056.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Monthly

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

Moved by Mercy Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward.

We hope you can help us meet our parish goal. If you would like to make a gift, kindly mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at archdioceseofhartford.org or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow the donor to best use the monthly payment plan.

Cemetery Cleanup Notice

CEMETERY CLEANUP NOTICE

All graves must be cleared of all decorations prior to April 1st for Spring Cleanup.

We will not be responsible for items left on the graves after this date.

WHO: Artists of all ages
WHAT: Your art work as a donation to the 8th Annual St. Ann Art Show & 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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MAKER FUN FACTORY
 Created by God Builds for a Purpose

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 find 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 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.

NEXT WEEK (March 19/20): *A Party of Two - The blessing of private prayer.* Special guests share their favorite ways to be alone with God.

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

NEXT SUNDAY (March 19): *How non-verbal prayer can enrich you and your family*

"PRAYER SHARING" INTERACTIVE DISPLAY:

Add your favorite way to pray to our display in the Gathering Space! Blank forms available near the display and at www.stannavon.org/lent-2017.



Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, February 15th
at 7-8:30pm
Room 2 (under Fr. Bennett Hall)

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. - Mt 17:1-3

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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: Visit the Sick

Collection of health aids for Helping Haitian Children at the Carrefour 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.

Next Weekend: Shelter the Homeless

Collection for ImmaCare Inc. shelter in Hartford.

Bath Towels	Soap
New/Used Clean Blankets	Toilet Paper
Plastic-coated Paper Plates	Toothbrushes
Coffee Cups, Utensils	Toothpaste
Paper Towels & Napkins	Shampoo & Razors

A notice from our Defenders of Faith Ministry:

On Monday, March 13th at 10:00 a.m. the Family Institute of Connecticut will hold a Pro-Family Lobby Day at the Legislative Office Building (Room 2B) in Hartford. The purpose is to show legislators how much public support there is for a pro-family agenda. Also, you will have the opportunity to meet with your legislators and ask them to promote legislation that is pro-life, pro-family and pro-faith.

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.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Catherine Doherty said, "Yes, stewardship pertains to everything and I am responsible for my part of that everything." I am reminded of that quote when I read the words from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, "Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Both point to our own responsibility as a disciple, as well as the reality that we are not alone. We live with God in community. We each have our part to play in the kingdom of God.

Lent is an important time to focus on how our stewardship way of life causes us to sacrifice and, at times, experience hardship. If we find that we never seem to feel our sacrifice, then it is a good time to ask ourselves if we really are fully living as good stewards, cultivating what we have been given, and then offering it all back to God. If we only give from our excess, then we will never understand the meaning behind the words of St. Paul and Catherine Doherty.

This is why we must challenge ourselves. We must push ourselves to go that extra mile. It really is a way of exercising our stewardship muscles. So as this Lenten season is still in its first weeks, what can you attempt to do that really pushes you out of your comfort zone? Can you double or triple your prayer time during the season? Can you search your household and give to charity more than just things you don't need anymore, but also things you still want? Is there someone to visit a few times before Easter than can no longer get out? Whatever it is, the strength will come from God to take greater care of your part of his everything.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

All the efforts of the human mind cannot exhaust the essence of a single fly.

- St. Thomas Aquinas

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."
(Gn 12:2)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began. (2 Tm 1:9)

Gospel:

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (Mt 17:4-5)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 12, 2017

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42
or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



GOSPEL MEDITATION

"When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid." Peter, James, and John already knew Jesus. They had been following him, learning from him, watching him for quite some time. But what took place before their eyes at the Transfiguration was unlike anything they had yet witnessed. This was not just a miracle or a message: this was a supernatural vision. When Jesus' face suddenly "shone like the sun" and two ancient prophets appeared and spoke, and a heavenly voice announced the true identity of their friend and teacher, these three disciples nearly fainted in fear. It must have been too glorious, too strange, too astonishing to handle.

But Jesus "came and touched them" to rouse them from their prostration. He told them, "Rise, and do not be afraid." What a beautiful moment. The Lord realized that his friends were overwhelmed. He had compassion on their meager ability to comprehend what was really going on. He allowed them to participate in this moment of revelation to help them understand who he was, but he still understood who they were--imperfect human beings who could not be expected to completely understand the ways of God.

Sometimes we might long to witness a kind of Transfiguration moment. It can be tempting to think that if we had access to such a supernatural revelation, our faith would be strengthened and our lives would change. But Jesus knows us best. He knows what we can handle and he knows the perfect way to reveal himself. For most of us, most of the time, this means coming to know Jesus in the more ordinary ways of prayer, Scripture study, and the sacraments. Let's be sure we are ready to find Jesus there.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

The transfiguration of Jesus in today's Gospel serves as a foretaste of the Resurrection. Each Lent we are given this vision on the second Sunday to encourage us in our penitential practices so that we may come to celebrate Easter joy.

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.

YOU'RE INVITED !!!

ARCHBISHOP'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY BREAKFAST

Friday, March 17, 2017 from 7:30am-9am

Connecticut Convention Center - 100 Columbus Blvd. Hartford

Great food and Irish-themed entertainment. Guest speaker is Mark K. Shriver author of the new book: *Pilgrimage-My Search to find the real Pope Francis*

Sponsored by the Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools (FACS)

For tickets, sponsorship information or to pre-order Mark's book

and receive an autographed book plate

call: 860-761-7499

or visit FACSHartford.org

PLEASE JOIN US AT THIS IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER. Proceeds benefit the Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic schools which provides scholarships to students attending Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

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The Archbishop O'Brien Library will sponsor

The Roots of Lent

Wednesday, March 15 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
presented by Rev. William Verrilli, JCL



Learn about the celebration of lent, its Jewish and scriptural roots, its historical development, how the church has transformed over the centuries, and how prayer, fasting and almsgiving contribute and relate to the spiritual experience and growth of today's Christian.

Fr. Verrilli holds degrees in liberal arts, classics and modern languages, theology, liturgical studies, and a Licentiate in Canon Law. He is a judge for the Tribunal in the Archdiocese of Hartford and a mentor to the Permanent Diaconate program in Bridgeport and is a State Police Chaplain.



The program will be held at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, CT. Registration is recommended. To sign up, call 860-242-5573, ext. 2608/2623. Refreshments will be served. A free-will offering will be accepted. All are invited.

Save the Date!

Wednesday, 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!

Tea Cup Auction!

Family Fun!

Here at St. Ann!

THE EUTHANASIA
DECEPTION
WE ARE ALL VULNERABLE

The Culture of Life has a new enemy.

The Euthanasia Deception Documentary is a dire warning about what we are facing in CT with two Assisted Suicide Bills in this Legislative session. This 52 minute movie is a "must see". It will be shown at The Church of St. Ann, Avon on Sunday, April 2 at 3P.M. in Fr. Bennett Hall.

Please join us !

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