

# Church of Saint Ann

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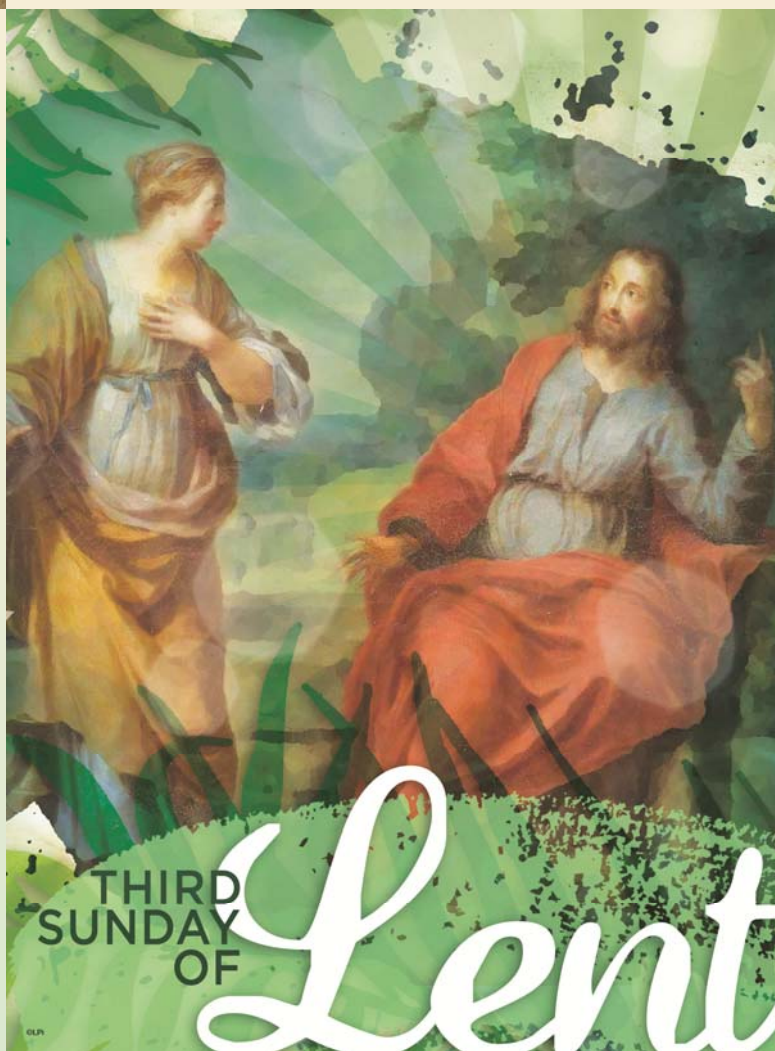
Call the Parish Office

## 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.



## 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



### Third Sunday of Lent

**MONDAY, March 20**  
9:00 **Special Intentions**

**TUESDAY, March 21**  
9:00 **Dahlia and Joseph Calcagni**, requested by the family

**WEDNESDAY, March 22**  
9:00 **Paul Mozzicato**, requested by the family

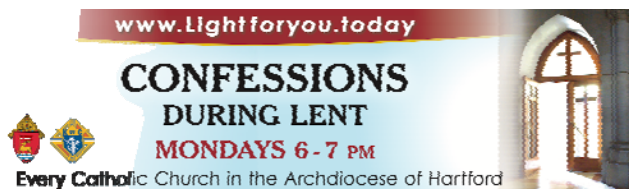
**THURSDAY, March 23**  
9:00 **For the deceased members of the Vuono and Bondhus Families**, requested by the Bondhus Family

**FRIDAY, March 24**  
9:00 **For our Confirmation Candidates (living)**

**SATURDAY, March 25**  
4:00 **Mary Hojnowski**, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

**SUNDAY, March 26**  
7:30 **Joe Augeri**, requested by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Argay  
9:30 **Marietta Costanza & Salvatore Chieffalo**, requested by the Cerra Family  
11:00 **John F. McKenna**, requested by The McKenna Family

***NO Stations of the Cross This Week***  
***Confirmation Begins at 7pm***



**Vacation Bible Camp**  
**June 20-23 \* 9:30-12:30**  
**PreK-Grade 4 (completed)**



**Registration Has Begun!**

**Registration form is on our website and outside the Faith Formation Office.**

# 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 20

**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 21

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3  
**Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Room 1

### WEDNESDAY, March 22

**Acts of the Apostles Bible Study:** 9:30am in Room 2 & 3 (filled)  
**Re-Employment Support Group:** 7 pm. in the Activity Room

### THURSDAY, March 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, March 24

**NO Stations of the Cross this week**  
**Confirmation:** 7pm in the church

### SATURDAY, March 25

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

### SUNDAY, March 26

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

## Confirmation

On Friday, March 24th, Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation here at the parish of St. Ann. Please pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our confirmation candidates and that their hearts will be open to receive His gifts.

*There will be no Stations of the Cross on this evening (March 24<sup>th</sup>).*





## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

March 12, 2017: \$6,333.00  
 Online Giving (week ending 3/15/17): \$2,344.00  
 Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:  
 none

**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.

**CONTACT:**

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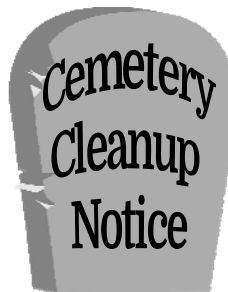


*"God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." - Jn 4:24-26*

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## Moved by Mercy Archbishop's Annual Appeal

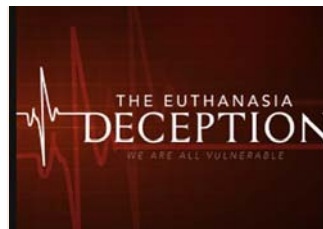
The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2017 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.



### 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.



### The Culture of Life has a New Enemy

Euthanasia Deception documentary is a dire warning about what we are facing in Connecticut 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 Saint Ann, Avon on Sunday, April 2nd at 3pm in Fr. Bennett Hall. Please join us!

Dear Parishioners,

This year there will be 59 candidates receiving the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. They received their First Reconciliation on December 10, 2016, and are preparing for reception of the Blessed Sacrament in the Spring. Soon we will be 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



# 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](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com)

**THIS WEEK (March 19/20):** *A Party of Two - The blessing of private prayer.* Special guests share their favorite ways to be alone with God.  
**NEXT WEEK (March 26/27):** *Digging In - Exploring traditional prayers.* Find fresh inspiration in familiar rote prayers.

## 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](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com)

**THIS 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](http://www.stannavon.org/lent-2017).



**Kids in Grades 4-8,  
Come join St. Ann's  
Youth Choir for Easter!**

Youth Choir will sing at 11:30am Mass on Easter Sunday. Join us for rehearsals on Thursdays, 4:15pm in the Choir Loft..

Contact Choir Mom Ann DiStefano, [ames.distefano@gmail.com](mailto:ames.distefano@gmail.com); (860) 463-7495.

## 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](mailto: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.



## 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: Shelter the Homeless

Collection for ImmaCare Inc. shelter in Hartford.

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

## Next Weekend: Clothe the Naked

Collection for Hartford Catholic Worker Youth Outreach.

Socks for children & adults	(children ages 5-18 & adults)
Underwear	Children's pajamas
(boxer type for boys & men)	Shirts and Pants
T Shirts	

## 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 date:

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**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

*When I think about the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, I think of my father. This Gospel reading that we use every year for the First Scrutiny of the RCIA was always my favorite to discuss with those who would be baptized in just a few weeks at the Easter Vigil. Not that many years ago, my father was one of those elect. That year, the story was more powerful than ever.*

*The woman went frequently to the well looking to get the water that would sustain her body. But in the story, Jesus tells her of a different kind of water, one that gives life and quenches even the driest of thirsts. The story tells us that she put down her water jar and ran to the town telling of her encounter with the One who may be the Christ. She left that jar at the well. She did not need it anymore.*

*I encounter people all the time that spend their days going up the hill to draw water. They are tired and spent. My father was one of those. But with the gift of baptismal water, that constant chore is now over. There is no need to travel up that hill.*

*This Lent, if you are one of the baptized, reclaim the gift of your baptism. Stop climbing that hill in search of something that can only quench your thirst temporarily. You encountered Christ and have the everlasting, living water already. Put down that water jar. Your new life has only just begun. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

## QUOTES

### Words to Inspire the Faithful

*We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we choose to believe.*  
- St. John Neumann

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

"I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. (Ex 17:6)

### Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

### Second Reading:

Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Rom 5:7-8)

### Gospel:

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." (Jn 4:9a, 10)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of March 19, 2017

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  
Monday: 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  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:3-4, 18-21ab/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." Are we true worshippers? Do we praise and honor God the Father in the way Jesus described to the Samaritan woman at the well?

It seems that this woman was caught up in logistics about WHERE to worship more than HOW to worship. Her people worshiped in one place, the Jews in another. She was puzzled by this and, even though she could see that Jesus was a prophet, she challenged him because she thought perhaps he wasn't a true worshipper of God. The Lord's response to her was to shift the focus away from a particular physical location for honoring God. In essence, he told her that what mattered was that we worship God by being filled with his Spirit, "the Spirit of truth, [who] will guide you to all truth," as Jesus will say later in John's Gospel (16:13). This woman, whose life was marked by such a sad string of broken relationships, had been missing the point.

Worshipping God means more than merely practicing a community ritual or frequenting a sacred site. If we don't come to truly know God by welcoming his Spirit into our hearts, then our worship will be empty and our lives will always be missing something. The deep fulfillment that is meant to come from following the Lord is a fruit of being filled with his Spirit. Without drinking fully of this "living water" that is available to all of us through the waters of baptism, we will always be seeking something more, like this poor woman. Instead, may we be true worshippers, who drink with satisfaction from the Lord's own "spring of water welling up to eternal life."

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

Today Jesus meets the woman at the well. After her time with Jesus she tells others about this man who is able to see into the depths of a person's life. Is Jesus that person for you? Have you allowed him into the depths of your life? Do you go out and tell others about this Jesus, as the Samaritan woman does? Do you share the good news by the way you live your life?



## 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.

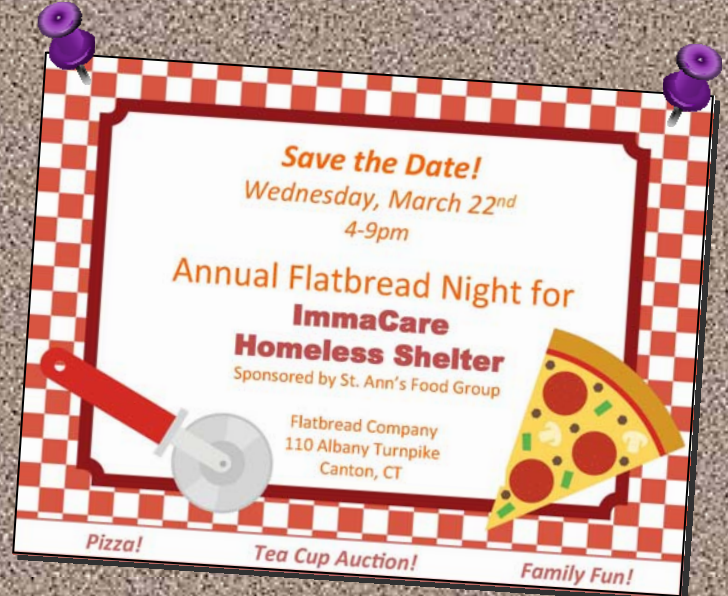
"Embracing Joy: Learning to Bear the Beams of Love" is this year's theme. For information, contact Chris Healy at 860-693-8562 or email [sonesinger@gmail.com](mailto:sonesinger@gmail.com).

### ImmaCare Inc. Taste of the World

On Friday, April 28, 2017, ImmaCare Inc. will be hosting the fifth annual *Taste of the World—An International Food, Wine & Beer Tasting* to support the services and programs ImmaCare has provided to those experiencing homelessness in Hartford since 1981. Longtime supporter, former board member and steward of ImmaCare, George Slate, will accept The Partnership Award, and Renee DiNino, Director of Community Affairs & On Air Programming for iHeart Media will be the Special Guest Emcee. The evening will feature international cuisine including Cajun, Japanese, Brazilian, Italian and German. Harvest Fine Wine and Back East Brewing company will return to provide wine and beer, and new this year will be Two Roads Brewing Company. The evening will also include an eclectic selection of music and a silent auction. *Taste of the World* will be held at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, from 6:30 pm–9:30 pm. The suggested cost for tickets is \$100 per person, the minimum ticket price is \$85 apiece. All proceeds will help ImmaCare continue to better serve those experiencing homelessness in Hartford. For tickets and sponsorship information, visit [www.ImmaCare.org](http://www.ImmaCare.org), [www.Facebook.com/ImmaCare.CT](http://www.Facebook.com/ImmaCare.CT) or please contact Teresa Wierbicki, Director of Development: [twierbicki@immacare.org](mailto:twierbicki@immacare.org), 860-724-4823 ext. 103.

### 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](mailto:businessmanager@stmarysimsbury.org)



**Save the Date!**  
Wednesday, 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! Tea Cup Auction! Family Fun!**

### Fish & Chips/Mac & Cheese Dinner KoC Hall in Unionville on Friday, March 3rd

Come and have a great family Friday night out March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. A fish and chips dinner or mac & cheese with cole-slaw, drink, coffee, and dessert will be served. The event is being held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 301 New Britain Ave. in Unionville. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and children 6 and younger are free. Tickets available at the Council home from 4-7pm week days or by calling Bob 860-673-3404, Maury 860-677-2922 or Gary 860-676-0652. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Take outs will be available. Come one come all and enjoy!

### The Conversation Project

A workshop dedicated to helping people talk about end-of-life wishes.

Give your loved ones the confidence they need to make important medical decisions in the event you're not able to make them for yourself.

April 18, 2017 • 12:00 p.m.  
Hop Meadow Country Club  
85 Firetown Road, Simsbury

**McLean**  
Home Care & Hospice

#### the conversation project

The Conversation Project is a national initiative created to encourage people to talk with their families and their health providers about their wishes for care if they become seriously ill.

WORKSHOP FACILITATORS:  
James Cox-Chapman, MD, a specialist in geriatric medicine with ProfHealth Physicians  
Kevin Baran, MD, MPH, HMDC,  
Hospice Medical Director, McLean Home Care & Hospice

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:  
The Simsbury Aging and Disability Commission  
The Simsbury Senior Center

Space is limited • RSVP required Call 860-658-3723 Lunch will be provided