



# Church of Saint Ann

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## BAPTISMS (Registered Parishioners):

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

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

### MONDAY, March 5

9:00 **James Womac**, requested by  
Michael and Rosemary Madden

### TUESDAY, March 6

9:00 **Special Intentions**

### WEDNESDAY, March 7

9:00 **Special Intentions**

### THURSDAY, March 8

9:00 **Leo ZuWallack**, requested by  
the ZuWallack Family

### FRIDAY, March 9

9:00 **Harold Schenk**, requested by  
the Bruno Family

### SATURDAY, March 10

4:00 **Special Intentions**

### SUNDAY, March 11

7:30 **Rosann Conran**, requested by  
her sister in law, Kathleen Conran  
9:30 **Carl Del Prete**, requested by  
Lou and Eileen Del Prete  
11:00 **Claire Gallette**, requested by  
Bill and Janet Newman

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

ConfessionMondays.com

**MONDAYS  
DURING LENT**  
**OUR DOORS ARE OPEN**

The Church of Saint Ann will be open on Mondays  
during Lent from 6 to 7pm for confessions.



## 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 will be THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 4th from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

# 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 5

**MMP Cenacle:** 7:15pm in the church.

*Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!*

**Young Adult Bible Study:** 7pm in the Activity Room

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

**Rediscover Catholicism Lent Study:** 7:15pm in Rm. 3

### TUESDAY, March 6

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3

### WEDNESDAY, March 7

**Matthew Bible Study:** 7:15pm in Room 3

### THURSDAY, March 8

**Rediscover Catholicism Lent Study:** 9:30am in Room 3

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

**Children's Choir:** 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

**Adult Confirmation Preparation:** 7pm in Room 2

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

**St. Ann Cares Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Room 1

### FRIDAY, March 9

**Rediscover Catholicism Lent Study:** 9:30am in Room 3

**Traditional Choir:** 2pm in the Choir Loft

**Stations of the Cross: NOT THIS WEEK** due to Confirmation

**Confirmation:** 7pm in the church

### SATURDAY, March 10

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

### SUNDAY, March 11

**Rediscover Catholicism Lent Study:** 10:30am in Rm. 3

**Parish Coffee:** after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall  
(sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)

## Confirmation

On Friday, March 9th, Bishop Emeritus Peter A. Rosazza, D.D., 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 9th.***





## Corporal Works of Mercy 2018

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 labeled 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, March 3/4:

### *Shelter the Homeless*

This collection will be donated to ImmaCare Inc. shelter in Hartford.

bath towels	coffee cups,	toilet paper
new/used clean	Utensils	toothbrushes
blankets	paper towels	toothpaste
plastic coated	soap	shampoo
paper plates	napkins	razors

Next Weekend, March 10/11:

### *Clothe the Naked*

Collection for Hartford Catholic Worker Youth Outreach.

socks for children & adults	t-shirts:
underwear:	(children ages 5-18 & adults)
(boxers for boys/men)	childrens' pajamas, shirts & pants



## Youth Ministry Easter Plant Sale Starts Next Weekend!

March 10/11 & March 17/18

Please help beautify our Church for Easter by supporting the Youth Ministry Easter Plant Sale. Plants are \$10 and can be purchased in honor of, or in memory of a loved one after Masses. The plants will decorate our altar for Easter.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### Lenten Book Study: *Rediscover Catholicism*

This Lent, our parish is reading Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Catholicism* and exploring how our faith is fulfilling and relevant today. See book flyer and website for reading schedule and join us for discussion.

**Book Discussion Groups are meeting weekly.**

**Join us when you can!**

- At Church: Groups meet in Room 3 - Sundays, 10:30am; Mondays, 7:15pm; Wednesdays, 7:15pm; Thursdays, 9:30am & Fridays, 9:30am.
- At Avon Middle School: Parent Book Study Groups meet in Room 227 during the 9am and 5:45pm CCD sessions Mar 11, & Mar 25.

### *This week in "Rediscover Catholicism:"*

1. Confession: In our busy lives, we need help being more attentive to the things that separate us from God, our neighbor and our true selves. Where do you need the cleansing and strengthening of Confession in your life?
2. Daily Prayer: What difference do you see in your attitude and your decision making when you talk to God during the day?
3. The Mass: How could keeping a Mass Journal enhance your experience of Mass?
4. We are called to share with others the truth, beauty and goodness of our faith, but this requires knowing it *and* living it. What could you do to better know and live our faith?

**St. ANN'S**  
**SUMMER Bible Camp**  
**JUNE 25-28**  
**9:30aM - 12:30pM**

This year's theme is  
**Shipwrecked:  
Saved by Jesus.**  
Stay tuned for more  
news to come!

## Young ADULT BIBLE STUDY!

Young Adults in their 20's & 30's are invited to join us for faith filled discussions on Sunday's scripture, with open minds and hearts. We meet Monday nights at 7:30pm, usually in the Activity Room beneath the church wing, but check our Facebook group (St. Ann's Young Adult Group) for location info. Everyone is welcome - please bring friends! Coordinator:

Ceci Menendez: [cecilia.menendez@uconn.edu](mailto:cecilia.menendez@uconn.edu).

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

February 25, 2018: \$6,885.60  
 Online Giving (week ending 2/28/18): \$2,915.00  
 Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: Youth Ministry

### St. Ann Cares: Sign-Up THIS Weekend for Day of Caring

St. Ann Cares will be holding sign ups after all Masses this weekend for it's Day of Caring on May 5th. Please sign up and join us in caring for those who need it most.

We will need painters, carpenters and landscapers of all skill levels.

For more information contact Steve Rose at 860-250-5355 or [sjrose1088@gmail.com](mailto:sjrose1088@gmail.com)

## PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

### Pro-Life Ministry Needs Your Help

Pro-Life Ministry is on a mission to put an end to this culture of death by advancing a culture of life. As faithful citizens each of us is called to uphold the dignity of every human life, especially the unborn. Once innocent life is protected a renewed respect for all life will follow.

#### *How do we advance the culture of life?*

Watch EWTN Pro-Life Weekly on Thursday at 10 p.m., Sunday at 10 a.m. or go to their website [www.prolifeweekly.com](http://www.prolifeweekly.com) and select Catherine Szeltner official site. It is concise, accurate, informative and based on a Catholic perspective. A call to action is then presented. To do this go to [prolifeweekly.com](http://prolifeweekly.com). The Susan B. Anthony List will appear with a message for your response.



## Youth Choir-Easter Rehearsals

Singers in grades 4-8: Come help us make a joyful noise at 11:30am Mass on Easter Sunday! Choose from these convenient rehearsal times (we meet in the choir loft):

- Every Thursday from 4:15-5pm.
- Wednesday March 7th & Wednesday, March 21st, 7:00-7:45pm

Contact: Choir Mom Ann DiStefano,  
[avon.distefano@comcast.net](mailto:avon.distefano@comcast.net)

## Little Lambs Informational Meeting!

Do you have a son or daughter that has joined us for Little Lambs, or would like to in the future?

Are you looking for a way to volunteer at St. Ann's with no monthly meeting and minimal time commitment?

Are you a parent, a grandparent, a catechist, an aunt or uncle, a teacher or retired teacher?

Then Little Lambs ministry is for you!

Please Join us for an informational meeting on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 at 10:00 am, in Fr. Bennett Hall. Everyone is welcome, including your children!



Looking forward to sharing the joy of our Ministry with all of you!

Please contact

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or Colleen Waterbury at:

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## Our Faith, Our Future Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2018 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 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](http://archdioceseofhartford.org) or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Come be a part of our ministry!*

Upcoming  
 Meeting:

Monday,  
 March 5th  
 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

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*Can you recite the Ten Commandments by heart? Several years ago a national US survey found more people could identify the ingredients in a Big Mac and name the children in the Brady Bunch television show than recite the Ten Commandments. Of course, being able to recite them is not nearly as important as living a life in harmony with them. However, if we simply live to not break them then we are only living out half of our discipleship.*

*Every commandment calls us to action beyond the simplicity of its words. We are not to kill, but we are also called to support life. We are not to steal, but we are also to share what we have freely. We are to have no other Gods before our God, but we also need to actively praise and glorify Him.*

*To live a moral life is to do more than follow rules and laws. It is to actively live in a way that gives witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. This way of living is stewardship. As we focus more on the penitential message of Lent, we need to not just reflect on what we have done wrong, but equally what we have failed to do. To be given so much by a loving God and not share those things with God and His people is wrong as well. Perhaps as we reflect on these things we might find ourselves adding something to our lives that will last for many Lenten seasons to come.*

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Nothing that you have not given away will ever be really yours.*

- C.S. Lewis

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

"I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods beside me." (Ex 20:2-3)

### Psalm:

The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. (Ps 89)

### Second Reading:

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. (1 Cor 1:25)

### Gospel:

And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. (Jn 2:16-17)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of March 4, 2018

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25.  
 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30  
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14  
 Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21.  
 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

We all have things in our lives that don't belong there. Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to treat us, maybe it's a habitual sin, maybe it's a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: "Take these out of here."

When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: ergo, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren't prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn't expect.

The response of Jesus is a strong one. "He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up sin - our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce. In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross.

In the meantime, Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

How seriously do we take the Ten Commandments? Many today adopt a free spirit approach to life and resist conforming their thoughts and actions to established guidelines and principles. We all need direction. Those who travel realize how much easier journeys can be when equipped with the proper directions. The Ten Commandments are God's proper directions for us to assist us in living our lives as his children. We are given the example of Jesus, the living temple. Jesus allows us to share in his intimate relationship with his Father so that we can more quickly find our way to him. Guidelines and structure are important. Lent reminds us we are created in a certain way and are meant to live our lives in God.



## THE BULLETIN BOARD

**Shut off your phone and  
let God call your heart** ❤️



**Phone Fast Fridays During Lent**  
#PFF  
[ArchdioceseofHartford.org](http://ArchdioceseofHartford.org)

**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.

### **"A DIVINE MERCY MISSION"**

**Presented by Fr. Jim McCormack**

**St. Patrick's Church, Collinsville, CT**

**Monday-Wednesday, March 12th-14th at 7pm**

St. Patrick's Church in Collinsville, CT has scheduled a 3 day Mission with Fr. Jim McCormack, MIC. Fr. Jim grew up in Burlington and was ordained at St. Patrick's Church on July 10, 2010 entering into the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. Each day of this Mission flows from the main topic of our Lord's Divine Mercy.

Please join us for one, two or all three days of this special Lenten Mission to deepen your faith and take part in the demonstration of God's love for us.

**Cemetery  
Cleanup  
Notice**

### **St. Ann Cemetery Notice:**

*All Christmas &/or winter decorations at the St. Ann Cemetery need to be removed by March 10th in preparation for Easter and Spring cleanup.*

**Join us for the Church of St. Patrick**  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY**



**FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018 AT 6:30 PM**

**Farmington Country Club**

**806 Farmington Ave.**

**Farmington, CT 06032**

**\$40.00 per person**

*Featuring Live Irish Music by Liz McNicholl & the Crickstones and Irish Dancers from Griffith Dance Academy*

### **BUFFETT-STYLE DINNER**

- Irish soda bread with house made fruit marmalade
- Allen brothers corned beef and cabbage with potatoes and carrots
- Guinness battered Cod with chips, malt vinegar, sea salt
- Shepherd's pie- lamb, carrot, peas
- Cash Bar and an Assortment of Irish Beers. Parishioners and Non-Parishioners are welcome.

Tickets can be purchased at St. Patrick's Mass, or by calling (860) 677-2639 or on our website <https://stpatsfarm.org>.

