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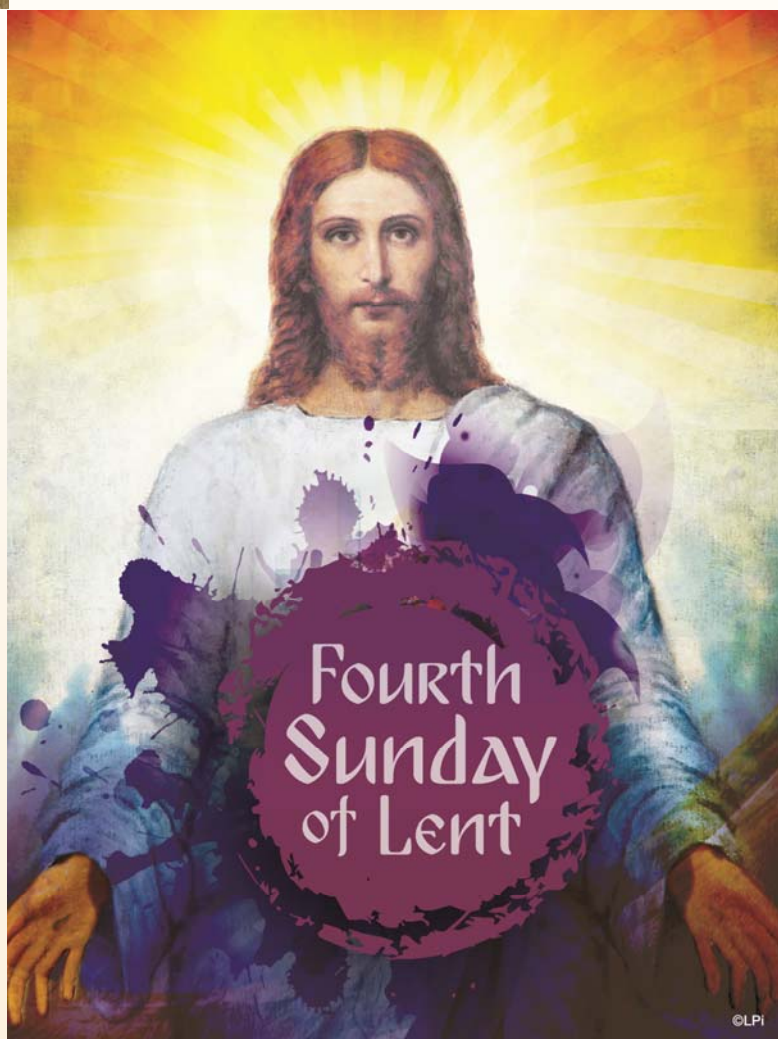
Call the Parish Office

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



4th Sunday of Lent

MONDAY, March 12

9:00 **Genevieve Magel**, requested by
Lou and Eileen Del Prete

TUESDAY, March 13

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, March 14

9:00 **Jadwiga Gutowska**, requested by
Bill and Janet Newman

THURSDAY, March 15

9:00 **For the intentions of Lidia Komarnicki (Living)**, requested by the Osiecki Family

FRIDAY, March 16

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

SATURDAY, March 17

4:00 **John O'Neill**, requested by Heidi O'Neill

SUNDAY, March 18

7:30 **Lucy Thomas**, requested by Susie Downey
9:30 **For the deceased members of the Liptack Family**, requested by
the Bondhus Family
11:00 **Nicholas Dias (17th Ann.)**, requested by
the Alphonso Family

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

NEXT Sunday, March 18th

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!



Lenten Confessions
Mondays during Lent: 6-7pm

Stations of the Cross
Fridays During Lent: 7:00

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, March 12

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

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

TUESDAY, March 13

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, March 14

Little Lambs Informational Meeting: 10am in Fr. Bennett Hall

Matthew Bible Study: 7:15pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, March 15

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

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

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

FRIDAY, March 16

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

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

Lenten Pasta Dinner: 5:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

Stations of the Cross: 7pm in the church

SATURDAY, March 17

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, March 18

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

Sandwich Sunday: after Masses in Fr. Bennett Hall

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



Youth Ministry Easter Plant Sale Starts This 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.

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 10/11:

Clothe the Naked

Collection for Hartford Catholic Worker Youth Outreach.

socks for children & adults
underwear:
(boxers for boys/men)

t-shirts:
(children ages 5-18 & adults)
childrens' pajamas, shirts & pants

Next Weekend, March 17/18:

Visit Those in Prison

Please help fund religious periodicals that are distributed to incarcerated persons in CT. These periodicals (Word Among Us) enrich faith, and the recipients are very grateful.

Sandwich Sunday is March 18th!



JOIN US in Fr. Bennett Hall
after 7:30am, 9:30am & 11am
Masses to make sandwiches for the homeless.

PLEASE BRING: 1 ½ lbs deli meat, ¾ lb sliced cheese, 1 large loaf of bread (white or wheat), 1 small box of sandwich bags (flap variety, not zipper-lock)

RECIPIENTS will be: Mercy Shelter, ImmaCares Shelter and the Cathedral Food Pantry

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. The Bible: What is your favorite book or story from the Bible?
2. Fasting: What would be the hardest thing to fast from one day each week?
3. Spiritual Reading: What is the last really good Catholic book you read – one that changed your thoughts or actions?
4. The Rosary: When is the last time you prayed the Rosary? In what circumstances could you use the Rosary as a prayer practice?



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: 7-7:45pm
 - Rehearsal with Orchestra: Saturday, March 31st: 11:30am
- Contact: Choir Mom Ann DiStefano, avon.distefano@comcast.net

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!

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

March 4, 2018: \$7,114.52
Online Giving (week ending 3/7/18): \$3,057.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection: Monthly

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
 Heather Hoffman at:
heather-hoffman@sbcgolbal.net
 or Colleen Waterbury at:
mcwaterbu@comcast.net

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 information. Everyone is welcome - please bring friends!
 Coordinator:
 Ceci Menendez: cecilia.menendez@uconn.edu.

2018 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 16th & March 23rd
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.



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 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. The Susan B. Anthony List will appear with a message for your response.

Our Faith, Our Future 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 2018 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. John 3:16

When I first saw each of my three children, I loved them with a love that I did not realize existed in me. These were flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone, and were the result of the love between their mother and me. This made them mine.

My love for them continues to be so strong as they grow older and I cannot fathom ever losing them. Then I look around and see friends of mine who have lost a child. It makes me want to hold them tighter and not let go.

But as I have continued to grow in this stewardship way of life, I realize that these three wonderful human beings and not really mine. They belong to God. They are entrusted to me in this world, but they belong truly to the One who loves them even more than I do. Yet, it is not easy to offer them back to God, especially due to tragedy. If that day ever were to come, how could I handle it?

Not only did God offer his Son to the world, the offering was done with full knowledge that the Son would die a brutal death. God loves us so deeply he placed Himself in the very position that any parent dreads the most. So this Lent I will look at my children and I reflect on the depth of love a parent has for a child and the even more profound love God has for us.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things.

- Pope Gregory the Great

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. (2 Chr 36:15)

Psalm:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

Second Reading:

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ - by grace you have been saved. (Eph 2:4-5)

Gospel:

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. (Jn 3:20-21)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 11, 2018

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
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/
Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/
Jn 12:20-33
Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
[7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Why is the world the way it is? We all wonder that from time to time. Each successive generation projects rose-hued longing on the past and casts furtive glances at the impending future. We see forces beyond our control in nature and in the newspaper. The world is changing and we're being pulled out with the tide.

In the face of this confusion, today's Gospel features one of the most oft-quoted Scripture verses of all time: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." But if Christ has come, why is the world so challenging? Why is the world still - to our eyes - being carried off in a proverbial hand basket? Jesus' response is a deeply personal one. "This is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." Patterns arise, habits are formed, and systems become engrained, but each is the result of an interconnected web of human choices.

Where do we stand? Our answers, perhaps, vary from week to week, hour to hour, missed traffic light to spilled coffee to teenage child's rebellion. The world isn't perfect because we aren't perfect. Our parish is flawed because we're flawed. Our families need work because every one of us needs to be converted. Christianity is a process, not a destination!

This Sunday, Jesus invites us to consider our own lives. Where in our own lives do we prefer darkness to light? What flaws are we trying to hide? Humbly acknowledge those places today. Ask God for the grace to be transformed. Share with your spouse or a friend where you'd like to improve this week. "Whoever loves truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

If we continue to journey through life without genuine self-knowledge, without knowing how our relationships ought to be ordered and what truth is, the path we walk will always be only dimly lit. In fact, when we make the wrong choices or find ourselves forgetting who we are, we can easily find ourselves in darkness. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Jesus is the light that came into the darkness. It is not enough for us to simply believe that Jesus is the Christ but we must live our lives in witness to this truth. The choices we make and the priorities we establish are going to either speak of someone who really does not care, someone who is confused, or someone who is wholeheartedly convinced of God's love. Which are you?

THE BULLETIN BOARD

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



Phone Fast Fridays During Lent
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**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.

"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>.

