



# Church of Saint Ann

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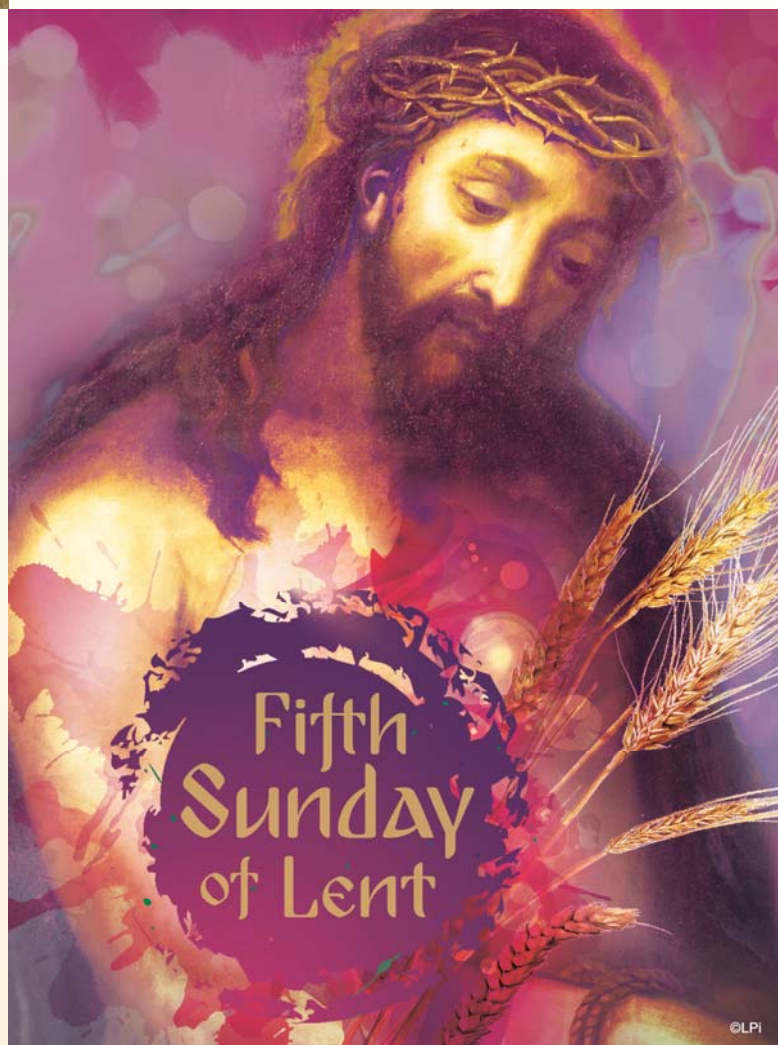
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## MARRIAGES

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.



## 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

## 5th Sunday of Lent

### MONDAY, March 19

9:00 **Joseph Savidge, Jr.**, requested by  
the family

### TUESDAY, March 20

9:00 **Special Intentions**

### WEDNESDAY, March 21

9:00 **Joseph Calcagni**, requested by the family

### THURSDAY, March 22

9:00 **Lucille, Dufek**, requested by  
Barbara Swagarten

### FRIDAY, March 23

9:00 **For the deceased members of the Vuono  
Family**, requested by the Bondhus Family

### SATURDAY, March 24

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

### SUNDAY, March 25

7:30 **Edwin Lysak (5th Ann.)**, requested by  
the family  
9:30 **For the deceased members of the  
Vernesoni and King Families**, requested  
by Jeanie King and family  
11:00 **Terry Moody**, requested by the family

## Divine Mercy Holy Hour THIS 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!

# 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 19

**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 20

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3

### WEDNESDAY, March 21

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

### THURSDAY, March 22

**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 23

**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 24

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

### SUNDAY, March 25

**Parish Coffee:** after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall  
(sponsored by our St. Ann Cares Ministry)



## Youth Ministry Easter Plant Sale Ends This Weekend: 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.



**Lenten Confessions**  
Mondays during Lent: 6-7pm

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



## 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*

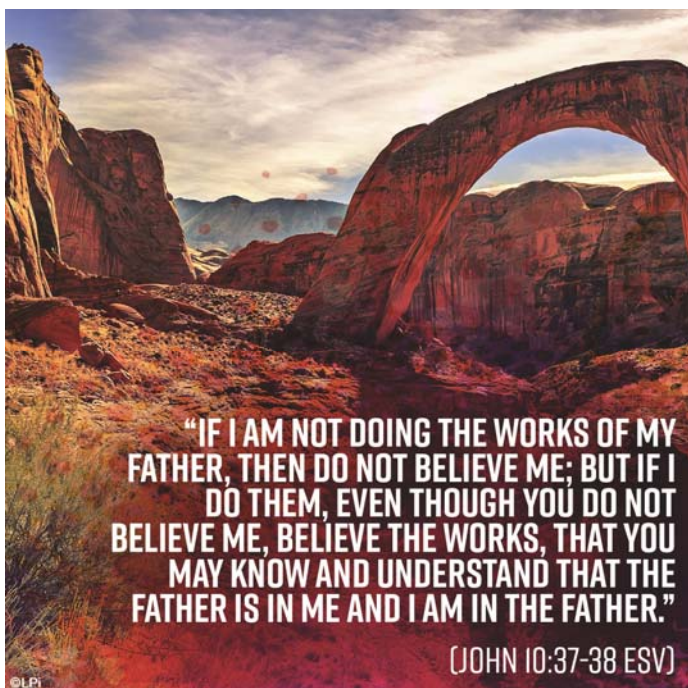
This Weekend, March 17/18:  
***Visit Those in Prison***

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.

Next Weekend, March 24/25:  
***Bury the Dead***

Reach out to family, friends, and neighbors who have lost a loved one, particularly a spouse, by inviting them to lunch, bringing them to Mass, or including them in social activities.

***Also, EASTER FOOD BASKET collection this weekend.***



## Sandwich Sunday is This Weekend!



**JOIN US** Sunday, March 18th in Fr. Bennett Hall after 7:30am, 9:30am & 11am Masses to make sandwiches for the homeless.

**PLEASE BRING:** 1.5 lbs deli meat, 3/4 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 week, we wrap up our parish-wide Lenten book discussion of *Rediscover Catholicism*. See the book flyer and website for reading schedule and join us for discussion!

- 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 session on March 25.

### This week in "Rediscover Catholicism" Part Four: Now is our Time

1. When we change for the better, the Church changes for the better. Where are you feeling called to change in relation to your faith?
2. How can you continue your faith formation as an adult?
3. How did chapter twenty influence your ideas on leadership?
4. Jesus said continually, "Do not be afraid." How is fear stopping you from being all God created you to be?



## 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](mailto:avon.distefano@comcast.net)

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

March 11, 2018: \$6,449.33  
 Online Giving (week ending 3/14/18): \$3,452.00  
 Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: none



**Save the Date**

**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!

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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 date:

**March 23<sup>rd</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.*



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

In just a few short weeks, our parish has raised \$[amount raised] for the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided by the Archdiocese. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community, and *Our Faith, Our Future*, by sharing your blessings.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

During the Lenten season we observe certain practices of sacrifice and self-denial as an offering to God and as good spiritual training for this race we are engaged in called life. These things are good for us but they should not remain only in Lent. In fact, we should always be about working towards a complete surrender of ourselves to the will of God.

Jesus taught that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it cannot bear fruit. It will remain the same always and will not lead to any type of growth. We are the grains of wheat that need to die to ourselves in order to be born again. However, many of us are the same today as last Lent and the many Lents before that. We have not moved forward to a more mature faith that makes it possible for us to be transformed.

Surrender is not easy. But we need to see our observance of Lent as a way to move forward. No athlete lifts the same weight forever. No dieter finds satisfaction in losing the same 5 pounds year after year. We must work to always be moving toward holiness. This is the commitment of an everyday steward. We are called to pray today than yesterday. We are called to give more today than yesterday. We are called to love more today than yesterday. Standing still is not an option. Our God is calling us to grow in our discipleship and stewardship for the benefit of our souls and the health of the Body of Christ. May this Lent be a time of moving forward and may we all draw ever closer to our God who calls us to leave it all behind and follow Him.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*We cannot know whether we love God...but there can be no doubt about whether we love our neighbor.*

- St. Teresa of Avila

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (Jeremiah 31:33B)

### Psalms:

A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me. (Ps 51)

### Second Reading:

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered. (Heb 5:8)

### Gospel:

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:23-24)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of March 18, 2018

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

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/  
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/  
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/  
Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,  
19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Now there were some Greeks among those who had come to worship at the feast. They came to Philip?and asked him, 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus.'" It has begun. News of Jesus has spread beyond native-born, Aramaic-speaking Jews. We don't know if the Greeks mentioned here heard of Jesus from fellow travelers or if news of this intriguing rabbi had reached all the way to their home. What we do know is that this interaction spurred an interesting comment from Jesus: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." In other words, it has begun. The time has come for the message to move beyond the geographic bounds of Israel.

But what does this message require? The Gospel is clear: "he said this indicating the kind of death he would die." A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies to its life as only a seed. A caterpillar takes on the appearance of temporary death in order to transform into a butterfly. In the Gospels, sacrifice and death are a way of becoming something more than you were before. This Lent, new life can come from our sacrifices. When we enter into the season with Jesus, our difficulties can transform our perspective. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

As we abstain from meat and fast from eating between meals, we can grow in compassion for the hungry. We can give alms of our time, sacrificially spending time with the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. Our little Lenten "deaths" - death to unnecessary preferences, death to selfish living, death to ignorance of other's pain - can bring new life to the world long after the season is over. This is the invitation this Sunday and every Lenten season, to begin anew from death to life.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

We all fear losing that which is familiar. We fear dying. When our securities and familiarities are threatened, the anxiety of uncertainty can lead us into fear and despair. We have difficulty believing that new life comes from death. This is the basis of what it means to hope. There are no dead ends or final endings with God. Through his passion and death, Jesus opens up the possibility for new life and new beginnings for all believers. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." As our journey of Lent hastens to an end, the mystery of Christ's passion and death come before us to teach us valuable lessons both for this life and the next.

## 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.

**Carolyn's Place Pregnancy  
Care Center's Annual Meeting:**  
**Wednesday, April 4, 2018**

Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center Annual Meeting will be held Wed., April 4 at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (74 West Main St. Waterbury, CT). The evening will begin at 5:30 PM with a Mass celebrated by our founder, Fr. Robert Rousseau, in celebration of life. Mass is followed by the meeting in the church hall beginning at 6:30. We will update you on our activities and our plans for the future, and provide an opportunity for you to ask questions of our Board of Directors and staff. We will end early so you may enjoy a delicious dessert buffet.

**ALL ARE WELCOME & ENCOURAGED TO  
BRING A FRIEND!**

### 2018 Holy Week Schedule

**Monday, March 26**

Lenten Confessions at 6pm - 7pm

**Wednesday, March 28**

Tenebrae at 7:30 pm

**Holy Thursday, March 29**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm  
Adoration until 10pm

**Good Friday, March 30**

Morning Prayer at 9am  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm

**Holy Saturday, March 31**

Morning Prayer at 9am  
Confessions at 10:00am - 11:00am  
Blessing of the Food at 12pm  
Easter Vigil at 8pm

**Special Easter Sunday Schedule**  
**April 1, 2018**

7:30am, 8:45am, 10am and 11:30am

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear." As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us keep our ears open to the love from our spouses and God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jul 6-8, 2018 in MANCHESTER, CT and Nov 2-4, 2018 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

### Beginning Experience of Connecticut for the Widowed, Separated and Divorced

**Weekend Dates:**

May 4-6, 2018 in Bloomfield, CT

September 21-23, 2018 in Farmington, CT

"The truth is no one has to suffer alone, and although life may never be the same, it can be good again...very good. Beginning Experience can help, just give us one weekend. You'll meet people who have gone through the same things you are going through. They know how you feel because they have felt it and lived through it. They will share with you how they came to terms with their loss and how they've moved forward with their lives. More important, they will listen.

Founded by a Catholic sister and her divorced friend, our program serves those of all faiths. It can help you deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning your pain of loss into an experience of positive growth.

**For more information, contact: Victoria at 860-993-2384  
or visit their website at: [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org)**