



# Church of Saint Ann

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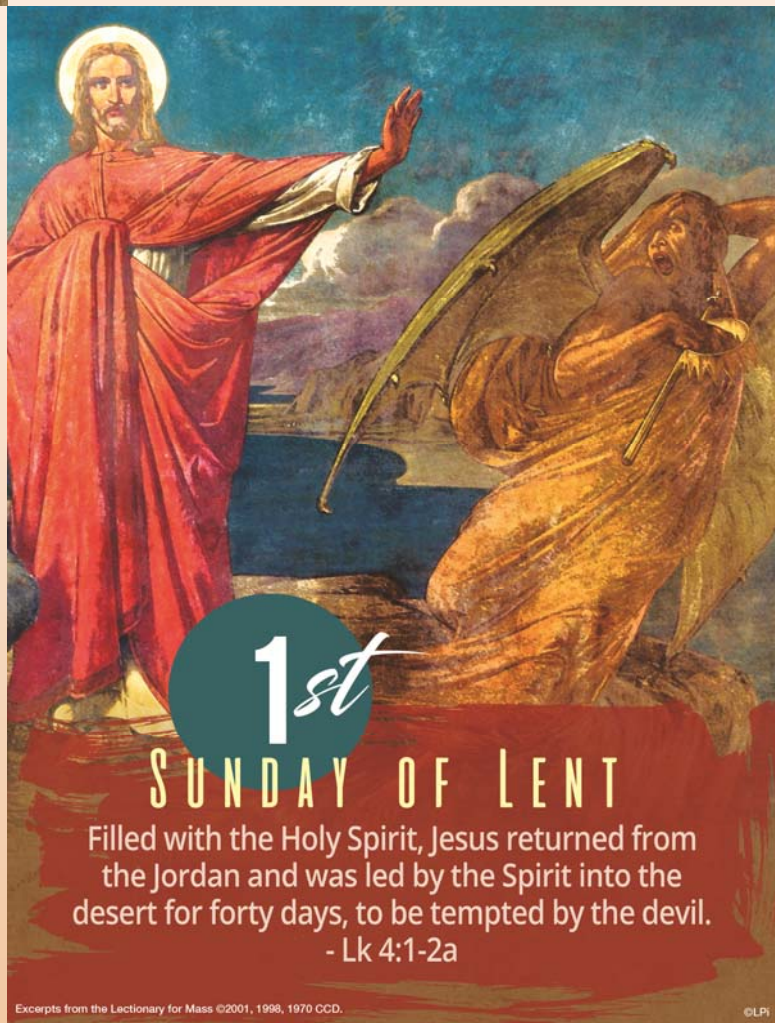
**BAPTISMS:** Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

## 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:

Eucharistic Adoration:  
Mondays 9:30-10:30am  
Rosary: 8:30 am, daily  
Chaplet: following daily Mass  
MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm  
Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12 Noon



## 1st Sunday of Lent

### MONDAY, March 11

9:00 **Claude Maillet**, requested by Anne Yurch

### TUESDAY, March 12

9:00 **Special Intentions**

### WEDNESDAY, March 13

9:00 **Valeria Miller**, requested by  
Ron and Dorothy Miller

### THURSDAY, March 14

9:00 **Special Intentions**

### FRIDAY, March 15

9:00 **Shawn Kruse**, requested by  
Ron and Dorothy Miller

### SATURDAY, March 16

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

### SUNDAY, March 17

7:30 **Oscar Maillet**, requested by his wife  
9:30 **Lawrence D'Amato**, requested by a friend  
11:00 **E. Merritt McDonough**, requested by  
the Suski Family



*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 11

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 9:30-10:30am in the church

**MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group:** 7:15pm in the church.

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

**Getting More Out of Mass Lent Program:** 7:15pm in Rm. 3

### TUESDAY, March 12

**RCIA (morning group):** 9:30am in Room 3

**RCIA (evening group):** 7pm in Room 3

**Social Justice Committee Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

### WEDNESDAY, March 13

**John Bible Study:** 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3

**Acts Bible Study:** 6:30pm in Room 3 (snow date, if needed)

### THURSDAY, March 14

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

**St. Ann Cares Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

**Adult Confirmation Class:** 7pm in Room 3

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

### FRIDAY, March 15

**Getting More Out of Mass Lent Program:** 9:30am in Room

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

**Stations of the Cross:** 7pm in the church

### SATURDAY, March 16

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

### SUNDAY, March 17

**Getting More Out of Mass Lent Program:** 10:25am in Rm. 3

**The Mass Video Series:** 12pm in Fr. Bennett Hall



Our St. Ann Cares  
Ministry invites you to their  
**Parish Coffee**  
this Sunday, March 10th  
after 9:30am Mass  
In Fr. Bennett Hall

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

St. Ann Cares will be holding sign ups after all Masses this weekend of March 9&10. St. Ann Cares is a ministry which performs maintenance on needy homes, shelters and other non-profit organizations such as carpentry, painting and landscaping. Please consider joining us for our day of caring on Saturday May 4. All skill levels are welcome and needed. *Contact Steve Rose with any questions.*  
860-250-5355 or [sjrose1088@gmail.com](mailto:sjrose1088@gmail.com)

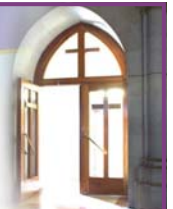


*Stations of the Cross*  
*Fridays During Lent: 7:00 pm*

## ConfessionMondays.com



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



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



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

More details are at [stannavon.com](http://stannavon.com), or contact Ann DiStefano

### Adult Enrichment for Lent 2019: The Mass: An Invitation from Jesus



The Mass is a divine banquet. This Lent, let's DIG IN to the Mass and explore its beauty, meaning and power.

#### Bishop Robert Barron's "The Mass" 6-part Video Series (come when you can!)

An in-depth, engaging walk through the Mass with brilliant, personable Bishop Barron. Lite brunch, video, prayer, discussion. RSVP to Ann

**Sundays, March 10<sup>th</sup> - April 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**12-1:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall.**

#### "Getting More Out of Mass" Small Group Reflection Series (come when you can!)

A fresh, relatable look at what the parts of the Mass mean, and how that can enrich your life. Register with Ann.  
(Booklets available at church entrances)

**Sundays, 10:25-11:55am; Mondays, 7:15-8:45pm;**  
**Fridays, 9:30-11am**  
**March 8<sup>th</sup> - April 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Room 3, lower level of Fr. Bennett Hall**

**At Parent Enrichment 9-10:30am (with babysitting)**  
**and 5:45-7:15pm**  
**Sundays, Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> and Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Room 228 at Avon Middle School**

**At your convenience! Form a small group with friends.**  
**Support available!**

#### At-Mass Engagement: First Sunday of Lent

Today we hear the story of Jesus being tempted by the devil during the forty days he spent in the desert. We, too, are beginning a forty-day period during which we are challenged to repent and reorient ourselves toward God. We face temptations every day that can lead us away from Jesus. In today's Mass, may we receive God's inspiration and strength to meet our challenges and draw closer to Him in the week ahead.

#### Teaching Mass

**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4pm Family Mass**

#### "Meaningful Mass Moments" Interactive display

Read about what inspires others and share what inspires you.  
(in the Gathering Space)

## Corporal Works of Mercy 2019

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 9/10, Feed the Hungry

Food collection for the Avon Food Pantry and two Hartford parishes.

### Next Weekend: March 16/17 Visit the Sick



Collection of health aids for Helping Haitian Children at the Carrefour Clinic in Haiti:

vitamins: Children & Adult (no gummy vitamins)	Tylenol & Aleve Ben Gay/Muscle Rub	Calamine lotion/ Cortisone cream
Toothbrushes & toothpaste	antifungal ointment	Anti-bacterial soap (Dial)
Powdered milk	Artificial tears	Hemorrhoid cream
Bacitracin ointment	Spoons	Tums
Eucerin cream	Cough/cold/sinus medicines	Band-Aids
		Wound cleanser

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.

## The Marthas + Marys are hosting a Lenten Evening

### Stations of the Cross followed by Stone Soup

**Wednesday,  
March 27th at  
6:00pm**



## All ladies are welcome!

**Please RSVP: Sue Ollestad:**  
**[sollestad@yahoo.com](mailto:sollestad@yahoo.com) or 860-693-4477**

The Marthas and Marys are hosting a Lenten Evening on Wednesday, March 27. At 6:00 we will have the Stations of the Cross and then socialize with a Lenten supper in the Father Bennett Hall. Please r.s.v.p. to Sue Ollestad : [sollestad@yahoo.com](mailto:sollestad@yahoo.com) or 860-693-4477 by March 20. No cost for paid members and \$10 at the door for others. Anne Yurch is looking for help: cooking, set-up, serving, and so important, clean-up. [anneyurch@gmail.com](mailto:anneyurch@gmail.com) or 860-675-1366. Hope to see many of our women!

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**March 3, 2019: \$7,733.95**  
**Online Giving (week ending 3/6/19): \$2,731.00**  
**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:**  
*monthly*



## 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 are generally the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2<sup>nd</sup> door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary. Office hours are THIS Sunday, March 10th

## PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

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 Thursdays at 10pm, Sundays at 10am or go to their website [www.prolifeweekly.com](http://www.prolifeweekly.com) and select Catherine Hadro 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.

## 2019 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 29th & April 12th**  
**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.**



### 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.



### Vacation Bible Camp 2019

**June 24-27, 2019**  
**9:30am - 12:30pm**

Registration opens **April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 Online **ONLY** at [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org).

Spaces for campers and junior counselors are limited, please include payment to secure your spot.

## Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2019 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 [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.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.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*It will take too long. I can't spare it.  
I don't know anybody. I am just too busy.*

*How many excuses can you think of to put forth as reasons why you should say no to the call of Jesus Christ? Wait. You didn't know to whom those responses were directed? We say no to many things and many people, but we wouldn't say no to Jesus. Really?*

*During this Lenten season, like all the other seasons, we will be asked to respond in many different ways. There will be fasting, almsgiving, and abstinence from certain foods. There will be invitations to various devotions and formational studies. We will be asked to reflect on our faith and then dive deeper.*

*The argument will be made by some that many of these things are being asked of us by others and not Jesus. Of course, that will just be another excuse like those above. For every calling upon us comes with a temptation to take the easy way out or to minimize the value of the request.*

*We will stay caught up in an endless cycle of excuses that lead us nowhere. That is unless we simply choose to stop the madness and say YES! This Lent, give up and give in. Let God take over as you surrender all you are and have to Him. Now is the time to turn to Jesus. No more excuses.*

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*You are a pilgrim in this life on  
a journey home.  
- St. Teresa of Calcutta*

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

"Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me." (Dt 26:10a)

### PSALM:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps 91)

### SECOND READING:

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Rom 10:13)

### GOSPEL:

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. (Lk 4:1-2)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of March 10, 2019

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/  
Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13  
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/  
Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/  
Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48  
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 [1a]/  
Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Temptation is a part of our lives. Even Jesus wrestled with temptation. Our faith tells us that we are meant to live our lives in service of God's kingdom. Yet, we often find ourselves pursuing our own desires rather than God's. The Gospel clearly tells us that true power is found in the embrace of virtue - living lives of non-violence, mercy, and forgiveness. Yet, we still are not convinced and seek things that will hurt us and retaliate against those who harm us. When Jesus faced temptation, he found security in who he was, which firmly rooted him in his mission and gave him the determination to trust in God. We, too, must learn to find security in our identity as a son or daughter of God, to live out our mission rooted in that truth, and to be confident in God's abiding presence.



# THE BULLETIN BOARD



## Answering Pope Francis' Call: A Catholic Response to Modern Day Slavery

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7pm**  
**Church of St. Thomas the Apostle-Lower Level Parish Center**  
**872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford**

**Presenter: Nancy Strini**

### Archdiocese of Hartford Human Trafficking Task Force

Human trafficking is occurring in our state and across the globe, and YOU can do something about it. This presentations provides education about the current state of human trafficking in the US with a focus on Connecticut

- Learn about local efforts to combat the issue
- Obtain materials to initiate or join existing efforts to support victims and survivors
- Learn how your faith community can get involved
- Learn the signs-how to identify victims

RSVP to [anneboers@prolifeministry.org](mailto:anneboers@prolifeministry.org)

## You can reserve your spot today for the 19th Annual Archbishop's St. Patrick's Day Breakfast!

**Friday, March 15, 2019 | 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. | CT Convention Center**

Guest Speaker, Award Winning Irish  
Humorist, Motivational Speaker and  
Author, **Conor Cunneen**

Award Winning Journalists,  
**Amanda Raus** from Fox 61 and  
**Todd Piro** from Fox News  
Channel will be our Emcees.



Come celebrate with us, connect with old and new friends,  
enjoy the entertainment and breakfast all while giving  
children the opportunity for an exceptional academic  
education where faith, heart and mind are valued.

To register on-line or for more information, including a Commitment Form and Ad  
Spec Sheet, go to our website at [www.facs Hartford.org/st-patrick/](http://www.facs Hartford.org/st-patrick/)



Net proceeds raised allow FACS to assist Catholic School Students in  
the Archdiocese of Hartford by providing funding for scholarships.

## Anxiety Workshop

Do you, or someone you know and love, suffer with  
anxiety? Would you like to learn more about how to handle  
it? We can help! The Franciscan Life Center is offering a  
six-week anxiety workshop under the direction of Thomas  
Finn, Ph.D., Thursdays, April 25- May 30, 2019, from 7:00  
to 8:30 pm, 275 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT.

The cost is \$40/00/session For more information call  
203-237-8084 or visit [www.flcenter.org](http://www.flcenter.org)



**St. Ann Parishioners:**  
Please be aware that parishioners from  
St. Ann's, and other local parishes, have  
received suspicious e-mails and/or calls  
that claim to be from clergy, church staff  
members, and volunteers. At St. Ann's  
specifically, individuals are receiving

e-mails that appear to be from Fr. McHugh requesting that gift  
cards be purchased for individuals who are sick or otherwise in  
need. These are fake e-mails in an attempt to scam people out of  
money.

**Please note:** our parish does not make unsolicited calls or  
e-mails to request money, the purchase of gifts, or your  
personal information. Should an individual receive suspicious  
correspondence of this nature they are advised to not provide any  
information to the person contacting them or, if possible, to not  
respond. Civil authorities are aware of this matter. If you are  
unsure of any correspondence that appears to be from our parish,  
please call us at 860-673-9858 to verify.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY RETREAT

**March 17, 2019 2:00 - 4:30pm**

**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH**

**16 Bidwell Square, Unionville, CT**



Preparing to Climb the Summit of Croagh Patrick, County Mayo, Ireland 2017

Join Drs. Barbara Clark and James French as they present a film featuring their journey to the  
summit of Croagh Patrick's (St. Patrick's) holy mountain in County Mayo, Ireland in 2017. Their  
journey was a pilgrimage to pray for the children of our world, and to celebrate the Aran Island  
people, as they continue to sustain their compassionate way of life on remote islands off the  
coast of Galway Bay. Following the film, Drs. Clark & French will lead the participants in a  
discussion and reflective exercise to promote stories, poetry and ideas of one's lived life and  
the many mountains we face in our lives. Refreshments afterwards.

**RSVP (50 seats maximum): Clara Ryan at (860) 673-0756**