



# Church of Saint Ann

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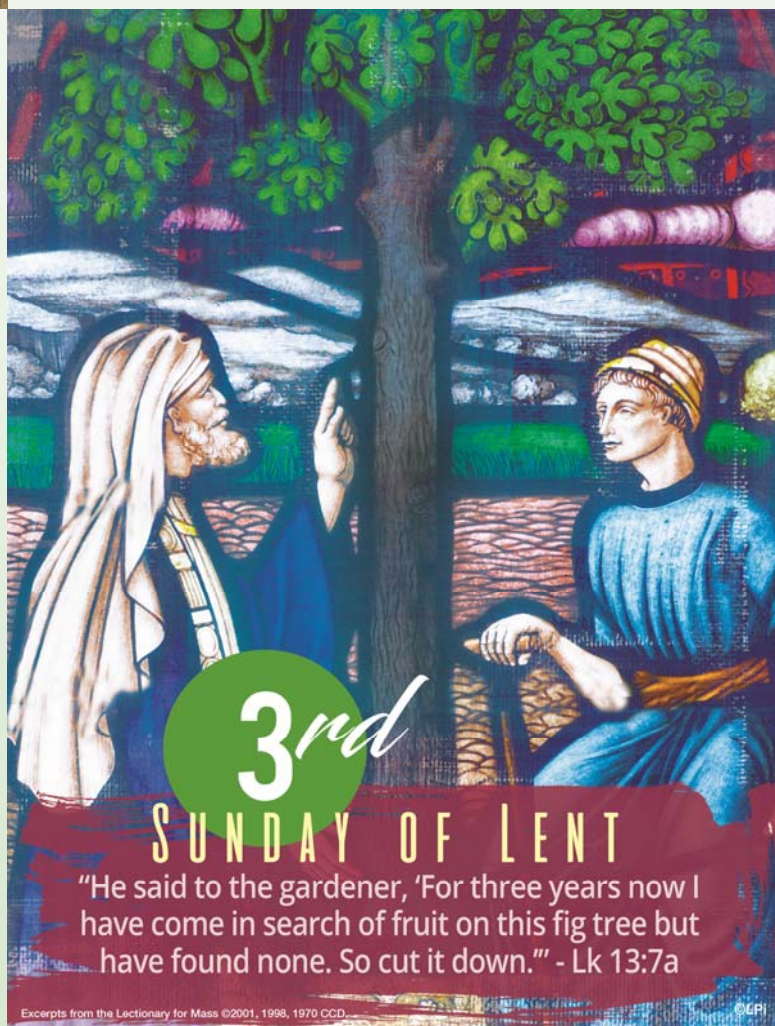
**BAPTISMS:** Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

## 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



### 3rd Sunday of Lent

#### MONDAY, March 25

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

#### TUESDAY, March 26

9:00 **Joseph & Sadie Klish, requested by Barbara and Gino Calderone**

#### WEDNESDAY, March 27

9:00 **Tony Morrish, requested by Lou and Eileen Del Prete**

#### THURSDAY, March 28

9:00 **Special Intentions**

#### FRIDAY, March 29

9:00 **Joseph & Sadie Klish, requested by Barbara and Gino Calderone**

#### SATURDAY, March 30

4:00 **Larry D'Amato, requested by Maria Rodrigues**

#### SUNDAY, March 31

7:30 **Edwin Lysak (6th Ann.), requested by the family**  
 9:30 **Florence Christian, requested by a friend**  
 11:00 **Elizabeth Carr, requested by Cathy deSimas**



## Centennial Celebration

Centennial invitations have been mailed to every registered family in our parish. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening and hope to see many of our fellow parishioners enjoying this celebration. If you haven't received an invitation, they are available at the church offices.

**PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE  
RESPONSE DATE, APRIL 12.**



*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 25

**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 26

**RCIA (morning group):** 9:30am in Room 3  
**RCIA (evening group):** 7pm in Room 3

#### WEDNESDAY, March 27

**John Bible Study:** 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3  
**M+M's Stations the Cross/Stone Soup:** 6pm in the church & the Hall  
**1 Corinthians Bible Study:** 6:30pm in Room 3

#### THURSDAY, March 28

**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 29

**Getting More Out of Mass Lent Program:** 9:30am in Room  
**Traditional Choir:** 2pm in the Choir Loft  
**Pasta Dinner by Men of St. Ann:** 5:30-7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall  
**Stations of the Cross:** 7pm in the church

#### SATURDAY, March 30

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

#### SUNDAY, March 31

 **Parish Coffee:** after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall  
*(sponsored by our Social Justice ministry)*  
**Getting More Out of Mass Lent Program:** 10:25am in Rm. 3  
**The Mass Video Series:** 12pm in Fr. Bennett Hall  
**Divine Mercy Holy Hour:** 2:30pm in the church



## Youth Ministry Easter Plant Sale Starts Next Weekend!

**March 30/31 & April 6/7**

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

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**

**Sunday, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Room 228 at Avon Middle School**

#### **At-Mass Engagement: Third Sunday of Lent**

Lent is a penitential season signified by the color purple, the same color a priest wears when he hears Confessions. It's a time when we humble ourselves and take a close look at where we need to grow in our relationship with God. We do this at the beginning of each Mass, during the Penitential Rite, when we admit that we have fallen short and need God's mercy. Let's pay attention to the theme of humility today in our rituals and in the readings, and as we worship our God who loves us and lifts us up when we fall.

#### **"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 23/24 Shelter the Homeless*

Collection of supplies for ImmaCare Inc. shelter in Hartford.

### *Next Weekend: March 30/31 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)**

**Children's pajamas, shirts & pants**

## *The Marthas + Marys are hosting a Lenten Evening*

### **Stations of the Cross followed by a Lenten Meal**

**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 17, 2019:** will be reported next weekend  
**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:**  
*Catholic Relief Services*

## Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations 2019 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 *Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations*, by sharing your blessings.

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.

## 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 and 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.*



Our Social Justice Ministry invites you to their  
**Parish Coffee**  
 next Sunday, March 31st  
 after 9:30am Mass  
 In Fr. Bennett Hall



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

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

## Cemetery Notice:

*All Christmas &/or winter decorations at the St. Ann Cemetery need to be removed by April 7th in preparation for Spring cleanup.*

## Divine Mercy Holy Hour



**Next Sunday, March 31st**  
**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!



## VACATION BIBLE CAMP

**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.



## Communion Dress Drive

The Cardia family will once again be collecting new and gently used dresses, suits, blazers, shoes, and veils for children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. These donations will benefit the First Communicants at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford and other area parishes in need. Donations can be dropped off at the following locations:

- Avon Middle School during Faith Formation class time **ONLY** on March 31
  - Room 1 (lower level parish hall) at the Church of St. Ann. Please leave donations in the marked box. Donations will be accepted here until April 7.
- Thank you in advance for your support!*

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*Perhaps this Lent you are working hard to stick with your devotions, avoid hamburgers on Fridays, and fight your temptations for soda since you gave it up for Jesus. You are planting seeds in your spiritual life in hopes of growing them into something beautiful and meaningful. However, you have been trying this approach now for many years, and it is hard to say that much has grown during all that time. You could deduce that what you are doing is not as worthwhile as you once believed. There is no fruit because these things don't matter. Or you could take a real hard look at your life, see where you are planting those seeds, and finally notice what the problem has been all along. WEEDS!*

*Too often, we plant seeds over and over again in soil that is not rich in nutrients and is filled with weeds. The weeds choke the life out of any growth that comes to the seeds planted. We think that adding good things to our life will change it, and removal of sin will not be necessary. It is like eating two large hamburgers and a large fries and believing you won't gain weight because you drank a Diet Coke.*

*As good stewards who are called to discern how we respond to the call of Jesus Christ, we must be about ripping those weeds out of our lives so the good seeds we plant can grow. For each of us, the weeds are different: money, ego, sex, greed, etc. If we don't take a good honest look at our lives and make some tough choices, no amount of devotion or good works will make us better disciples. We will simply wait for the next Lent to do the same things all over again.*

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

### Words to Inspire the Faithful

*God speaks silently, God speaks in your heart; if your heart is noisy, chattering, you will not hear*  
- Caryll Houselander

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

God replied: "I am who I am." Then he added, "This is what you will tell the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you." (Ex 3:14)

### PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

### SECOND READING:

Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall. (1 Cor 10:12)

### GOSPEL:

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" (Lk 13:5b)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of March 24, 2019

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9  
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/  
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
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: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none." We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "[The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also ? it may bear fruit in the future.'" How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

If salvation history teaches us anything, it's that God is very patient. Time and time again, people have wandered away from Him and He has sent prophet after prophet to lead them back. To show us just how much He does love us, He sent us His Son who revealed this unconditional love in all that he said and did. This Lenten season is an opportunity to repent and turn back. The mystery of God's presence is revealed in and through the ordinary events of life as the birth of Christ reminds us. God told Moses through the burning bush, "I am who am". And so he reminds us today. Let us turn away no more and turn back to truth.



## 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)**

### **St. Timothy Middle School hosts *The Concert That Never Was***

The school's largest fundraiser is Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$75.00 and include food from Rooster Co, open bar of signature cocktails, wine, and beer, two performance sets by a marvelous Barbara and Frank tribute duo, and a live and silent auction. Visit [www.biddingforgood.com/stmswh](http://www.biddingforgood.com/stmswh) to purchase your tickets and support our school!

### **Archdiocese of Hartford Lent Enrichment on their Facebook and YouTube Pages!**

Every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday during Lent, Fr. Matt Gworek of the Archdiocese of Hartford will share a video to help guide your Lenten journey by discussing the Mass readings of the day and explaining what Jesus is really trying to teach us. These videos are posted to the Archdiocesan Facebook and YouTube pages.

### **JEWISH, CHRISTIAN, AND MUSLIM PERSPECTIVES ON THE LANGUAGE OF SCRIPTURE**

**MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019 @ 7PM**  
**MEETING ROOM**

**HEAR FROM TOP SCHOLARS AT THIS  
SPECIAL HARTFORD SEMINARY SYMPOSIUM**

**A Compassionate Response:  
What it Means to be a Neighbor**  
Father Joseph Cheah  
University of Saint Joseph

**With our own  
Fr. Cheah!**

**Exploring Jewish and Christian Translations  
of Scripture: Practical Applications**  
Dr. Deena Grant  
Associate Professor at Hartford Seminary

**The Book of Job, Islamic  
Thought, and the Gospels**  
Dr. Steven Blackburn  
Retired from Hartford Seminary

**Does Everyone in Heaven  
Speak Arabic?**  
Dr. Suhell Laher  
Adjunct Professor at Hartford Seminary

### *Mass of Reparation.*

*In seeking to apply spiritual  
remedies to this great  
scandal and tragedy that  
has seriously wounded so  
many people.*

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

**78 Litchfield Road**  
**Harwinton, CT**

**Tuesday, March 26 - 7 PM**



### **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)*

### **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.

