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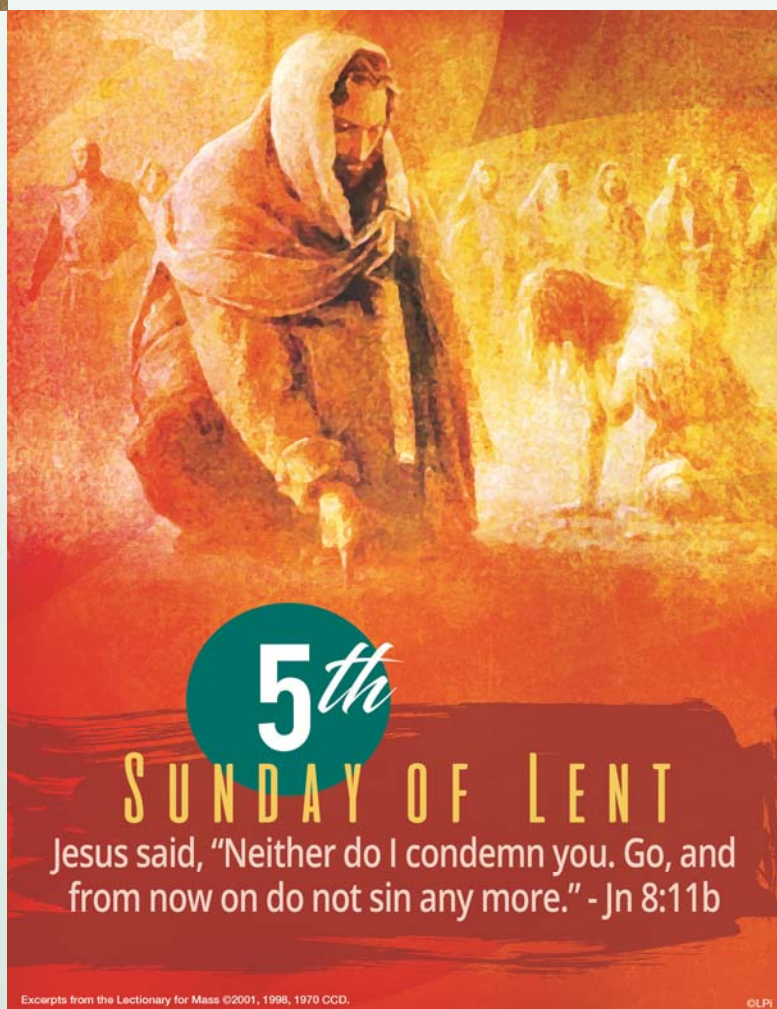
BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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.



5th

SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b

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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

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri.

9:30-9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon



5th Sunday of Lent

MONDAY, April 8

9:00 **John Kondzielaski**, requested by
Ron and Dorothy Miller

TUESDAY, April 9

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

WEDNESDAY, April 10

9:00 **Joseph and Filomena Ribera**, requested
by the family

THURSDAY, April 11

9:00 **Julia McHugh**, requested by the family

FRIDAY, April 12

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, April 13

4:00 **Wade Anderson**, requested by
the Wall Family

SUNDAY, April 14

7:30 **Nancy Tyndall**, requested by Mary Crotty

9:30 **Ralph Otto Scheuermann**, requested by
the Wall Family

11:00 **Gary Chestone**, requested by the family



Centennial Celebration

Centennial invitations were 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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, April 8

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, April 9

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

RCIA (evening group): 7pm in Room 3

Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, April 10

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

1 Corinthians Bible Study: 6:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, April 11

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, April 12

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

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, April 13

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, April 14

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

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



Youth Ministry Easter Plant Sale Ends This Weekend!

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

*Lent 2019: The Mass***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.

Sundays, March 10th -April 14th; 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.

Sundays, 10:25-11:55am; Mondays, 7:15-8:45pm

March 8th - April 8th in Room 3, lower level of Fr. Bennett Hall

At-Mass Engagement: Fifth Sunday of Lent

A key theme for today's Mass is the mercy of our great and loving God. As we engage with the liturgy today, let's call to mind a time when God has shown us mercy through his love, kindness, and forgiveness. How can we express our thanks to God in this Mass, and in the week ahead? Is there someone who has hurt us whom God is calling us to forgive?

New Spring Programs

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures returns the week of April 28! Come make personal connections to the Sunday readings through the lens of historical context and the popular *Lectio Divina* prayer method.

Sundays, 10:30am-12pm, Room 3, with Chip Janiszewski

Mondays, 7:15-8:45pm, Room 3, with Jim Serrata

All materials provided. (Bring your own Bible if you like.)

Register with Ann DiStefano (see bulletin front) or drop in!

Refreshing Catholicism

If it's been a while since you were in catechism class, could you use a refresher? Or are you non-Catholic, interested in exploring the faith? Join us for this five-week series covering:

1. We Are the Church
2. What Makes us Catholic?
3. Growing in Faith
4. Scripture
5. Jesus Christ

Wednesdays, 7:15-8:45pm, Room 3;

Thursdays, 9:30-11am, Room 3

Book fee: \$20;

Register by April 24 with Ann DiStefano (see bulletin front)

Film Viewing & Discussion of "Ocean of Mercy"

Amidst the spiritual darkness of the early 20th century, three voices rose up from Poland to proclaim a powerful message about the Divine Mercy of Jesus. Come view "Ocean of Mercy," the true story of the phenomenal lives and spiritual legacy of Saint Faustina Kowalksa, Saint Maximilian Kolbe and Saint John Paul II, filmed in more than 20 cities across Poland and the US. Featuring never-before-seen film footage, rare photographs and extensive interviews with friends, biographers and family members of these three heroic "Apostles of Mercy." It's the perfect way to prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated April 28 at 2:30pm in the church.

Wednesday, April 24th from 9:30am - 11:15am in Fr. Bennett Hall
Drop in, no registration necessary * Coffee will be served

**St. Ann Cares' Day of Caring
Sign-Ups This Weekend!
April 6/7**

The St. Ann Cares project this year is a home for an sick elderly woman in Hartford. Our day of caring is Saturday May 4th. We will be doing repairs and painting the exterior of the house. Also landscaping and yard clean up. We will be holding sign ups after all Masses this weekend. Please join us in our pursuit to help the less fortunate.



Contact Steve Rose at 860-250-5355 or sjrose1088@gmail.com

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise."

Jn 11:21-23

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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: April 6/7
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: April 13/14
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. (See future Sunday bulletin insert)

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

March 31, 2019: \$7,451.25
Online Giving (week ending 3/27/19): \$2,619.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection: none

HOLY WEEK

Monday, April 15th
 Confessions at 6pm - 7pm

Wednesday, April 17th
 Tenebrae at 7:30pm

Holy Thursday, April 18th
 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm
 Adoration until 10pm

Good Friday, April 19th
 Morning Prayer at 9am
 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm

Holy Saturday, April 20th
 Morning Prayer at 9am
 Confessions at 10am - 11am
 Blessing of the Food at 12pm
 Easter Vigil at 8pm

Easter Sunday April 21st
 7:30 am
 8:45 am
 10:00 am
 11:30 am

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Lenten Confessions
Mondays during Lent: 6-7pm

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

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!

Last Dinner for Lent is on 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.



Congratulations!

St. Joseph Medal Awarded to Jim & Phyllis Kayan

I am delighted to announce that Jim and Phyllis Kayan have received the St. Joseph Medal for their faithful and dedicated service to the Parish of St. Ann. The medal was conferred to the Kayans at an Archdiocesan Ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on March 31, 2019 at 3pm. My heartfelt gratitude is extended to the Kayans for their many years of service to St. Ann Parish.

Congratulations Jim and Phyllis!
 Fr. McHugh



Dear Parishioners,

This year there will be 70 candidates receiving the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. They received their First Reconciliation on January 19, 2019, and are preparing for reception of the Blessed Sacrament in the Spring. Soon we will be putting out the Little Lambs for you to pick up & pray for all candidates while they prepare for their sacrament.

Due to ongoing overwhelming positive response, we would like to continue to gift each child with a First Communion Bible. We are asking that you sponsor any child or children, with this gift anonymously and it will be presented to them on their First Communion Day. In return, we will be asking the children to pray for the person who gave it to them *every time they read their Bible*.

The Bibles are reasonably priced and if you are interested in being part of this beautiful event, please pick up a form on the tables in the Gathering Space and return it with your payment of \$15.00 per Bible (made out to Church of St. Ann). Please mail to the church in an envelope clearly marked "for First Communion Bible" or drop it off at the Parish Offices. How pleased Jesus must be to know that both the children of this year's First Eucharist class and the adults of our Parish are praying for each other!

Thank you so much for your consideration and for your prayerful support of these beautiful children!

Yours in Christ, Father McHugh



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Some celebrities do a lot to help out various causes that are meaningful to them. Sometimes they give of their time, talent, or treasure, while other times they create giving opportunities for the rest of us to be generous. The celebrity then does much to highlight the cause, and the hope is that enough people will give to make a difference.

I never judge another's motive when they choose to give to or support a cause. However, I hear many times a criticism levied against seemingly rich people who start a fundraiser and ask the rest of us to give: "Since they have so much money, they could simply give all the money needed themselves!" This exclamation often comes with disdain and a tone of superiority. This sentiment also comes frequently from those who have chosen to give little to nothing to the cause themselves.

Stewardship begins with the person in the mirror. You and I are accountable to each other, but at the end of the day, the only one who knows the true level of our generosity is God. As this Lent draws to a close, it is time to take a good long look in the mirror. You probably aren't famous, so there probably won't be a crowd of people to question the level of your sacrifice, devotion, and generosity this Lent. Of course, God knows and so does that person looking back at you in the mirror.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

The end for which we are created invites us to walk a road that is surely sown with a lot of thorns, but it is not sad; through even the sorrow, it is illuminated by joy.
- Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Remember not the events of the past,
the things of long ago consider not;

See, I am doing something new! (Is 43:18-19a)

Psalms:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

Second Reading:

I continue my pursuit toward the goal,

the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:14)

Gospel:

"Let the one among you who is without sin
be the first to throw a stone at her." (Jn 8:7a)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of April 7, 2019

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/
Jn 8:1-11

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:12-20

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: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
[2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle." The episode of the woman caught in adultery is a powerful story. We have perhaps all felt as the woman has at some point in our lives, surrounded by those who would condemn us. The beauty of Christ's mercy at the end is clear...and a welcome relief as we all struggle to be good and holy people. But have we ever imagined ourselves on the edge of the circle? Have we pictured ourselves in the sea of dusty robes? Perhaps, we hope, we're hovering at the edge of the circle of judgment. But we've all been there.

How easy it is to be righteous when someone else's reputation is at stake. When the small child is acting up in the grocery store or on the plane. When another company has a scandal break or a major error sets back their profits. Could it be easy to pick up the stone and feel its weight and heft in our hands? Because if we've got a stone in our hands, our own righteous category is clear. Our judgment is our insurance that we won't be on the receiving end of the criticism. If we can point out a wrong, surely we are firmly in the right.

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her"... they went away one by one." This Lent, not only are we invited to receive God's mercy, but to show God's mercy. As the season begins to wind to a close, consider those in your life you tend to judge the most harshly. What is one concrete way you can drop your stone?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

We are all sinners, and we all need mercy. If met with sincerity and true repentance of heart, an encounter with God's unconditional and all-forgiving love will lead to true conversion and a new life of grace. There is no point to condemnation or excessive punishment. We do not need to wag fingers or make people feel inferior. Jesus met the woman caught in adultery with compassion. He did not condemn her. People have not always been faithful to God. We have not always been faithful to God. Yet, God waits for us to return and trusts that His seeds of forgiveness and mercy will take root. We do not know if the

THE BULLETIN BOARD

10TH ANNUAL BISHOP ROSAZZA SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

Save the Date

10th Annual Bishop Peter Rosazza

Social Justice Conference

"Rooted in Faith-Reimagining Charity"

Saturday, June 8, 2019

The Pastoral Center, Bloomfield CT

Sponsored by the Office for Catholic Social
Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford

Contact us for more information

Phone: (860)242-5573 Ext 2688

Email: info.ocsjm@aohct.org

CatholicSocialJustice.org

St. Ann Cemetery Notice:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE



**"The Power of Positive Change: Bringing
Laudato Si' to Life"**

The Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry is sponsoring an environmental justice conference on Saturday, April 27th from 9-2pm at St. Josephine Bakhita Parish at St. James Church, Rocky Hill. Rev. Tom Carr from the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network (IREJN) and Sr. Ruth Rosenbaum, TC, PhD, Executive Director for the Center for Reflection, Education, and Action (CREA) will be the opening and closing keynotes. The day also includes four breakout sessions, exhibits, and lunch.

Registration is \$30, which covers lunch. Register online at www.catholicsocialjustice.org.

Please register by Monday, April 22nd! For more information, contact Patrick Laorden at Patrick.Laorden@aohct.org or (860)-242-5573 Ext. 2686.

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.



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

The school's largest fundraiser is Friday, April 26th. 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 to purchase your tickets and support our school!

Registered Nurses Needed for Catholic Home Health Care Agency

Are you looking for a mission-based position in home health care? Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care, a licensed, faith-based home health care agency serving central Connecticut, seeks full-time RN to work in its home health care program. Join our team of home health care professionals. RN License. Computer skills required. Call Marie Laffin, RN, at 203 238-1441

Join Capital City Education Alliance and paint alongside a middle school or high school student while engaging them in conversation through this hands-on workforce readiness program. Students will teach you commercial painting techniques while you share your education, work experiences and wisdom with them! Our newest collaboration is with Catholic Charities! We will be painting their Administrative Offices located at 839 Asylum Avenue in Hartford. Join us as we transform their offices, hallways and a community room the week of April 8th. No supplies needed, come ready to paint! We are in need of up to 10-15 adult volunteers on the following days:
**Monday, April 8: 9am-3pm, Tuesday, April 9: 9am-3pm
Wednesday, April 10: 9am-3pm, Thursday, April 11: 9am-3pm**
Contact Colleen Corriveau at Capital City Education Alliance at 860-206-3778 ext 2 or colleen@cceahartford.org

CT CATHOLIC PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONFERENCE Call to Action!

Promote a culture of life. **Reject the Physician-Assisted Suicide bill at the State Capitol.** We need you and all people of faith to tell your legislators that you value life and **oppose CT House Bill 5898.**

Please call the Public Health Committee now at (860) 240-0560 and leave a message for your State Senator and State Representative. Tell them this legislation would be a disaster for the health and well-being of every Connecticut citizen, especially the elderly, the chronically ill, the underinsured, and disabled among us.

To e-mail your state legislators, please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/NoDrSuicide>

Thank you for all of your efforts!