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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

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri.

9:30-9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon

MASS INTENTIONS



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, February 17
9:00 **Special Intentions**

TUESDAY, February 18
9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, February 19
9:00 **Carolyn Calcagni, requested by the family**

THURSDAY, February 20
9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, February 21
9:00 **Francis McHugh, requested by the family**

SATURDAY, February 22
4:00 **Manda Koch, requested by Russell and Diane Koch**

SUNDAY, February 23
7:30 **James McHugh, requested the family**
9:30 **Fr. Thomas Mitchell, requested by the Parish of St. Ann**
11:00 **Patricia Michaud-Poland, requested by the Suski Family**



Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, February 19th
at 7-8:30pm in Room 2

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, February 17

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church .
All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church)
Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 7:15pm in Rm. 3

TUESDAY, February 18

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, February 19

Video Series/Catholicism: 9:30am in Room 3
Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, February 20

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
Adult Confirmation: 7pm in Room 3
Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, February 21

Pre-Lent Pasta Dinner (w/meat): 5:30-7:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SATURDAY, February 22

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, February 23

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 10:30am in Rm. 3

on top of spaghetti
all covered with cheese
You'll find sausage & meatballs...surely to please



(Pre-Lent)

PARISH PASTA DINNER

gluten free pasta will be available

Friday February 21, 2020
5:30 – 7:30 in Father Bennett Hall

Adults: \$5 * Kids under 18: \$3

Family Max: \$15

Gather some friends and bring the family for a fun night out!

Brought to you by the Men of St. Ann



Warm Clothing Collection For House of Bread Now Through Next Sunday, February 23rd

In Hartford, the House of Bread is in need of warm clothing, so they can distribute them to the clients they serve that are in need. Often time these clients may ask, but no clothing is available- after all, the kitchen's focus is feeding them. They provide food to men, women and sometimes children.

We are asking our friends here at St. Ann's to donate new or gently used sweat shirts, sweat pants and other loose and warm clothing to benefit the people who need the House of Bread's meals to survive. These folks, for whatever reason, find themselves without basic necessities, and shopping for something needed is just out of the realm of possibility. Many times these people show up for a meal at the soup kitchen without adequate clothing, or in need of something warmer. This clothing drive's objective is to fulfil that hope, as small and simple as that may seem to us.

A box will be set up in the gathering space where you can put your donations of new or gently used sweat shirts and sweat pants, sweaters or other loose and warm clothing, of particular need, are men's large sizes. The clothing in that box will be picked up every week and brought to the soup kitchen.

Thank You, Parishioners! Our Annual Book Sale was a wonderful success!

Thank you for supporting our Annual Used Books Sale! We appreciate every donation, volunteer, and shopper. Thank you for inviting your friends and family to this fun parish event. Thank you to the many dedicated Volunteers who sorted books during the week and to those who helped during and after the Book Sale. We are so happy to report that we exceeded last year's profits that will go towards student scholarships! We could not have completed this huge endeavor without your help! God bless you all!

*Sincerely,
The Church of St. Ann
Book Sale Committee*

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Do You Know Anyone Who Could Use the Comfort of a Prayer Shawl?

St. Ann's Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls available! If you know of someone who is going through an illness or time of need and feel a prayer shawl will lift their spirits or provide comfort, please contact Tina Dibble, 860-674-1541, to pick one up. In addition, we have a few lap robes, which are ideally suited for someone who is wheelchair bound.



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Church of Saint Ann - Avon, CT



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St. Ann Cares

Our St. Ann Cares ministry is looking for new members to help plan for our May 2nd day of caring. Come join us as we plan for another year of reaching out to our neighbors in need. We are always looking for fresh ideas!

We meet Thursdays at 7 pm
in room 2 below Fr. Bennett Hall.

Contact Steve Rose with any questions:
860-250-5355 or sjrose1088@gmail.com

Come Join Us!



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

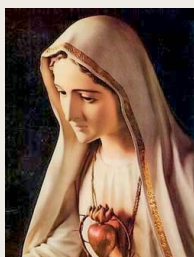
February 9, 2020: \$5,756.00
Online Giving (week ending 2/12/20): \$2,722.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
monthly

CENACLES of the Marian Movement of Priests

Question: Is the cenacle primarily for priests?

Answer: No. In Message #34 (1-17-74), Our Lady introduces this question, "Why do I want them to come together in cenacle with me?" In this message she addresses herself to the priests, but what she tells them is also applicable to the laity. She wants all her children: priests, religious, laity, families, to gather together with her in cenacles of prayer, to pray with her and to learn how to love one another. Also, the cenacle helps us to deepen our understanding and live the obligations we have undertaken through our consecration to her Immaculate Heart. We refer you to the message dated Nov. 1, 1973, "my Faithful Cohort." (#25)
Excerpt from Cenacles of the Marian Movement of Priests Purpose/Guide

Our cenacle meets every Monday at 7:15pm in the church. Come pray the Rosary with us.



Parish Mission

St. Ann will host a Lenten Parish Mission March 21-25 with Vince Ambrosetti of Faith on Fire ministries, known for their FAMILY-ORIENTED programs.

(A parish mission is retreat that happens in the comfort of your home church) The theme is:

***"Awaken Our Hearts:
Invigorating the Family of Faith:
from Baptism to Table,
from Table to World!"***

Events include:

- + Ministry Appreciation morning/luncheon Sat, Mar 21
- + Pulpit messages and music at weekend Masses
- + Family Concert Sun, Mar 22, 7pm
- + Presentations and music Mar 23, 24, 25, 7pm

We will need help from people of ALL AGES to plan and run our Mission events. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space and join the team!

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.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Unlock the Power of the Spirit in Your Life!

Are you an ADULT CATHOLIC who has been baptized and received First Communion, but were NEVER CONFIRMED? We're delighted to offer an 8-week preparation program here at St. Ann's for you, leading to your receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 5, 2020 at 7pm at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford.

DATES: Thursdays, Feb 13-Apr 2; 7-8:30pm

LOCATION: Room 3, lower level of Fr Bennett Hall

FACILITATOR: Deacon Jeff Sutherland

TO REGISTER: Contact ann.distefano@stannavon.com;
860-673-9858, x228

Parents: Tired of Small Talk? Try ALPHA!

February 23rd at Avon Middle School
(while children are in class, both AM & PM sessions)

Childcare provided at morning session

*To register for childcare, contact Lisa Giarratana by the Thursday prior to the session: lrg1010@comcast.net; 860-471-3776.



Video Series

"CATHOLICISM" by Bishop Robert Barron

Journey with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Bishop Barron as he reveals the richness of the Catholic faith alive in the world today. Featuring breathtaking cinematography and storytelling that depicts the truth, beauty and goodness of our faith in more than 50 locations worldwide.

DATES: Wednesdays at 9:30am, Feb 12- Apr 22

LOCATION: Room 3, lower level of Fr. Bennett Hall

RSVP: by Feb 10 to Janet Newman: wjnewman@sbcglobal.net;
860-676-0037

Materials fee: \$25

Lenten Video Series

Kingdom of Happiness:

Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life

Discover the Secrets to True Happiness

Do you find yourself searching for happiness for yourself, within your family, at work? Do you sometimes experience satisfaction, but find it fleeting? Come discover Jesus' plan for real, lasting happiness in this 8-part parish program. You'll learn how the Beatitudes are much more than nice sayings; they are the path to true joy charted by Christ himself. You'll also see the "anti-Beatitudes" for what they are: false promises that leave us feeling empty. Featuring insightful teachings by Fr. Jeff Kirby and inspiring video-profiles of everyday heroes living happy, satisfying lives today.

DATES: Week of Feb 23 – week of April 26

TIMES: Sunday Mornings, 10:30am-12pm

Monday Evenings, 7:15-8:45pm

Friday Mornings, 9:30-11am

LOCATION: Rooms 1 and 3, beneath Fr. Bennett Hall

MATERIALS FEE: \$17 (checks payable to Church of St. Ann, please)

RSVP: by Feb 15 to ann.distefano@stannavon.com, 860-463-7495

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

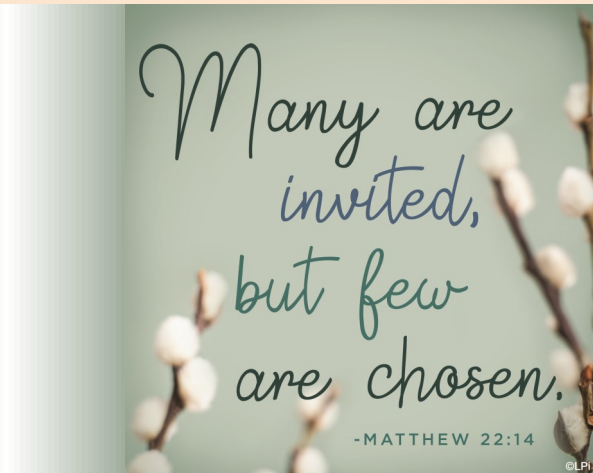
Don't Live a Lie

One day, my son was explaining to his mother that he felt she had lied to him. It was nothing very important, but he wanted to take this opportunity to share how important telling the truth is to him. He explained that he simply tells it like it is in all aspects of his life. But an hour later, we caught him in a lie! Again, it was not about a matter of life and death, but it was a lie. When confronted with his own previous words on how important the telling the truth was to him, he just smiled. Yes, the guilty often have no words of defense.

Jesus said it best in Matthew 5: "Let your 'yes' mean 'yes' and your 'no' mean 'no.'" He was warning his disciples about false oaths and then instructing them on the fullness of the Hebrew laws. We may try to do what we say and say what we mean, but it can be all too easy to fall short. We call ourselves disciples yet provide evidence to the contrary by our actions (or lack of them).

Even if we feel that we have lied to no one, we may have lied to ourselves. We portray ourselves as generous, thankful, and loving people, yet fail to answer God's call in a situation because we perceive the cost to be too great. Jesus did not simply mean for his message to be about two words. He also meant that when you say you are a disciple, make sure you are a disciple as well.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing. (Sir 15:18)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God pre-terminated before the ages for our glory. (1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel:

Let your "Yes" mean "Yes," and your "No" mean "No." Anything more is from the evil one." (Mt 5:37)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of February 16 2020

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/
Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/
1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word "commitment" mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus' teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else's decision. But we can't be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life's journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

One of the greatest and most necessary gifts God gives us is free will. We always have the ability to choose. Life or death and good or evil are two of the core decisions every human being must make. We can choose to love and choose whether to pursue a relationship with God. True salvation comes when we make the choices that keep us focused on God and God's commandments. How we view others reveals what choices we have made. People are not property, and they are not dispensable. We cannot exchange them at will or use them for our own self-serving ends. For this reason, God holds high the commitment of marriage and the integrity of all of our relationships. This is the basis of God's teaching on forgiveness and reconciliation, and the reason adultery is prohibited.

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Farmington, CT

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For those whose loss is more recent

February 15, 2020
St. John's Church, Middletown, CT

For more information, please contact:
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Could you use
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after the holidays?

How does \$10,000 sound?

St. Patrick Church/Farmington is holding a 50/50 Raffle.

Only 85 tickets left of the 500 tickets being sold.

First prize is \$10,000!! Three additional prizes of \$5,000 each!

Your odds of winning are 1 in 125...better than the lottery!!!

We take cash, checks and credit cards.

Call (860) 677-2639 for more information.



ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE'S MUSIC MINISTRY
INVITES YOU TO OUR 4TH ANNUAL

MARDI-GRAS

- DINNER-PARTY CELEBRATION -
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020 AT 6:00PM
(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 5PM MASS)

LIVE MUSIC PRESENTED BY STA'S TEAM OF MUSICIANS
DINNER INCLUDES: GUMBO & JAMBALAYA
VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE

\$15.00 - ADULTS • \$7.00 - YOUTH 6-12 YRS • 5 YRS & UNDER - FREE
\$40 MAXIMUM PER FAMILY

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE, & BEFORE & AFTER MASSES
BUY YOUR TICKET BEFORE FEB. 15. GET \$2.00 OFF!

Donations will benefit STA's Centennial Music Series.
Save these dates!
FRIDAY, 7PM
May 8 - September 25 - November 13



Please Consider Remembering the Church of St. Ann in Your Will

For further information, please contact:
Eileen Sibson at 860-321-7266

SAVE THE DATE! February 22nd & 23rd!



Parenting Expert John Rosemond

St. Catherine of Siena Church, West Simsbury, will be hosting nationally known author, syndicated columnist, and family psychologist John Rosemond! He has authored over 18 books on parenting, family life and faith and has had a nationally, syndicated parenting column for over 35yrs. His common-sense advice has gained much credibility with today's parents who are sick of techniques and methods that don't work.

- ♦ Parenting with Love and Leadership, 2/22nd, 7-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ Parenting the Strong-Willed Child: Obedience Made Easy. 2/23rd, 1-2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10/pp per event. Tickets may be purchased at St. Catherine of Siena website <https://stcatherine.info>. For more information, contact Kathleen Mangiafico at mangiafico@gmail.com.

3 Scholarships

awarded by The Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, Inc

Amount:

\$2,000 for one year (2020/2021)

Eligibility:

Any Catholic student who is a Hartford County resident now attending an accredited secondary school, and who wishes to attend a four year college beginning in 2020.

Basis for Selection:

Need * Scholarship * Character * Leadership * Achievement

Application Deadline:

March 16, 2020

See your principal or counselor or go to: www.Catholicgraduatesct.org