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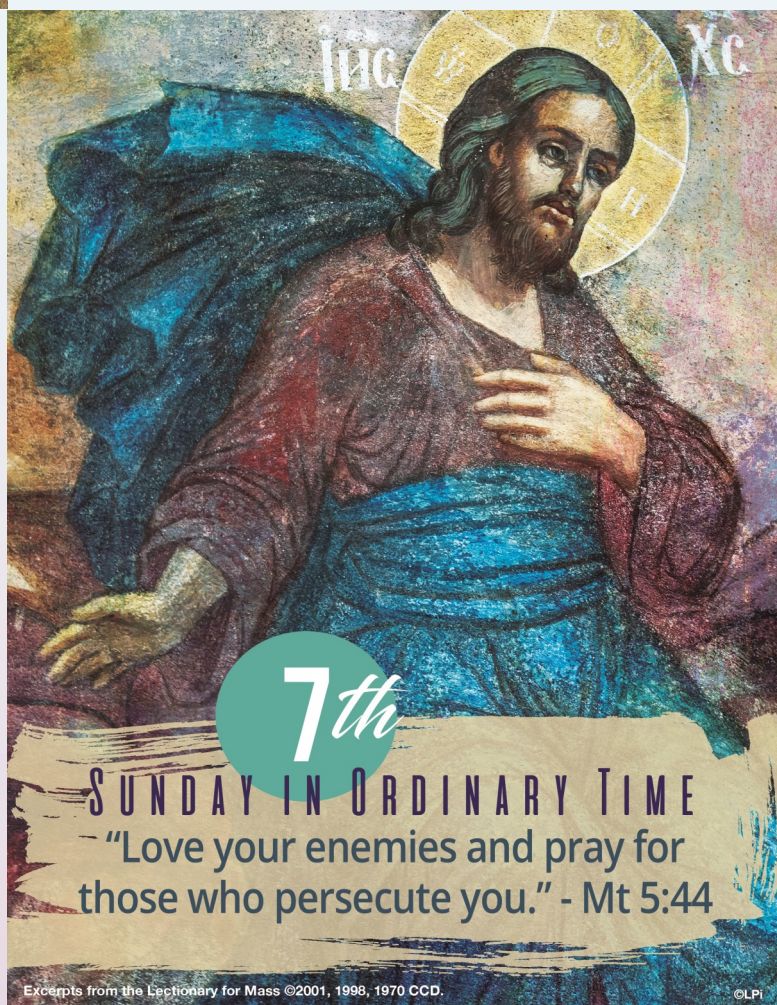
MARRIAGES

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:

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



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, February 24

9:00 **George L. Lamy**, requested by the Droste and Hagan Families

TUESDAY, February 25

9:00 **Raymond Zalenski**, requested by the ZuWallack Family

WEDNESDAY, February 26, Ash Wednesday

9:00 Mass with distribution of ashes
12:10 Mass with distribution of ashes
5:30 Prayer Service with distribution of ashes

THURSDAY, February 27

9:00 **Aleksandra Smolinski and Cora Sopelak**, requested by the Sopelak Family

FRIDAY, February 28

9:00 **Angie Rallo (2nd Ann.)** requested by Mike and Joan Gould

SATURDAY, February 29

4:00 **Anastasi Kalvoda**, requested by a friend

SUNDAY, March 1

7:30 **Special Intentions**
9:30 **For Divine Peace, Divine Love & Divine Will on Earth**
11:00 **Julianna Poloma Shtekler**, requested by James and Sharon Penna

Lenten Fast & Abstinence

- Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence: likewise Good Friday.
- Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal. Two light meals are allowed, but no solid food should be taken between meals.
- Fasting binds those between the ages of 18 and 59; those who have reached the age of 14 are bound by abstinence.
- All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence; that is, days on which no meat is to be eaten.

Confessions to Be Heard on Monday Evenings During Lent

If you have gotten caught up in the busyness of life and have fallen away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you can change that. This Lenten season, we continue the Archdiocesan-wide effort to inspire Catholics to experience God's love and mercy offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, February 24

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)

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

Lent Series: 7:15pm in Rooms 1 & 3

TUESDAY, February 25

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, February 26

Video Series/Catholicism: 9:30am in Room 3

Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, February 27

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

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 28

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

Lent Series: Room 9:30am in Rooms 1 & 3

Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm in the church

SATURDAY, February 29

Men's Breakfast Group: will resume next week

Confirmation: 10:00am in the church

SUNDAY, March 1

Lent Series: 10:30am in Rooms 1 & 3



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26, 2020

9:00 am Mass with Distribution of Ashes

12:10 pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes

5:30 pm Prayer Service w/ Distribution of Ashes



Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent: 7:00 pm

GOODBYE TO *Alleluia!*

In our music this week we sing many Alleluias, and say

"Goodbye" to Alleluia during our offertory hymn, "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" in the Red hymnal.

Read this meaningful and ancient text during a quiet moment in church for a moving description of our preparation for the upcoming Lenten Season.



Hospitality Sunday

March 1, 2020

Please join fellow parishioners and guests after our 9:30am Mass next Sunday, February 9th, for coffee, refreshments and camaraderie.

Sponsored by our First Grade Faith Formation

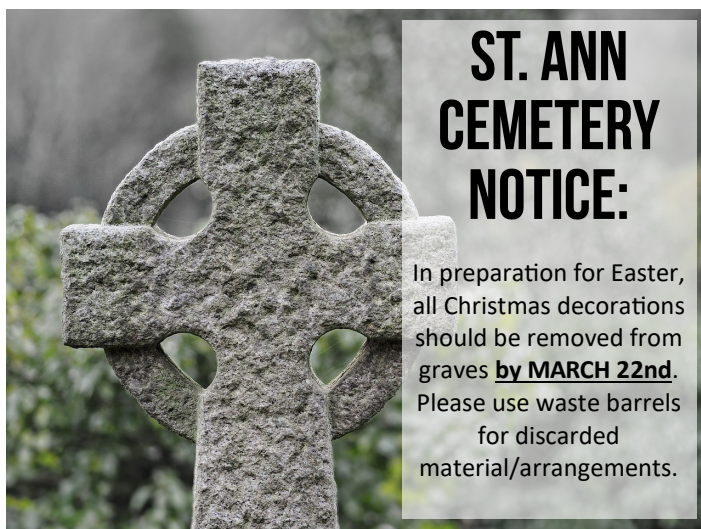


Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Upcoming Meeting: Monday, February 24th
at 7-8:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall**



All are welcome...including brand new knitters! For more information call Tina: 860-674-1541



ST. ANN CEMETERY NOTICE:

In preparation for Easter, all Christmas decorations should be removed from graves **by MARCH 22nd**. Please use waste barrels for discarded material/arrangements.

Corporal Works of Mercy 2020

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 labelled 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

Next Weekend: Feb.29-March 1 **Feed the Hungry & Give Drink to the Thirsty**

Food collection for the Avon Food Pantry and two Hartford parishes. Bags are provided at the church entrances with suggested grocery items.



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**

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.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

February 16, 2020: \$5,556.71
Online Giving (week ending 2/19/20): \$2,307.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
St. Ann Cares

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

Going the Extra Mile

So often in life, people are concerned about the minimum requirements. What is the minimum I must do to get a certain grade? What is the minimum I need to do to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? What exactly do I have to do to make my boss happy?

This concern does not stop with everyday life but continues into our relationship with God. What exactly is required of me for salvation? How much time, talent, and treasure are enough? Jesus does not call us to this way of life, but instead to a life of unbounding generosity and surrender. Jesus said, "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles." The minimum requirement is one mile; however, we are not to be disciples of minimum requirements and checking off boxes. We are to go the extra mile because that is how we bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. That is how we change lives and share the grace and love we have received in abundance. Nothing ever changes by doing the minimum. There is no real glory given to God by responding to His call with the minimum.

Imagine a world where all of us good stewards give without ceasing and go far beyond the minimum requirements. Our world would be a very different place. So, what is stopping us?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

**SPEAK
LITTLE,
LISTEN
MUCH.**
— St. Ignatius of Loyola

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Lev 19:18a)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16)

Gospel:

"I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." (Mt 5:44)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of February 23, 2020

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
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/
2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment's notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about to how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy.

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

What does it mean to be holy? God has definite ideas about the answer. Not bearing hatred for your brother or sister, not seeking revenge or holding grudges, loving your neighbor as yourself, treating human beings as the temples of God they are, offering no resistance to someone who wants to hurt you, turning the other cheek, not turning your back on someone, loving your enemies, praying for those who persecute you, and striving for perfection are some of the ways holiness can be pursued. Holiness, understood through God's eyes, is attainable by all of us. It comes from making the right Gospel-centered choices and not falling victim to lesser temptations, reactions, and desires. Knowing what holiness actually involves, is it something you really want?

THE BULLETIN BOARD

FAITH AND JUSTICE SUMMIT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

WHAT:

A day of inspiring stories, amazing leaders and valuable insights in the fight to end human trafficking in Connecticut

WHERE:

The Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of Hartford
476 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT

WHEN:

Saturday, March 14, 2020
9:30am - 3:30pm

COST:

\$30 per participant (group rates also available)

REGISTER AT:

thriveevents.org/faithandjustice



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Hartford, CT | April 15, 2020

REGISTER and watch for more information at CTMarchforLife.org

SACRED SOUNDS ... AND SILENCE

Sunday March 22, 2020 4:00 pm

Avon Congregational Church - 6 West Main Street, Avon, CT



Experience the power and beauty of music, sound and silence calling us to connect with the divine and sacred in our lives!



An uplifting program that will immerse us in the ways music and silence mediates the sacred in Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Hinduism & Buddhism

Refreshments will be served.
All are welcome!

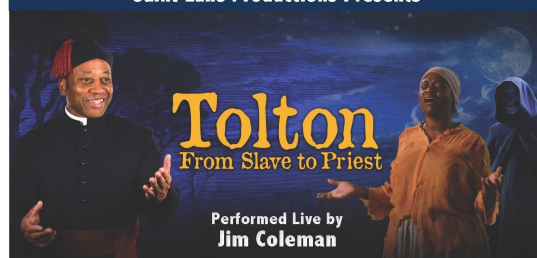
The program is free.



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2020 CT/MA Shows

Friday, March 13 | 6:30 pm
St. Bridget Church
Manchester, CT

Saturday, March 14 | 5 pm
St. Justin - St. Michael Parish
Hartford, CT

Sunday, March 15 | 2:30 pm
St. Paul Catholic High School
Bristol, CT

Monday, March 16 | 12:20 pm
Pope Francis Prep High School
Springfield, MA

Wednesday, March 18 | 10 am
East Catholic High School
Manchester, CT

Thursday, March 19 | 6:30 pm
St. Louis Parish
West Haven, CT

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