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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.

KICKOFF WEEKEND

growing in
FAITH
giving in
LOVE



**2020 Archbishop's
Annual Appeal**



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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

MASS INTENTIONS



1st Sunday of Lent

MONDAY, March 2
9:00 **Special Intentions**

TUESDAY, March 3
9:00 **Andrew Akoto**, requested by
Mavis Mensa

WEDNESDAY, March 4
9:00 **Sheila Vachris**, requested by the family

THURSDAY, March 5
9:00 **Horace & Anita Abate**, requested by
the Abate Family

FRIDAY, March 6
9:00 **Michelle Bengtson (1st Ann.)**, requested
by her loving family

SATURDAY, March 7
4:00 **Loyola Lauretti**, requested by
Brian and Ann Beloin and family

SUNDAY, March 8
7:30 **John S. Gray**, requested by
the Droste Family
9:30 **Patricia Poland**, requested by
Mike and Joan Gould
11:00 **Leo ZuWallack**, requested by
the ZuWallack Family



Lenten Confessions
Mondays during Lent: 6-7pm

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

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.

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, March 2

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)

Lenten Confessions: 6-7pm in the church

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

TUESDAY, March 3

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, March 4

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

Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, March 5

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, March 6

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

Lent Series: Room 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3

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

SATURDAY, March 7

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, March 8

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

Parish Coffee: after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall,
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

ST. ANN CARES:

Sign-Ups Begin THIS Weekend for May 2nd Day of Caring

St. Ann Cares will be holding sign ups after all
Masses this weekend, February 29th/March 1st.
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 2nd. All skill levels are welcome and needed.

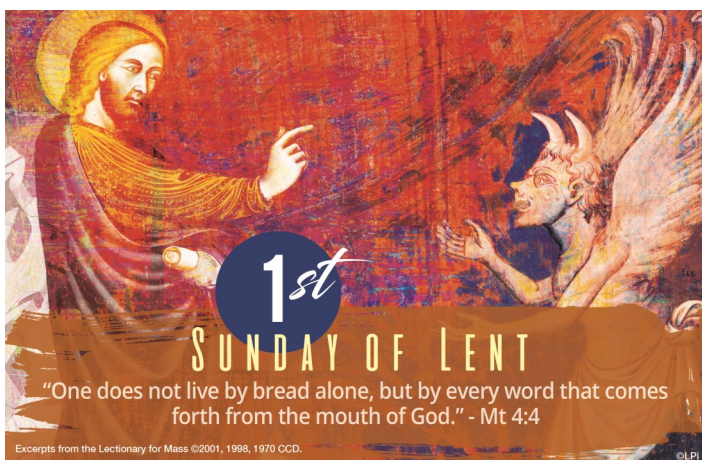
Contact Steve Rose with any questions.
860-250-5355 or sjrose1088@gmail.com





Lent/Easter Singing!

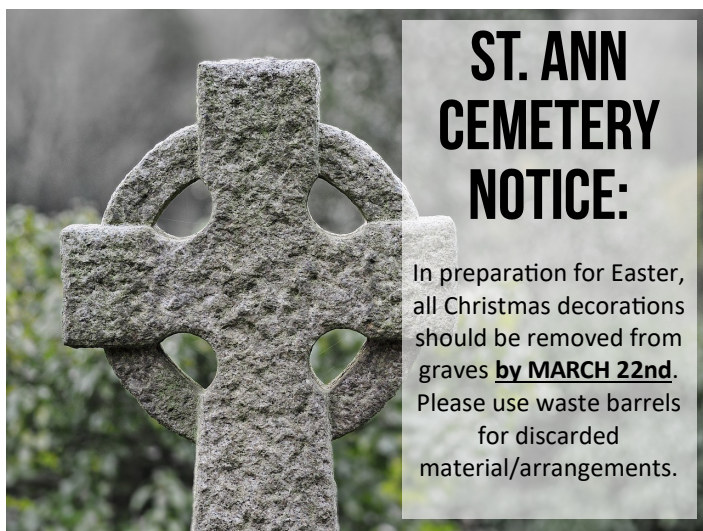
The combined choirs are beginning to rehearse for the beautiful HOLY WEEK liturgies and we want YOU to join us! Please consider offering your musical gifts and voice to your parish for this meaningful time! Extra help is available for those who want it! Please call Tom Stockton at 673-9858 ext. 230. Children grades 3 and up will also be beginning rehearsals for the special Easter Sunday Mass!



The Knights of Columbus
invite you to their

Parish Coffee

NEXT Sunday, March 8th
after 9:30am Mass
In Fr. Bennett Hall



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 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: Feb.29/March 1, Feed the Hungry

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

Next Weekend: March 7/8 Visit the Sick



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

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

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.



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!

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

February 23, 2020: \$5,556.00
Online Giving (week ending 2/26/120): \$2,002.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Youth Ministry

Thank You!

The warm clothing drive for the "House of Bread" was a wonderful success. Many thanks to the parishioners of St. Ann's for their generous support and kind donations of both new and gently used warm articles of clothing. Almost each day, the clothing found its way into the hands of those who could really use it. Your act of kindness went a very long way in making some people who might otherwise had great difficulty with the cold weather, easier and certainly a lot warmer. Thank you very much! May God Bless you and your families!

Growing in Faith, Giving in Love 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

This weekend marks the start of the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. If you haven't already, you will soon receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we have a profound impact on our local communities not only in the spiritual realm, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services and many charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church.

- For the fourth year in a row, in 2019, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to over 225 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties.
- Organizations such as Beginning Experience International, ARC of the Farmington Valley, ABC Program, Inc. right here in the Farmington Valley received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in serving our neighbors.
- 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/appeal/> No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

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

MARCH 1, 2020 — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Mindful

What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? It is something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life.

One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. (Gn 3:1-6a)

Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

Gospel:

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. (Mt 4:1)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 1, 2020

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
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 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Life can easily spin us out of control. While there are so many wonderful opportunities before us, we can also get easily distracted and exhausted. There is always something to do, respond to, or check. The clutter of our lives can take us off course, and the best remedy for getting back on track is the experience of the desert. Here we can face our demons square on, resist them, and get back on course. We desperately need the season of Lent. This simple time of year forces us into greater awareness and grounds us in what is good and true.

What weighs you down and keeps you trapped? Maybe you are trying to do too much and please too many people. It could be that your fragile self-image is always pushing you to prove yourself and find success. Anxiety and worry, ultimately due to a lack of faith, can quickly tempt you with despair. It could be that you are listening to too many voices and allowing all of the negativity that is present erode the genuine goodness in your heart and in all of God's creation. Or maybe you struggle too much with fear. Perhaps so much so that you are far too preoccupied with your own agenda and goals and left with little psychological or spiritual room to consider and respond to the plight of your neighbor. Do anger, bitterness, stubbornness, and hatred have homes in your heart? How about greed, gluttony, pride, apathy, or lust?

For many, their passions and what can be found on the internet are their downfall, and they are robbed of their inner life and freedom. What is it, specifically, that tempts you away from a childlike trust in God? Define this and use the next few weeks to allow God to chart you a course away from them. Silence, being alone, grace, honesty, struggle, tears, and dryness are all found in the desert. You will also find God and your true self in this holy place. Ready to go?

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

We desperately need the season of Lent. Have you ever found yourself running in all directions, tired, frustrated, and frazzled and yearning for the moment when you can stop, find some time for reflection and prayer, and get your head straight? Life pulls us in all directions. On top of that, the presence of sin in our lives gives us blurry vision and makes us forget who we really are. We can easily lose touch with God. Lent gives us the opportunity to return to simpler times and clear away some of life's clutter. We can change up our routines a bit and realize that Jesus is the one who can set us right with God and restore what was originally meant to be. Our task is to avoid the temptations that can weigh us down, distract us, and distort our vision. Are you aware of what things in your life do this to you? Over the next few weeks, you have an opportunity to avoid them.

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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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SAVE THE DATE !!

CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE

Hartford, CT | April 15, 2020

REGISTER and watch for more information at CTMarchforLife.org

St. Patrick Church Farmington, CT
St. Patrick Day Family Party

Sunday, March 15th
4:00pm to 7:00pm

Farmington Gardens
999 Farmington Ave, Farmington

Admission
Adults - \$35

Children 4-17 - \$15

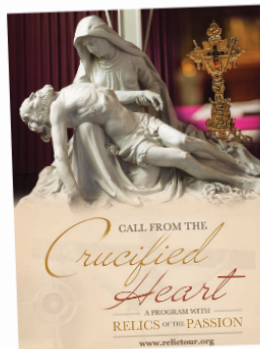
Children under 4 - Free

Traditional Irish Dinner
Children's Menu available
Cash Bar

Food - Music - Step Dancers
Irish Soda Bread Bake off - Door Prizes

For tickets please contact the office at St. Patrick Church @ 860-677-2439 or office@stpatfarm.org

Make This Year's Lenten Season A Special Experience



Join us at Divine Providence Parish, St. Joseph Church for a unique encounter with nine rare Relics of Christ's Passion to enhance your devotional experience for this Lenten Season. Having the opportunity to be in the presence of these holy relics is an experience that helps you to renew your connection with the very roots of your faith.

The program allows you to engage in a unique commemoration of Jesus' walk to Calvary. This powerful program is a one-hour presentation supported with music and meditation.

A collection such as this is generally seen only in Rome or the Holy Land.

The Relics of the Passion collection includes:

- A piece of the True Cross which was discovered by St. Helena
- A piece of the Holy Table from the room where the Last Supper took place
- A piece of the Column of Flagellation
- A piece of the Crown of Thorns
- A replica of the Holy Nail, fashioned using filings from the true nails
- A relic (bone) of St. Longinus, the centurion who pierced the side of Christ
- A picture of (the effigy of) the Veil of Veronica touched to the original with a Vatican seal attesting to the fact.
- A piece of the exterior wrapping for the Shroud of Turin
- Relics of the Holy Apostles

WHERE:

Divine Providence Parish - St. Joseph Church
195 S Main Street
New Britain, CT 06051

WHEN:

Tuesday, March 3rd
Program: 6:30 PM

Veneration: Immediately following the program



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

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