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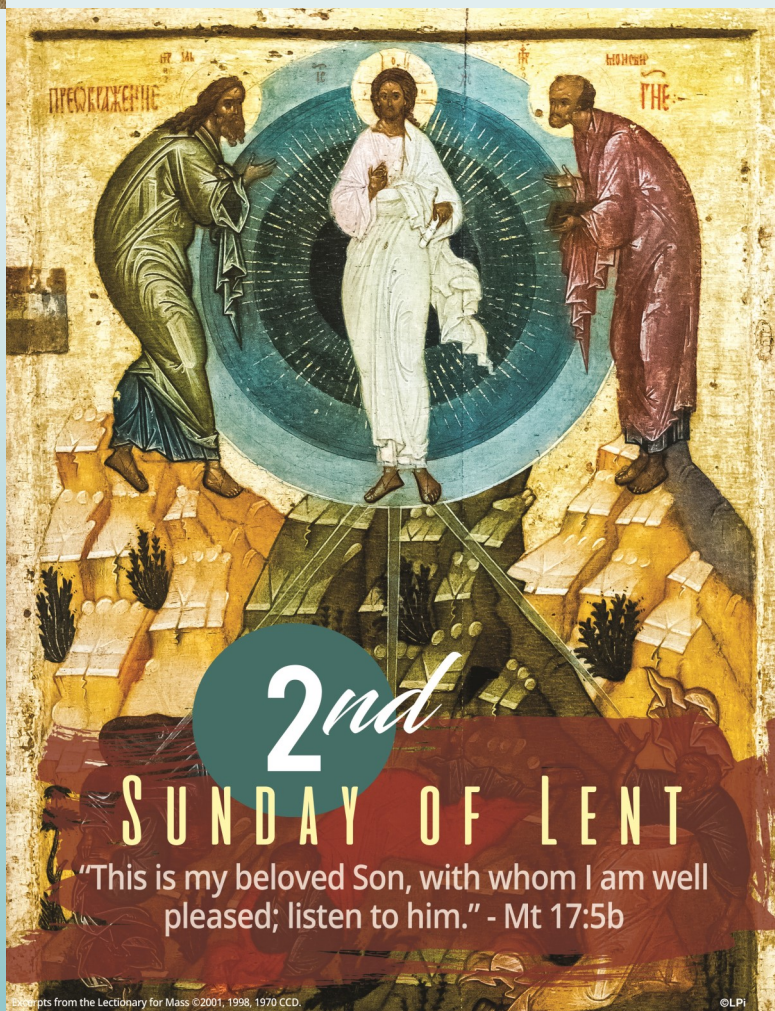
MARRIAGES

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.



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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



2nd Sunday of Lent

MONDAY, March 9

9:00 For Divine Peace, Divine Love and Divine Will on Earth

TUESDAY, March 10

9:00 Joseph, Clementina & Madeline Vernesoni, requested by the King Family

WEDNESDAY, March 11

9:00 David Matthes, requested by Ann and family

THURSDAY, March 12

9:00 William Weldon, requested by the family

FRIDAY, March 13

9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, March 14

4:00 Eileen and Robert Rooney, requested by the family

SUNDAY, March 15

7:30 John Gray, requested by Dick and Lorraine ZuWallack

9:30 For the intentions of Beverly Coon (living), requested by her children

11:00 Edward Sexton (1st Ann.), requested by Patricia Studley

Directives from Archbishop Blair Regarding Coronavirus:

*The sign of peace should be exchanged
without physical contact.*

*Distribution of Holy Communion from the
chalice is suspended.*

*Communion on the tongue should be
strongly discouraged.*

Holy Water fonts should be emptied.

*Faithful who are sick (or experiencing
symptoms of sickness) are not obliged to
attend Mass, and that out of charity,
they should not attend.*

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, March 9

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 10

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, March 11

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

Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, March 12

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 13

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

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

Pasta Dinner: 5:30-7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

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

SATURDAY, March 14

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

First Communion Retreat: 1-4pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, March 15

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



Lenten Confessions

Mondays: 6-7pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays: 7:00 pm

The Knights of Columbus
invite you to their

Parish Coffee

THIS Sunday, March 8th
after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall



St. Ann Parish Mission:
A faith-filled event of story, song, preaching & prayer

With dynamic musician/presenter,

Vince Ambrosetti

- 3-Time Grammy Nominee
- Catholic Artist of the Year, 2001
- Sang his song, "Sanctuary" during Mother Teresa's funeral in Calcutta, India
- Composed, recorded & by invitation of the Vatican, performed for Pope John Paul II the first English Mass setting ever sung at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome

March 21-25, 2020

Saturday & Sunday (March 20/21):

Preaching & Music at weekend Masses

All additional events take place in the church at 7pm followed by refreshments in Fr. Bennett Hall

Sunday, March 22:

"Awaken Our Hearts" Family Concert & Reception

Monday, March 23:

Presentation: "Coming into God's Presence" (Candlelight Service)

Tuesday, March 24:

Presentation: "Resting in God's Presence Through Forgiveness, Healing and Peace" (includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Wednesday, March 25:

Presentation: "God's Presence Alive within Us" (includes Mass)

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: March 7/8

Visit the Sick

Collection of health care aids/supplies for Helping Haitian Children at the Carrefour Clinic in Haiti. 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.

Next Weekend: March 14/15

Shelter the Homeless



bath towels
new/used clean
blankets
plastic coated
paper plates

coffee cups,
Utensils
paper towels
soap
napkins

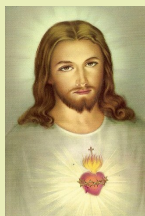
toilet paper
toothbrushes
toothpaste
shampoo
razors

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

NEXT Sunday, March 15th

2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Let's beg for God's Mercy and the outpouring of His Healing Love. Please join us for this powerful devotion.



BREAD OF LIFE SALE

The Marthas & Marys will host a Bread of Life Sale on March 14-15 after all Masses.

All proceeds will go to an anonymous parishioner in need of assistance. There will be a variety of home-made bread for your family to enjoy.



2020 Lenten Pasta Dinners

The Men of St Ann will be serving Pasta Dinners during Lent again this year. Gather some friends & bring the whole family for a fun night out!

Upcoming dates:

March 13th & April 3rd

5:30 - 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

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.

Marinara & Clam Sauces



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

March 1, 2020: \$5,572.40
 Online Giving (week ending 2/26/20): \$3,424
 Next weekend's 2nd collection: *Monthly*

Vacation Bible Camp

June 22-25, 2020

9:30am – 12:30pm



Registration will be **ONLINE ONLY**
 on April 1st



Growing in Faith. Giving in Love 2020 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward.

If you would like to make a gift, kindly mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan.

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Parents: Tired of Small Talk? Try ALPHA!

March 8th 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.

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

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

St. Joseph invites you to pray a public Rosary for God's Marriage on **Saturday, March 21, at noon in the St. Ann Parking Lot near the West Avon Road Entrance**. You will be part of the 3,000 St. Joseph Rosaries being prayed across our country begging God and Our Lady to preserve traditional marriage in America.



Come Sing with Us for Easter!

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!

SAVE THE DATE !!

**CONNECTICUT
 MARCH FOR LIFE**
 Hartford, CT | April 15, 2020



REGISTER and watch for more information at CTMarchforLife.org

MARCH 8, 2020 — SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

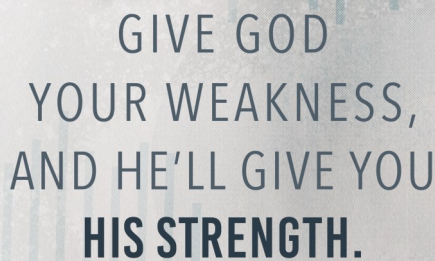
Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Prayerful

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favorite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favorite was when we essentially were doing nothing.

Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment. This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT



GIVE GOD
YOUR WEAKNESS,
AND HE'LL GIVE YOU
HIS STRENGTH.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you." (Gn 12:2a)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design. (2 Tm 1:9a)

Gospel:

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (Mt 17:5b)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 8, 2020

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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you *really* are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Have you ever given much thought to who you were really created to be? Our lives are the product of various circumstances, choices, predetermined scenarios, and a whole host of events and inherited baggage. All of these components come together and form the person we understand ourselves to be. Jesus knew who he was and who he was becoming. He showed his transfigured self to his disciples on a high mountain and revealed to them who he was really meant to be. The weaknesses, imperfections, fears, and impressions that we carry with us often color our choices and hinder us from really seeing the greater picture of who we are. What do you imagine your transfigured self to be? Jesus promises a new life in heaven. Have you ever given much thought to what that may mean for you?

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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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It's That Time of Year Again...

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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

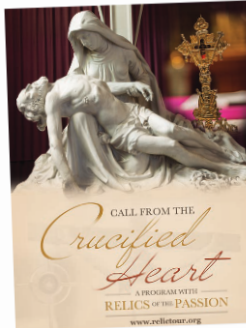
Children under 4 - Free

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