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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.



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

- Jn 4:10

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

3rd Sunday of Lent

MONDAY, March 16

9:00 **Christine Bielefeld Dewhurst**, requested
by the Bielefeld Family

TUESDAY, March 17

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

WEDNESDAY, March 18

9:00 **For the deceased members of the Liptak
Family**, requested by the Bondhus Family

THURSDAY, March 19

9:00 **Anastasia Kalvoda**, requested by a friend

FRIDAY, March 20

9:00 **Jeremiah McQuillan**, requested by
the family

SATURDAY, March 21

4:00 **Filomena & Dominic Pizzuti**, requested
by the Pizzuti Family

SUNDAY, March 22

7:30 **John Gray**, requested by
the Rourke Family

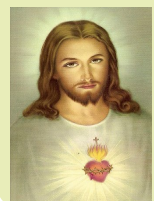
9:30 **For the intentions of Olivia Machlarz-
Earle (living)**, requested by her mother

11:00 **In Thanksgiving**, requested by
Nina and Ajoy Alphonso



Lenten Confessions
Mondays: 6-7pm

Stations of the Cross
Fridays: 7:00 pm



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

THIS Sunday, March 15th
2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Please join us for this powerful devotion!

BREAD OF LIFE SALE

The Marthas & Marys will host a Bread of Life Sale after all Masses THIS weekend. Proceeds will go to an anonymous parishioner in need of assistance. There'll be a variety of home-made breads for your family to enjoy!



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 16

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 17

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, March 18

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

Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, March 19

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 20

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 21

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

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

SUNDAY, March 22

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

Youth Ministry Easter Plant Sale Starts Next Weekend!

March 21/22 & March 28/29



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.

Parish Mission Rescheduled

Due to coronavirus-related public health restrictions on large group gatherings, we have rescheduled our Parish Mission with Vince Ambrosetti, originally planned for the end of this month.

The NEW DATES are October 18-21

Please mark your calendar!

May God bless you with peace and good health,
the St. Ann Parish Mission Team.

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.

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 14/15

Shelter the Homeless

Collection of supplies for ImmaCare Inc. shelter in Hartford.

Next Weekend: March 21/22

Clothe the Naked

Collection for Hartford Catholic Worker Youth Outreach.



Socks for children & adults

**Underwear:
boxers for boys/men**

t-shirts:

**(children ages 5-18 & adults)
Children's pajamas, shirts & pants**

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Public Rosary on March 21st

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.

Connecticut March for Life

Please help us turn Connecticut into a state that protects the unborn and rejects euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide for our sick and dying. We need everyone's help to make Connecticut a state that shows respect and compassion for life. Join us at the first ever **Connecticut March For Life on Wednesday, April 15, 2020.** March begins at 11:15 a.m. and the Rally at the State Capitol begins at noon. Please sign up on the Poster in the Gathering Space if you have 3 hours to help save a life. More details can be found on the poster. Thank you.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

March 8, 2020: \$5,814.90
 Online Giving (week ending 3/11/20): \$2,907
 Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Catholic Relief Services

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 Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2020 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

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.

SAVE THE DATE !!

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MARCH FOR LIFE
 Hartford, CT | April 15, 2020

REGISTER and watch for more information at CTMarchforLife.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Parents: Tired of Small Talk? Try ALPHA!

March 29th 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

Knights of Columbus Meeting



Wednesday, March 18th
 at 7-8:30pm in Room 2
 (under Fr. Bennett Hall)



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!

MARCH 15, 2020 — THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

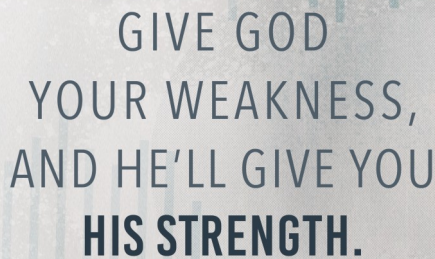
The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Grateful

Happy Birthday! It may or may not be your birthday now, but I know it will be coming up at some point. I hope you receive many cool presents and get to spend quality time with friends and family. On special days like birthdays, Christmas, and anniversaries, it is good to celebrate. After all, we need some fun and celebration in our lives.

But what about the day after? Presents remain, but the presence of others may be over, and it is back to the daily grind. Yesterday, you were filled with gratitude. You hold the memory of yesterday still close so that fuels you for the day. However, how about 2, 3, or 4 days from then? The truth is that many joys in this life cannot stay with us forever. They belong to a certain place in time. We will have our memories, yet those thoughts will never be a suitable substitute for the real thing.

There is one joy that remains throughout all our days: the joy we find in Jesus. What he gives us does not fade. The amazing thing about what he offers us is that it also provides a lens through which we see all things. Now we can see the smallest reasons to be grateful. We no longer have a life where we go from one celebration to another with the ordinary in between. All life and time are extraordinary! All gifts, great and small, are precious. This offering seems too good to be true, so what's the catch? Like all gifts given to us, for the gift to have meaning, we must be willing to receive it. The choice is yours. You can live in the ordinary, or you can revel in the extraordinary, now and forever.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT



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

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? A little more and they will stone me!" (Ex 17:4)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

Gospel:

Jesus said to her,
"Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem." (Jn 4:21)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 15, 2020

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

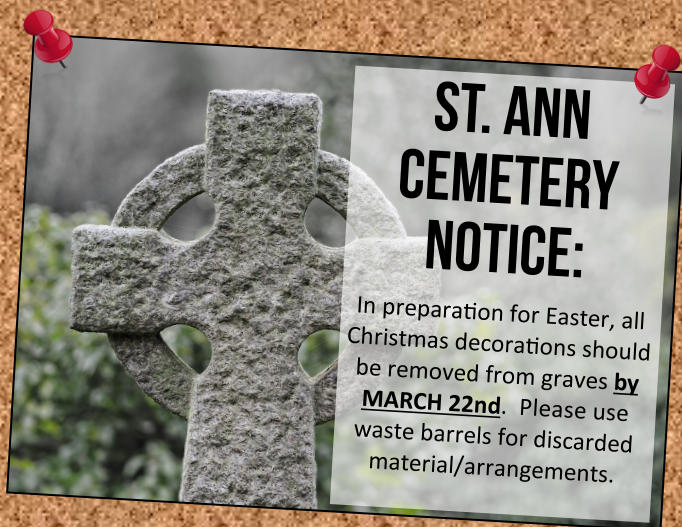
We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life! ©LPI

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

"Is the Lord in our midst or not?" Have you ever found yourself asking this question? Finding God's presence and truly encountering God are not always easy tasks. When we seek God only with our minds, we risk reducing God to simply an idea rather than meeting him as someone who is real and actually present to us. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. We can often get confused and misunderstand not only who we are, but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts. Only Jesus can lead us to truth and provide the water that can quench our thirst. Each of us, not only with our heads but with our hearts, must come to see that Jesus is the Savior of the world. It is only when we can honestly make this confession that we will know God is truly present. ©LPI

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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.

St. Mary's School/Simsbury News:

St. Mary's School is now enrolling in all grades for the 2020-2021 school year! Schedule your tour today!
www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C49A4A72CA5FB6-take

Exciting news! St. Mary's School is pleased to offer a Foundation funded Large Family Grant to help Catholic families realise a Catholic education for their children. Families who would like to enroll 4 or more children or currently have 4 or more children enrolled are eligible to receive a financial grant towards their tuition. **Financial aid is also available in addition to the Large Family Grant.

Please contact Principal Williamson for more information - mwilliamson@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net / 860-658-9412

Full day PreKindergarten for 4's and young 5's is now enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year. Take a tour today!! Limited seats available.

Calling All Alumni!! We would love to reconnect and hear what you are up to! Have an email you would like to share so we can let you know about events and reunions?

Contact Toni Chagnon: tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net

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.



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

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



HEARTS & SOULS

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. The CDC recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask (facemasks are **only** needed for those who show symptoms of coronavirus).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

In the context of church, suspend shaking hands during the sign of peace. Communion should be taken in the hand (vs mouth). Do not come to church if you are sick (the mass is aired at 10 am daily by the Archdiocesan Office of Radio and Television).

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