



# Church of Saint Ann

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Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

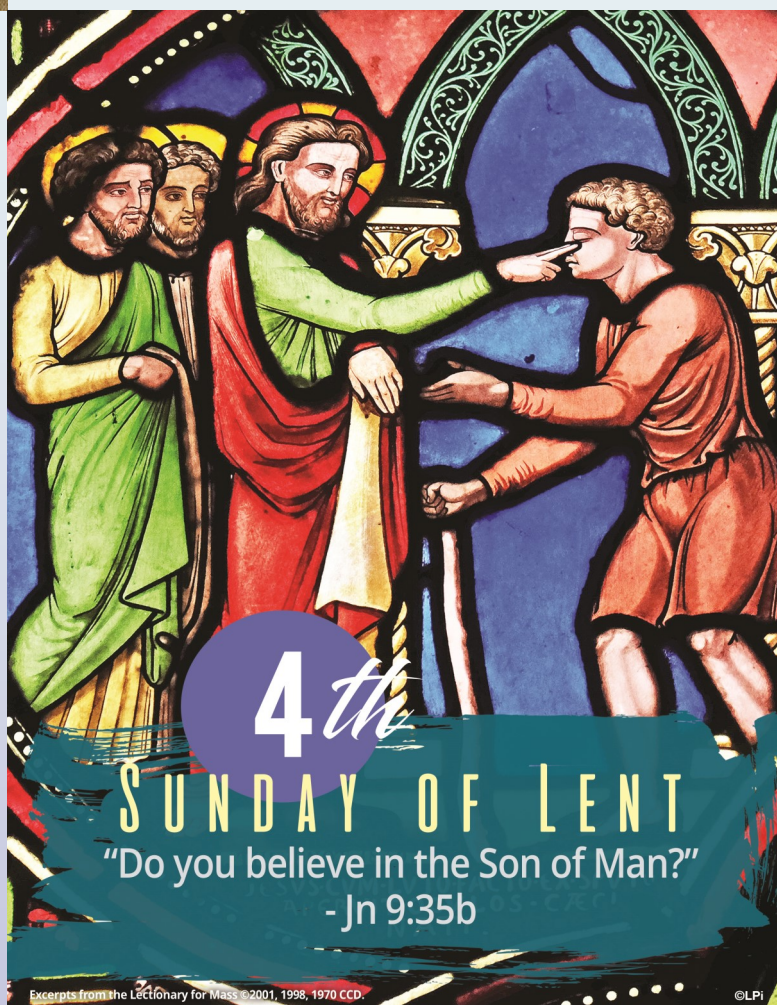
## MARRIAGES

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.



## 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

## 4th Sunday of Lent

### MONDAY, March 23

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

### TUESDAY, March 24

9:00 Mary Getz, requested by Sandy Bondhus

### WEDNESDAY, March 25

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

### THURSDAY, March 26

9:00 Special Intentions

### FRIDAY, March 27

9:00 William Gardner (2nd Ann.), requested by the family

### SATURDAY, March 28

4:00 Mary Hojnowski, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

### SUNDAY, March 29

7:30 Edwin Lysak, requested by the family  
9:30 For the intentions of the Machlarz Family (living), requested by Kasia  
11:00 Nicholas Dias (19th Ann.), requested by Nina and Ajoy Alphonso



## Confessions:

Mondays from 6-7pm



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 23

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: suspended  
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: suspended  
Lenten Confessions: 6-7pm (will continue at this point)  
Lent Series: suspended

### TUESDAY, March 24

RCIA: suspended

### WEDNESDAY, March 25

Video Series/Catholicism: suspended  
Walking with Purpose: suspended

### THURSDAY, March 26

Holy Hour: suspended  
Adult Confirmation: suspended  
Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: suspended  
Folk/Contemporary Choir: suspended

### FRIDAY, March 27

Traditional Choir: suspended  
Lent Series: Room suspended  
Stations of the Cross: suspended

### SATURDAY, March 28

Men's Breakfast Group: suspended

### SUNDAY, March 29

Lent Series: suspended

The Church of Saint Ann  
will be open for prayer:

**9am - 12noon**  
**4pm - 6pm**

Please **ONLY** sit in designated areas while also maintaining the CDC's social distance guidelines.







## An Announcement Regarding the Celebration of Mass in the Archdiocese of Hartford

In light of what the CDC has issued on March 15th regarding the cancellation or postponement of large events and mass gatherings of more than 50 people, and given the March 16th mandate of Governor Ned Lamont requiring the closure of all restaurants, bars, gyms and movie theaters, the Archdiocese of Hartford has cancelled all weekend and weekday Masses, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, in the churches of the Archdiocese (the counties of Hartford, Litchfield, and New Haven) through April 3, 2020. Priests will celebrate a daily Mass alone with no congregation, remembering in prayer all who are affected by the pandemic. Parishes will be encouraged to make provision for their churches to be open at some time so that individuals can still come and pray. Further direction and updates from the Archdiocese will be provided in a timely manner regarding Holy Week and all celebrations beyond that date.

Additionally, in response to the March 15th mandate of Governor Lamont requiring the closure of all Connecticut schools through at least March 31st, all Archdiocesan high schools and parochial schools will also be closed through March 31st.

### *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*

### Modifications due to Coronavirus

#### *March 21/22: Clothe the Naked*

You may leave any clothing donations in the Gathering Space during the hours the church is open for prayer: 9am-12pm & 4-6pm. Clothing goes to Catholic Worker Youth Outreach

#### *March 28/29: Visit Those in Prison*

This monetary collection to help fund religious periodicals that are distributed to incarcerated persons in CT will take place when Masses resume. These periodicals (Word Among Us) enrich faith, and the recipients are very grateful.

#### *April 4/5: Bury the Dead*

Reach out to family, friends, and neighbors who have lost a loved one, particularly a spouse via phone calls at this time!

*EASTER FOOD BASKET collection is on hold at this point*



### PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

#### 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.

(We will let everyone know if this is cancelled or postponed.)

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

March 15, 2020: \$3008.80

Online Giving (week ending 3/18/20): \$2,387

Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: n/a

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation is moving to virtual formats or postponing our classes and group gatherings.

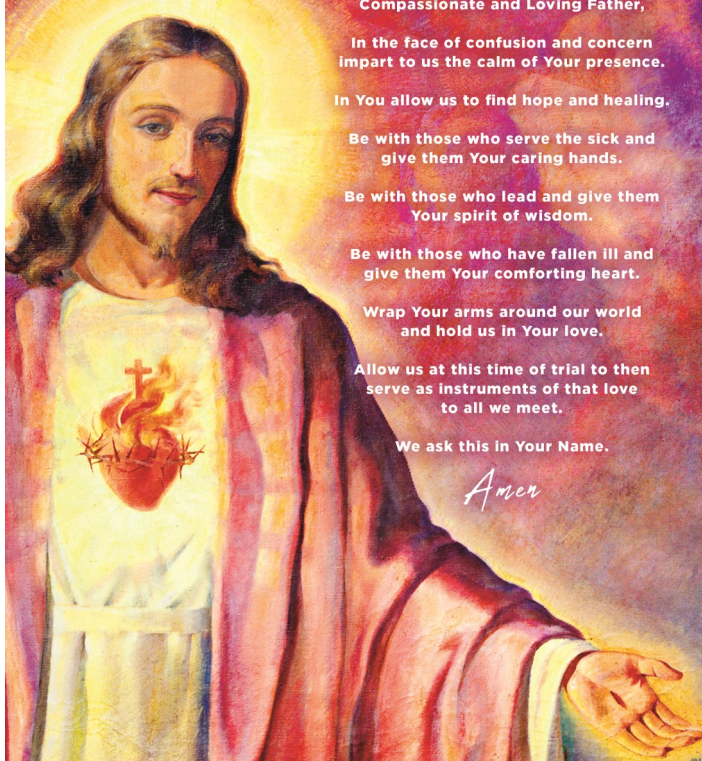
Please contact your group leader for more details on individual classes.

## Growing in Faith, Giving in Love 2020 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided by the Archdiocese. If you have not made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community, and **Growing in Faith, Giving in Love**, by sharing your blessings.

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.

*Remember in Your Prayers*  
ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of Your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.  
Be with those who serve the sick and  
give them Your caring hands.  
Be with those who lead and give them  
Your spirit of wisdom.  
Be with those who have fallen ill and  
give them Your comforting heart.  
Wrap Your arms around our world  
and hold us in Your love.  
Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love  
to all we meet.  
We ask this in Your Name.  
*Amen*

## Vacation Bible Camp

June 22-25, 2020

9:30am – 12:30pm



**Registration, originally scheduled for  
April 1st is now on hold**



## Easter Plant Sale

The annual Easter Plant Sale must be modified this year. If you wish to donate an Easter altar plant in honor or memory of a loved one, please download the order form on our website ([www.stannavon.org/easter-plant-sale](http://www.stannavon.org/easter-plant-sale)) and MAIL IT BACK to the church along with your donation of \$10 per plant. Names received before Wednesday, April 1st will be included in the Easter bulletin. Thank you!

**Church of St. Ann, Easter Plant Sale, 289 Arch Rd., Avon, CT 06001**



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent — Gracious —

Vacations can be great times for refueling the body and renewing bonds within a family and between friends. No matter how good the vacation was, it is almost always good to get home when it is over. Sleeping in our own bed, taking a shower in our own bathroom, and resting on our own couch are some of the aspects of home we can miss while on the road. That's why encountering truly gracious and hospitable people while we are away is so important. These people are not family, but they sure can provide for us a glimpse of home. They can be waiters at a restaurant, desk hosts at a hotel, or even Uber drivers. They enrich our lives if for only a moment, yet that moment can make all the difference.

When disciples of Jesus Christ act in a gracious manner to all those they meet, they provide a glimpse of home. This home is not in a house in a particular location, but it is a home prepared for all of us for eternity. No matter how comfortable we may be in our earthly homes, it truly pales in comparison to eternity with God. In that heavenly home, there is no darkness, only light. There are no tears, only joy. There is no hate, only love.

We are ambassadors for heaven by how we offer ourselves to others. Our stewardship of hospitality allows others to see a glimpse of what God promises to us. Unless we truly step up and act in a gracious manner, will those we encounter ever know the Truth? I hate it when I am on the road and fail to meet people full of joy and welcome. At least I can look forward to coming home. What do those along the way look forward to in the next life that you can't show them a glimpse of in this one?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Sm 16:7b)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

### Second Reading:

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."  
(Eph 5:14b)

### Gospel:

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said,  
"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" (Jn 9:35)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of March 22, 2020

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  
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/  
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53  
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/  
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man "sees" as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God's kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God's children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

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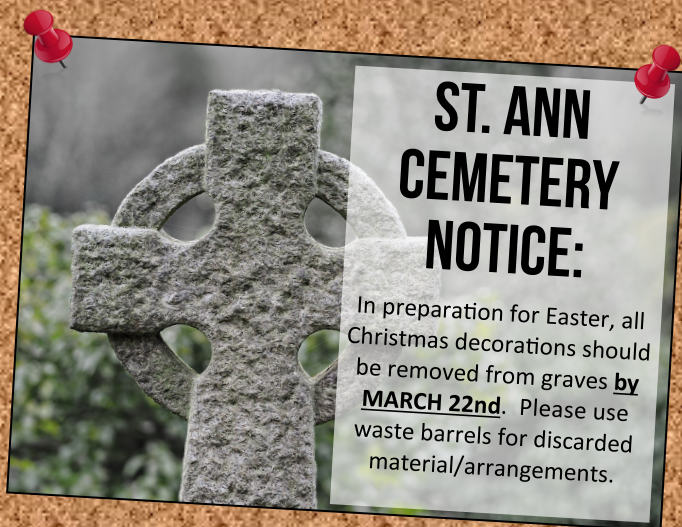
## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

Seeing is much more than just a function of our eyes. We can look at something with clear vision but not really see it. Often what we think we see is colored by our presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and needs. We judge things by appearance, but God looks into the heart. God's sight has a much wider range and far greater depth. Receiving things or people just based on appearance can lead us to erroneous and hurtful judgments. We think we are seeing clearly, but we are not. Allowing God to restore our sight so that we can truly see is a worthy goal for our Lenten journey. Look within and look without. What do you see? Allow God to complete the picture for you. Ask Him to give you the insight to look into someone's heart. Don't draw hasty conclusions or presume you know the truth. Be open and humble enough so that you can receive the sight that only God can give.

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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



## 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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