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Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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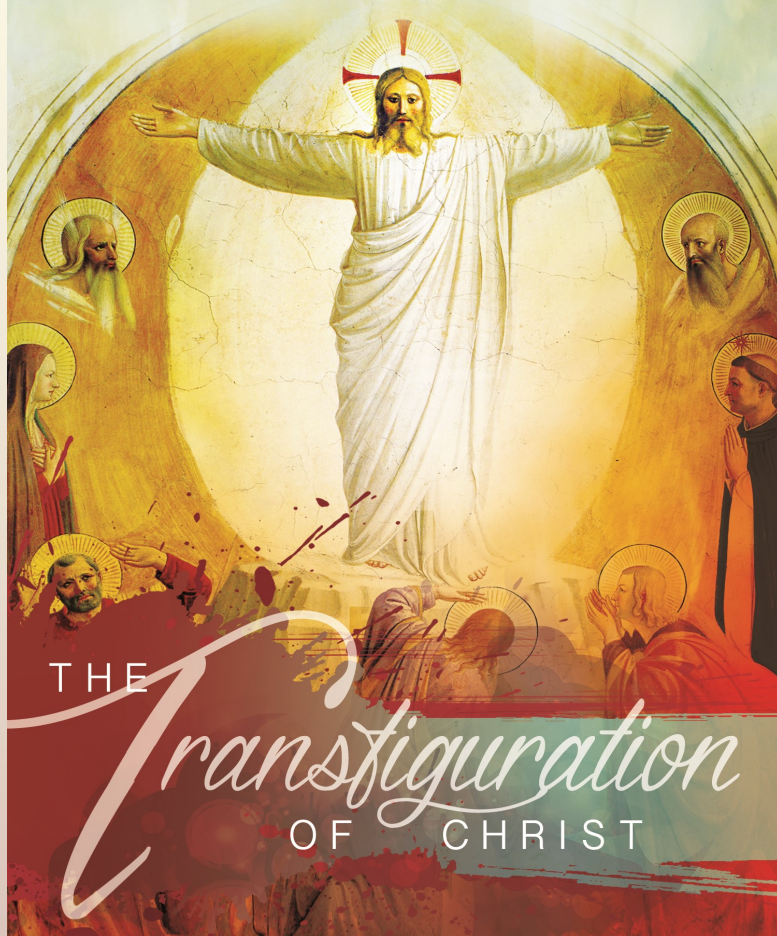
Please set the date with the priest or deacon at least six months prior to the wedding. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

## 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



## THE Transfiguration OF CHRIST

## 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



## Second Sunday of Lent



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.

### MONDAY, March 1

9:00 For the intentions of Krystyna Maria Filipkowski, requested the Sielski Family

### TUESDAY, March 2

9:00 Special Intentions

### WEDNESDAY, March 3

9:00 Franciszek Gromadzki, requested by the Sielski Family

### THURSDAY, March 4

9:00 Sheila Vachris, requested by the family

### FRIDAY, March 5

9:00 Theresa Pendergast, requested by Dorothy and Ron Miller

### SATURDAY, March 6

4:00 Paul Argay, requested by the Greving Family

### SUNDAY, March 7

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 Ray Bechard, requested by Lou & Eileen Del Prete

11:00 Adilson Cabrerizo, requested by his daughter and grandchildren



## No Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

(due to Confirmation taking place)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

### MONDAY, March 1

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church

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

MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church

Lenten Reflection Series: 7:15pm via Zoom\*

### TUESDAY, March 2

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom

RCIA: 7:15pm via Zoom\*

### WEDNESDAY, March 3

Wednesday Morning Study Group: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom \*

Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

### THURSDAY, March 4

The Bible Timeline: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall & via Zoom

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Adult Confirmation: 7pm via Zoom\*

### FRIDAY, March 5

Lenten Reflection Series: 9:45am via Zoom\*

Confirmation 2021: Congratulations to our teen candidates!

NO Stations of the Cross this week due to Confirmation taking place

### SATURDAY, March 6

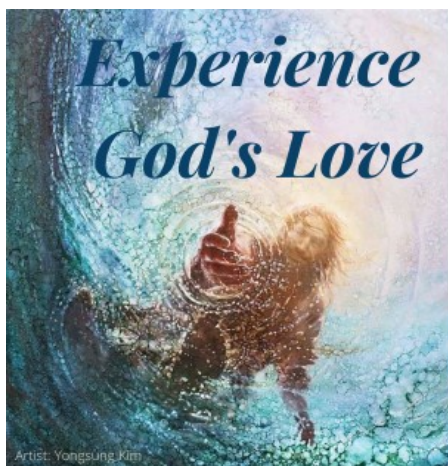
Confirmation 2021: Congratulations to our teen candidates!

### SUNDAY, March 7

Lenten Reflection Series: 10:30am via Zoom\*

**Face masks & social distancing required at all times!**

**\* Zoom Instructions are on our website, under the COVID-19 tab.**



## 2021 Lenten Reflection Series

Week of February 14th - Week of March 21st

Sundays, 10:30am \* Mondays, 7:15pm \* Fridays, 9:45am

via Zoom small groups (Zoom instructions under COVID-19 tab)

Cost: \$10

Checks payable to: Church of St. Ann

RSVP by Feb 5 to: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

Understand God's love for you

Embrace Jesus' relationship with you

Receive the help of the Spirit to live better





## Stop & Shop/Simsbury Bloomin' For Good to benefit the St. Ann Food Pantry Garden!

From February 26th through the month of March, the **Church of Saint Ann Food Pantry Garden** has been selected to receive a **\$1 donation** for every **\$9.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet** with the red circle sticker (pictured above) sold at the store located at 498 Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury.



## Get Daily Inspiration This Lent

This year's "Best Lent Ever" program from Matthew Kelly/Dynamic Catholic will be focused on the book gifted to you at Christmas, *"I Heard God Laugh!"* Each day of Lent, you can receive an email featuring a brief inspirational message/video reflecting on a portion of the book. To sign up, visit: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>

## Corporal Works of Mercy 2021

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: February 27/28, Visit the Sick

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

### Next Weekend: March 6/7 Shelter the Homeless

Collection for ImmaCare shelter in Hartford



bath towels  
new/used clean blankets  
plastic coated paper plates  
coffee cups, utensils  
paper towels  
soap

napkins  
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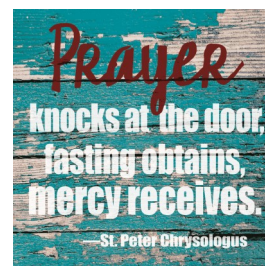
## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

We have many offerings to keep you connected and enriched during social distancing!

Please visit: [stannavon.org/zoom-tutorial](http://stannavon.org/zoom-tutorial) for instructions on using Zoom and for links to access our Zoom video meetings.

### The Kerygma:

- 1) God is Love and created us for relationship with Him.
- 2) When we make unloving choices (sin) we damage our relationship with God/self/others.
- 3) Jesus restores this relationship through his life, death and resurrection.
- 4) Jesus invites us to new life by living like Him now, and with Him forever.
- 5) When we accept Jesus' invitation, we receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to empower us to love.



### 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**Weekly Collection:** will be reported next week

*For those attending Mass, we have placed Offertory baskets placed within the church. For others, if possible, please consider continuing to support St. Ann via U.S. Mail or Online Giving (via our website) during these challenging times. Thank You!*

**Online Giving (Feb 17-24, 2021): \$3,116.00**

**Next Weekend's Second Collection:** St. Ann Cares



## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

What a tremendous privilege it is to be able to receive the Holy Eucharist! St. Maximilian Kolbe, the martyr of Auschwitz, wrote, "If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." No other Faith is as blessed as we are as Catholic Christians. In the Holy Mass God places before us a banquet of infinite graces and of ineffable love.

**Reflection:** Although we can never comprehend the depths of this Eucharistic gift, can we strive with each reception of Holy Communion to grow in thanksgiving and appreciation of it? Here is a powerful insight from St. Peter Julian Eymard. "Give up all earthly goods for the sake of one Holy Communion."

**Please join us each week as we probe the depths of this Sacrament of Sacraments.**

## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

**Question:** *Why do we use incense at Mass?*

**Answer:** The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

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## Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Upcoming Meeting: Monday, March 1, 2021  
7-8:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall**



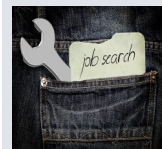
**Masks & Social Distancing Required**

All skill levels are welcome!

For information call Tina: 860-674-1541

*Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.*

-Mk 9:7-8



## Unemployment Support 3-5pm on Wednesdays via Zoom

A weekly, virtual networking meeting to share your experiences coping with job loss to help everyone navigate the transition back to employment. If you prefer more anonymity you may call (646) 558-8656 and use meeting code 3671752517. For more information: [BrianJud@comcast.net](mailto:BrianJud@comcast.net) Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/3671572517> \* (Zoom tutorial on our website under Covid-19 tab)

**Upcoming discussion topics:**

**Mar 3: Creativity**

**Mar 17: Concentration**

**Mar 10: Competition**

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: *go ahead, God doesn't really mind.*

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

How is your Lent going so far? In changing the circumstances and order of our lives a bit, perhaps we can hear God's voice more clearly and drink more deeply of graced moments we experience. Having God as a friend always involves several things. First, there is God's call. We become attuned to the echo of God's voice in the depth of our souls calling and beckoning us to listen. Second, there is a request. We begin to see that God asks us to do certain things, to order our lives a particular way, and become more intentional in the choices we make. Third, there is trust. Do we trust this call and request? Trust commits us to the relationship and makes a claim on who we are. Finally, we are asked to act. We find ourselves acting, not in the way we used to, but in a transformed, more enlightened way. Things seem clearer and all that is around us shines with the brilliance of God's presence. God's call came through a cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." This is the call and the request. Can we give God our trust and do as God asks?

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

God put Abraham to the test. (Gn 22:1)

### Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

### Second Reading:

If God is for us, who can be against us? (Rom 8:31)

### Gospel:

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10  
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 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 [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 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or 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

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

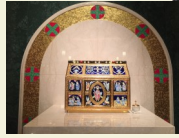
How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

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### Guidelines and Sign-Up Information for Attending Mass In Person



#### Guidelines from the Archdiocese of Hartford

- Face masks/coverings required.
- Please bring hand sanitizer for use during the liturgy.
- There will be limits on the number of socially distanced persons that may be present at a given Mass. We are currently limiting seating to 125. Please sign up for weekend Masses. (see below)
- Dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation has been extended through May 23, 2021, so the elderly, those with pre-existing conditions, even those who are anxious need not be concerned if they miss Mass. Continue to watch from home.

**You can find more information about attending Mass in person and the links to sign up for Masses on our website:**  
[stannavon.org/mass-times](http://stannavon.org/mass-times).

**If you aren't able to sign up online, please call the Parish Office and let Kris know your name, phone #, the Mass date & time, and number attending and she will do it for you.**

### 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.



### Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone Virtual!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me." Do we have zeal to honor God through our marriage? The next virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences are

Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 19-21  
Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29

### VIRTUAL ABC's OF ANNULMENT

**Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield**

Father John Dietrich, Pastor of Saint Matthews Parish at 20 Church Avenue, Forestville, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar from the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, will host the second Virtual "The ABCs of Annulment" on Saturday of March 20th, 2021, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on ZOOM. An updating of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as updates made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be discussed by Brother Larry Lussier C.S.C., and Jim Tottenham, of the Annulment Team. Included will be a complete review of the Archdiocesan Application Form or Petition. The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all. Registration (below) is required so that we can email the details of the meeting. Potential applicants also need to download the application form from the Archdiocesan Website by clicking here (also available in Spanish here). After the workshop, participants can sign up for one-on-one virtual assistance at their convenience with Br. Larry Lussier, at 475-221-8464, or James Tottenham, at 203-859-4195. For further information call Br. Larry at 475-221-8464 or email him at [larlus300@sbcglobal.net](mailto:larlus300@sbcglobal.net).

### Parish Vocation Reflections...

#### February 28, 2021: Second Sunday of Lent:

God called Abraham who then listened and demonstrated his devotion to God: he was then abundantly blessed. Peter, James, and John followed Jesus up the mountain, saw Jesus transfigured, then listened to Him before acting. Are you listening to God? Is He calling you to the priesthood? Come and see. Now is the time to act. Call Father Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, 860-761-7456, or visit [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com).

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