



# Church of Saint Ann

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**Kickoff Weekend | March 6-7, 2021**

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*Reaching Out,  
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**2021 ARCHBISHOP'S  
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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.

## 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



## Third Sunday of Lent

### MONDAY, March 8

9:00 Leo ZuWallack, requested the ZuWallack Family

### TUESDAY, March 9

9:00 Frank Scalzo, requested by the Pizzuti Family

### WEDNESDAY, March 10

9:00 Enrico Spalvieri, requested by his wife,  
Marion Spalvieri

### THURSDAY, March 11

9:00 William Gardner (3rd Ann.),  
requested by the family

### FRIDAY, March 12

9:00 For the deceased members of the Joseph  
Vernesoni Family, requested by the King Family

### SATURDAY, March 13

4:00 Maureen Kick, requested by the Savarese Family

### SUNDAY, March 14

7:30 Edward Sexton, requested by  
Brian & Patricia Studley

9:30 Nancy Ramirez, requested by  
Lou & Eileen Del Prete

11:00 In celebration of the 100th birthday of  
Sister Mary DePazzi, requested by  
Dorothy & Ron Miller

# 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

### MONDAY, March 8

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

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

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

### TUESDAY, March 9

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom

RCIA: 7:15pm via Zoom\*

### WEDNESDAY, March 10

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 11

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 12

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

Stations of the Cross : 7pm

### SATURDAY, March 13

### SUNDAY, March 14

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

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church

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

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

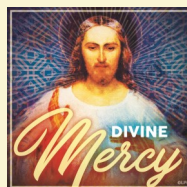


*Stations of the Cross*  
*Fridays during Lent: 7:00pm*

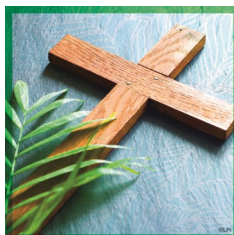
## Divine Mercy Holy Hour

March 14, 2021

2:30 - 3:30pm



Our Lord told St. Faustina, "For the soul that trusts much will be given." Please join us as we



Join us on Palm Sunday when we welcome  
**The Most Reverend Juan Miguel Betancourt, SEMV**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Hartford, who will be celebrating one of our Masses that Sunday. Stay tuned for more details as we receive them!





## 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>

## Annual Easter Plant Sale

Our annual Easter plant sale will still take place this year and due to the continuing pandemic will be handled like our Poinsettia Sale last December. Forms will be available in the Gathering Space or can be downloaded from our website ([stannavon.org](http://stannavon.org)) - look under "Lent 2021" tab). Place your forms and payment in a sealed envelope, marked "Easter Plant Sale" and then either drop into an Offertory baskets at church or drop off at the Parish Office. You may also mail it to the church.

### New This year!

If you'd like to pay by credit card or via your bank account you can do so using the link on our website at: [stannavon.org/easter-plant-sale](http://stannavon.org/easter-plant-sale)  
*This is a singular form/payment, no need to sign up for Online Giving.*

**Note:**  
*Forms must be received no later than Thursday, March 25 for your loved ones' names to be included in the Easter bulletin.*

## 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: *March 6/7, Shelter the Homeless*

Collection of toiletries, towels, blankets etc. for ImmaCare Shelter.

### Next Weekend: *March 13/14 Clothe the Naked*

Collection for Hartford Catholic Worker Youth Outreach  
Suggested Items:

- \* Socks for children and adults
- \* T-shirts (children-adults, all sizes)
- \* Underwear (boxers for boys/men)
- \* Childrens' pajamas
- \* Underwear (girls/women, all sizes)
- (shirts and pants)

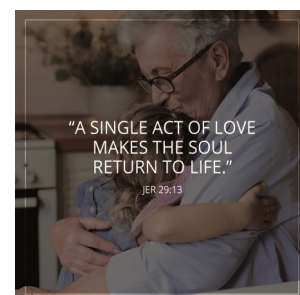


## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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:

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



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**Weekly Collection: 2/21/21: \$5,097.00, 2/21/21: \$4,730.00**

*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): \$4,017.00**

**Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services**



## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Just looking with love and devotion upon the Blessed Sacrament during the Consecration or during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at a Holy Hour will increase our glory in Heaven. This sweet and loving insight was shared by Our Lord with St. Gertrude, who transcribed it in her manuscript, "The Revelations of St. Gertrude." The tremendous power of God's Presence in the Holy Eucharist is beyond our comprehension: for just to look with love upon the Consecrated Host can add to our heavenly glory for all eternity.

Reflection: Why not consider expanding your love for Jesus this Lent by participating in our parish Holy Hour each Monday from 9:30-10:30? St. Pius X granted an indulgence\* to anyone who devoutly gazed at the Sacred Host and prayed, "My Lord and my God". (\*An indulgence is a remittance of punishment due to sin.)

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

## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

#### Question:

**What's the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?**

Answer: The distinctions titles and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it's important to begin by noting some basic distinctions:

The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are non-ordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service).

Priests: A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories: A) Diocesan (or Secular) Priests can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward pastoral service. B) Religious Priests are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Salvatorians, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. While both kinds of priest practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.

Brothers: Brothers are non-ordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes.

Monks, Friars, and Canons: These are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualities. ©LPi

## Reaching Out, Healing Together

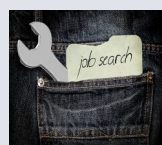
### 2021 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This weekend marks the start of the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. If you did not receive the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal request mailing, please pick up a packet at the rear of Church as you leave today. 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 fifth year in a row, in 2020, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to over 200 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties.
- Organizations such as **ARC of the Farmington Valley and Avon Social Service's Food Pantry located right here at St. Ann** 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.*

**Please respond generously.**



## 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* Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/3671572517> \* (Zoom tutorial on our website under Covid-19 tab)

#### Upcoming discussion topics:

**Mar 10: Competition**

**Mar 17: Concentration**



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure.

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. (Ex 20:11)

### Psalm:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

### Second Reading:

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. (1 Cor 1:25)

### Gospel:

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

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  
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 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/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23  
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: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 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

Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

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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).

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## Help Stop State Sponsored Suicide

The Connecticut General Assembly is considering legalizing a form of suicide in our state commonly referred to as "aid-in-dying" or "physician-assisted suicide". The legislation is House Bill 6425 "An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients".

Modern hospice care and the proper use of pain medications render suicide unnecessary, and we need to be mindful of the threat that a suicide mentality poses to vulnerable people and to people with disabilities

Many people believe that a physician is deeply involved in this process. This not true. The physician orders the mixture of medications, the patient must then orally consume the deadly cocktail of drugs without assistance. Many times without even a physician or nurse present.

**We should never allow legislators to establish suicide as a solution to medical issues.**

Catholic teaching condemns physician-assisted suicide because it, like murder, involves taking an innocent human life:

*Suicide is always as morally objectionable as murder. The Church's tradition has always rejected it as a gravely evil choice: To concur with the intention of another person to commit suicide and to help in carrying it out through so-called "assisted suicide" means to cooperate in, and at times to be the actual perpetrator of, an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested. Saint Augustine writes that "it is never licit to kill another: even if he should wish it." True "compassion" leads to sharing another's pain; it does not kill the person whose suffering we cannot bear. (John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, no. 66).*

### TAKE ACTION:

Go to the website below, **read more on the issue** and then sign the petition to stop the legalization of assisted suicide in Connecticut

**[www.ctstopsuicide.org](http://www.ctstopsuicide.org)**



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