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**BAPTISMS:** Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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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.

# Church of Saint Ann

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KICKOFF WEEKEND | FEB. 26-27, 2022



# 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

February 27, 2022



8th Sunday in **Ordinary Time** 



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, February 28**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm, in church (all are welcome!) Lectio Divina, Live !: 7:15pm in Room 3 & via Zoom

## **TUESDAY**, March 1

"The Search" Series from FORMED: 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

## WEDNESDAY, March 2

Confessions of St. Augustine: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall "Keeping in Balance" Women's Study: 7pm in Fr. Bennet Hall

## **THURSDAY, March 3**

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church "Matthew" Bible Study: 7pm in the Activity Room and via Zoom Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2 Adult Confirmation Preparation: 7:15pm in Room 1

## FRIDAY, March 4

Lectio Divina, Livel: 9:45am via Zoom Stations of the Cross: 7pm

## SATURDAY, March 5

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

## SUNDAY, March 6

Lectio Divina, Live !: 10:30am via Zoom

Charles Deye, requested by his family 9:00 **TUESDAY**, March 1

9:00 **Special Intentions** 

**MONDAY, February 28** 

#### WEDNESDAY, March 2, Ash Wednesday

9:00 Gioacchino Sanfilippo, requested by the Scappaticci Family

**Special Intentions** 12:10

7:00 Prayer Service with distribution of ashes

**THURSDAY**, March 3 9:00 **Special Intentions** 

FRIDAY, March 4 9:00 Sheila Vachris, requested by the family

SATURDAY, March 5 4:00 **Special Intentions** 

## SUNDAY. March 6

7:30 **Special Intentions** 9:30 Joyce Lamothe, requested by the family 11:00 **Andrew James Scanlon** 

# Lenten Fast & Abstinence

- Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence: likewise Good Friday.
- Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal. Two light meals are allowed, but no solid food should be taken between meals.
- Fasting binds those between the ages of 18 and 59; those who have reached the age of 14 are bound by abstinence.
- All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence; that is, days on which no meat is to be eaten.

# Confessions to Be Heard on Monday Evenings During Lent

If you have gotten caught up in the busyness of life and have fallen away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you can change that. This Lenten season, we continue the Archdiocesan-wide effort to inspire Catholics to experience God's love and mercy offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Church of Saint Ann will be open on Mondays during Lent from 6-7pm for confessions.





9:00 am Mass with distribution of ashes

12:10 pm Mass with distribution of ashes

7:00 pm Prayer Service with distribution of ashes

# WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 2/20/22: \$4,992.00 Online Giving (Feb. 16-23, 2.022): \$2,875.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *St Ann Cares* 



# WEEKLY REFLECTION SERIES: FOLLOW JESUS AND BE TRANSFORMED

Featuring "Into His Likeness," a new video program on FORMED.org Parish-based groups will meet weekly from

#### March 4 - April 11

Sundays at 10:30am in Room 3 & via Zoom Mondays at 7:15pm in Room 3 & via Zoom Fridays at 9:45am via Zoom Cost: \$15

**Newcomers welcome!** 

#### To register: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

Or, form your own Small Group with friends, and meet at your convenience. Contact Ann (above) for materials and support.

# UPLIFTING DAILY VIDEO MESSAGES

Sign up to get an inspirational boost from Dr. Tim Gray of FORMED, delivered via email: www.daily.formed.org

# WHISKEY, WINE & CHEESE WITH PRESENTER KELLY HENDERSCHEDT

### Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 7pm, Fr. Bennett Hall Enjoy refreshments and fellowship with dynamic speaker

Kelly Henderschedt, Archdiocesan Dir. of Faith Formation. Just in time for Holy Week, Kelly will share how to find resurrection and renewal in your spiritual life.

# OPENING THE WORD

Encounter Jesus more deeply in Sunday Mass by reflecting on his Word: https://watch.formed.org/opening-the-word-1

# Divine Mercy Holy Hour

This Sunday, February 27, 2022 2:30-3:30pm in the church



Our Lord told St. Faustina, "For the soul that trust much will be given." Please join us for this

## 2022

# CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

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 labelled boxes in the Gathering Space. Anything you can donate is appreciated!

MARCH 5/6



## Feed the Hungry Give Drink to the Thirsty

Feed the Hungry and Give Drink to the Thirsty Food collection for the Avon Food Pantry and the Catholic Worker food pantry. Bags are provided at the church entrances with suggested grocery items.

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#### St. Maria Faustina - Prayer to be Merciful

Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors souls.

Help me, O Lord, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbors needs. Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbors.

Help me, O Lord, that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those who will abuse my kindness. And I will lock myself up in the most merciful Heart of Jesus. I will bear my own suffering in silence.

May your mercy O Lord rest upon me. Amen.



# Adult Confirmation Program Begins Soon

Adults: were you baptized and received First Communion, but were never confirmed in the Catholic faith as a youth? Perhaps it's time to receive the grace of the Holy Spirit via the Sacrament of Confirmation, and find greater **peace**, **power and purpose** in your life! Our Adult Confirmation prep program will take place Thursdays at 7:15pm in Room 3, from February 24-April 28. The Confirmation ceremony will be at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, on May 17, 2022 at 7pm. We are praying for you as you discern whether God is calling you to this next step on your faith journey.

To learn more, or to register, contact: ann.distefano@stannavon.com.



# **Drop Off Your Donations On:**

Wed./Thurs., March 30 & 31: 9:30 am – 4 pm Friday, April 1st: 9:30 - 11:30 pm

**Please donate books:** *best sellers, fiction, non-fiction, religious, classics, biographies, memoirs, self-help books, vintage books, cookbooks, politics, children's books, young readers, CDs, puzzles, etc.* 

# <u>April 2022 Book Sale Dates:</u>

Friday, April 1st: 5 - 7:30 pm (\$5 adult admission) Saturday, April 2nd: 9 am – 2:30 PM (no admission fee)

# Volunteers are needed for collection & sale week.

To volunteer, please contact Jean Frey at 860.673.1949 or frey437@yahoo.com or Nancy Casey 860.673.3141 or at nancekc@gmail.com. Thank you! *Proceeds go to Catholic High School Student Scholarships.* 





This weekend marks the start of the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. If you haven't already, you will soon receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. 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.

To view some of the wonderful things accomplished through your generosity, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is launching a new web-series called, **The Annual Appeal at Work**. The premiere episode will be airing on Thursday, March 3rd on all Archdiocesan Social Media sites as well as the Archbishop's Annual Appeal webpage. New episodes will air the first week of each month, for the rest of 2022. Each episode will highlight some of the wonderful ministries supported by the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, **Stronger Together**. If you go to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Website, <a href="https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/">https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/</a> you will find a link for each episode. Please tune in Thursday, March 3rd for the premiere broadcast.



# Attention Faithful Women of St. Ann

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Women's Retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT. This year's retreat theme is "In the Spirit of Trust". When we

think about the idea of "trust", we may think about how much we trust the people around us, family, friends, society, government or religion. But as scriptures remind us, the most important form of trust we can have is our trust in God.

The retreat begins with a buffet dinner on Friday evening and concludes Sunday with Mass followed by a brunch. There are three dates to pick from in Spring 2022: March 4-6 \* April 22-24 \* June 3-5 Online sign-up links are on our website: www.stannavon.org/womens-retreat Financial assistance is available for those in need.

<u>Please contact:</u> Eileen DiMauro (860)675-4330, Jacquie Warren (860)673-6761 or holyfamilyretreat.org.



# Stop & Shop/Simsbury Bloomin' For Good to benefit the

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# 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.



Did you ever wonder why Jesus gives us Eucharistic Miracles? Consider for example the Miracle of Lanciano in Italy. Like so many Catholics today, during Mass 800 years ago the priest doubted the real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. During the consecration the Host turned into a piece of flesh in his hands and the wine became blood in the chalice.

<u>Reflection:</u> Now centuries later **medical science** has proven that the flesh is **living heart muscle** and that the blood is type AB and contains all the properties of **freshly shed blood**. (Please Google it.) Do you think that Our Lord wants to draw our attention?

Lent begins this week on Wednesday. What better way to spend this penitential season than by making reparation to the living Sacred Eucharistic Heart of Jesus for all the indifference by which He is offended in this Sacrament. Consider making a Lenten sacrifice to attend daily Mass or perhaps make a prayerful visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

# FEBRUARY 27, 2022 – 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP** Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

#### Planted in the House of the Lord

Grocery delivery apps are all the rage these days, and I can't deny the convenience of tapping your finger a few times and seeing your week's shopping dropped on the doorstep. But there is one aspect of this trend that seems to make a lot of shoppers nervous — fruits and vegetables.

A lot of us have strong opinions on our fresh produce and aren't ready to delegate this highly subjective selection process to a total stranger. My father was a produce manager and I remember as a child learning about the complexities of choosing correctly. Getting a bad bag of under ripe tomatoes after shopping on an app could easily sour one on the whole idea.

Forrest Gump said life is like a box of chocolates. I say, we're all like grab-bags of produce dumped on someone's doorstep — but if we're Christians who live our faith publicly, we're stamped with the name of God. If your thumb is green enough, you know that you can tell a lot about a gardener from the produce he grows. We who are planted in the house of the Lord — what do we reveal about our Gardener?

What do our actions show of His teachings? What do our words reflect of His voice? What does our strength reveal of the soil from which we sprang and the life-giving waters that nourished us?

When we open ourselves up to those we encounter, let's make a special effort to show the care we have had — lest our peers come away from the experience thinking God doesn't know how to garden, when in reality, it's us who don't always know how to grow. - *Tracy Earl Welliver, MT* 

## WEEKLY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of February 27, 2022

Sunday:	Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/
	Lk 6:39-45
Monday:	1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	JI 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2
	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	ls 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	ls 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/
-	Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested. (Sir 27:7)

#### Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

#### Second Reading:

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:57)

#### Gospel:

"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." (Lk 6:45)

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### **INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** Live the Liturgy

"From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." What we say reveals so much about who we are. It discloses what is really going on within us: our integrity, priorities, depth of conscience, level of compassion and understanding of mercy. People whose speech is judgmental or overly critical usually reveal an interior life that is angry, unsettled, defensive, and shallow. Our speech communicates our sense of right and wrong, the strength of our relationship with God and how we feel about our fellow human beings. We are also quick to point out the faults of others, concentrating on their shortcomings and wrongdoings before our own. Only God fully understands what is going on inside the human heart. Only God can see the depth of a human soul. Perhaps it would do us well to consider what may be happening inside our brothers and sisters and temper our critical speech of what we see occurring outside. Looking within will also help us identify our own sins and weakness so that we can be better positioned to offer the type of wisdom and compassionate guidance that can really be of help to our friends. ©LPi

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION** Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites. ©LPi

# THE BULLETIN BOARD

# University of St. Joseph to Hold Buckley Lecture March 8: "Catholic Responses to Religious Pluralism"

Professor Leo Lefebure will be presenting "Catholic Responses to Religious Pluralism in the U.S." on March 8 at 7 pm in the Hoffman Auditorium on the campus of the University of Saint Joseph. Can you announce this in the bulletin for the next two weeks. Here are more information about his lecture:

https://www.usj.edu/uncategorized/usj-to-hold-buckley-lecture-march-8-catholic-responses-to-religious-pluralism/



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Does your work have meaning? Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care, Meriden, needs a *licensed clinical social worker* to work for its faith-based agency. Join our team of health care professionals.

Call Marie Laffin, RN, Clinical Director, at 203-238-1441. You may visit us at <u>franciscanhc.org</u>.

# **Church Teaching & Racism** Offered by: The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry, Archdiocese of Hartford

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "The cumulative effects of personal sins of racism have led to social structures of injustice and violence that makes us all accomplices in racism." Listen to Chris Doucot of the Hartford Catholic Worker explain this at: https://youtu.be/7A6gR7p56z4

For Sale

## Lourdes of Litchfield Grotto Gift Shop

Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, Spring hours for the Grotto Gift Shop at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield will resume Tuesday to Saturday, 10:30 to 4:30 and Sunday, 11:30 to 4:30. New Spring items are in stock and there is a large selection of outdoor statuary as well as Baptismal, First communion, Confirmation gifts plus medals, rosaries and gifts for all occasions. For further information, call 860-567-0891 during regular business hours or visit our website: <u>www.shrinect.org</u>.





