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**BAPTISMS:** 

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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.

# Church of Saint Ann

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# SUNDAY OF LENT

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. - Lk 4:1-2a

### MASS SCHEDULE:

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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

March 6, 2022



First 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.

## This Week at St. Ann

### MONDAY, March 7

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 church (all are welcome!) Lent Series Small Group: 7:15pm in Room 3 & via Zoom

### TUESDAY, March 8

Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2 "The Search" Series from FORMED: 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, March 9

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

### THURSDAY, March 10

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 11

Lent Series Small Group: 9:45am via Zoom Stations of the Cross: 7pm

SATURDAY, March 12 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, March 13

Lent Series Small Group: 10:30am via Zoom

MONDAY, March 7 9:00 Margaret Bruno, requested by the Bruno Family

TUESDAY, March 8

**9:00** Leo ZuWallack, requested by the ZuWallack Family

WEDNESDAY, March 9

**9:00** Harold Schenk, requested by the Bruno Family

### THURSDAY, March 10

**9:00** Joe Koe, requested by Margaret, Ian, Richard, Priya, Erica and Emily

FRIDAY, March 11 9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, March 12

4:00 Patrick Lausier, requested by Maxine Boucher

### SUNDAY, March 13

- 7:30 Special Intentions
- 9:30 Yolanda Bogdan Niezanski, requested by the Osiecki Family
- **11:00** Susan Goodwin, requested by the DiBella Family



**Connecticut March For Life: 3-23-22** *Life is a Gift, God's precious Gift* 

<u>\* Please note these time changes:</u>
12 noon: Rally at the Capitol
1pm: March for Life around Bushnell Park

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. *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.* 



**Lenten Confessions** Mondays during Lent: 6-7pm

Stations of the Cross Fridays During Lent: 7:00

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 2/27/22: \$7,024.33 Online Giving (Feb. 12-March 2, 2.022): \$3,552.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *none* 



## 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

### 2 0 2 2 CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY During this Lenten season, our Parish family Lenten commitment is to practice the corporal works of mercy,

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Visit the Sick

THIS WEEKEND: MARCH 5/6

Feed the Hungry Give Drink to the Thirsty Food collection for the Avon Food Pantry and the Catholic Worker food pantry.

### NEXT WEEKEND: MARCH 12/13

#### Collection of health aids for Helping Haitian Children at the Carrefour Clinic in Haiti:

Vitamins: Children & Adult (no gummy vitamins) Cough/Cold/Sinus medicines Bacitracin Ointment Bengay/muscle rub Antifungal ointment Tylenol/Aleve/Ibuprofen Anti-bacterial soap (Dial) Hemorrhoid cream

Tums Toothpaste Toothpaste Artificial tears Eucerin cream

Calamine lotion Cortisone cream Wound cleanser Ace bandages (wraps)

# Vacation Bible Camp June 20-23, 2022 9:30am – 12:30pm



Our theme this year is: Rocky Railway, Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through! All aboard for summer fun! Kids will explore Jesus' power and how we cn trust Him to pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop. Expect 4 days of amazing fun: art, science, faith discoveries and memorable music! **Online registration will open at 10am, Monday, March 7th at www.stannavon.org/bible-camp.** Campers are students entering pre-k through Grade 5 in September 2022. Junior Counselors are students entering grade 6 and up in September 2022. <u>Cost:</u>

1 camper: \$75, 2 campers: \$150, 3 campers: \$225, 4th camper: free Junior Counselors: \$25

# Save the Date Church of St. Ann Used Book Sale

# **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.* 

# April 2022 Book Sale Dates:

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.* 





The 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Our goal is to engage our entire parish family in this year's Appeal and to pray for the success of the Appeal, both here in our parish and across the three counties of the Archdiocese.

We hope you can help us meet our parish goal. If you would like to make a gift, please mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan.

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.** 



## Stop & Shop/Simsbury Bloomin' For Cood 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.



# Attention Faithful Women of St. Ann

**Tust** 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.

# **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Monday, March 7, 2022 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall Come be a part of our ministry!

# First Communion Attire Drive

Dear Families & Parishioners of the Church of St. Ann,

We will be collecting new and gently used Communion dresses, suits, blazers, shoes and veils for children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. These donations will benefit the First Communicants at St. Ann and St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford.



Donations will be accepted until April 1st and can be dropped off in the Gathering Space at St. Ann.

Thank you for your support! Justin Cardia

For any questions, please contact Justin at: justincardia06@gmail.com

## The Holy Eucharist DID γΟU KNOW?

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart". (Romans 10:8) As we begin our Lenten journey towards Holy Week and Easter, recall that we are always journeying together with Jesus. As St. John taught at the opening of his gospel, Jesus is the Word. (John 1:1) He remains closer to us than we are to ourselves. Upon reception of Him in the Holy Eucharist, Our Lord truly is "in your mouth".

<u>Reflection</u>: Focusing on the true, real and substantial presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist should be a priority each time we are given the ineffable grace of His Divine Presence in Holy Communion. If we are aware that Jesus is with us so intimately, how can we refuse to then welcome Him "in our hearts" with praise, adoration and thanksgiving? To grow in our love for the Holy Eucharist this Lent is to grow in the love of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

#### Filling the Basket This Lent

Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day.

Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or "giving something up" for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, "and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in his presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10).

What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits?

If you're struggling with ideas for how to "fill your basket," it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side. Take a look at the six characteristics of Everyday Stewardship and think about the moments in your day when you fail to fulfill the virtues to which they call you.

What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ throughout your day? I promise you, if you listen, you'll hear it more than once.

What is keeping you from being prayerful? When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering?

What keeps you from being grateful — especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed?

What keeps you from being gracious, from leaving people smiling as they walk away?

What keeps you from being committed and accountable? Where do your excuses come from and what makes you indulge them?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

### WEEKLY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of March 6, 2022

| Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/<br>Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13 |
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| Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46                               |
| ls 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15                            |
| Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32                                |
| Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12                   |
| Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26                           |
| Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48                                   |
| Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or                   |
| 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36  |
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### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

'We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry.' (Dt 26:7)

#### Psalm:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps 91)

#### Second Reading:

For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom 10:9)

#### Gospel:

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Lk 4:1-2)

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### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Human beings did not come to believe in God just because of someone's private testimony about him. Rather, belief in God became real when human beings understood that all of human history is being guided and lead, kept and sustained by a God who is incredibly in love with all that he has made. It is this realization that leads us to thanksgiving and gratitude for the one who gives us "this land flowing with milk and honey." It also leads us to adoration and worship as we continue to see the creative power of God's presence in all of the events of our lives. The Church stands as a living witness to all of these things and calls us this Lent to reflect and remember. There is a great temptation for human beings to leave the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them. Falling into this temptation we cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. While having more may seem better, the only thing we really need more of is love. This fortifies us and keeps us from falling. ©LPi

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

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the "path of least resistance." The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a "pet" one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, "As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation." And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation's remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us.

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# 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.

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



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

**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

### 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,



Beginning Experience of the Connecticut invites men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse due to death, divorce, or separation to a Hybrid program:

### COPING WITH LIFE ALONE

Take the first step on the road to recovery from one of life's most traumatic experiences.



Program begins Saturday, April 2, 2022 In Person and Remote Attendance

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