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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.

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JNDAY OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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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

9:00

March 13, 2022



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.

This Week at St. Ann

MONDAY, March 14

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church Lenten Confessions (this is an additional confession time during Lent): 6-7pm 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 15

WEDNESDAY, March 16

Confessions of St. Augustine: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall "Keeping in Balance" Women's Study: 7pm in Fr. Bennet Hall Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, March 17

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 18

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

SATURDAY, March 19

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

SUNDAY, March 20

Lent Series Small Group: 10:30am via Zoom Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church

Knights of Columbus UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND

Your gift today will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications and religious supplies. These items will all be immediately distributed, and **100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people.**

Join us today in supporting the Ukraine Solidarity Fund!

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this effort. **Your gift of any amount** will go a long way in helping our brothers and sisters. Together, we can bring Christ's healing love to a wounded world.

To make your donation by credit card, please visit: **www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html** If you wish to make a payment by check, please make your check out to "Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc." and write "Ukraine Solidarity Fund" in the memo line. Then, please mail your check to: Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT, 06510-1966.

MONDAY, March 14

TUESDAY, March 15 9:00 In celebration of the 101st birthday of Sister Mary DePazzi (Living), requested by Ron & Dorothy Miller

Dolores and Moe Poirier

Jim and Diane Barrante, requested by

WEDNESDAY, March 16

9:00 Maria and Frank DiNardo, requested by the Ligato Family

THURSDAY, March 17

9:00 For the deceased members of the Miller Family, requested by Ron & Dorothy Miller

FRIDAY, March 18

9:00 For the deceased members of the Liptack & Buono Families, requested by the Bondhus Family

SATURDAY, March 19

4:00 Natalie Nicole (2nd Ann.), requested by the family

SUNDAY, March 20

- 7:30 For the deceased members of the Joseph Vernesoni Family, requested by the King Family
- **9:30 Dan Scapellati (1st Ann.),** requested by his family
- 11:00 In celebration of the 80th birthday of Margaret Lobo (Living), requested by the Lobo & Dias Families

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 3/6/22: \$6,873.55 Online Giving (March 2-9, 2022): \$2,893.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: monthly



Series based on the new video program on FORMED.org, "Into His Likeness"

Parish-based groups will meet from March 4 - April 11: Sundays at 10:30am Mondays at 7:15pm Fridays at 9:45

Newcomers welcome! Cost: \$15 Register with Ann: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

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

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 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.



2022 VBS Cost:

1 camper: \$75 2 campers: \$150 3 campers: \$225 4th camper: free

Junior Counselors: \$25

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!

THIS WEEKEND: MARCH 12/13

Visit the Sick Collection of medical supplies for the Carrefour Clinic in Haiti

NEXT WEEKEND: MARCH 19/20

Shelter the Homeless

Collection for ImmaCare Inc. & YWCA shelters in Hartford.

toilet paper

shampoo new/used clean blankets plastic coated paper plates coffee cups, utensils Feminine products paper towels bath towels

soap napkins razors

toothbrushes toothpaste

WINE

& A TALK WITH KELLY HENDERSCHEDT Dynamic speaker, and Archdiocesan Dir. of Faith Formation



WEDNESDAY. APRIL 6TH AT 7PM **FR. BENNETT HALL**

Jesus' resurrection at Easter is coming! How can YOU find ressurection. renewal, & refreshment in your life?



Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Next Sunday, March 20, 2022 2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Please join us for this powerful devotion!

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.*

<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.*





The 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward.

- For the sixth year in a row, in 2021, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to over 180 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties.
- Organizations such as **the Avon Food Pantry r**ight here in our own town 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.



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.



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: 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.



This Sunday's Gospel speaks of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. (Luke 9:28-36) We see the radiant glory of Jesus revealed to Peter, James and John on Mount Tabor. Christ gives us a look into His divine nature, which has hitherto been hidden in His human nature. The three apostles have their faith greatly strengthened by witnessing this theophany.

<u>Reflection</u>: In the same way that Christ's glory was hidden in His human nature, He is also hidden to us under the appearances of the consecrated Bread and Wine in the Holy Eucharist. These simple human substances become His glorious Body and Blood in the Blessed Sacrament. Like the apostles on Mount Tabor, is our faith also strengthened in the belief that Jesus is truly present to us in each consecrated Host?

The more we receive the Holy Eucharist in faith and trust, the more Jesus can transform us into His own likeness.

MARCH 13, 2022 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Resurrection and Spiritual Hangriness

I want to talk about being *hangry*. I'll give you a quick description of *hangriness*, though I warn you, it doesn't come from the Oxford English Dictionary. *Hangriness* is when you're so hungry you get angry. You turn into a real piece of work. You can't get anything done and you're probably not a joy to be around, at least until you grab a snack. Everybody gets this way sometimes.

We can be this way in our souls, too. It's so easy to get distracted by the hungers of this world: greed, pride, anxiety. We can become ruled by the needs of our bodies and the desires of our mind and, in doing so, neglect the needs and the desires of our souls.

Everyday stewardship calls us to a constant reflection on the truth that we are not made for this world, as Christ clearly shows us in his Transfiguration. He reveals himself in his heavenly glory, just before he is going to be deprived of all earthly needs and wants — even his very life. He shows us that this is what we were meant for. This is what we are striving for.

Lent exists to remind us that we are not made for this world. When you become spiritually hangry — or as Scripture more eloquently puts it this week, when your mind is "occupied with earthly things" — turn your thoughts to the Transfiguration. I promise you, it's even better than grabbing an energy bar.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 13, 2022

Sunday:	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
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/
	Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
	Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Next Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/
	1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give the land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates." (Gn 15:18)

Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

Second Reading:

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:21)

Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Lk 9:28b-29)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

While we have to be cognizant of our societal and personal responsibilities in this world, we can never lose sight of where our true citizenship lies — heaven. When we become too immersed in earthly things and too preoccupied with our temporal responsibilities, we can actually become numb to our faith. Becoming ambivalent about our faith, our belief in Jesus Christ and the promises of heaven become more a source of agitation rather than a source of promise and hope. It is easy to become an enemy of Christ without even knowing it is happening. God has given us a very clear destiny. We are definitely not meant to conform ourselves to this world but to the transfiguration and glorification of our bodies to come. It is here where we can see clearly not only who God is but who we are. The way many conduct the daily business of their lives suggests that such a promise or hope is of little importance. What does the way you live your daily life say about you? ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly.

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CEMETERY CLEANUP



All Christmas &/or winter decorations at the St. Ann Cemetery need to be removed by **April 4th** in preparation for Spring cleanup.



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.

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 or call 860-673-9858, ext. 221. Note: Contributions to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are mailed separately from the Archdiocese.



May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Victoria 860 993 5469

Email: Info@beginningexperiencect.org Website: www.beginningexperiencect.org

- POPE FRANCIS



