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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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# UNDAY OF LENI

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." - Lk 13:7a

### 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

March 20, 2022



Third Sunday of Lent 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 21

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 22

### WEDNESDAY, March 23

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

### THURSDAY, March 24

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 25

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

SATURDAY, March 26

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

SUNDAY, March 27

Lent Series Small Group: 10:30am via Zoom



Connecticut March For Life: March 23, 2022

Life is a Gift, God's precious Gift

### 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.* 

MONDAY, March 21 9:00 Charles Deye, requested by his family

TUESDAY, March 22 9:00 Joy Barrante & George Poirier, requested by Dolores and Moe Poirier

WEDNESDAY, March 239:00 Evan Scollard, requested by his family

THURSDAY, March 24 9:00 Mildred & James Bonk, requested by Carol Smith

FRIDAY, March 25

9:00 Liam James Manning requested by John and Maria Manning

### SATURDAY, March 26

4:00 Mary Hojnowski, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

### SUNDAY, March 27

- 7:30 Donald King (7th Ann.), requested by the King Family
- 9:30 Dirce (DeDe) Brighenti, requested by Paul and Constance Rotondo
- **11:00** Christine Dewhurst, requested by the Bielefeld Family

# Divine Mercy Holy Hour



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

Please join us for this powerful devotion!



# Lenten Confessions

Mondays during Lent: 6-7pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent: 7pm

### WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 3/13/22: \$4,885.04 Online Giving (March 9-16, 2022): \$2,725.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services & Youth Ministry



#### 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

## 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, 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 19/20

Shelter the Homeless Collection of supplies for ImmaCare and YWCA shelters in Hartford

### NEXT WEEKEND: MARCH26/27

Clothe the Naked Collection of clothing for Hartford Catholic Worker Youth Outreach



Socks (child & adult sizes) Underwear (girls/women)

Underwear (boxers, all sizes boys/men) T-shirts (children ages 5-18 & adults) Childrens' pajamas, shirts & pants

# 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 am

**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.

## 2022 Book Sale Dates:

Friday, April 1st: 5-7:30pm (\$5 adult admission) Saturday, April 2nd: 9am – 2:30pm (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.* 



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

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

**Easter is coming!** How can YOU find resurrection, renewal, & refreshment in YOUR life?





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! 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.



# **Cemetery** <u>Cleanup</u>

Please remove any Christmas/winter decorations by April 4th in preparation for the Spring cleanup.

# St. Ann Cares Day of Caring May 14, 2022

St Ann Cares is back! Save the date. We will be having our Day of Caring on Saturday, May 14th. We will be doing the usual painting, carpentry, and landscaping. All skill levels are needed. We will be having sign ups in the coming weeks. Contact Steve Rose with any questions at sjrose1088@gmail.com or 860-250-5355.





# 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.

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

## The Holy **Eucharist** DID YOU KNOW?

The Gospel reading this Sunday is from Luke 13:1-9. It contains the parable of the little, barren fig tree, which is not bearing any fruit. The gardener asks the orchard owner for more time to allow him to feed the tree, so that it may bear fruit. After cultivating and nurturing it, he will cut it down only if it does not bear fruit.

Reflection: Lent is the time to examine if we are that little barren tree in God's Garden. Jesus is our loving gardener. He wishes to nurture and feed us with His own Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. With patience and tenderness, He leads us to bear the abundant Fruits of the Holy Spirit in holiness of life. Now is the time to repent and accept His gift of conversion.

### MARCH 20, 2022 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

#### Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

### WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of March 20, 2022

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
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/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/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/
	Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/
	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

"This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." (Ex 3:14)

#### Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

#### Second Reading:

These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, up on whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor 10:11)

#### Gospel:

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will parish as they did!" (Lk 13:5)

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

God clearly reveals his identity as "I am who am." God, who is really beyond all names, is the One who simply "is" as the ground of all being. This ever-existing, uncreated, and all-encompassing presence of unconditional God, who is Love, is very patient as he waits for us to grow and change. God is so near to us that it is easy to miss his presence. As true love requires, God seeks a devoted, intimate, free, and exclusive relationship with each of us. As we walk through the parched, desert experiences of our lives it is easily in our thirst for water and a respite from the heat that we reach for and construct idols that will bring us immediate relief and satisfaction. These false gods, made out of our comforts and earthly desires can quickly take the place of the One who really has first dibs on our hearts. Humans have often wandered far away from God as St. Paul reminds us. In helping each other cultivate and fertilize the ground upon which we walk, God gives us yet another chance to bear fruit and return. ©LPi

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

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I am" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course. ©LPi

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

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



## 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...



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.

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The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2022 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

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.



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



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REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Victoria 860 993 5469

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



