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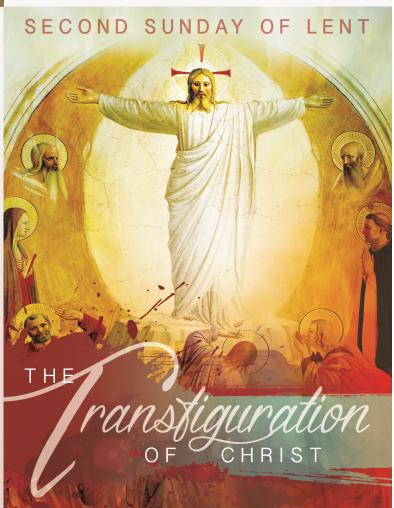
BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

Please call the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221
Please schedule marriage dates at least 6 months ahead. 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



Second Sunday of Lent

MONDAY, March 6

9:00 Joe Koe (1st Ann.), requested by the family

TUESDAY, March 7

9:00 Judie Moran, requested by the Fr. Fontana

WEDNESDAY, March 8

9:00 Leo ZuWallack, requested by

the ZuWallack Family

THURSDAY, March 9

9:00 Charles Deye, requested by his family

FRIDAY, March 10

9:00 Shane Jennings, requested by

the Waterbury Family

SATURDAY, March 11

4:00 Mike Martin (1st Ann.), requested

by Eve Spencer

SUNDAY, March 12

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 Natalia Rissolo Moorhead, requested by

Bonnie and Paul Santarsiero

11:00 Jolanta and Bogdan Nizanski, requested by

the Osiecki Family

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent: 7:00 pm







This Sunday, March 5th, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a relic of Blessed Michael McGivney at the 11:00am Mass and will be displayed after Mass for personal veneration & prayer.



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 6

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

RCIA: 11am in Room 3

Divine Design: 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall **Lenten Confessions:** 6pm in the church

MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome)

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 1 Lectio Divina, Live! 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

TUESDAY, March 7

WWP Touching the Divine: 10:15am via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, March 8

James Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 3

RCIA: 1pm in Room 3

WWP Touching the Divine: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, March 9

Step by Step: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Acts Bible Study: 6:30pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

Adult Confirmation: 7:15pm in Room 1

FRIDAY, March 10

Kingdom of Happiness: 9:45am via Zoom **Stations of the Cross:** 7pm in the church

SATURDAY, March 11

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

SUNDAY, March 12

Kingdom of Happiness: 10:30am in Room 3 and via Zoom

COME SING in the LOFT!!



Join our Holy Week Choir!

A quote often attributed to Saint Augustine says, "To Sing is to Pray Twice."

St. Ann's Music Ministry invites you to "Join Us In SONG" <u>for any or all</u> of our Holy Week events: Wednesday's Tenebrae Service, Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Service and the Easter Vigil. We will be scheduling rehearsals soon.

Please reach out to our Director of Music, Tom Stockton at 860-673-9858, ext. 230 or ttstockton@earthlink.net, and/or our Ministries Coordinator (and long time Choir Member), Chip Janiszewski at 860-673-4006 or chip.janiszewski@stannavon.com for more information.

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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 4/5

Visit the Sick

Collection of medical supplies for the Carrefour Clinic in Haiti

NEXT WEEKEND: MARCH 11/12

Shelter the Homeless

Collection for ImmaCare Inc. & Prudence Crandall Center.

toilet paper shampoo coffee cups, for take out (no styrofoam) New/used clean blankets Toothbrushes/toothpaste Feminine products Twin size sheets



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KINGDOM HAPPINESS

Lent Reflection Series

Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life

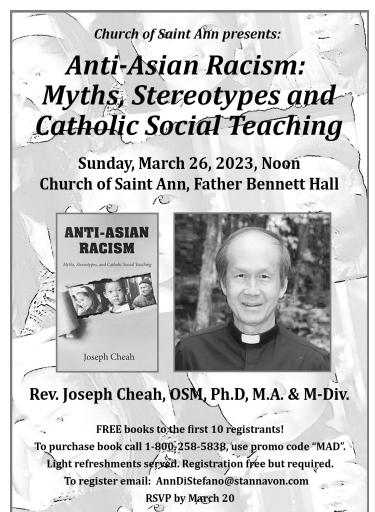
In this 8-part program, you'll learn how the Beatitudes are much more than nice sayings; they are the path to true joy charted by Christ himself. You'll also identify the false promises of happiness that leave us feeling empty.

Featuring insightful teachings by Fr. Jeffrey Kirby and inspiring videoprofiles of everyday heroes living happy, satisfying lives.

Meeting Feb 24 - April 28

- Sunday Mornings, 10:30am-12pm in Room 3 and via Zoom
- Wednesday Functions 7:00 0:20mm in Doom 2
- Friday Mornings, 9:45-11:15am via Zoom

Materials fee: \$23 (checks payable to Church of St. Ann, please) RSVP by Feb 19: ann.distefano@stannavon.com, 860-673-9858



Connecticut March For Life: March 22nd

Life is a Gift, God's precious Gift

12 noon: Rally at the Capitol
1pm: March for Life
around Bushnell Park



A bus will leave St. Ann's parking lot around 10:15am and return to St. Ann around 3pm

No cost for the bus (40 seats available)

Let's fill the bus and together stand for life!

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. More details can be found on the poster. Thank you.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 2/19/23: \$4,674.00 **Weekly Collection for 2/26/23:** \$5,022.00

Online Giving (Feb.22-March 1, 2023): \$3,386.50

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Monthly

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Come be a part of our ministry!

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, March 6th 7-8:30pm in Room 1



All are welcome...
including brand new knitters!
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Tina: 860-674-1541

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

Answer: The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

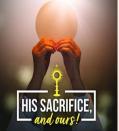
All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!

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.



2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2023 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 of \$[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.



This week's theme: A Taste of Transcendence.

We read in today's gospel (Matthew 17:1-9) the wonderous story of Christ's Transfiguration. Here Our Lord lifts the veil of His human nature and reveals to his disciples (and to us) a vision of the glorified reality of His divine nature. It is an insight into the hypostatic union: the truth that Jesus is truly both human and divine. God the Father is heard saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Reflection: The Transfiguration is one of the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. In his reflection on this mystery, Bishop Robert Barron asks how this mystery can relate to us. He mentions that this glorious transformation of Jesus, who appears radiant with the brilliant light of divine holiness, reminds us that we too are called to become true sons and daughters of God the Father. We too are called to holiness. We too are called to share in the life of the Blessed Trinity: the life of grace. We too are called to union with God for all eternity. The sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is the most powerful means by which we can achieve this sanctification. Christ gives Himself totally to us in Holy Communion. We, in return, should give ourselves totally to Him: allowing ourselves to be open to receive the fullness of the Divine Life, which Jesus so greatly desires to share with us.

MARCH 5TH, 2023 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

(Practicing) Catholic, Recognize Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments, by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Long Walk

The walk down from Mount Tabor after the Transfiguration must have been a long one for Peter, James, and John. How differently they must have viewed the world with the eyes that had seen what they had just seen. How uncertain they must have been.

I think it's important to remember that, on the mountain, they were amazed, yes — but first, they were afraid. We are given the image of these three grown men — these saints, these giants of salvation history — cowering in fear at the voice of God. It was not until Jesus touched them that they could even bear to look up.

Christ was transfigured on Tabor, but in a way, the disciples were transfigured as well. We are all changed by what we see and what we hear. That change can be hard because knowledge is hard. Truth is hard. Sometimes cowering is easier.

Go forth, God told Abram. I will make of you a great nation.

Rise, Christ told his disciples. And do not be afraid.

I spend too much time cowering in fear at the voice of God. I cower even when the voice whispers into my heart instead of booming from the clouds. When it's the start of a hard day or a tough conversation. When it's the middle of a half-finished battle, big or small. When I know where Christ is and what he is asking, but I'm afraid because the walk down the mountain is so long, and the world that awaits me is so uncertain.

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." — Psalm 33



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

We have been tasked with the awesome responsibility of bearing witness to Jesus transfigured. We have seen what is real. We have heard what is true. Do we have the courage to rise, and not be afraid?

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 5, 2023

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: 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

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Tm 1:8-9)

Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, "No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my sister!" I couldn't see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was.

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it's a miracle, it is so related to the apostles' perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him." The Son is always bathed in the Father's love. It's only just now that they finally perceive it.

Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can't. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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Aid a Pet also has many volunteer opportunities - a wonderful way for high school students to fulfill community service hours. For further info please check out the Aid a Pet Facebook page or call/text (860) 834-2034.





Unlocking the Power of Praying the Psalms

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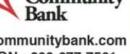
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