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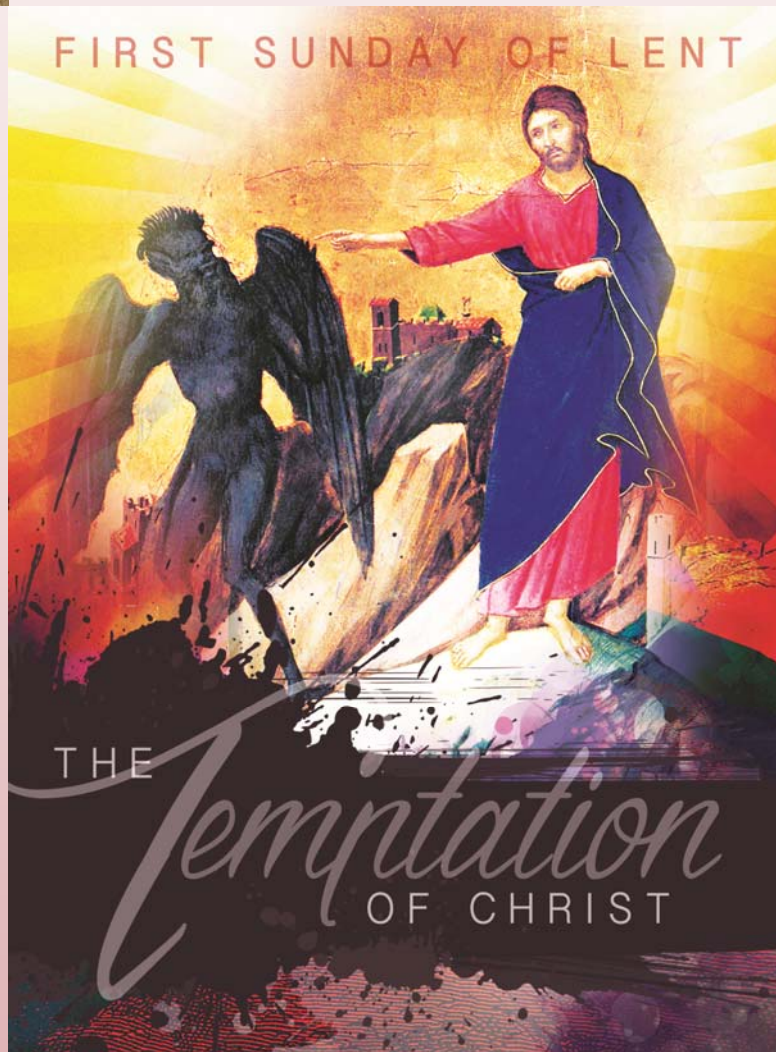
Call the Parish Office

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.



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:

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1st 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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

MONDAY, February 15
9:00 Dawn Doty , requested by Lou and Eilleen Del Prete
TUESDAY, February 16
9:00 Special Intentions
WEDNESDAY, February 17
9:00 Special Intentions
THURSDAY, February 18
9:00 Special Intentions
FRIDAY, January 29/February 19
9:00 Special Intentions
SATURDAY, February 20
4:00 Special Intention
SUNDAY, February 21
7:30 Special Intentions
9:30 Francis McHugh , requested by the family
11:00 Josepha and Antony Poprawa , requested by the Osiecki Family

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, February 15
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church wing. All are welcome! (<i>Enter through door on the left side of the church</i>)
TUESDAY, February 16
M+M Moms: 9:30 in the Activity Room
RCIA: 7pm in Room 3
Social Justice Meeting (rescheduled): 7:30pm in Room 2
WEDNESDAY, February 17
Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3
Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2
M+M's Book Discussion: 7pm in the Activity Room (below church wing)
THURSDAY, February 18
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church, weather permitting
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
Children's Choir (grades 4-8): 4:15pm in the Choir Loft
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft
St. Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2
FRIDAY, February 19
Men of St. Ann Pasta Dinner: 5:30-7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
Stations of the Cross: 7pm in the church
SATURDAY, February 20
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3
SUNDAY, February 21
Presentation of the Holy Relics: 2pm in the church

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CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

MONDAYS 6 - 7 PM

Every Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford

Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent: **7:00 pm**
(except Friday, Feb. 26th due to Confirmation)



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

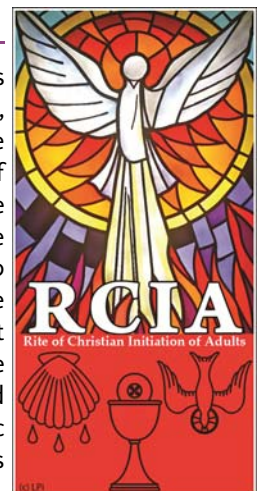
Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

RCIA NEWS:

This weekend, the RCIA team acknowledges the progress of two of our candidates, Chad Langevin and Joslyn Gooden, who have asked for the support of this community of faith in recognizing the progress they have made in their spiritual formation. Today we send them off to be presented to Archbishop Leonard Blair, as they participate in the Rite of Election/Call to continuing Conversion at the Cathedral in Hartford, entering into the final steps of preparation to become full and participating members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil here at Saint Ann's on March 30th.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

February 7, 2016: \$7,057.43
 Online Giving (week ending 2/10/16): \$1,804.00
 Next weekend's second collection:
 St. Michaels

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-8: UPCOMING CLASSES
 February 21st and February 28th
 Next Family Mass: February 7th at 9:30am
 Grades K-4 sponsor Parish Coffee after the Mass

Corporal Works of Mercy

This Weekend of February 13/14
 Feed the Hungry/Give Drink to the Thirsty

Parish Collection: Food and drink will be collected for the Avon Food Pantry and for inner city parishes.

(Grocery bags, shopping lists and paper placemats to decorate will be provided at the church entrances)

Personal Connection: Place in the filled bag a decorated placemat and/or a personal note with a promise to pray for the recipients. To -help unload/sort donations, please contact Jim Martino, 860-673-3179.

Next Weekend of February 20/21
 Clothe the Naked

Parish Collection: New socks, underwear (boxers for boys/men), t-shirts for children (ages 5-18) and adults, children's pajamas, and shirts and pants for the Hartford Catholic Worker Youth Programs.

Personal Connection: Help deliver items to the Hartford Catholic Worker House. For details/dates please contact Mary Lou Connors: 860-673-4694

ST. ANN CELEBRATES THE YEAR OF MERCY

There is still time to join *Rediscover Jesus*

REDISCOVER JESUS LENTEN PROGRAM THIS WEEK
 (Book Discussions: Intro-Chap 5):

- Weekend of Feb 13/14: Participate in the Corporal Works of Mercy food collection
- Beginning Feb. 14: **Small Groups** meet; **Online Discussion Forum** opens - log on via stannavon.org.
- Sun, Feb 14, noon, FB Hall: **Parish Large Group Gathering** featuring guest speaker **Karen Finocchio: Jesus & 'Feed the Hungry'** RSVP to Ann below.
- Sun, Feb 14, 5:30pm, Church: **Confirmation Parents' Gathering** featuring guest speaker **Jane Ellen Peregrin: Jesus & Parenting Teens.** RSVP to Ann below.
- Mon, Feb 15, 7:15pm, FB Hall: **Parish Large Group Gathering** featuring **Karen Finocchio** (this is a repeat of Sunday's presentation). RSVP to Ann below.
- Feb 20/21: Participate in Corporal Works of Mercy clothing collection
- Beginning Feb. 21, we will discuss chapters 6-12.

For the full *Rediscover Jesus* schedule/program details, visit www.stannavon.org. Questions: Ann DiStefano, ames.distefano@gmail.com; (860) 463-7495 (talk or text).

Lenten Pasta Dinners

The **Men of St Ann** will be serving Pasta Dinners during Lent again this year. There will be both Marinara Sauce and Clam Sauce. Come and enjoy!

February 19th and March 4th
5:30 ~ 7pm in Fr. Bennett-Hall

Come alone or bring the family!
 Adults: \$5 * Kids under 18: \$3
 Family Max: \$15



*Why not feed your soul as well? Come to **Stations of the Cross at 7pm** following the Pasta Supper.*

WANT TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP? The following would be happy to welcome you: (Please contact the leader.)

- Sundays, 10:30am in Rm 3 - **mixed**; Eva Kaminski, (860) 673-5259
- Mondays, 9:30am in Activity Rm - **mixed**; Sandy Bondhus, (860) 678-1808
- Tuesdays, 9:30am in Activity Rm - **moms**; Juliana Capaozoli, (860) 352-2390
- Wednesdays, 4:00pm in Rm 3 - **mixed**; Cathy DeSimas, (860) 693-8813
- Wednesdays, 7:00pm in homes - **women**; Cindy Waldeck, (860) 673-7302
- Thursdays, 3:00pm in homes - **women**; Anne Yurch, (860) 675-1366
- Saturdays, 8:00am in Rm 3 - **men**; Al Saxer, (860) 673-4111
- Evenings TBD, in homes - **mixed**; Mary & Dan Healey, (860) 673-5296

Church of Saint Ann

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
2:00PM

RELICS OF THE *Passion* HONORING THE SOURCE OF GOD'S MERCY

The Relics of the Passion presentation is organized into a program with supporting musical pieces that serve as a guide to help you meditate upon the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The event concludes with an opportunity for personal veneration of the relics.

The collection includes 8 rare holy relics that would only be seen in collections generally found in Rome or the Holy Land. Included are:

- the relic of the True Cross
- a piece of stone from the table or room where the Last Supper was held
- a piece of the Column of Flagellation
- a piece of the Crown of Thorns
- the effigy of the Veil of Veronica (touched to the original veil)
- a replica of the holy nail which contains filings taken from the true nails
- a piece of bone from St. Longinus
- a thread from the cloth used as the wrapping for the Burial Shroud.

BASKETBALL STATS - week of 2/6/2016



A.Blackmore, S. DelGallo: 3, T.DelGallo, T.Donovan,
M.Gondek: 3, M.Gorack: 11
J.Keenan: 16, L.Meaney: 6, M. Rose

We have three parish teams this year instead of our usual four. Therefore the fourth team is called Fish because we are casting out our nets and pulling a fourth team together. This team is a combined team made up of players from the remaining two teams that choose to play two games that night. This week Fish had the best players from both of the other teams. It was exciting since both teams were scoring 3 point baskets throughout the game. The spirit of the league is powerful since joy always prevails.



Please take a moment to **"LIKE"** us on **Facebook** our page **AND** choose to **"RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS"**.

To do this, please follow these 5 simple steps:

- Step 1: Log onto **FACEBOOK**
- Step 2: Search: Church of Saint Ann – Avon, CT
- Step 3: Go to the page and Click the **"LIKE"** button
- Step 4: Click the **"LIKED"** button, then drop down to **"RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS"**
- Step 5: Click **"ALL POSTS"** AND **"EVENTS"** to be informed of happenings at the Church of Saint Ann



Thank you and see you on **Facebook!**

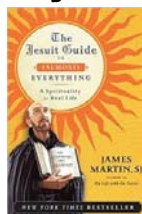
I Can Do This!

The week-end of January 30 & 31 Ministry Booklets, with a description of each ministry and the contact information for each ministry leader, were handed out at the end of Mass. In that weekend's bulletin a form called "I Can Do This" was inserted, can be used to sign up for a ministry. The completed form can be dropped in the offertory basket on any Sunday or by leaving it in the office with Kris Martino. You can call any of the ministry leaders in the booklet for more information about their ministry and sign up with them.

Please review the ministry booklet and determine which ministry fits your family!!!

The M+M's Annual Book Discussion Evening

Title: The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything
- A Spirituality for Real Life
Author: James Martin, S.J.
Date: Wednesday, Feb.17 at 7 P.M.
Place: Meeting room under church annex



Father Martin translates St Ignatius Loyola into insights for us, revealing how we find God in our everyday lives and how it is often surprising to us. "Inspiring, easily comprehensible and so often humorous." St. Ignatius was the founder of the Jesuit Order. Pope Francis is a Jesuit. Look for the similarities in their thought and actions. Jot down any remarks and discussion questions you may have. All are invited.

Kindly R.S.V.P. to Nancy Casey by February 15:
nancekc@gmail.com or 860- 673-3141.

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

Sharing the Gospel

When you give food and clothes to charity, don't be a show-off. When you pray, find a quiet place to talk to God alone. When you skip meals to pray, do it privately. God will see you giving. God will hear your prayers. When you do good things quietly, God will reward you.

Prayer

God, help me to do good things quietly, instead of showing off.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself alone in your room, praying to God.

Mission for the Week

As a family, decide to skip a meal. Instead of eating, use that time to pray together and give the money you would have spent on food to help the poor. Remember, don't tell anyone so God can reward you.

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For the Kids...

QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

Name some of the hungers that people experience. How can we nourish them?

1st Sunday of Lent

In negotiating with Shylock for a loan of three thousand ducats in Shakespeare's play, *The Merchant of Venice*, the merchant Antonio turns to his friend Bassanio and says, "Mark you this, Bassanio, / The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose" (Act 1, Scene 3). Antonio's intent is to show that, while Shylock is a smooth talker, his words possess an underlying evil intent. As the play unfolds, this becomes clearer when Shylock demands the penalty for Antonio's default on the debt: a pound of his flesh. We all know the clever manner in which Antonio is freed from the bond of his payment.

The words Shakespeare puts on Antonio's lips owe much to today's Gospel. The first popular English translation of the Bible was published just some sixty years before *The Merchant of Venice* was written, and so a version of the text we hear from Luke this Sunday was still relatively new to people's ears. When Jesus quotes Scripture to the devil in the temptation scene, the devil himself takes up the challenge and quotes it back in a kind of tit for tat. "The devil can cite Scripture for his own purpose."

As we enter into Lent, those words might serve as a reminder to us to be rigorous about the examination we undertake of ourselves during these forty days. If the devil can turn good to his own evil ends, how easy can it be for us to let evil and wickedness creep into our lives? But the goodness of God is stronger than any darkness that may lurk in our hearts. To cast out that darkness, we must bring it into the light and acknowledge that we sin. Whether our sinfulness is grave, or merely miniscule, this Lent is the time for us to turn back to God with all our hearts. We cannot let ourselves be fooled. Goodness alone is what we seek.

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

Beginning on Monday, February 15th, and every Monday during Lent, every Catholic Church in the archdiocese will be open for confessions between 6-7 p.m. Prepare yourself for the coming of Christ by giving yourself the gift of forgiveness and continue to pray for religious freedom that it will remain our most cherished and inalienable right.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

Readings for the Week of February 14, 2016

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/
Lk 4:1-13
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1
or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

THE BULLETIN BOARD



Knights of Columbus - Lenten Fish Fry

Come and enjoy our Lenten family night out of dining. The Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien Assembly of the Knights' of Columbus is having its' Annual Family Lenten Friday fish fry February 19, 2016 from 5 to 7pm at 302 New Britain Ave. Unionville. A second night out will be in March 2016 same time same place. The February menu will be Fish and Chips for \$10.00 or Mac & Cheese at \$6.00 Cole Slaw, soft drink, coffee +, with children under 7 free. Tickets are being sold in advance with a limited number available at the door. Takeout orders are available. Call Maurice Goldberg 860-677-2922 or Dick Slattery 860- 673-5420 for questions or to reserve tickets.

A Search for an Elementary Catholic School Principal for St. Mary School Simsbury is Underway

The Search Committee is seeking committed, energetic, visionary principal candidates interested in leading St. Mary School into the future. Successful candidates will possess at a minimum the following qualifications: Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church; Master's Degree from a regionally accredited college/university; Five years successful teaching and/or administrative experience. Interested candidates should contact Deputy Superintendent Mrs. Maria Maynard via Diane Newell at diane.newell@ahct.org, 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002, (860) 242-5573. Available openings will be listed at: <http://catholicschoolsct.org/>

Divorce and Beyond Support Group 2016 Spring Session

Our Lady of Loreto
Church Hall
12 Ardsley Road, Waterbury, CT 06708
Beginning on Wednesday March 16th, 2016
6:30 PM
Register by contacting Barbara at: (203) 910-1561
Registration Deadline: 3/8/2016
ALL INQUIRIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL
ALL ARE WELCOME

New Day Program

Spring
Location:
St Margaret Mary
80 Hayes Road South Windsor CT
Dates:
04-03/2016 - 06/05/2016
Description of the group:
Bereavement Session for those with loss
Contact Name:
Wanda or Joel Pelletier
Contact number:
860-597-1541 or 860- 597-1542

Looking for a New Years Resolution?

Our Lighthouse Catholic Kiosk has just what you need to make a resolution to Becoming a Better...fill in the blank and find the answer with one of our many CD's and Books.

- Become a Better Spouse with From Love, By Love, For Love
- Become a Better Parent with Pure Father or How to Apply Our Faith to Our Families
- Become a Better Saint with Contemporary Sainthood
- Become a Better Version of Yourself with Matthew Kelly's CD Becoming the Best Version of Yourself
- Become a Better Teenager with Fan or Follower?
- Become a Better Friend with Living Life by Design, Not Default
- Become a Better Employee with Faith at Work and the Holy Moment

Our kiosk has so much to offer and so many topics to learn about...stop by and browse! For only \$4 pick a book; \$3 pick a CD; \$2 pick a booklet. All proceeds go back in to bringing new material to this kiosk! For any questions you can contact Danielle Frissora at dfrissora@gmail.com.

3 Scholarships awarded by the Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, Inc.

Amount: \$1,000 for one year (2016-2017)
Eligibility: Any Catholic student who is a Hartford County resident now attending an accredited secondary school, and who wishes to attend a four year college beginning in 2016
Basis for Selection: Need-Scholarship-Character-Leadership - Achievement
Application Deadline: March 15, 2016
See your Principal or counselor or go to www.Catholicgraduatesct.org

Saint Ann Parish Library News...



The Saint Ann Parish Library has a variety of Lenten devotionals and books, including Way of the Cross devotionals for both adults and children. The library features a variety of books that can be a wonderful source of inspiration for all ages as we prepare for Lent and Christ's resurrection at Easter.