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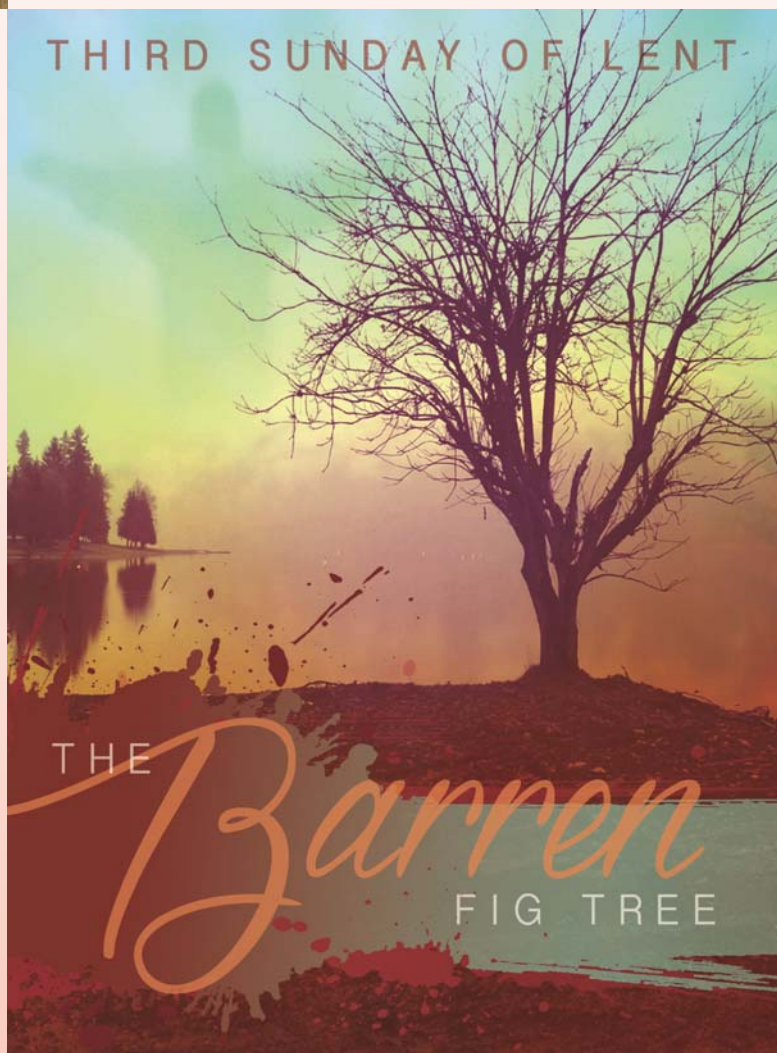
MARRIAGES

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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

3rd Sunday of Lent

- MONDAY, February 29**
9:00 Fran Caspar, requested by the Frey Family
- TUESDAY, March 1**
9:00 Michael Szewczyk, requested by the Ledwidge Family
- WEDNESDAY, March 2**
9:00 Mildred & Walter Newman, requested by Bill and Janet Newman
- THURSDAY, March 3**
9:00 Special Intentions
- FRIDAY, March 4**
9:00 Sheila Vachris, requested by the family
- SATURDAY, March 5**
4:00 Victor Castellani, requested by the family
- SUNDAY, March 6**
7:30 Special Intentions
9:30 Robert & Dolores Lawrence, requested by the Baker Family
11:00 Jonathan Michael Gilotti, requested by the St. Ann Traditional Choir



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

- MONDAY, February 29**
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church wing. All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church)
Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2
- TUESDAY, March 1**
M+M Moms: 9:30 in the Activity Room
RCIA: 7pm in Room 3
- WEDNESDAY, March 2**
Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3
- THURSDAY, March 3**
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, March 4**
Men of St. Ann PASTA Dinner: 5:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
Stations of the Cross: 7pm in the church
- SATURDAY, March 5**
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3
- SUNDAY, March 6**
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will be sponsoring coffee & refreshments after the 9:30am Mass



Divine Mercy Holy Hour THIS Sunday, Feb. 28th 2:30 - 3:30pm.

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated this Sunday, February 28, 2016 at St. Ann. Please join us for this powerful devotion!

www.Light4you.info

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT
MONDAYS 6 - 7 PM

Every Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford

Get Glowing to VBS!

June 20-24, 2016
9:30am-12:30pm
Pre K - Grade 4 (completed)

Registration Begins on Monday, Feb. 29th
Registration Form will be posted on our website that day (www.stannavon.org)

CAVE QUEST
FOLLOWING JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Stations of the Cross
Fridays During Lent: **7:00 pm**

TAKES 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.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

February 21, 2016: \$7,147.84
 Online Giving (week ending 2/24/16): \$2,364.00
 Next weekend's second collection:
 St. Ann Cares

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-8: UPCOMING CLASSES
 February 28th and March 20th

Corporal Works of Mercy

This Weekend of February 27/28
 Shelter the Homeless

Parish Collection: Collection for ImmaCares Shelter, Hartford: New/used clean blankets, bath towels, plastic-coated paper plates, coffee cups, utensils, paper towels, trial-size soap, napkins, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shampoo.

Personal Connection: To help deliver the donated items, or to participate in the cooking/serving of meals for ImmaCare residents March 3 and March 24, please contact Karen Finocchio, (860) 559-1373.

Next Weekend of March 5/6
 Visit the Sick

Parish Collection: Collection of health aids for Helping Haitian Children/ the CarreFour Clinic, Haiti: Vitamins and minerals (children & adult), Aleve, Band-Aids (all sizes), Anti-fungal ointment, Cortisone cream, TUMS, Calamine Lotion, Sewing kits, Nail clippers, Tylenol, Motrin, Ziplock Bags, Bacitracin, Hand sanitizer, Decongestants, Eucerin Cream, Artificial Tears, Scissors, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Vegetable seed

Personal Connection: Visit those in nursing homes, shut-ins, or friends in need. Please call Avon Health Center (860) 673-2521 or Apple Rehab (860) 673-3265 for the names of those who would welcome visits. Flu shot may be needed. **Don't worry about what to say – just come and be yourself!** If you can't personally visit, why not send flowers or a postcard. We may even have some "Thinking of You" postcards in the Gathering Space for your convenience.

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!

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.

St. Ann Celebrates the Year of Mercy

Rediscover Jesus Lenten Program This Week
 Focus: Open our minds to think like Jesus

READ:

- This week: we discuss Chap. 13-19
 Week of Mar 6: Chap. 20-26.

GATHER: (Visit stannavon.org for full details.)

Small Groups: Meetings continue!

Large Groups: (Guest speaker & book discussion. RSVP or Drop-in!)

- Sun, Feb 28, 9:00am, AMS: **Gr. K-4 Parents' Gathering.** Lysa Termeer will talk about what family life centered on Jesus might look like.
- Sun, Feb 28, 12:00pm, FB Hall: **Parish Gathering.** Mary Beth Bruder and special guests will talk about how God's light shines through children with disabilities.
- Sun, Feb 28, 5:30pm & 7:15pm, Hall: **Gr. 9-10 Parents' Gathering.** Deacon Jeffrey Sutherland will share his wisdom on faith and parenting teens.
- Sun, Feb 28, 6:00pm, AMS: **Gr. 5-8 Parents' Gathering.** Lysa Termeer repeats her presentation.
- Mon, Feb 29, 7:15pm, FB Hall: **Parish Gathering.** Mary Beth Bruder repeats Sunday's presentation. (Snowdate Tues, 3/23 7:15pm.)

Speakers for Mar. 6, 12:00pm and Mar. 7, 7:15pm in the Hall

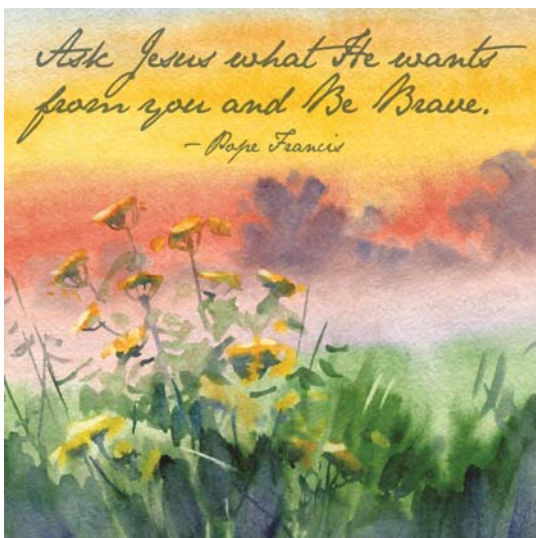
- Nurses Nancy Casey & June Bryant will share their faith stories and the role of spirituality in healing.

Online Discussion Forum: Join in! Log on via stannavon.org

ACT:

- Participate in the March 6/7 Corporal Works of Mercy "visit the sick" collection in a big way!
- Do the suggested activities in *Rediscover Jesus*.
- SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK!** Visit stannavon.org to see what folks are saying about the book and the program, and share your thoughts.

For more info, visit www.stannavon.org, or contact Ann DiStefano, ames.distefano@gmail.com; (860) 463-7495.



Thank You...

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Corporal Works for Mercy collections! It is a great way to teach our children about being the hands and feet for Christ, helping those in need.

Please join us for our next Youth Outreach meeting on Tuesday, March 1 from 7- 8 pm in room 2. We will be firming up some fun family activities for the spring!

Save the Dates...

- **Saturday, April 16 time TBD** - Walk for Water in the Buckingham neighborhood
- **Sunday, April 17** - Clean the Rails to Trails with Farmington Valley Trails Council
- **Sunday, May 22 at 3 pm** - Planting Day for the Garden

Have a blessed week! Be well and God bless,
Youth Outreach Committee

I Can Do This!



Last month 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.



BASKETBALL STATS - week of 2/20/2016



A.Blackmore, S. DelGallo: 11, T.DelGallo, T.Donovan: 2, D.Gondek: 19, M.Gondek: 8, L.Meaney: 4

This was a tough game. We were down by almost 20 points in the first quarter and attitudes seemed to be crashing too. A few Hail Mary's later and our team's spirit was lifted as well as the score. David Gondek had an amazing second half scoring multiple 3 point baskets. Matt Gondek's coaching strategies truly paid off.

BASKETBALL STATS - week of 2/20/2016



A.Blackmore: 2, T.DelGallo: 2, D.Gondek: 5, M.Gondek: 18 L.Meaney: 7 (St. Chris players: Max: 12, Crystal)

Everyone was tired after the first game but preserved through it all. Maybe this cut down on the competition and filled the court with fun. It's a great blessing to mix up the teams because it allows players to have the opportunity for new friendships.

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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| PILATE | SACRIFICES | WORSE |
| GALILEE | SINNERS | TREE |
| KILLED | SILOAM | GARDENER |

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For the Kids...

QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

What "cultivating" do you need to do in order to bear fruit as Jesus' disciple?

3rd Sunday of Lent-1st Scrutiny

Drawing water for household use is still largely a woman's task in much of the world. Going to a communal water source—a well, cistern, stream, or community tap—is part of the daily ritual for the women in many families. With our municipal water systems and their complex machinery of purification and storage, water from the tap is an ordinary fixture in daily life for those of us who live in the developed world. Even in rural areas, where homes have individual wells, water runs freely in the house aided by a pump and pressure tank. Unlike people in many parts of the world, who still get their water like the Samaritan woman in today's Gospel, most of us just turn on a faucet, and water appears.

The Samaritan woman encounters Jesus at one of the typical village meeting places of his day. Usually, the men would gather at the city gates. The women would gather at the well, drawing water and exchanging news of the day. While his disciples go into the village to find food, Jesus stops at the well, and begins his conversation with the woman who would eventually become his messenger to the townsfolk. While at first she expects Jesus to give her free-flowing water (who wouldn't want to leave the burden of carrying heavy jars of water behind), instead she discovers a prophet, about whom she testifies.

Human ingenuity and inventiveness have made daily life easier for many of us. Something as simple as water flowing from a tap has made our lives so much better. Add to that all the other conveniences, and our lives are far different from the people who lived in that small Samaritan town that Jesus visited so long ago. But our need for salvation is the same. We may not have to carry water anymore. But we do need to carry the message of Christ to all whom we meet.

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

Religious freedom is a God-given right. It is protected in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights of our U.S. Constitution, which dates back to Dec. 15, 1791. The government should not be allowed to force people or groups to violate their most deeply held religious convictions.

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 28, 2016

- Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/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, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/
 Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

THE BULLETIN BOARD

24 Hours for the Lord

Our Lenten practice this year calls us to rejoice in God who is rich in mercy. His Holiness, Pope Francis, asks that the whole Church throughout the world, including Hartford, unite on March 4-5 to pray and seek mercy for us and the world. This worldwide act of prayer is called "24 Hours for the Lord." For 24 hours, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 4th and continuing until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5th there will be exposition and adoration of the Eucharist and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the world.

In the Archdiocese of Hartford this will take place at three parishes: St. Peter Claver in West Hartford, Resurrection in Wallingford, and St. John's in Watertown.

This initiative needs your involvement. Please come to one of these parishes to pray and unite with the whole world in seeking God's mercy. Please come and experience the grandeur of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and place mercy and the center of your life. Please come knowing that when you seek the mercy of God you will surely find it.

This is a time, as Pope Francis writes, "to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the

Irish Adventure to benefit Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor are sponsoring a custom designed trip to Ireland Sept 30 - Oct 9, 2016. The cost of \$2,863 per person sharing includes land, air (to/from Hartford to Dublin via Air Lingus), taxes, surcharges, travel insurance, daily breakfast including day of arrival, 6 dinners including farewell dinner and Irish Night and admission to listed attractions. Space is limited to 42 people. For details and reservations contact their trip coordinator Jim Dooley of JAM Travel Planners L.L.C. at 860-202-1664 or email him at jim@jamtravelplanners.com

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 contact Danielle Frissora at dfrissora@gmail.com.



Adult Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for baptized Roman Catholics who have made their First Communion and

are over the age of 18 will be held in four locations this fall.

St. Bridget, 175 Main St., Cheshire, CT on

Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 29, April 5, 12, 19 from 7 to 9 pm.

St. Mark the Evangelist, 467 South Quaker Lane, West Htrfd., CT

on Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 29, April 5, 12 from 7 to 9 pm.

Old St. Peter School, 28 St. John Place, Torrington, CT on

Sundays, March 6, 13, 20, April 3, 10, 17 from 10am to 12 pm.

St. Mary, Branford, 731 Main Street, Branford,

Mondays March 7, 14, 21, 28 April 4, 11, 18

For directions see our web page, www.orehartford.org

Registration forms are available in your parish office or on

www.orehartford.org. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be cele-

brated on April 26th, 2016 at 7 pm in The Cathedral of St. Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT.

Holy Land Tour 2016

St. Catherine of Siena Parish invites you to travel with them to the Holy Land in October, 2016.

Learn all the details of this exciting once in a lifetime trip on Wednesday March 9th, at 7 PM in Russell Hall, St. Catherine of Siena Church, West Simsbury. A veteran professional Holy Land traveler will present the trip itinerary including: Galilee, Nazareth, Capernaum, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. Non-stop airfare, accommodations, tour guides, trip costs and trip insurance will be reviewed.

Please join us for this opportunity to experience our themed tour "Walk in the footsteps of Jesus". Questions or for more information contact Tom Clarke 860-559-1047 or email tom.daybreak@gmail.com