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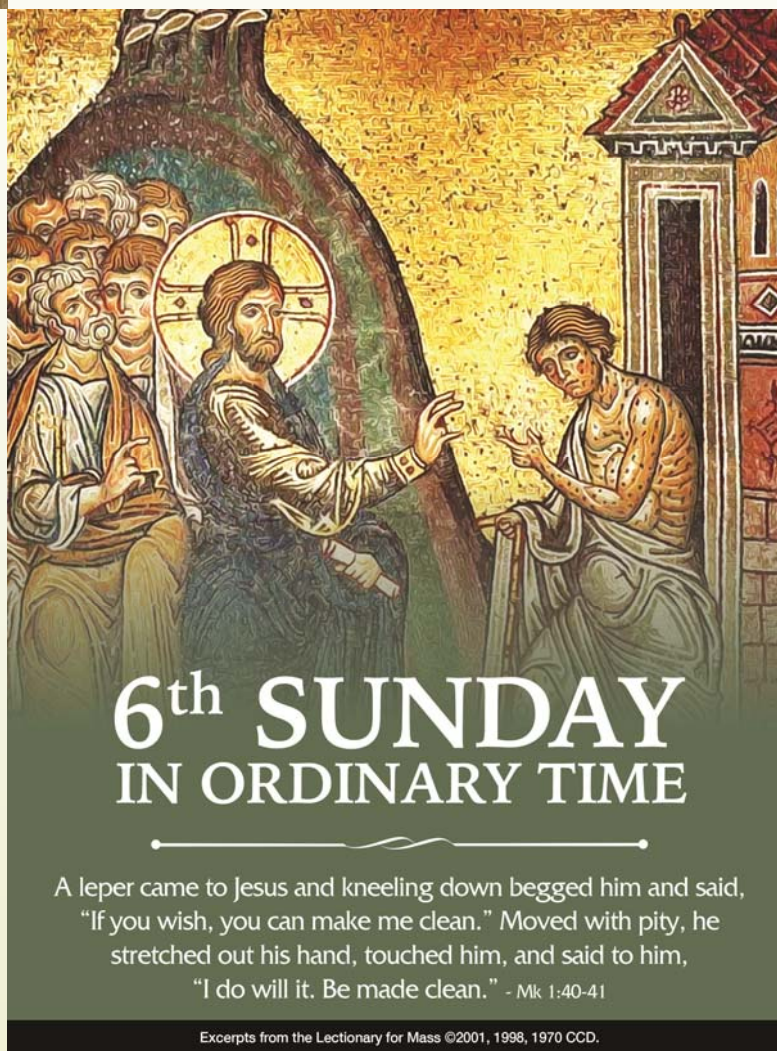
Call the Parish Office

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.



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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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:

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, February 12

9:00 **Sam Riela**, requested by their family

TUESDAY, February 13

9:00 **Donald Kubik**

WEDNESDAY, February 14, Ash Wednesday

9:00 **Leo Lausier**, requested by the Cyr Family

12:10 Special Intentions

5:30 *Prayer Service*

THURSDAY, February 15

9:00 **For the Holy Souls in Purgatory**, requested by Lori Ryan

FRIDAY, February 16

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, February 17

4:00 **Special Intentions**

SUNDAY, February 18

7:30 **Samuel Olson (1st Ann)**, requested by his loving parents and brothers

9:30 **Albert Innarelli**, requested by a family friend

11:00 **Terry Moody**, requested by the family

Lenten Fast & Abstinence

- Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence: likewise Good Friday.
- Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal. Two light meals are allowed, but no solid food should be taken between meals.
- Fasting binds those between the ages of 18 and 59; those who have reached the age of 14 are bound by abstinence.
- All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence; that is, days on which no meat is to be eaten.

Confessions to Be Heard on Monday Evenings During Lent

If you have gotten caught up in the busyness of life and have fallen away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you can change that. This Lenten season, we continue the Archdiocesan-wide effort to inspire Catholics to experience God's love and mercy offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Church of Saint Ann will be open on Mondays during Lent from 6 to 7pm for confessions.

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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, February 12

MMP Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.

Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!

Rediscover Catholicism Lent Study: 7:15pm in Rm. 3

TUESDAY, February 13

Youth Ministry Meeting: 6:30-9pm in the Activity Room

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, February 14

Matthew Bible Study: 7:15pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, February 15

Rediscover Catholicism Lent Study: 9:30am in Room 3

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

Children's Choir: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

Adult Confirmation Preparation: 7pm in Room 2

Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

St. Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 1

FRIDAY, February 16

Rediscover Catholicism Lent Study: 9:30am in Room 3

Stations of the Cross: 7pm in the church

SATURDAY, February 17

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, February 18

Rediscover Catholicism Lent Study: 10:30am in Rm. 3

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2018

- 9:00 am Mass with Distribution of Ashes
- 12:10 pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes
- 5:30 pm Prayer Service w/ Distribution of Ashes



Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent: 7:00 pm

except on Friday, March 9th due to Confirmation

The M + M's will be having their first event of 2018

Stations of the Cross followed by Stone Soup



Tuesday, February 27th
6:30pm

All ladies are welcome!

Please RSVP: ssopelak@comcast.net



**Divine Mercy
Holy Hour
NEXT Sunday
Feb. 18th
2:30 - 3:30pm
in the church**

St. Ann's YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling All Teens!

Please come join us at our Youth Ministry night for prayer, light food, an inspirational movie and lively discussion.

**Monday, February 12th
6:30pm - 9pm in the Activity Room.**

To find out more details and RSVP, contact Rosemary Neamtz, rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com

St. Ann Cares

St. Ann Cares is currently planning for their Day of Caring on May 5th.

We are looking for both ideas on possible projects and help with the planning process.

Contact Steve Rose at 860-250-5355 or email at: sjrose1088@gmail.com



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.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to sign up for a "Rediscover Catholicism" Book Study Group! We begin meeting this week!

LENT, 2018

Lent is a time for looking closely at our relationship with God, and how we are living out our faith. To help, here are two special offerings:

Lenten Book Study: *Rediscover Catholicism*

READ Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Catholicism* and explore how our faith is fulfilling and relevant today. FREE BOOKS available in the Gathering Space

GATHER in a Book Study Group to connect the book to your life. **SIGN UP** with Ann DiStefano in the office.

- At home: Form your own group with friends. Contact Ann for materials & support
- At church: Groups meet in Room 3 - **Sundays**, 10:30am; **Mondays**, 7:15pm; **Wednesdays**, 7:15pm (begins Feb 7th, skipping Feb 14th!); **Thursdays**, 9:30am & **Fridays**, 9:30am
- At Avon Middle School: Parent Book Study Groups meet in Room 227 during the 9am and 5:45pm CCD sessions Feb 25, Mar 11, & Mar 25.

ACT out Your Faith by:

- participating in Sandwich Sunday on March 18th, after all Masses. Bring meat, cheese & bread to make sandwiches for the homeless. More details to come.
- taking part in the weekly Corporal Works of Mercy collections offered by the Social Justice Committee. See the bulletin insert.

The Word Among Us Daily Meditations Booklet

- Enjoy readings, reflections and prayers for each day of Lent
- Don't miss the inspiring story featuring our own Fr. McHugh on page 81!
- FREE copies available at church entrances

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

February 4, 2018: \$7,396.80
 Online Giving (week ending 2/7/18): \$2,642.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection: none

Cemetery Notice:

All Christmas &/or winter decorations at the St. Ann Cemetery need to be removed by March 10th in preparation for Easter and Spring cleanup.

Corporal Works of Mercy 2018

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!

In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own, and to take practical steps to alleviate it. - Pope Francis

Next Weekend: Feed the Hungry

Food collection for the Avon Food Pantry and two Hartford parishes. Bags are provided at the church entrances with suggested grocery items.

EPHESIANS:

DISCOVER YOUR INHERITANCE

St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts that we as Christians are given in the Church. This letter tells us about the nature of the Church and shows us the great inheritance that awaits us as sons and daughters, adopted fully into the family of God. It reveals how God's great love for us can transform our daily lives. Ephesians will enrich your faith and show you how to live it out. This 8 week program will start on Ash Wednesday, February 14th at 9:30 AM in Conference Room #3. Group discussion is based on the questions in the workbook and is followed by a 30 minute video presented by Jeff Cavins. Once you are registered and purchase the \$15 workbook, you can view any of the 8 videos online should you miss a session.

For more information or to register please call Janet Newman at 860-573-3446 or via email: wjnewman@sbcglobal.net.



Little Lambs Ministry...Join Us!

Our ministry helps our Littlest Parishioners share the Word of God at 9:30 mass each week.

Are you looking for a way to volunteer at St. Ann's with no monthly meeting and minimal time commitment? Are you a parent, a grandparent, a catechist, an aunt or uncle, a teacher or retired teacher? Then Little Lambs ministry is for you! With minimal training and a monthly or even bi-monthly commitment (that is only 3 Sundays a year!) you can help the young parents and kids of St. Ann's in a tremendous way. Our goal is to present the Word in a way that young children can understand, at the same time allowing caregivers of young children to have a moment to reflect and pray while their children learn.



Please contact
 Heather Hoffman at:
heather-hoffman@sbcgolbal.net
 or Colleen Waterbury at:
mcwaterbu@comcast.net

2018 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!
 Upcoming dates:

February 23rd, March 16th & March 23rd
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.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

If you witnessed a miracle, wouldn't you want to tell everyone? If you saw the sun dance in the sky, a crippled man walk, or the Virgin Mary appear in front of you, wouldn't you just want to shout about it from a rooftop so all could hear? Maybe you would be afraid others would not believe you. You might choose instead to keep it to yourself to avoid criticism and ridicule. At least, if you saw a miracle, you would have a choice: to tell or not to tell.

Yet, at every Mass we witness a miracle. We witness bread and wine as it becomes the true presence of Jesus Christ. It isn't a saint or Mary appearing before us; it is actually Jesus! When was the last time you told anybody about that miracle?

It might not be easy for us to always talk about our faith, but we can show them. When we receive the Eucharist into our bodies, we become one with Christ. We go forth from the Mass as a living testimony of the miracle that occurred at Mass. People will not be able to simply look at us and see the evidence. We need to demonstrate to them the reality of this miracle by our good deeds and profound acts of charity. That is stewardship. That is bearing witness to the truth of our God being truly present to us. It is something we should want to share with everyone.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*You don't think your way into a new kind of living.
You live your way into a new kind of thinking.*

- Henri Nouwen

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head." (Lv 13:44)

Psalm:

I turn to you, Lord, in times of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Ps 32)

Second Reading:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1 Cor 10:31)

Gospel:

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." (Mk 1:40-41)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 11, 2018

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/ Mk 1:40-45
 Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/ Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/ Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/ Mk 1:12-15

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We may not like it, but generosity and risk often go hand-in-hand. At least, that's what Jesus shows us in today's Gospel as a leper approaches him for healing. Until the nineteenth century, lepers were shunned to the margins of society for fear of spreading the disease. To touch a leper was to risk becoming unclean yourself. In today's Gospel, Jesus defies convention. "Moved with pity, he reached out his hand, [and] touched him." The leper is healed! But this is not the only risk Jesus takes.

Before Jesus heals the man, he knows full well the desperate nature of his situation. Jesus knows that this man will be overjoyed upon being healed and that he just might tell everyone he knows. For a Messiah looking to temporarily fly under the radar, healing this particular leper might not be the best idea. Jesus heals anyway.

It can be easy to become calculated in our giving. If I go out of my way to help this person, how will it affect my reputation? How will this charitable donation affect my budget? How could I possibly make time to volunteer regularly? In today's Gospel, Jesus casts these concerns aside. He touches the untouchable. He reaches the unreachable. For his efforts, he receives a betrayal of his request for silence. "The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter." Before long "it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." Jesus is forced to remain "outside in the deserted places." It would appear, perhaps, that he is unable to accomplish his mission.

When we take a risk to be generous, things might not follow the prescribed path. We might be disappointed. We also might be surprised! Our witness to radical generosity is attractive to a world in desperate need. Indeed, when Jesus took risks for love, "People kept coming to him from everywhere."

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

We never marginalize or turn our backs on those who suffer violence, oppression from unjust systems, poverty, illness, or disease. Jesus never turned anyone away, but always extended a hand of healing and compassion. He would insist on extending God's merciful and unconditional love to all, even if it meant breaking the Sabbath or civil law. Does the way we treat others, especially those who are different than us, reflect the freedom, joy, love, and good news of the Gospel?

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Shut off your phone and let God call your heart ❤️



Phone Fast Fridays During Lent
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2017-18 THEME RETREATS FOR WOMEN

February 16-18, 2018
Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

The powerful and timely theme is taken from the well-loved Peace Prayer of St. Francis. The retreat runs from Friday evening on February 16, 2018 at 7:00pm to Sunday, February 18 at 12:00 PM. The powerful and timely theme is taken from the well-loved Peace Prayer of St. Francis. The Retreat concludes with Mass at 11:00 am followed by brunch. Families and friends may join retreatants for Mass and brunch.

Offering is \$250.

To register, contact OLC at 860-677-8519, olcretreat@sbcglobal.net or www.ourladyofcalvary.net.

No Dispensation on Valentine's Day/Ash Wednesday

This year Ash Wednesday falls on St. Valentine's Day, February 14th.

Unlike a Friday in Lent, when a dispensation is sometimes given from fast and abstinence on St. Patrick's Day, Ash Wednesday is a more solemn and universal day of prayer and penance for Catholics and many other Christians as well.

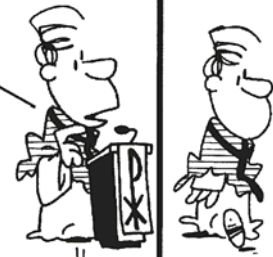
So there is no dispensation from fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday, February 14, in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Catholics may wish to anticipate St. Valentine's Day the day or evening before, on February 13.

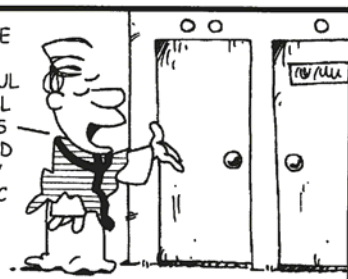
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHEN YOU FEEL UNCLEAN BECAUSE OF SIN IN YOUR LIFE...

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THERE ARE THESE WONDERFUL SPIRITUAL SHOWERS INSTALLED IN EVERY CATHOLIC CHURCH!



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **March 9-11, 2018 in Litchfield, CT**. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.