



# Church of Saint Ann

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## BAPTISMS (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.

## Kick-Off Weekend

Our  
**FAITH**  
Our  
**FUTURE**



ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

**2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

[www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org) • [f ArchdioceseofHartford](https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofHartford) • [t ArchbishopBlair](https://twitter.com/ArchbishopBlair)

## 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



**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**MONDAY, February 26**  
9:00 Special Intentions

**TUESDAY, February 27**  
9:00 Jean Scholl, requested by her family

**WEDNESDAY, February 28**  
9:00 Special Intentions

**THURSDAY, March 1**  
9:00 For the Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
requested by Lori Ryan

**FRIDAY, March 2**  
9:00 Special Intentions

**SATURDAY, March 3**  
4:00 Special Intentions

**SUNDAY, March 4**  
7:30 Sheila Vachris, requested by the family  
9:30 Muriel Deck, requested by Kris Martino  
11:00 Special Intentions

**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'S**

**MONDAY, February 26**  
**MMP Cenacle:** 7:15pm in the church.  
*Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!*  
**Young Adult Bible Study:** 7pm in the Activity Room  
**Rediscover Catholicism Lent Study:** 7:15pm in Rm. 3

**TUESDAY, February 27**  
**M+M's Stations of the Cross & Stone Soup:** 6:30pm in the church and Fr. Bennett Hall  
**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3

**WEDNESDAY, February 28**  
**Knights of Columbus:** 7pm in Room 2  
**Matthew Bible Study:** 7:15pm in Room 3

**THURSDAY, March 1**  
**Rediscover Catholicism Lent Study:** 9:30am in Room 3  
**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church  
**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, March 2**  
**Rediscover Catholicism Lent Study:** 9:30am in Room 3  
**Traditional Choir:** 2pm in the Choir Loft  
**Stations of the Cross:** 7pm in the church

**SATURDAY, March 3**  
**Men's Breakfast Group:** 8am in Room 3

**SUNDAY, March 4**  
**Rediscover Catholicism Lent Study:** 10:30am in Rm. 3  
**Parish Coffee:** after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall  
*(sponsored by the Men of Saint Ann)*

**ConfessionMondays.com**  
**MONDAYS DURING LENT**  
**OUR DOORS ARE OPEN**  
The Church of Saint Ann will be open on Mondays during Lent from 6 to 7pm for confessions.



**Stations of the Cross**  
**Fridays During Lent: 7:00 pm**  
*\*except Friday, March 9th due to Confirmation\**

**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.*

**Young ADULT BIBLE STUDY!**

Young Adults in their 20's & 30's are invited to join us for faith filled discussions on Sunday's scripture, with open minds and hearts. We meet Monday nights at 7:30pm, usually in the Activity Room beneath the church wing, but check our Facebook group (St. Ann's Young Adult Group) for location info. Everyone is welcome - please bring friends!  
Coordinator: Ceci Menendez: [cecilia.menendez@uconn.edu](mailto:cecilia.menendez@uconn.edu).

*The Marthas + Marys will be having their first event of 2018*

## Stations of the Cross followed by Stone Soup



Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30pm

*All ladies are welcome!*

Please RSVP to Sophie at: 860-673-3476 or [ssopelak@comcast.net](mailto:ssopelak@comcast.net)

### 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 labeled 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*

This Weekend, February 24/25:

### *Visit the Sick*

Collection of health aids for Helping Haitian Children at the Carrefore Clinic in Haiti:

<i>vitamins: Children &amp; Adult</i>	<i>Tylenol &amp; Aleve</i>	<i>Calamine lotion/ Cortisone cream</i>
<i>Walking canes</i>	<i>Ben Gay/Muscle Rub</i>	<i>Anti-bacterial soap (Dial)</i>
<i>Toothbrushes &amp; toothpaste</i>	<i>antifungal ointment</i>	<i>Hemorrhoid cream</i>
<i>Powdered milk</i>	<i>Artificial tears</i>	<i>Tums</i>
<i>Bacitracin ointment</i>	<i>Spoons</i>	<i>Band-Aids</i>
<i>Eucerin cream</i>	<i>Cough/cold/sinus medicines</i>	<i>Wound cleanser</i>

We also ask that you visit those in nursing homes, shut-ins, or friends in need. Locally, call Avon Health Center 860.673.3265 for names of residents who would welcome visitors.

Next Weekend, March 3/4:

### *Shelter the Homeless*

Collection for ImmaCare Inc. shelter in Hartford.

<i>bath towels</i>	<i>coffee cups,</i>	<i>toilet paper</i>
<i>new/used clean</i>	<i>Utensils</i>	<i>toothbrushes</i>
<i>blankets</i>	<i>paper towels</i>	<i>toothpaste</i>
<i>plastic coated</i>	<i>soap</i>	<i>shampoo</i>
<i>paper plates</i>	<i>napkins</i>	<i>razors</i>

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

#### Lenten Book Study: *Rediscover Catholicism*

This Lent, our parish is reading Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Catholicism* and exploring how our faith is fulfilling and relevant today. FREE BOOKS are available in the Adult Faith Formation office. See book flyer and website for reading schedule and join us for discussion.

*Book Discussion Groups are meeting weekly.*

*Join us when you can!*

- At Church: Groups meet in Room 3 - **Sundays**, 10:30am; **Mondays**, 7:15pm; **Wednesdays**, 7:15pm; **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.

#### *This week in "Rediscover Catholicism:"*

1. When you are behaving in ways that are inauthentic, are you conscious of it at the time, or do you become aware of it only later? How do you feel different when you act authentically versus when you do not?
2. Why do many struggle to believe that they can be holy?
3. Thanks to the book, do you find yourself thinking about the-best-version-of-yourself in the moments of the day?
4. How do the stories about Francis of Assisi, Mother Teresa, John Vianney, Thomas More, and John Paul II encourage, challenge, or inspire you to live differently?
5. One a scale between one and ten, how would you rate your commitment to doing the will of God in your life?

#### **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](mailto: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.



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

February 18, 2018: \$7,357.15  
 Online Giving (week ending 2/21/18): \$2,922.00  
 Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: St. Ann Cares

### St. Ann Cares: Sign-Up Next Weekend for Day of Caring

St. Ann Cares will be holding sign ups after all masses next weekend for it's day of caring on May 5. Please sign up and join us in caring for those who need it most.

We will need painters, carpenters and landscapers of all skill levels.

For more information contact Steve Rose at 860-250-5355 or [sjrose1088@gmail.com](mailto:sjrose1088@gmail.com)

### Youth Choir-Easter Rehearsals



Singers in grades 4-8: Come help us make a joyful noise at 11:30am Mass on Easter Sunday! Choose from these convenient rehearsal times (we meet in the choir loft):

- Every Thursday from 4:15-5pm.
- Wednesday March 7th & Wednesday, March 21st, 7:00-7:45pm

Contact: Choir Mom Ann DiStefano,  
[avon.distefano@comcast.net](mailto:avon.distefano@comcast.net)

## COUNCIL CORNER



**Have you heard of the  
 St. Ann's Parish Council?  
 Do you know what it does?  
 Would you like to know more  
 about it?**

We will be hosting the Coffee after the 9:30 Mass this Sunday, February 25th, and would love to see you there and talk with you about the Council. When you learn more about our mission, you might even want to become a part of it!

If you can't be at the coffee but are interested in learning more about the Parish Council, please feel free to email me at [thomasfharrison2@gmail.com](mailto:thomasfharrison2@gmail.com).

Thank you. Hope to see you this Sunday  
 Tom Harrison, Chairman

## 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:

**March 16<sup>th</sup> & March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 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.*



## Our Faith, Our Future Archbishop's Annual Appeal

This weekend marks the start of the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. If you haven't already, you will soon receive a letter from Archbishop Blair seeking your support. As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we have a profound impact on our local communities not only in the spiritual realm, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services and many charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church.

In the most recent edition of the *Catholic Transcript*, Archbishop Blair described the Archbishop's Annual Appeal as the "bread and butter" fundraiser of archdiocesan life. It is "bread and butter" for the widest range of Archdiocesan activities. Whatever is collected for the Appeal in a given year is spent in that year, for everything from our seminarians' education to the grants made to approximately 250 local charities throughout the archdiocese that receive financial support in the name of the Catholic people.

\* For the second year in a row, in 2017, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to nearly 250 local organizations in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties.

Organizations right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that make a difference in serving our neighbors.

*Please respond generously.*

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*I have had the honor of coaching all three of my kids in soccer. When you are a coach of a team of little ones, along with the fundamentals of the game and good sportsmanship, you want to teach the value of teamwork. If they can learn about how a team functions and why working together matters, that lesson can benefit them for many years to come.*

*The Body of Christ is a type of team. We are all called upon to use our talents and gifts in such a way that they complement those of others. We are stronger and capable of so much more together than when we are apart.*

*Our stewardship isn't just about our personal call of God to cultivate our gifts and give them back with increase to Him. It is about how our stewardship way of life builds up the Body of Christ. The Body cannot function as God intended it to if parts of it are not fully giving of themselves. In community, we have the power to change the world around us because we bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who need to hear it and witness it by our actions.*

*This Lent, consider how you fit into the Body of Christ. How can your gifts and talents make the Church stronger? You just might be the missing component of a team that really needs help to make the greatest impact for Jesus.*

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving.*

- St. Augustine

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

"I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly." (Gen 9:16-17A)

### Psalm:

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD (Ps 116)

### Second Reading:

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? (Romans 8:31b-32)

### Gospel:

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. (Mk 9:7-8)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of February 25, 2018

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10  
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25  
 Scrutiny: 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

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

How are your Lenten resolutions? By the time week two rolls around, plenty of well-meaning people have skipped, neglected, or outright forgotten their Lenten resolutions at least once. It can be easy to start excusing our Lenten commitments altogether.

Last week we saw Jesus driven into the desert. This Sunday, we see Jesus leading his disciples to an equally barren place: he "led them up a high mountain apart by themselves." But what happens there? "And he was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white." Today's Gospel reminds us of the goal. We don't enter into the desert for the sake of suffering, but for the sake of transformation.

Mountain imagery is prevalent throughout Scripture. The sacrifice of Isaac, Moses receiving the 10 Commandments, Elijah's revelation of God as a tiny whispering sound: all these occur on the mountaintop. Mountains are strenuous to hike. To assist the traveler in the ascent, trails often involve switchbacks. These lead the traveler back and forth across the mountainside, sometimes appearing as if hardly any ground is gained. Perhaps Peter, James, and John hiked a similar path as Jesus led them up the side of Mount Tabor.

A climb is difficult. A climb in a barren place leaves you thirsty, exhausted, and quite possibly frustrated or discouraged. Yet this is precisely how Jesus leads his closest disciples. Why? Because he has something to reveal to them. Practically speaking, Jesus needed to bring Peter, James and John away from the crowds for this revelation of glory to remain hidden. There are spiritual truths we will encounter only if we pass through difficulty. So let's persevere this Lent! Today's Gospel invites us to trust that, if we persevere in following Jesus, he'll lead us to something beautiful and glorious as well.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

The hope of being transformed or transfigured into the image of God awaits all of God's children. We walk through this life knowing that our eternal destiny is to be like God and live eternally in his presence. How does this truth about who we can become change the way we live today? Does it even matter to us that we are called to a higher purpose that is often quite different than the one we fabricate for ourselves here on earth? A transformed, eternal life is God's desire for all of his daughters and sons. Knowing this helps us put suffering in perspective and walk peacefully with hope in our hearts.

# THE BULLETIN BOARD

Shut off your phone and let God call your heart 



Phone Fast Fridays During Lent  
#PFF  
[ArchdioceseofHartford.org](http://ArchdioceseofHartford.org)

## Join us for the Church of St. Patrick ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY



FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018 AT 6:30 PM

Farmington Country Club  
806 Farmington Ave.  
Farmington, CT 06032  
\$40.00 per person

*Featuring Live Irish Music by Liz McNicholl & the Crickstones and Irish Dancers from Griffith Dance Academy*

### BUFFETT-STYLE DINNER

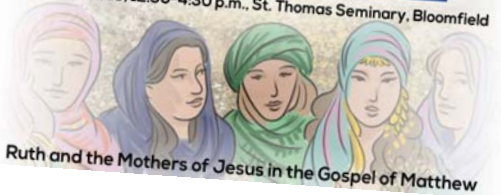
- Irish soda bread with house made fruit marmalade
- Allen brothers corned beef and cabbage with potatoes and carrots
- Guinness battered Cod with chips, malt vinegar, sea salt
- Shepherd's pie- lamb, carrot, peas
- Cash Bar and an Assortment of Irish Beers. Parishioners and Non-Parishioners are welcome.

Tickets can be purchased at St. Patrick's Mass, or by calling (860) 677-2639 or on our website <https://stpatsfarm.org>.



### A Celebration of Sacred Scripture

March 3, 2018, 12:30-4:30 p.m., St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield



Ruth and the Mothers of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew

The Gospel of Matthew opens with a long genealogy of Jesus that we stumble over once a year at the Christmas Vigil Mass. This genealogy serves as the link between the Hebrew Scriptures and the legitimation of Jesus the Messiah. There is perhaps no better time to enter into this genealogy than during the Lenten season, as we reflect upon the cycle of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

Session 1 (12:30-2:15) will explore the background to Matthew's Gospel and examine Matthew's genealogy, focusing in particular on the theological value of four women included in the line of Jesus.

Session 2 (2:45-4:30) will engage deeply with the story of one of these women, Ruth, as told in the story that bears her name.

Visit <http://catholicedaohct.org> to register.

### Lourdes in Litchfield Litchfield, CT

As of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Grotto Gift Shop at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield will be open Tuesday to Saturday, 10:30am to 4:30pm & Sunday, (after Mass) 11:30am – 4:30pm. Lenten & Easter items are in stock, as well as gifts for St. Patrick's Day and a varied selection of First Communion gifts, veils & ties. For further information, call 860-567-0891.