



# Church of Saint Ann

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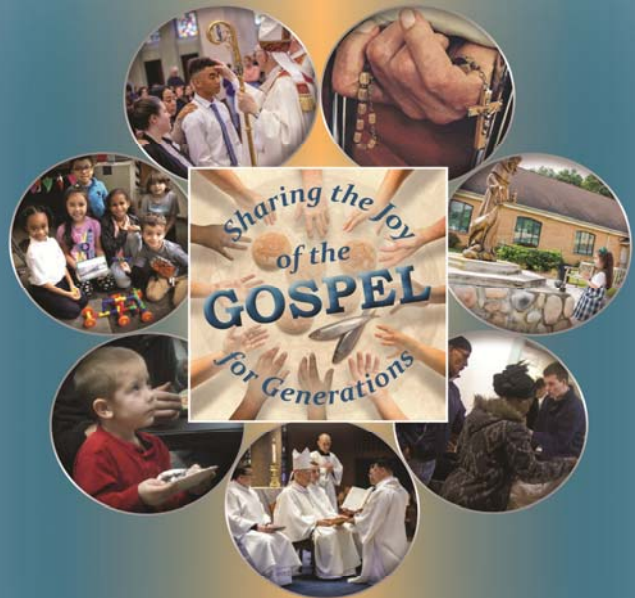
## MARRIAGES

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.

## KICK-OFF WEEKEND



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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:

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays 9:30-10:30am

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12 Noon



**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MONDAY, March 4**

9:00 **Sheila Vachris**, requested by the family

**TUESDAY, March 5**

9:00 **Special Intentions**

**WEDNESDAY, March 6 (Ash Wednesday)**

9:00 **Horace & Anita Abate**, requested by the Abate Family

12:10 **Special Intentions**

5:30 (Prayer Service)

**THURSDAY, March 7**

9:00 **Margaret Bruno**, requested by her family

**FRIDAY, March 8**

9:00 **Leo ZuWallack**, requested by the ZuWallack Family

**SATURDAY, March 9**

4:00 **Barbara Sieber**, requested by a friend

**SUNDAY, March 10**

7:30 **Caroline Sikora**, requested by her friends from 7:30 Mass

9:30 **Janet Buckley**, requested by Dan and Mary Healey

11:00 **Ralph Otto Scheurmann**, requested by The Frey 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.



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, March 4**

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

**MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group:** 7:15pm in the church.

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

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

**Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures:** 7:15pm in Rm. 3

**TUESDAY, March 5**

**RCIA:** Room 3 (Morning Group: 9:30am) (Evening Group: 7pm)

**WEDNESDAY, March 6**

**John Bible Study:** 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3

**Acts Bible Study:** 6:30pm in Room 3 (snow date, if needed)

**THURSDAY, March 7**

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

**Traditional Choir:** 2pm in the Choir Loft

**St. Ann Cares Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

**Adult Confirmation Class:** 7pm in Room 3

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

**FRIDAY, March 8**

**Acts Bible Study:** 9:30am in Room


**Pasta Dinner by Men of St. Ann:** 5:30-7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

**Stations of the Cross:** 7pm in the church

**SATURDAY, March 9**

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

**SUNDAY, March 10**

 **Parish Coffee:** after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall (sponsored by our St. Ann Cares ministry)

**Getting More Out of Mass Lent Program:** 10:30am in Rm. 3

**The Mass Video Series:** 12pm in Fr. Bennett Hall



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**MARCH 6, 2019**

**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**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

More details are at [stannavon.com](http://stannavon.com), or contact Director of AFF, Ann DiStefano: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com) (860) 673-9858, x.228

### Adult Enrichment for Lent 2019: The Mass: An Invitation from Jesus

The Mass is a divine banquet, brimming with rich conversation, choice food and drink, candlelight, fine music, and special guests - all of us! This Lent, let's DIG IN to the Mass and explore the beauty, meaning and power of this awesome mystery that calls us together as family, and invites us to experience love, forgiveness, nourishment and purpose around the table of our Host - Jesus.



#### Bishop Robert Barron's "The Mass" 6-part Video Series (come when you can!)

An in-depth, engaging walk through the Mass with brilliant, personable Bishop Barron. Lite brunch, video, prayer, discussion.  
**Sundays, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**12-1:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall.**

#### "Getting More Out of Mass" Small Group Reflection Series (come when you can!)

A fresh, relatable look at what the parts of the Mass mean, and how that can enrich your life

(Booklets available at church entrances)

**Sundays, 10:25-11:55am; Mondays, 7:15-8:45pm;**  
**Fridays, 9:30-11am**  
**March 8<sup>th</sup> -April 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Room 3, lower level of Fr. Bennett Hall**

**At Parent Enrichment 9-10:30am (with babysitting)**  
**and 5:45-7:15pm**  
**Sundays, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, Mar 10<sup>th</sup>, Mar 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Room 228 at Avon Middle School**

**At your convenience! Form a small group with friends.**  
**Support available!**

#### At-Mass Engagement

Listen for the theme for each Mass and record your 'takeaway' on a Pew Note.

#### "Teaching Mass"

**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4pm Family Mass.** Learn-as-you-go at this interactive experience of Holy Mass, hosted by Youth Faith Formation.

#### Interactive display

in Gathering Space -add your "Meaningful Mass Moments" to those of other adults and children.



Please be aware that parishioners from St. Ann's, and other local parishes, have received suspicious e-mails and/or calls that claim to be from clergy, church staff members, and volunteers. At St. Ann's

specifically, individuals are receiving e-mails that appear to be from Fr. McHugh requesting that gift cards be purchased for individuals who are sick or otherwise in need. These are fake e-mails in an attempt to scam people out of money.

**Please note:** our parish does not make unsolicited calls or e-mails to request money, the purchase of gifts, or your personal information. Should an individual receive suspicious correspondence of this nature they are advised to not provide any information to the person contacting them or, if possible, to not respond. Civil authorities are aware of this matter. If you are unsure of any correspondence that appears to be from our parish, please call us at 860-673-9858 to verify. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Corporal Works of Mercy 2019

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: March 9/10 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.



## GOODBYE TO

## Alleluia!

In our music this week we sing many Alleluias, and say

"Goodbye" to Alleluia during our offertory hymn, "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" in the Red hymnal.

Read this meaningful and ancient text during a quiet moment in church for a moving description of our preparation for the upcoming Lenten Season.



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**February 24, 2019:** \$6,090.95  
**Online Giving (week ending 2/27/19):** \$2,326.00  
**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:**  
*Youth Ministry*



Our St. Ann Cares  
 Ministry invites you to their  
**Parish Coffee**  
 next Sunday, March 10th  
 after 9:30am Mass  
 In Fr. Bennett Hall

## Saint Ann Cares Day of Caring SIGN-UPS After Masses on March 2/3 & 9/10

St. Ann Cares will be holding sign ups after all Masses on the weekends of March 2&3 and 9&10. St. Ann Cares is a ministry which performs maintenance on needy homes, shelters and other non-profit organizations such as carpentry, painting and landscaping. Please consider joining us for our day of caring on Saturday May 4. All skill levels are needed and wanted. Contact Steve Rose with any questions. 860-250-5355 or [sjrose1088@gmail.com](mailto:sjrose1088@gmail.com)

Church of St. Ann

Celebrating Our  100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

As part of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, St. Ann's Church is planning a historical exhibit at the Avon Free Public Library during the months of July and August, 2019. This will be a dual exhibit with the Avon Congregational Church, which is celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The exhibit will be in the History Corner, and St. Ann will be using the tackboard wall and metal shelves to the right of the glass case. If you have items (photos, old documents, etc.) that you would like to share for the exhibit, please contact Jean Frey at 860-673-1949. It would be nice to be able to include photos or memories related to the first church on Mountain View Avenue as well as our current church. Copies could be made of any photos.

## 2019 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 8th, March 29th & April 12th**  
**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.**

*Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations*

## 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

This weekend marks the start of the 2019 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. This impact is not only felt in the spiritual realm, but also in the many social services and outreach efforts performed by, or with help from, our Church.

- For the third year in a row, in 2018, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Vicariate Outreach Program provided over \$1,000,000 to more than 200 organizations in Hartford, Litchfield, and New Haven counties.
- Local organizations such as **ABC Incorporated, Inc. (Simsbury)**, **ARC of Farmington Valley (Canton)**, and the **Crisis Pregnancy Center (Unionville)**, received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program.
- 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/aaa-2019-last-years-appeal-impact/>
- No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

*Please respond generously.*

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*I was traveling recently and watched as a wife led her blind husband onto the plane by her arm. She lovingly helped him into his seat and made sure he was comfortable. She placed their bags above in the bin and then sat next to him. They were ready for the flight. As I sat in my seat just a few rows away, I wondered what he would do if she ever left his side.*

*Sometimes those we love in our life can be blind, and we need to be their eyes. They aren't physically blind, but they are unable to see the truth about their life, situation, or needs. We need to lend them our sight and insight, or they will remain in their world of darkness.*

*Jesus asked his disciples, "Can a blind person guide a blind person?" If we aren't actively working to be sure that we can see clearly, what will we be able to offer someone we care about when they come to us with their blindness? Can you lead someone to Christ if you aren't living a life with him yourself? Can you share with another truth if you aren't concerned with knowing the truth yourself?*

*Life is not always easy. Without faith, hope, and love, the road can be too hard to travel. We are not created to be alone. Instead, we are created to be traveling companions. However, the blind cannot lead the blind. May the Light of Christ dispel your darkness and give you sight so that when the call comes, you might lend an arm to lead the blind.*

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

**QUOTES**

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*None of us is alone in this world. Each of us is a vital piece of the great mosaic.*  
- St. John Paul II

**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**FIRST READING:**

Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God. (Jl 2:13a)

**PSALM:**

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

**SECOND READING:**

Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (2 Cor 6:2b)

**GOSPEL:**

"When you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you." (Mt 6:17-18)

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**WEEKLY READINGS**

*Readings for the Week of March 3, 2019*

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/ 1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/ 2 Cor 5:20-6:2/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: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/ Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Emails. Carpools. Shopping lists. Home repairs. It can seem like we move so quickly from one thing to the next. Our news comes in sound bites and headlines. How often do we take time for silence, for prayer, for reflection, for wisdom? Jesus warns us of stumbling through life without an adequate sense of where we're going. "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" This Sunday's Gospel isn't about fumbling along but offers a self-check on our own motivations.

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Without adequate self-reflection, it's easy to become blind to our own faults. We go through life's motions as our bad habits linger or even increase. We may become increasingly impatient, we may avoid important tasks, we may neglect the emotional needs of our spouse. Perhaps, in the process, we find fault with those around us. In the words of Jesus, "remove the wooden beam from your own eye first."

So how do we know? How can we notice the hidden faults in our lives? "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of store of evil produces evil." Do you notice certain relationships that have become strained, or situations where you know you don't act your best? Perhaps this is an area where you are acting out of sin, rather than virtue. The truth is, all of us are a mixture of light and dark, vice and virtue. We can't pretend we're perfect! But we also need to take time to pause and prayerfully examine the fruit we're bearing.

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Live the Liturgy

How quick are we to point out the faults of others? It is so easy to see what others are doing wrong and much harder to see ourselves for who we are. Many want to see themselves as one of the privileged and the saved and are quick to condemn those who choose to do things differently. We can be so hypocritical while at the same time proclaiming to be so spiritual. What we speak reveals the true thoughts of our minds and intention of our hearts. We fool no one but ourselves. Rather than being defensive, critical, and exclusive, does it not make more sense to help each other and work together for the kingdom of God? We may have to leave something behind, but in turn, we'll gain much more.

## THE BULLETIN BOARD



*Answering Pope Francis' Call:*

### **A Catholic Response to Modern Day Slavery**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7pm**  
**Church of St. Thomas the Apostle**  
**Lower Level Parish Center**  
**872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford**  
Presenter: Nancy Strini

Archdiocese of Hartford Human Trafficking Task Force  
Human trafficking is occurring in our state and across the globe, and YOU can do something about it. This presentations provides education about the current state of human trafficking in the US with a focus on Connecticut

- Learn about local efforts to combat the issue
- Obtain materials to initiate or join existing efforts to support victims and survivors
- Learn how your faith community can get involved
- Learn the signs-how to identify victims

RSVP to [anneboers@prolifeministry.org](mailto:anneboers@prolifeministry.org)

### **Lenten Day of Recollection**

A Lenten Day of Recollection will be held at Montfort House, Lourdes in Litchfield, Saturday, March 9th, 9:30-3:30. Spend a day and learn how to approach Lent through the art of Contemplation with Fr. Donald LaSalle, SMM and Lisa Hudkins, Spiritual Director. The suggested offering is \$35.00 (lunch included).

For further information or to make a reservation, call 860-567-1041 or email: [lourdeshrinect@gmail.com](mailto:lourdeshrinect@gmail.com) by March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Visit us on the internet at [www.shrinect.org](http://www.shrinect.org)

### **Anxiety Workshop**

Do you, or someone you know and love, suffer with anxiety? Would you like to learn more about how to handle it? We can help! The Franciscan Life Center is offering a six-week anxiety workshop under the direction of Thomas Finn, Ph.D., Thursdays, April 25- May 30, 2019, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, 275 Finch Avenue, Meriden, CT.

The cost is \$40/00/session For more information call 203-237-8084 or visit [www.flcenter.org](http://www.flcenter.org)

### **St. Thomas the Apostle School will host an Open House for Prospective Families on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM- 1PM.**

All are welcome to drop by to explore our classrooms, meet our fabulous teachers, and learn more about our dynamic learning community. St. Thomas the Apostle is a fully accredited PreK3- Grade 5 Catholic elementary school serving the Hartford area with a current enrollment of 213 students. We provide a rigorous academic environment that includes daily differentiated instruction, a religion curriculum enriched by service projects in every grade, an expansive music and arts program, as well as after school clubs and sports.

To register for the Open House or for additional information please contact the admissions office at 860-236-6257 or email: [dklingman@stthomasapostlewh.org](mailto:dklingman@stthomasapostlewh.org).

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

*"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*

Light a spiritual fire in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekend is Jul 12-14, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT.

For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

### **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 1 -3 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, e mail her at [mlaffin@prolifeministry.org](mailto:mlaffin@prolifeministry.org), or visit our website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)