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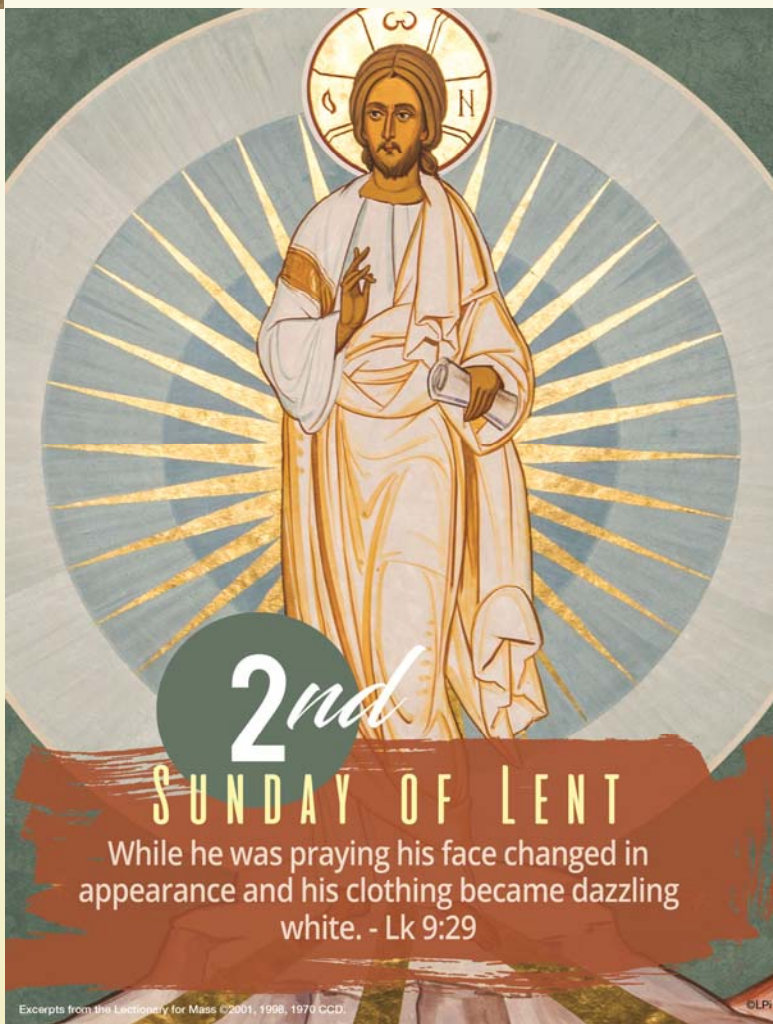
BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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.



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



2nd Sunday of Lent

MONDAY, March 18

9:00 **For the deceased members of the Liptack Family**, requested by the Bondhus Family

TUESDAY, March 19

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, March 20

9:00 **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, March 21

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, March 22

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, March 23

4:00 **Mary Hojnowski**, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

SUNDAY, March 24

7:30 **Mary Scully**, requested by the Scapellati Family
9:30 **Wade Horsey IV**, requested by Dick Portfolio
11:00 **Margaret Henderson**, requested by the Argay Family
4:30 *Teen Mass*



Centennial Celebration

Centennial invitations have been mailed to every registered family in our parish. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening and hope to see many of our fellow parishioners enjoying this celebration. If you haven't received an invitation, they are available at the church offices.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF THE RESPONSE DATE, APRIL 12.



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 18

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!
Getting More Out of Mass Lent Program: 7:15pm in Rm. 3

TUESDAY, March 19

RCIA (morning group): 9:30am in Room 3
St. Ann Playgroup: 10am in the Activity Room
RCIA (evening group): 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, March 20

John Bible Study: 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3
1 Corinthians Bible Study: 6:30pm in Room 3 (snow date, if needed)
Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, March 21

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church
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 22

Getting More Out of Mass Lent Program: 9:30am in Room
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
Stations of the Cross: 7pm in the church

SATURDAY, March 23

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, March 24

Getting More Out of Mass Lent Program: 10:25am in Rm. 3
The Mass Video Series: 12pm in Fr. Bennett Hall



Lenten Confessions
Mondays during Lent: 6-7pm

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

Cemetery Notice:

All Christmas &/or winter decorations at the St. Ann Cemetery need to be removed by April 7th in preparation for Spring cleanup.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

More details are at stannavon.com, or contact Ann DiStefano

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



The Mass is a divine banquet. This Lent, let's DIG IN to the Mass and explore its beauty, meaning and power.

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. RSVP to Ann

Sundays, March 10th - April 14th
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. Register with Ann.

(Booklets available at church entrances)

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

At Parent Enrichment 9-10:30am (with babysitting)
and 5:45-7:15pm
Sundays, Mar. 10th and Mar. 31st
Room 228 at Avon Middle School

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

At-Mass Engagement: Second Sunday of Lent

Today we hear the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. In this Gospel story, Jesus brings his friends to a special place to worship. They hear God call out from heaven, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him!" Similarly, Jesus has brought us to this special place today, where God has something to say to each one of us. Listen carefully for His message during Mass. Open your mind, eyes, ears and soul to His Word, as it may come in a surprising way. Please use a Pew Note at the end of the pew to record your takeaway from the Mass, and take it with you for later reflection and action.

Teaching Mass

Saturday, March 23rd, 4pm Family Mass

"Meaningful Mass Moments" Interactive display

Read about what inspires others and share what inspires you.
(in the Gathering Space)

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 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:

March 16/17, Visit the Sick

Collection of health care aids/supplies for Helping Haitian Children at the Carrefour Clinic in Haiti. 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 23/24 Shelter the Homeless

Collection for ImmaCare Inc. shelter in Hartford.

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

The Marthas + Marys are hosting a Lenten Evening

Stations of the Cross followed by a Lenten Meal

Wednesday,
March 27th at
6:00pm



All ladies are welcome!

Please RSVP: Sue Ollestad:
sollestad@yahoo.com or 860-693-4477

The Marthas and Marys are hosting a Lenten Evening on Wednesday, March 27. At 6:00 we will have the Stations of the Cross and then socialize with a Lenten supper in the Father Bennett Hall. Please r.s.v.p. to Sue Ollestad : sollestad@yahoo.com or 860-693-4477 by March 20. No cost for paid members and \$10 at the door for others. Anne Yurch is looking for help: cooking, set-up, serving, and so important, clean-up. anneyurch@gmail.com or 860-675-1366. Hope to see many of our women!

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

March 10, 2019: \$6,189.57
Online Giving (week ending 3/13/19): \$2,591.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
none

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Pro-Life Ministry is on a mission to put an end to this culture of death by advancing a culture of life. As faithful citizens each of us is called to uphold the dignity of every human life, especially the unborn. Once innocent life is protected a renewed respect for all life will follow.

How do we advance the culture of life?

Watch EWTN Pro-Life Weekly on Thursdays at 10pm, Sundays at 10am or go to their website www.prolifeweekly.com and select Catherine Hadro official site. It is concise, accurate, informative and based on a Catholic perspective. A call to action is then presented., To do this go to prolifeweekly.com The Susan B. Anthony List will appear with a message for your response.

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 29th and April 12th
5:30 - 7pmin Fr. Bennett Hall

Come alone or bring the family!

Adults: \$5
Kids under 18: \$3
Family Max: \$15

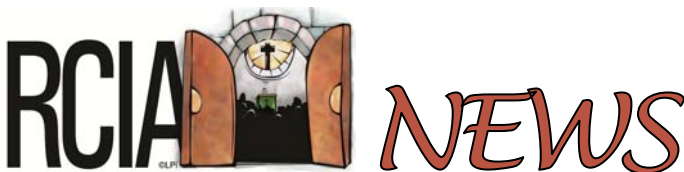


Why not feed your soul as well? Come to Stations of the Cross at 7pm following the Pasta Supper.



HEARTS & SOULS

Due to last Sunday's bad weather, our Parish Nurse's office hours have been rescheduled to THIS SUNDAY, March 17th.



Last weekend the RCIA team acknowledged the progress of two of our three candidates who are preparing to become full and participating members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil here at Saint Ann's on Saturday, April 20th. Parrish Castor and Benjamin Schloat were presented to our community asking to be recognized for the progress that they have made in their spiritual formation. With the blessing of Father McHugh and the parish community, later that same day they were presented to Archbishop Leonard Blair as they participated in the Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion ceremony at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford. Our third candidate, Roberto Lopez was unable to attend the ceremony but will also be welcomed into full communion with the church at the Easter Vigil.

Please pray for our candidates, and all those who are preparing to receive their Sacraments at the Easter vigil, for the transforming power of God's Love.

Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations
2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2019 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

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.

Communion Dress Drive

The Cardia family will once again be collecting new and gently used Communion dresses, suits, blazers, shoes, and veils for children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. These donations will benefit the First Communicants at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford and other area parishes in need.

Donations can be dropped off at the following locations:

- Avon Middle School during Faith Formation class time ONLY on March 10 & March 31
- Room 1 (lower level parish hall) at the Church of St. Ann. Please leave donations in the marked box. Donations will be accepted here until April 7.

Thank you in advance for your support!



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Where do you live? I live in North Carolina. There I pay taxes, own a home, and belong to a parish. North Carolina is in the United States, so I also abide by federal laws, pay taxes, and vote for candidates in all sorts of elections. I identify as an American and try my best to meet certain expectations placed on me by the government, state, and fellow Americans. I do certain things because of my identity.

Paul wrote to the Philippians, "Our citizenship is in heaven." Being a U.S. citizen living in North Carolina places certain requirements on me. How many of us "citizens of heaven" take seriously the expectations and requirements of that citizenship? Sometimes we act like nothing is truly required of us.

Stewardship as a way of life requires us to take seriously what it means to be a citizen of heaven. We are called to follow the laws of the land we live in on this earth, but we are called to adhere to an even greater authority. Whether it be our call to act with charity and love or to follow the precepts of the Church, we must take seriously our status as citizen.

Unfortunately, many don't take seriously their citizenship on this earth either. People have given their very lives so that we may have to freedom to be citizens of our country and our state. Of course, many people have died for the citizenship of heaven as well. So it comes down to the question, who are you and to whom do you belong?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

You don't climb a mountain n leaps and bounds, but by taking it slowly.

- St. Gregory the Great

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 15:5)

PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

SECOND READING:

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:21)

GOSPEL:

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Lk 9:29)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 17, 2019

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/ Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/ Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 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: 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/ 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

GOSPEL MEDITATION

As we march through Lent, it can be easy to think it's all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation!

Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep." Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."

This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We are all invited into spiritual transformation. Lent is a privileged time for this!

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Our minds are often preoccupied with the things of this world, and we forget about the things of heaven. We live our lives as if what we see before us is all there is and almost place the truth of eternity on hold until it is absolutely necessary to confront it. We fail to see the connection between earth and heaven and to see the road of transformation we are all called to travel. When Jesus was transfigured before his disciples, they saw the truth of who he was. Earth and heaven were wed that day, just as they will one day come together for us. God desires to transfigure us as well, changing our earthly body into our heavenly one. We miss our true destiny if we don't factor this into the choices we make and the paths we choose to walk.

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

**St. Timothy Middle School hosts
 The Concert That Never Was**

The school's largest fundraiser is Friday, April 26th. Tickets are \$75.00 and include food from Rooster Co, open bar of signature cocktails, wine, and beer, two performance sets by a marvelous Barbara and Frank tribute duo, and a live and silent auction. Visit www.biddingforgood.com/stmswh to purchase your tickets and support our school!

**Archdiocese of Hartford Lent Enrichment
 on their Facebook and YouTube Pages!**

Every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday during Lent, Fr. Matt Gworek of the Archdiocese of Hartford will share a video to help guide your Lenten journey by discussing the Mass readings of the day and explaining what Jesus is really trying to teach us. These videos are posted to the Archdiocesan Facebook and YouTube pages.

**JEWISH, CHRISTIAN, AND
 MUSLIM PERSPECTIVES ON THE
 LANGUAGE OF SCRIPTURE**

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019 @ 7PM
 MEETING ROOM

HEAR FROM TOP SCHOLARS AT THIS
 SPECIAL HARTFORD SEMINARY SYMPOSIUM

**A Compassionate Response:
 What it Means to be a Neighbor**
 Father Joseph Cheah
 University of Saint Joseph

**With our own
 Fr. Cheah!**

**Exploring Jewish and Christian Translations
 of Scripture: Practical Applications**
 Dr. Deena Grant
 Associate Professor at Hartford Seminary

**The Book of Job, Islamic
 Thought, and the Gospels**
 Dr. Steven Blackburn
 Retired from Hartford Seminary

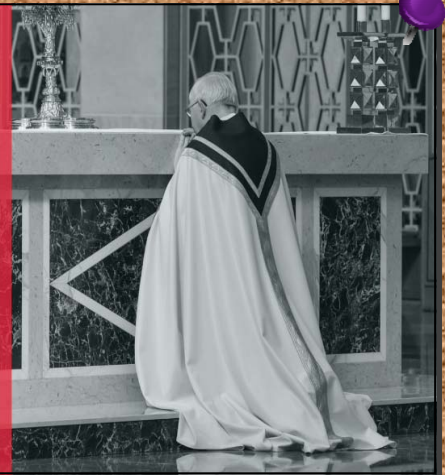
**Does Everyone in Heaven
 Speak Arabic?**
 Dr. Suheil Laher
 Adjunct Professor at Hartford Seminary

Visit www.hartsem.edu to register

*Mass of
 Reparation.*

*In seeking to apply spiritual
 remedies to this great
 scandal and tragedy that
 has seriously wounded so
 many people.*

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
 78 Litchfield Road
 Harwinton, CT
 Tuesday, March 26 - 7 PM



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