

# 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.

## World Day for Consecrated Life



*"The discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and his disciples. Young people, if they know how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God's call."*

— Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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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



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

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| <b>MONDAY, February 8</b>  |
| 9:00 <b>Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy</b> , requested by the Parish of Saint Ann |
| <b>TUESDAY, February 9</b>   |
| 9:00 <b>Jonathan Michael Gilotti</b> , requested by Bill and Janet Newman  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, February 10, Ash Wednesday</b>                               |
| 9:00 <b>Special Intentions</b>   |
| 12:10 <b>Special Intentions</b>  |
| 5:30 <b>Special Intentions</b>   |
| <b>THURSDAY, February 11</b>   |
| 9:00 <b>Anna Stepak</b> , requested by the Osiecki Family                  |
| <b>FRIDAY, January 29/February 12</b>                                      |
| 9:00 <b>Sam Riela</b> , requested by the family                            |
| <b>SATURDAY, February 13</b>   |
| 4:00 <b>Special Intention</b>  |
| <b>SUNDAY, February 14</b>   |
| 7:30 <b>Special Intentions</b>   |
| 9:30 <b>Special Intentions</b> ,   |
| 11:00 <b>Louis R. Diachenko</b> requested by the Gould Family              |

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

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| <b>MONDAY, February 8</b>  |
| <b>Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle:</b> 7:15pm in the church wing. All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church) |
| <b>TUESDAY, February 9</b>   |
| <b>RCIA:</b> 7pm in Room 3   |
| <b>Social Justice Meeting:</b> 7:30pm in Room 2  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, February 10</b>  |
| <b>Lectio Divina:</b> 3:30pm in Room 3   |
| <b>THURSDAY, February 11</b>   |
| <b>Holy Hour:</b> 12 noon in the church, weather permitting  |
| <b>Traditional Choir:</b> 2pm in the Choir Loft  |
| <b>Children's Choir (grades 4-8):</b> 4:15pm in the Choir Loft   |
| <b>Folk/Contemporary Choir:</b> 7:30pm in the Choir Loft   |
| <b>St. Ann Cares Ministry Meeting:</b> 7pm in Room 2   |
| <b>FRIDAY, February 12</b>   |
| <b>SATURDAY, February 13</b>   |
| <b>Men's Breakfast Group:</b> 8am in Room 3  |
| <b>SUNDAY, February 14</b>   |
| <b>Life Teen Mass:</b> 4:30pm in the church  |

### Stations of the Cross


Fridays During Lent: **7:00 pm**  
(except Friday, Feb. 26th due to Confirmation)



### 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, the Archdiocese of Hartford is initiating an Archdiocesan-wide effort to inspire Catholics to experience God's love and mercy offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Every church in the Archdiocese will be open on Mondays from 6 to 7pm during Lent for confessions.

*To help you prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, visit: [Light4you.info](http://Light4you.info)*



## ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 10, 2016

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

## 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.

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

January 31, 2016: \$8,109.60  
 Online Giving (week ending 2/3/16): \$2,354.00  
 Next weekend's second collection:  
*none*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-8: UPCOMING CLASSES

February 21<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>

Next Family Mass: February 7th at 9:30am

Grades K-4 sponsor Parish Coffee after the Mass

## Corporal Works of Mercy

Weekend of February 13/14

Feed the Hungry/Give Drink to the Thirsty

**Parish Collection:** Food and drink will be collected for the Avon Food Pantry and for inner city parishes.

(Grocery bags, shopping lists and paper placemats to decorate will be provided at the church entrances)

**Personal Connection:** Place in the filled bag a decorated placemat and/or a personal note with a promise to pray for the recipients. To -help unload/sort donations, please contact Jim Martino, 860-673-3179.

## ST. ANN CELEBRATES THE YEAR OF MERCY

In this Holy Year, are you ready to Open the Holy Door to Your Heart? The *Rediscover Jesus* Lenten Program begins this week!

Beginning Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10, read a mini-chapter a day from Matthew Kelly's simple but powerful book, *Rediscover Jesus*. See schedule below for book discussion options, starting Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>!

**Small Groups are still forming!** Small Group book discussions are ideal. Contact Ann (below) to register your group and receive leader materials. (Small Group Facilitator training is Sunday, Feb. 7, 12:00pm in Fr. Bennett Hall.)

**Large Group Gatherings:** Check the website for our roster of dates and wonderful speakers! You can be in a Small Group AND attend a Large Group Gathering whenever you like.

**FREE copies of the book** are available in the Gathering Space after Masses this weekend, or in the parish offices during the week.

For all the program details, including the full schedule and book discussion guide, visit our NEW PARISH WEBSITE, [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org). Questions: Ann DiStefano, [ames.distefano@gmail.com](mailto:ames.distefano@gmail.com); (860) 463-7495 (talk or text).

### *Rediscover Jesus* Lenten Program Schedule

**READ:** Feb 10th-14th: *Rediscover Jesus*, Prologue-Chapter 5

#### **GATHER:**

Starting Feb. 14, Small Groups begin weekly gatherings

- Sun, Feb 14, 12:00pm, FB Hall: Parish Gathering  
Speaker: \*Karen Finocchio (RSVP to Ann above)
- Sun, Feb 14, 5:30pm, Church: Confirmation Parents' Gathering. Speaker: \*Jane Ellen Peregrin (RSVP to Ann)
- Mon, Feb 15, 7:15pm, FB Hall: Parish Gathering  
Speaker: \*Karen Finocchio (RSVP to Ann)
- Online Forum opens Feb 14 - log on via [stannavon.org/rediscover-jesus](http://stannavon.org/rediscover-jesus)

\* see our website for bios of our inspiring speakers!

**ACT:** Do the suggested actions in *Rediscover Jesus*, and plan to participate in the Corporal Works of Mercy for Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> (see bulletin announcement)

## 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!

**February 19<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</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.*



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST  
2:00PM

## RELICS OF THE *Passion* HONORING THE SOURCE OF GOD'S MERCY

The Relics of the Passion presentation is organized into a program with supporting musical pieces that serve as a guide to help you meditate upon the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The event concludes with an opportunity for personal veneration of the relics.

The collection includes 8 rare holy relics that would only be seen in collections generally found in Rome or the Holy Land. Included are:

- the relic of the True Cross
- a piece of stone from the table or room where the Last Supper was held
- a piece of the Column of Flagellation
- a piece of the Crown of Thorns
- the effigy of the Veil of Veronica (touched to the original veil)
- a replica of the holy nail which contains filings taken from the true nails
- a piece of bone from St. Longinus
- a thread from the cloth used as the wrapping for the Burial Shroud.

### BASKETBALL STATS - week of 1/31/2016

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| ST. ANN | ST. CHRIS |
| 61      | 54        |



A.Blackmore, T.DelGallo: 2, T.Donovan: 2,  
D.Gondek:9, M.Gondek: 12, M.Gorack: 8  
J.Keenan: 18, L.Meaney: 10  
Devin, Mallory and Jenna, thanks for filling in for us!

It was a very competitive game! Thanks to all of you for a great night. It's not about the winning but how you play the game. You certainly played it well because you always reflect the values of this CYO League.

## ST. ANN CARES



### Is looking for a project for 2016

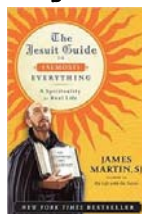
St Ann's Cares is currently looking for projects for this year. Also anyone interested in joining the planning committee we could use your help. Meetings are every Thursday at 7 p.m. in Room 2. Questions contact Steve Rose at: 860-250-5355 or e-mail at [rose\\_sp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rose_sp@sbcglobal.net)



*St Ann's wishes to thank Terry Moody for all the work he did in the development of our Ministry Booklet.*

## The M+M's Annual Book Discussion Evening

Title: The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything  
- A Spirituality for Real Life  
Author: James Martin, S.J.  
Date: Wednesday, Feb.17 at 7 P.M.  
Place: Meeting room under church annex



Father Martin translates St Ignatius Loyola into insights for us, revealing how we find God in our everyday lives and how it is often surprising to us. "Inspiring, easily comprehensible and so often humorous." St. Ignatius was the founder of the Jesuit Order. Pope Francis is a Jesuit. Look for the similarities in their thought and actions. Jot down any remarks and discussion questions you may have. All are invited.

Kindly R.S.V.P. to Nancy Casey by February 15:  
[nancekc@gmail.com](mailto:nancekc@gmail.com) or 860- 673-3141.

## FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY



### Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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|---------|-------|--------|
| present | doves | Spirit |
| peace   | light | glory  |
| parents | child | Simeon |

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| lgith   | _____                |
| Smione  | _____                |
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| goryl   | _____                |
| Siprit  | _____                |
| pecea   | _____                |

For the Kids...

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

WHO INSPIRES YOU TO  
"LEAVE EVERYTHING"  
AND FOLLOW JESUS?

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the old Walt Kelly comic strip "Pogo" every time things would get to be too much for the main characters you could bet on seeing the "Gone fishin" sign posted on a nearby tree. It was a literary device that Kelly used, to bring a break to the previous action and change the story line. In a way, Luke does the same thing in Sunday's Gospel. After the press of the crowds, Jesus convinces Simon to let him teach from the boat. Then he tells him to head out into deep water to fish. We've changed the subject from Jesus healing and preaching. Suddenly, we've "Gone fishin'," and while initially that's what is literally happening, it doesn't stay that way for long. It's a setup for the greater point of the story: "From now on you will be catching men."

It's not just Simon and the sons of Zebedee that get led into this convenient little scenario. Gospels are not just quaint stories. They are good news for us as well. Jesus gets into life with us, much like he got into Simon's boat. He tells us to go out a little farther, that is, to stretch our faith a little more. And even when we want to give up ("we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing") he tells us to cast into the deep. Trusting in him, we find that wondrous things happen as we witness to the meaning of Jesus in our lives. In the end, the example of our faith is to lead others to Jesus. That's where instead of fish, we'll be catching men and women.

It wouldn't be the worst thing in the world if we hung a little "Gone fishin" sign somewhere where we would see it every day, as long as we remember that our faith is the net, and from now on we're out there fishing to bring others to Christ.

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### Defending Our Religious Liberty

We are called to advocate for the most fundamental of human goods and rights, in particular, the right to life and the right not only to profess our faith, but to live it out. We are advocating for the freedom to "be Catholic," to go about our lives serving the needs of our brothers and sisters, regardless of their race, creed, or religion, not because they are Catholic but because we are Catholic.

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 7, 2016

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-5, 7-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11  
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10-11/Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25  
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15  
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32  
 Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

# THE BULLETIN BOARD



## Knights of Columbus - Lenten Fish Fry

Come and enjoy our Lenten family night out of dining. The Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien Assembly of the Knights' of Columbus is having its' Annual Family Lenten Friday fish fry February 19, 2016 from 5 to 7pm at 302 New Britain Ave. Unionville. A second night out will be in March 2016 same time same place. The February menu will be Fish and Chips for \$10.00 or Mac & Cheese at \$6.00 Cole Slaw, soft drink, coffee +, with children under 7 free. Tickets are being sold in advance with a limited number available at the door. Takeout orders are available. Call Maurice Goldberg 860-677-2922 or Dick Slattery 860- 673-5420 for questions or to reserve tickets.

## A Search for an Elementary Catholic School Principal for St. Mary School Simsbury is Underway

The Search Committee is seeking committed, energetic, visionary principal candidates interested in leading St. Mary School into the future. Successful candidates will possess at a minimum the following qualifications: Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church; Master's Degree from a regionally accredited college/university; Five years successful teaching and/or administrative experience. Interested candidates should contact Deputy Superintendent Mrs. Maria Maynard via Diane Newell at [diane.newell@ahct.org](mailto:diane.newell@ahct.org), 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002, (860) 242-5573. Available openings will be listed at: <http://catholicschoolsct.org/>

## Divorce and Beyond Support Group 2016 Spring Session

Our Lady of Loreto  
Church Hall  
12 Ardsley Road, Waterbury, CT 06708  
Beginning on Wednesday March 16th, 2016  
6:30 PM  
Register by contacting Barbara at: (203) 910-1561  
Registration Deadline: 3/8/2016  
ALL INQUIRIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL  
ALL ARE WELCOME

## 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 you can contact Danielle Frissora at [dfrissora@gmail.com](mailto:dfrissora@gmail.com).

## New Day Program

Spring  
Location:  
St Margaret Mary  
80 Hayes Road South Windsor CT  
Dates:  
04-03/2016 - 06/05/2016  
Description of the group:  
Bereavement Session for those with loss  
Contact Name:  
Wanda or Joel Pelletier  
Contact number:  
860-597-1541 or 860- 597-1542

## 3 Scholarships awarded by the Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, Inc.

**Amount:** \$1,000 for one year (2016-2017)  
**Eligibility:** Any Catholic student who is a Hartford County resident now attending an accredited secondary school, and who wishes to attend a four year college beginning in 2016  
**Basis for Selection:** Need-Scholarship-Character-Leadership - Achievement  
**Application Deadline:** March 15, 2016  
See your Principal or counselor or go to [www.Catholicgraduatesct.org](http://www.Catholicgraduatesct.org)

## Saint Ann Parish Library News...



The Saint Ann Parish Library has a variety of Lenten devotionals and books, including Way of the Cross devotionals for both adults and children. The library features a variety of books that can be a wonderful source of inspiration for all ages as we prepare for Lent and Christ's resurrection at Easter.