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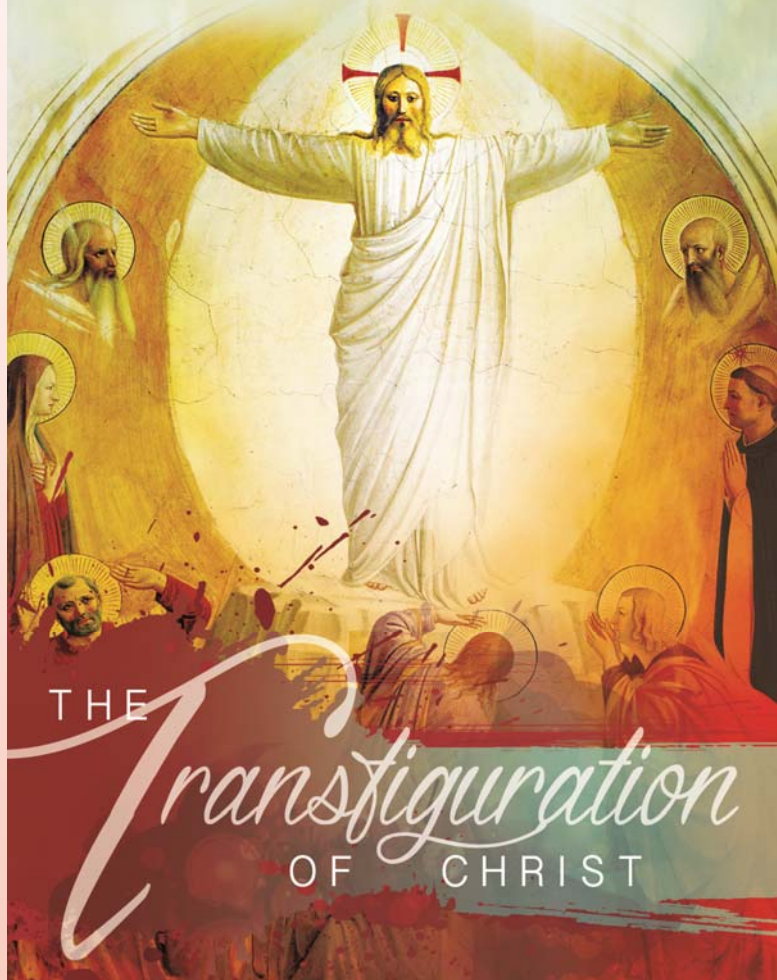
MARRIAGES

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



THE Transfiguration OF CHRIST

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

2nd Sunday of Lent



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.

- MONDAY, February 22**
9:00 Special Intentions
- TUESDAY, February 23**
9:00 James McHugh, *requested by the family*
- WEDNESDAY, February 24**
9:00 Raymond Zalenski, *requested by the family*
- THURSDAY, February 25**
9:00 Edmund Sikora (11th Ann), *requested by his wife and family*
- FRIDAY, February 26**
9:00 For an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our confirmandi (living)
- SATURDAY, February 27**
4:00 Manda Koch, *requested by Russell & Diane Koch*
- SUNDAY, February 28**
7:30 Lothar Candels, *requested by St. Ann Social Justice/Scholarship Committee*
9:30 Aleksandra Smolinski & Cora Sopolak, *requested by the Sopolak Family*
11:00 Patty Brewer Hall, *requested by the O'Brien Family*

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S


- MONDAY, February 22**
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church wing. All are welcome! (*Enter through door on the left side of the church*)
- TUESDAY, February 23**
RCIA: 7pm in Room 3
- WEDNESDAY, February 24**
Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3
- THURSDAY, February 25**
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church, weather permitting
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
Children's Choir (grades 4-8): 4:15pm in the Choir Loft
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft
St. Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2
- FRIDAY, February 26**
CONFIRMATION: 7pm in the church
NO Stations of the Cross: will return NEXT Friday at 7pm
- SATURDAY, February 27**
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3
- SUNDAY, February 28**
Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church



Divine Mercy Holy Hour
Sunday, February 28th
2:30 - 3:30pm.


The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at St. Ann. Please join us for this powerful devotion!

www.Light4you.info



CONFESSIONS DURING LENT
MONDAYS 6 - 7 PM

Every Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Hartford



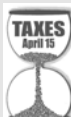
No Stations of the Cross
THIS FRIDAY, Feb. 26th
due to Confirmation taking place



Confirmation

On Friday, February 26th, Bishop Peter Rosazza will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation here at the parish of St. Ann. Please pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our confirmation candidates and that their hearts will be open to receive His gifts.

There will be no Stations of the Cross on this evening (February 26th).



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.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

February 14, 2016: \$7,612.15
 Online Giving (week ending 2/17/16): \$2,634.00
 Next weekend's second collection:
Monthly

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-8: UPCOMING CLASSES
 February 21st and February 28th

Corporal Works of Mercy

This Weekend of February 20/21
 Clothe the Naked

Parish Collection: New socks, underwear (boxers for boys/men), t-shirts for children (ages 5-18) and adults, children's pajamas, and shirts and pants for the Hartford Catholic Worker Youth Programs.

Personal Connection: Help deliver items to the Hartford Catholic Worker House. For details/dates please contact Mary Lou Connors: 860-673-4694

Next Weekend of February 27/28
 Shelter the Homeless

Parish Collection: Collection for ImmaCares Shelter, Hartford: New/used clean blankets, bath towels, plastic-coated paper plates, coffee cups, utensils, paper towels, trial-size soap, napkins, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shampoo.

Personal Connection: To help deliver the donated items, or to participate in the cooking/serving of meals for ImmaCare residents March 3 and March 24, please contact Karen Finocchio, (860) 559-1373.

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!

March 4th
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.

St. Ann Celebrates the Year of Mercy

Rediscover Jesus Lenten Program This Week
 (Book Discussions: Chap 6-12):

READ:

- This week, we discuss Chap. 6-12; week of Feb 28, Chap. 13-19
- Sign up to receive daily videos/reflections via dynamiccatholic.com

GATHER:

Small Groups: Meetings continue. (You may still join, see below.)

Large Groups: Visit stannavon.org for full details.

RSVPs & drop-ins welcome!

- Sun, Feb 21, 9:00am, AMS: **Gr. K-4 Parents' Gathering** featuring guest speaker **Lisa Stevens**.
- Sun, Feb 21, noon, FB Hall: **Parish Gathering** featuring guest speaker **Fr. Joe Cheah**.
- Sun, Feb 21, 6:00pm, AMS: **Gr. 5-8 Parents' Gathering** featuring guest speaker **Lisa Stevens**.
- Mon, Feb 21, 7:15pm, FB Hall: **Parish Gathering** featuring **Fr. Joe Cheah** (Repeat of Sunday's presentation.) (No snowdate for this gathering.)

Speakers for Feb 28/29: **Parish:** Mary Beth Bruder; **K-8 Parents:** Lysa Termeer; **Gr. 9-10 Parents:** Deacon Jeffrey Sutherland

Online Discussion Forum: Join in! Log on via stannavon.org.

ACT:

- Participate in the Feb. 27/28 Corporal Works of Mercy **shelter collection** in a big way!
- Do the suggested activities in *Rediscover Jesus*.
- **SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK!** Visit stannavon.org to see what folks are saying about the book and the program, and share your thoughts.

WANT TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

We would be happy to welcome you! (Please contact the leader.)

- Sundays, 10:30am in Rm 3: **mixed**; Eva Kaminski, (860) 673-5259
- Mondays, 9:30am in Activity Rm: **mixed**; Sandy Bondhus, (860) 678-1808
- Tuesdays, 9:30am in Activity Rm: **moms**; Juliana Capaozoli, (860) 352-2390
- Wednesdays, 4:00pm in Rm 3: **mixed**; Cathy DeSimas, (860) 693-8813
- Thursdays, 3:00pm in homes: **women**; Anne Yurch, (860) 675-1366
- Fridays, 11:30am in homes: **Spanish**: Paola Hernandez, (860) 507-6104
- Saturdays, 8:00am in Rm 3: **men**; Al Saxer, (860) 673-4111

For *Rediscover Jesus* program info, visit www.stannavon.org.
 Questions: Ann DiStefano, ames.distefano@gmail.com; (860) 463-7495.

Church of Saint Ann

THIS SUNDAY, FEB. 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.

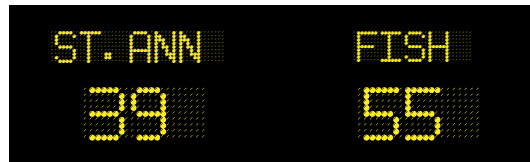
The collection includes 8 rare holy relics that would only be seen in collections generally found in Rome or the Holy Land. Included are:

- 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.

"Everything
we gain
comes from
what *we give.*"

~St. Teresa of Ávila

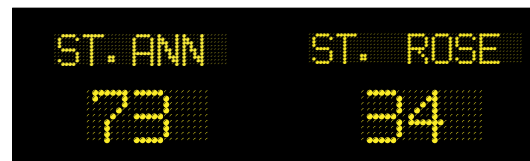
BASKETBALL STATS - week of 2/13/2016



S. DelGallo: 20, M.Gondek: 16, M.Gorack: 11, J.Keenan, L.Meaney: 4,
(St. Rose players: Mike: 15, Mark & Brianna)

What an amazing game. Sean Del Gallo shot 4 (3) point baskets in the first quarter followed by Matt Gondek with 2. It seemed to continue throughout the rest of the evening. Some would say there was magic in the gym that night. The really transcending moment didn't come from the skills displayed on the court but in the friendships formed. It was the first time in 13 years that our teens played with the teens from the other teams and not against them. That joy can only come from the Holy Spirit.

BASKETBALL STATS - week of 2/13/2016



S. DelGallo: 14, M.Gondek: 12, J.Keenan: 6, L.Meaney: 4,
(St. Chris player: Max: 35)

This was the second game of the evening. Max Gorack wasn't able to play this weekend due to a back injury but assisted coaches Matt Gondek and Dean Zacchio. Several of our other players weren't able to make the game. Because we were short Max from St. Chris helped us out. He was on fire that night too. He scored 35 points. From the smile on his face one could sense that he was feeling pretty good about himself. Our teens contributed to his moment of glory because they kept passing him the ball since he was on a roll. The most points scored in one game was many years ago. Max didn't beat the record of 51 points but with a little help from his new friends he certainly tried.

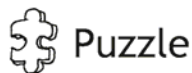
I Can Do This!



The week-end of January 30 & 31 Ministry Booklets, with a description of each ministry and the contact information for each ministry leader, were handed out at the end of Mass. In that weekend's bulletin a form called "I Can Do This" was inserted, can be used to sign up for a ministry. The completed form can be dropped in the offertory basket on any Sunday or by leaving it in the office with Kris Martino. You can call any of the ministry leaders in the booklet for more information about their ministry and sign up with them.

Please review the ministry booklet and determine which ministry fits your family!!!

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY



Puzzle

Help Jesus find the way to his tent.



For the Kids...

QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

WHAT ROLE DOES
SILENCE PLAY IN YOUR
LENTEN JOURNEY?

2nd Sunday of Lent

Many of us have buried relatives or friends who have had an impact on our lives. Standing there in the funeral home or meditating at their grave, we can recall what they meant to us, how their words or actions touched us in some way, how what they did gave some shape to the person we are today. Often, it is only years later that we recognize in ourselves some of their own character.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church invests in the common good. It runs and operates schools, hospitals, universities, charities and social services. Our government and society have long relied on them for help and taken advantage of the vast network that churches and religious institutions provide to aid people in need and to help form good citizens. But, when we are told we've got to stop being who we are, to put aside our beliefs, or plainly go against our conscience in order to be allowed to contribute to the common good, we must speak out.

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 21, 2016

Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/ Phil 3:17--4:1 or 3:20--4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/ 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
1st Scrutiny:	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Every year on the Second Sunday of Lent, we hear a version of the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. Matthew, Mark, and Luke each describe the experience in a rather similar fashion. But Luke adds something that the others leave out. As Jesus converses with Moses and Elijah who have appeared alongside him on the mountain, Luke says that they "spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." This is pure Lucan theology. Luke constructs his Gospel in such a way that Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem where he will accomplish the fulfillment of his Father's will through his death and resurrection. In doing so, he ushers in the era of the church on which the Holy Spirit is poured out, as a prelude to the triumph of the kingdom of God. For Luke, the exodus of Jesus in Jerusalem is his passover from death to life in the glory of the Resurrection. The Transfiguration is a glimpse of that glory.

In a way, at the top of that mountain, Peter, James, and John were already witnessing what could be the impact of this man in their lives. He was going to change everything. As he has done with us! During Lent we take some time to reflect on what the life and teaching of Jesus means to us. We don't stand at his grave, but at an empty tomb, and recall that the One who passed over from death to life holds that promise for us as well.

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Thank you and see you on **Facebook!**

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@aohct.org, 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002, (860) 242-5573. Available openings will be listed at: <http://catholicschoolsct.org/>

24 Hours for the Lord

Our Lenten practice this year calls us to rejoice in God who is rich in mercy. His Holiness, Pope Francis, asks that the whole Church throughout the world, including Hartford, unite on March 4-5 to pray and seek mercy for us and the world. This worldwide act of prayer is called *"24 Hours for the Lord."* For 24 hours, beginning at 5:00 on Friday, March 4th and continuing until 5:00 on Saturday, March 5th there will be exposition and adoration of the Eucharist and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the world.

In the Archdiocese of Hartford this will take place at three parishes: St. Peter Claver in West Hartford, Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Hamden, and St. John's in Watertown.

This initiative needs your involvement. Please come to one of these parishes to pray and unite with the whole world in seeking God's mercy. Please come and experience the grandeur of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and place mercy and the center of your life. Please come knowing that when you seek the mercy of God you will surely find it.

This is a time, as Pope Francis writes, "to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives." May we all continue to be transformed by mercy.

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
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- 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.

WINTER/SPRING SEW and CUT DAYS are:

FEBRUARY
Monday 2/22 @ Quilts2Heal
78 Bronson Rd. Avon,
CT from 9:30 - 5:00

MARCH
Tuesday 3/1 @ Sew Inspired
8 Wilcox St. Simsbury 10:00 - 4:00
Wednesday 3/9 @ Quilts2Heal
78 Bronson Rd. Avon,
CT from 9:30 - 5:00
Sew Inspired 8 Wilcox St.
Simsbury 10:00 - 4:00

*Come for an hour or two,
or stay the day!*

*Bring a friend! Bring your
daughter, aunt, cousins!*

Holy Land Tour 2016

St. Catherine of Siena Parish invites you to travel with them to the Holy Land in October, 2016.

Learn all the details of this exciting once in a lifetime trip on Wednesday March 9th, at 7 PM in Russell Hall, St. Catherine of Siena Church, West Simsbury. A veteran professional Holy Land traveler will present the trip itinerary including: Galilee, Nazareth, Capernaum, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. Non-stop airfare, accommodations, tour guides, trip costs and trip insurance will be reviewed.

Please join us for this opportunity to experience our themed tour "Walk in the footsteps of Jesus". Questions or for more information contact Tom Clarke 860-559-1047 or email tom.daybreak@gmail.com