

Catholic Community of Stratford



LENTEN REVIVAL

*Join us for four evenings of prayer and
reflection on the journey of Lent.
Bring your Bible!*

Featured Speaker: **Deacon Art Miller**
Author, USCCB radio host, preacher

MARCH 14~17 6:00~7:00PM

Holy Name of Jesus Church
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Deacon Art Miller is the former director of the Office for Black Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Hartford. A nationally known preacher of God's Holy Scripture, he has traveled throughout the country raising the need of conversion to "Radical Love". The kind of self-denying love that can only be accomplished through the grace and power offered to us through Jesus Christ. Deacon Miller addresses issues of social injustice. With firsthand knowledge he speaks to his audiences from the perspective of an African American who grew up on the South Side of Chicago in the 1940s and 1950s. Deacon Miller was 10 years old in 1955 when his schoolmate Emmett Till, age 14, was brutally murdered in Mississippi for allegedly whistling at a white woman — an incident that energized the nascent Civil Rights Movement. His book, *The Journey to Chatham*, details the historic events seen through the eyes of Emmett's friends. Today, Deacon Miller addresses 21st-century examples of the same intolerance. Deacon Miller sees such racial divisiveness as an example of "human hatred that is the result of what happens when one group seeks power by dehumanization." Echoing the thoughts of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he believes that as part of the great human experience, no one can sit idly tolerant of the great injustices that happen anywhere in the world. "If God were to give us an 11th commandment," Deacon Miller proposes, "I believe it would read: *Thou shall not be a bystander*"