



# Church of Saint Ann

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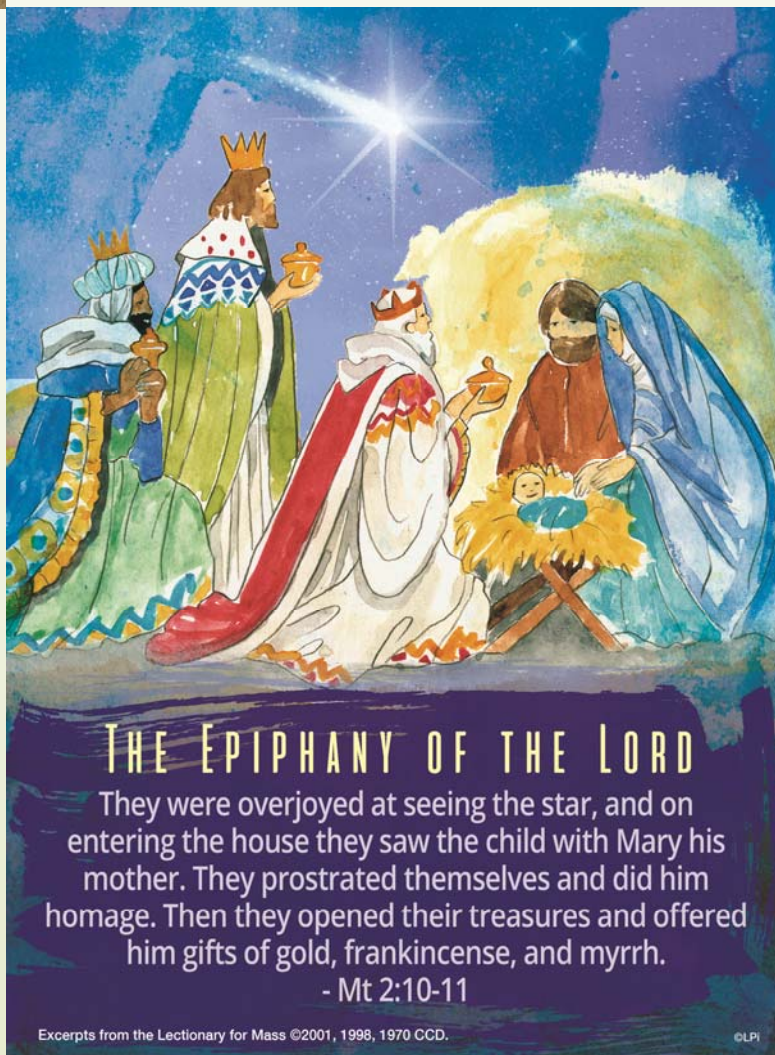
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## MARRIAGES

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.



## 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



## The Epiphany of the Lord

**MONDAY, January 8**  
9:00 Special Intentions

**TUESDAY, January 9**  
9:00 Special Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, January 10**  
9:00 Special Intentions

**THURSDAY, January 11**  
9:00 For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY, January 12**  
9:00 Carol Cunningham, requested by the family

**SATURDAY, January 13**  
4:00 Fr. Maynard Kearns, requested by  
his sister, Julie

**SUNDAY, January 14**  
7:30 Irene Girard, requested by the family  
9:30 John O'Neill, requested by Heidi O'Neill  
11:00 Loretta Vernon, requested by the  
Prince Thomas of Savoy Women's Auxiliary

# WELCOME!



*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, January 8

**MMP Cenacle:** 7:15pm in the church.

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

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

### TUESDAY, January 9

**RCIA:** will resume January 9th

### WEDNESDAY, January 10

**Book Sale DROP OFF:** 9:30am - 6pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

**Matthew Bible Study:** 7:15pm in Room 3

### THURSDAY, January 11

**Book Sale DROP OFF:** 9:30am - 6pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

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

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

**Children's Choir:** 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

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

**St. Ann Cares Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Room 1

### FRIDAY, January 12

**Book Sale DROP OFF:** 9:30am - 11:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

**Matthew Bible Study:** 9:30am in Room 3

**Book Sale:** 5-7:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (\$5 adult admission)

### SATURDAY, January 13

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

**Book Sale:** 9am-6pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (no admission)

### SUNDAY, January 14

**Book Sale:** 8am-12:45pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (no admission)

**Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures:** 10:30am in Rm. 3

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour:** 2:30pm in the church

*Next Weekend!*

## TENTH ANNUAL Used Book Sale

*In Father Bennett Hall*

*All proceeds go toward Catholic High School Student Scholarships*



### Book Donations:

*Please donate books during the  
following book sale collection dates/times:*

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> \* 9:30am-6pm**

**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> \* 9:30am-6pm**

**Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> \* 9:30am-11:30am**

Please donate best sellers, fiction, non-fiction,  
religious, classics, biographies, memoirs,  
self-help books, vintage books, cookbooks large print,  
children's books, young readers and  
books-on-CD.

### Volunteering:

To volunteer for book sorting  
or sale please contact:

Nancy  
860-673-3141  
nancekc@gmail.com

Or

Constance at  
860-404-0204  
constance.rotondo@comcast.net

### Book Sale Dates:

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**Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

5pm - 7:30pm

\$5 adult admission - Fri. only

**Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

9am - 6pm

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

8am - 12:45pm

**New This Year:** A Children's Story Hour on Saturday, January 13th at 1pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

## The Men of Saint Ann's

# Annual Men's Retreat January 19 - 21, 2018

**At Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center  
West Hartford**

**Join Us for a focus on: "Grace Enough"**

Join Holy Family's retreat team for a weekend of peace and reflection on the power of God's grace in our lives. In an age of division, tension and change, *Grace Enough* will explore the many ways God's presence empowers us and supports us through every step of life's journey. Discover anew how God's grace is our greatest source of strength and courage to meet the ever-present challenges in our lives. Together we'll reflect on how living in God's grace guides us to make wise choices, leading to true happiness and peace.

The retreat begins with a buffet dinner from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes with the celebration of Sunday Eucharist at 10:45 a.m., followed by an optional hot brunch at noon. Families of retreatants are most welcome to attend the Sunday mass and brunch at no extra charge.

**For more information go to the  
Holy Family Retreat Center website:**

**<https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org>**

**Click on Retreats, then Themed Retreats**

*Call or Email us:*

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*Bob Yurch: 860-675-1366 or [byurch@fiainc.com](mailto:byurch@fiainc.com)*

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### Thank you!

Heartfelt thanks to all those who helped make the Advent Reflection Series such a blessing for our parishioners:

- Fr. McHugh, for generously providing the booklets
- Mark Hamel, for creating the discussion guide and facilitating a Small Group
- Ann DiStefano, Karen Edgar, Mary Healey, Chip Janiszewski and Jim Serruta, for facilitating Small Groups
- The dozens of participants who gathered to share their faith together.

If you read and reflected on the booklet in a group OR on your own, and it deepened your experience of Advent/Christmas, please let Ann know: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com); (860) 673-9858, x228.

### Make 2018 a Year for Spiritual Growth!

Join us for "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures," which resumes the week of January 7<sup>th</sup>. We meet weekly for 90 minutes to read and reflect on the upcoming Sunday Scriptures via brief historical background and the popular *Lectio Divina* prayer practice. Our groups consist of friendly people who want to grow in our relationships with God and one another, and enhance our experience of Mass. All are welcome, materials are provided (bring your own Bible if you like), and no prior experience is needed. Come whenever you can!

Join us at one of these convenient times:

- Sundays, 10:30am, Room 3; facilitator: Chip Janiszewski
- Mondays, 7:15pm, Room 3; facilitator: Jim Serruta

For more information, contact Ann @ [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com) (860) 673-9858, x228

# Special Program for Women

Women of Influence



**Our Lady of Calvary**  
RETREAT CENTER

Wednesday, January 10 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Presenter: Sr.

Elissa Rinere, CP



All women of the parish are invited to join the Marthas + Marys for "Women Of Influence," a special day program on Wed., Jan. 10th, 9am-1pm at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington. Sr. Elissa Rinere will host an engaging presentation on the four inspiring women named "Doctor of the Church:" Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, and Hildegard of Bingen. Lunch is provided. The cost is \$30.

Register at:

<https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/event/women-influence/>

Questions: Ann DiStefano, (860) 673-9858, x228

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

December 24, 2017: \$5,190.62

December 31, 2017: will be reported next weekend

Online Giving (week ending 1/3/18): \$8,670.00

Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: Fuel

## CONFIRMED?

*Are you an adult Catholic who has been baptized and received First Communion, but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation?*

St. Ann's is delighted to offer a six-week preparation program just for you, leading to your receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral in Hartford in April 2018. The April date has not yet been determined but will be announced soon.

The Adult Confirmation Program will meet on Thursdays starting January 25<sup>th</sup> until Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. The class, which will be in Room 2 (below Fr. Bennett Hall), will run from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Deacon Jeffrey Sutherland and Deacon Tim Healy will facilitate the class.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Maureen Fiedler, RCIA and Adult Confirmation Program Coordinator at 860-995-4026.



*Hey, Fr. McHugh's inviting us to a party!*

**You're  
Invited!**

## St. Ann's first Ever Baptism Reunion.

- Who: Parents with children baptized in the last five years.  
What: Meet, play, eat, enjoy getting together with other families with recently baptized children.  
 Pick up your free Baptism Go-Kit!  
When: After the 11am Mass on January 7th for about an hour.  
Where: Fr. Bennett Hall

We've mailed out as many invitations as we could, but we know we've probably missed plenty of people. If you've had a child baptized in the last four or five years, consider yourself invited!

**We hope to see you there!**

RSVP to Deacon Tim via email (DeaconTim@StAnnAvon.com) or text/voicemail his cell (860) 693-9744.

## Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Next Sunday, Jan. 14th

2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Our Lord told St. Faustina, "For the soul that trusts much will be given." Please join us as we place our trust in Jesus!



*Thank You, St. Ann's Youth Choir,  
for doing such a beautiful job leading  
us in song on Christmas Eve!*

*If you're in grades 4-8 and like to  
sing, join us for rehearsals Thursdays  
from 4:15-5pm in the choir loft.*

## Calling All Artists!

- WHO:** Artists of all ages  
**WHAT:** Your art work as a donation to the 9th Annual St. Ann Art Show and Sale  
**HOW:** Use contact information below. All mediums accepted: watercolor, acrylic, oil, pencil, collage, photography, sculpture, artisan crafts, fabric art, etc.  
**WHEN:** Donations happily accepted, preferably by January 26, 2018  
**CONTACT:**  
 Inez Faillace: 860.673.5579 or faillace1@comcast.net  
 Meg Kundaht: 860.521.1051 or mkfk@sbcglobal.net

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*My mother-in-law was the best gift-giver I ever knew. One could say my parents spoiled me growing up, but there was something about her gifts to me that made me feel overwhelmed. I guess it was that after several years I still was surprised that she would think enough of me to get me something no one else would. She was able to make me feel special every time. Of course, I believe she honored me in this way because I accepted her greatest gift to me, her daughter.*

*Sadly, my mother-in-law did not live long in this world. She passed away over a decade ago due to an aggressive cancer. Some of her material gifts to me remain, while others are long gone. But the memories and the effect of those gifts remain because it was never all about the gifts themselves. It was about relationship. It was about her and me. It was about love.*

*What we offer Jesus is never about the gift itself. It is about the motivation behind the action and the effect that action has on the body of Christ. Many of the gifts we give today to God and his people will fade away like the mist of the early morning, but the effects of those actions will last forever. It is about relationship. It is about God and us. It is about love.*

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## QUOTES

### Words to Inspire the Faithful

*The most important person is always the person with whom you are, who is right before you*

- Leo Tolstoy

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. (Is 60:3)

### Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

### Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. (Eph 3:2-3a)

### Gospel:

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Mt 2:10-11)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the Week of January 7, 2018

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk 1:7-11  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17  
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God's word, spoken through the prophet Micah: "And you, Bethlehem ... from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel" (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced.

On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to "prostrate themselves" and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as he sits on the lap of his mother.

The generosity of these three "kings" is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent his divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing he will receive upon his death.

Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country "by another way." Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves.

Faith, humility, generosity, and wisdom. These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

Jesus came for everyone. No one has an exclusive claim on Christ and his birth not only transcends time and space but earthly boundaries as well. Every human being is a child of God. Jews and Gentiles alike are all coheirs, partners and members of the same body. This insight or epiphany is what we celebrate today. It also expresses our hope that one day every nation on earth will recognize and adore Jesus Christ. Jesus' message of peace, justice, reconciliation and love are meant for everyone to hear and understand.

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### St. Mary's School - Simsbury

January is Jumping at St. Mary's School! Take the leap to learn more about the advantages of a Catholic Education!

Take a Tour: Walk in Wednesdays, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>  
Drop in anytime between 9:00 am to 11:00 am and see our classrooms in action.

Sunday Open House: Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
– Meet staff, faculty, current parents and students and alumni. Featuring workshops for both parents and children in coding and cursive!

Fairy Tale Fridays: Have a 3 or young 4 year old and thinking about Prekindergarten? Come in for story time and nursery rhymes with fun activities for Mom and child and take a peek at life as a Prekindergarten student at St. Mary's School!

Friday Mornings 9:00 am to 9:45 am Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> thru Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>.

For more information or to register for any of these events please contact Toni Chagnon at 860-658-9412 or [tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.edu](mailto:tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.edu)

**ELM** is an initiative of the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis, generously supported by the Hartford Bishops' Foundation, which serves to promote greater vitality and vibrancy in our parishes.

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Evangelizing Catechesis  
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**2018-2019 cohort is FREE OF CHARGE**  
**due to the generosity of the**  
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**Apply today for these limited spots!**



The Leadership Formation program is 1.5 years of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation, providing a ministerial foundation for:

- Those who are entering a new ministry
- Those who have ministerial experience but need theological or pastoral development
- Those who wish to participate in ongoing formation in ministry

The first cohort will begin on February 3, 2018.  
Applications are due by January 19, 2018.

For more information visit the website: <http://catholicdaohct.org/elm/elm-leadership-formation>

### 2 Great Catholic Tours (Holyland) and (Fatima and Lourdes)

Come and Journey away on a tour of the Holyland April 24<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 or Fatima and Lourdes June 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

Both of these great itineraries can be found on our website [www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com](http://www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com)

Prices begin at \$1449.00 per person based on double occupancy for land. Call us for your air city departure price. Mass is offered. Deposits of only \$250 per person for the land will reserve your space. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/  
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