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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.



3RD SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a

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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:

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



**3rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, January 28

9:00 **John Van Hare**, requested by
the Osiecki Family

TUESDAY, January 29

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, January 30

9:00 **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, January 31

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, February 1

9:00 **Hera Droste**, requested by the family

SATURDAY, February 2

4:00 **Terry Tromza**, requested by
Mary Jane Jeter

SUNDAY, February 3

7:30 **Special Intentions**

9:30 **Lewis Affelder**, requested by the family

11:00 **Newell Stamm**, requested by
the Argay Family

Sandwich Sunday

Next Sunday

February 3rd



JOIN US: in Fr. Bennett Hall after 7:30am, 9:30am and 11am Masses to make sandwiches for the homeless.

PLEASE BRING: 1 ½ lbs deli meat, ¾ lb sliced cheese, 1 large loaf of bread (white or wheat)

RECIPIENTS WILL BE: ImmaCare Shelter, Mercy Shelter and St. Joseph Cathedral Food Pantry

HELP MAKE DELIVERIES: Call/Email Ann DiStefano (contact info on bulletin cover)

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 28

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!

Young Adult Bible Study: 2nd/4th Mondays, 7:30pm (Activity Rm)

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

TUESDAY, January 29

RCIA (morning group): 9:30am in Room 3

RCIA (evening group): 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, January 30

Acts Bible Study: 6:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, January 31

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

Youth Choir: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

St. Ann Cares Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

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

FRIDAY, February 1

Acts Bible Study: 9:30am in Room

SATURDAY, February 2

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, February 3

Sandwich Sunday: in Fr. Bennett Hall after all Masses

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

GREAT WAY TO LIVE OUR FAITH! KIDS AND FAMILIES WELCOME!

(You can drop off food in kitchen refrigerator before Mass or if cold enough leave in car)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

More details are at stannavon.com, or contact Director of AFF,
Ann DiStefano: ann.distefano@stannavon.com (860) 673-9858, x.228

Make 2019 a Year of Deeper Relationships with God and Others

Encounter God in the Bible

"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" helps you make personal connections to the Sunday readings through the lens of historical context and the popular *Lectio Divina* prayer method.

Drop ins welcome! All materials provided.

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

Adult Confirmation

Have you been baptized and received First Communion, but were never confirmed as a youth? Give yourself the blessing of Adult Confirmation. Our seven-week preparation series will run February 12th through April 4th. The Confirmation ceremony is May 14, 2019.

Parenting with Purpose

Join us for our engaging video series on parenting on CCD Sundays at Avon Middle School, Room 228.

* 9am - For K-4th Grade parents (**Childcare for babies-preK is available at this session - sign up by Thurs prior with babysitters Lisa, lrg1010@comcast.net AND Paula, uconnloves@att.net**)

* 5:45pm - For 5th-8th Grade parents

Young Adult Group

Unwind, connect and explore faith with other men, women and couples in their 20's and 30's.

For details contact: Kylie Brasel, (860) 951-6211, kylie.brasel13@gmail.com.

Find us on Facebook: St. Ann's Young Adult Group



Follow Me

...Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus seeks after us and comes to meet us, beckoning us to follow him. He calls us to be his disciples, to trust him, to open ourselves to his merciful love, and to love others as he has loved us. Learn not only how the Gospel of John stands apart from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, but how it is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ and invites you to discover the joy of divine friendship.

This 8 week program starts on Wednesday, February 6th at 9:30AM in Conference Room #3. A 30 minute video is presented by Dr. Edward Sri of Ascension Press followed by small group discussion based on the video. Purchase of the workbook (\$20) registers you to view any or all of the videos online should you miss a session.

For more information or to register please contact Ann DiStefano at 860-673-9858 x228 ann.distefano@stannavon.com or Janet Newman @ 860-573-3446 wjnewman@sbcglobal.net.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

January 20, 2019: \$7,987.63
 Online Giving (week ending 1/23/19): \$2,241.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Snow Removal

Thank You From Family Life Education

Cándida Flores
 Chief Executive Officer



Shannon Kula
 Board Chair

January 10, 2019

St. Ann Church
 289 Arch Road
 Avon Ct. 06001

Mary Lou Connors,

On behalf of the Family Life Education staff and the children and families we serve, I want to thank you for your coordination of the holiday sponsorship for twenty of our families. The parents and children truly appreciated the gifts provided to each member of the family. As a non-profit organization, Family Life Education depends on the generous support provided by our funders to help meet the basic needs and provide the positive outcomes that foster the healthy development of Hartford's young children and their families. The generous support of individuals, foundations and Church Congregations such as St. Ann, enables us to fulfill our mission to serve and empower our community. We thank you for your time, thoughtfulness and continued commitment to that vision.

Sincerely,

Carmen Morales
 Family Life Education
 Family Center Program Coordinator

75 Charter Oak Ave. Suite 2-180 | Hartford, CT 06106 | www.familylifeedu.org
 P 860.233.9700 | F 860.236.6721



An Artistic Experience

St. Ann's 10th Annual Art Show & Sale

Fr. Bennett Hall

Saturday, February 9th: 11:00-5:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 10th: 8:00am - 12:30pm

Adult fine artists and young emerging artists

Affordable art to grace your walls!

(Proceeds benefit the St. Ann Scholarship Fund)

If you would like to donate
 your artwork or know
 someone who would, please

contact Inez Faillace
 860-653-5579, email:
faillace1@comcast.net or

Meg Kundahl
 860-521-1051, email:
mkfk@sbqglobal.net



Ministry Spotlight : The Men of Saint Ann

The Men of St. Ann have become famous for their Pasta Dinners serving 100 dinners on 3 Fridays during Lent as well as their famous Ladies Night Out every year (a special dinner for Ladies of the parish). We also hold wine tastings that creates great fellowship and extends your knowledge of wines. We are not a fund-raising group but were created to build community within the St. Ann Parish.

The work is relatively easy, and the rewards are immeasurable. Come join us as we need to replenish the loss of members of our group. We especially are in need of men who know their way around a kitchen, and we know we have some closet gourmet chefs looking for a place to showcase their skills.

The other requisite skills are learned in minutes (table setup, waiting on tables, serving food and event cleanup.

For more information please contact:

John Kuzia (kman@kuzia.com 860-284-0020

Tom Murphy (murph556@comcast.net 860-508-2808)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Remember that time when you arrived at school to take a test or quiz on material you failed to read? Maybe it was on a classic book or a chapter in a science textbook. Did your blood pressure go sky high and the sweat start to show on your forehead? Squirming in the seat, you wondered what you could have done to avoid feeling this way. Then it came to you: you should have read what you were supposed to read!

Procrastination, indifference, poor scheduling of time, and stubbornness are all reasons why we fail to be prepared for a situation that arises in our lives. We lack commitment in doing what we are asked to do or what we know we should do. This is certainly true in our spiritual lives as well. We may choose to bear the label of disciple or good steward, but we don't really prepare ourselves for the daily journey of life.

Sacred Scripture can prepare us more fully for the circumstances of life, but not if we fail to read it. The words contained there are Spirit and life for us. They help us to understand where we fit into the Body of Christ and how we are to respond to the daily call of Christ. Everyday Stewards should be committed to reading and reflection of the Word of God. We know we should spend time with God's Word, but too often we fail to due to the same reasons already mentioned. When we failed to read in school, perhaps we failed the test and it hurt our grade. When we fail in life due to lack of preparedness, sometimes the consequences are more severe.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Grace is nothing else but a certain beginning of glory in us.
-St. Thomas Aquinas

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. (Neh 8:6)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor? and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." (Lk 4:18a, 19)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 27, 2019

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [1a]/
Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/
Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/
Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 19 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
or Luke 2:22-32
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1
Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up." Did you grow up in a small town? Whenever you see stories of tight-knit communities, a common refrain is that everybody knows everybody and that's very difficult to change. If you leave and return, people expect you to be and act a certain way, and it's strange for them if you do not. In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus was already moving "in the power of the Spirit and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He...was praised by all." His ministry has begun! News of his growing popularity must have proceeded him to Nazareth.

Upon his arrival, he "went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day." For the first few moments, he is what they expect - their hometown boy returning to pay his respects. As was common of men at the time, he takes a turn reading a passage of Sacred Scripture. It is a bold passage, one he selects intentionally. "He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." After reading about holy anointings, liberation for the poor and prisoners, and physical healings, Jesus does the unthinkable. "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

We are all called to imitate Christ wherever we are. This might mean doing the unexpected! All too often we're content with the daily status quo, and so are the people around us. When we take a stand for Christian values, change our lifestyle to reflect the Gospel, and work for justice in society, we may make others uncomfortable. But Jesus doesn't call us to the same life we lived yesterday or the year before that. He is calling all of us - each and every one of us - to deeper conversion of heart. No matter what other people expect, will you love in the Spirit of the Lord today?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

St. Theresa of Avila reminds us that, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people." We are, in every way shape and form, the Body of Christ. Our bodies are not just one single part but many. We are many, and we are all uniquely different. Yet each in his or her own way contributes significantly to the whole. We are all baptized in one spirit, and there are no distinctions that separate us. We must keep our eyes focused on the greater whole and not get distracted or consumed with particular parts. Everything and everyone must work together for the praise and glory

THE BULLETIN BOARD

A vision for love and marriage in our time.

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the promulgation of *Humane Vitae* an encyclical on love, life and marriage.

Sponsored by the Franciscan Life Center
Saturday, February 16, 2019, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 17, 2019, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
\$65.00/ adult for both days, lunch included.

To register visit flcenter.org or franciscanhc.org
Call: 203-237-8084 for more information

Birthright Needs You!

Birthright needs gently worn maternity and baby clothing.
Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship, counseling and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Birthright has served in Connecticut since 1972 and helped thousands of mothers and babies. There are 8 Birthright locations in our state. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you to arrange for drop off. You may also call if you wish to volunteer. Training is provided. Thank you.

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, Hartford

Group Spiritual Direction Every Tuesday: 12:30-1:30pm

Group Spiritual Direction refers to the active conversation centering on the relationship with God/Divine Presence/Higher Power of what is life-giving. Every Tuesday after the 12:05pm Mass, two Spiritual Directors gather with all who attend for reflection on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday Mass. As companions on the journey, the directors listen for the underlying flow of life (often named 'spirit') in the reading while facilitating conversation within the group. Please join us!

To register please call our Parish Office at 860-675-4034.
Free, well-lit parking is available in the Saints Surface Parking Lot across from the Franciscan Center

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Light a spiritual fire in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 1-3, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT and Jul 12-14, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

Marriage Enrichment Celebration

The Archdiocesan Office of Family Life will hold its 12th annual marriage enrichment evening on:

Saturday, February 2 of 2019

5:00-9:00 p.m.

**Mary Our Queen Church and Parish Center
248 Savage St., Plantsville, CT.**

This year's program will begin with Mass, include dinner, prayer, reflection, and fun centered on the theme:

Where there's an "I Will,"

there's Always a Way:

The Indomitable Spirit of Sacramental Marriage.

Cost is \$25.00 per couple and includes dinner.

To register or obtain more information, contact:

Tom and Donna Finn at 860-302-1110

email to tfinnphd@sbcglobal.net.

Please R.S.V.P. by Jan. 30, 2019.