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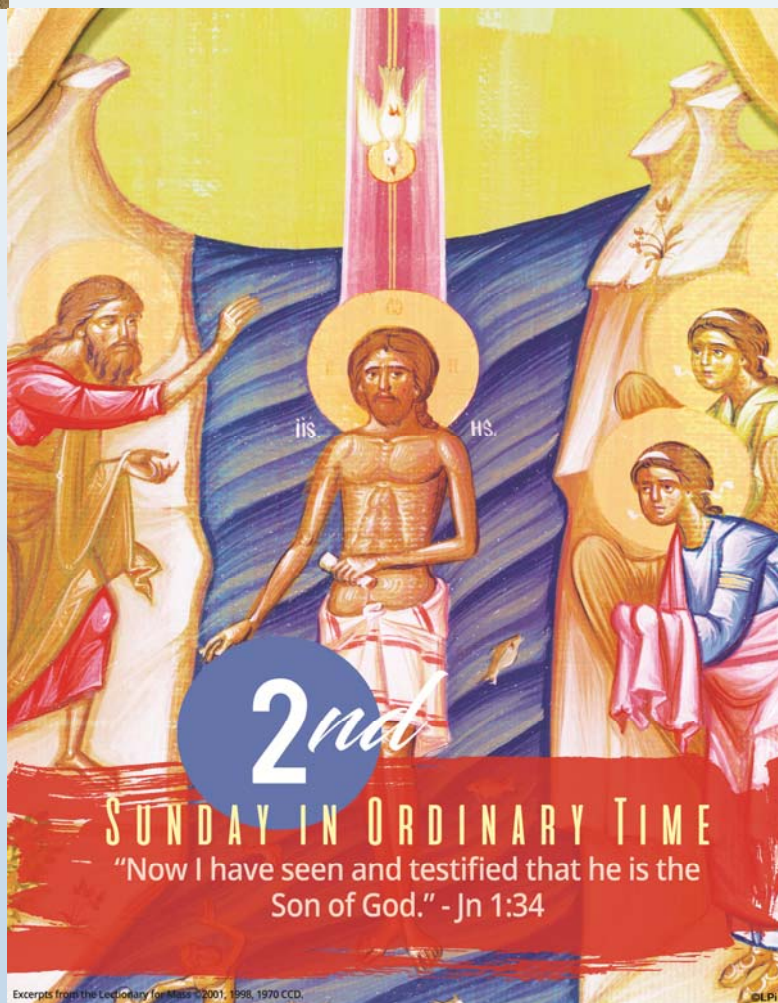
Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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.



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

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri.

9:30-9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon

MASS INTENTIONS



2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

MONDAY, January 20

9:00 For Divine peace, Divine love and Divine will on earth

TUESDAY, January 21

9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, January 22

9:00 For the sanctity of all human life

THURSDAY, January 23

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, January 24

9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, January 25

4:00 Marie Elizabeth Ahern, requested by Judith McCarthy and family

SUNDAY, January 26

7:30 Christopher Cote, requested by the Waterbury Family

9:30 Nieves Mobilo, requested by Lou and Eileen Del Prete

11:00 Dennis Patrick Murphy, requested by the Suski Family

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 20

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church.

All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church)

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

TUESDAY, January 21

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, January 22

Video Series/Relativism: 9:30am in Room 3

Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

(if book sale is using their snow dates meeting will be in Rm.3)

THURSDAY, January 23

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

Video Series/Relativism: 7pm in Room 3

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

FRIDAY, January 24

Video Series/Relativism: 9:30am in Room 3

Holy Hour for Life: 12 noon in the church

Used Book Sale Snow Date (if needed): 5-7:30pm (\$5 admission)

SATURDAY, January 25

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

Used Book Sale Snow Date (if needed): 9am-6pm (free admission)

SUNDAY, January 26

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

Used Book Sale Snow Date (if needed): 8am-12:45pm (free admission)

St. Ann's Used Book Sale This Weekend!

In Father Bennett Hall

All proceeds go toward Catholic High School Student Scholarships

It's Not Too Late To Shop!

Saturday, January 18th: 9am - 6pm

Sunday, January 19th: 8am - 12:45pm



Divine Mercy Holy Hour



**THIS Sunday, January 19th
2:30-3:30pm in the church**

Our Lord Jesus told Saint Faustina that Divine Mercy was given for the present time. Please join us for this powerful devotion to implore God's Mercy for yourself and the whole world.



Women of St. Ann's

ARE YOU READY TO WALK WITH PURPOSE, AND BE

FEARLESS & FREE

PLEASE JOIN US TO CONNECT,
SHARE & BECOME CLOSER TO GOD.

Begin 2020, with friendship.



WHILE BEING WRAPPED IN THE
EMBRACE OF THE ONE WHO
LOVES US ALL COMPLETELY.

Wednesdays: Jan 8-Feb 19 at 7-8:30PM

Cost: \$35 includes book

Please contact

wendyarcher@comcast.net to register



MEN OF ST. ANN KICK OFF 2020 MEETING

This Sunday, January 19th at 5:30pm!

The Men of St. Ann was established to offer fellowship and enrichment to the men of St. Ann's church while also providing service to the parish community and beyond. We are holding our kick off meeting on Sunday January 19th from 5:30-7pm in Activity Room below the wing of the church to plan events for 2020 and beyond. We are looking for fresh faces and fresh ideas and welcome anyone interested in getting involved to join us.

Any questions, please contact Rob St. Jean
(rstjean02@snet.net) or Leo DiStefano
(leo.distefano@comcast.net).

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

All of our parishioners are invited to participate in the Pro-Life Activities scheduled to memorialize the 47th Anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court Decision to legalize abortion. Sunday, January 19th, St. Ann will celebrate The Divine Mercy Holy Hour from 2:30-3:30 p.m. followed by the recitation of the rosary. We will pray for the end to abortion and a renewed respect for all human life. Friday, January 24th, a Holy Hour for Life will be observed from 12 noon-1 p.m. We will unite our prayers with those who are on the March for Life in Washington, D.C. On the Anniversary, Wednesday, January 22nd St. Ann will celebrate the 9 a.m. Eucharist with prayers for the sanctity of all life, especially the unborn.

Join us Monday, Jan 27, at 7pm
In the Activity Rm (beneath the church wing)
Snow date – Tues, Jan 28

Relax,
enjoy refreshments
and
share your
impressions of the
book handed out
at Christmas

Book Discussion:

*Rediscover
the Saints*

TWENTY-FIVE QUESTIONS
THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
MATTHEW KELLY

*Those who struggle to find the relevance of faith
to everyday life are especially welcome!*

RSVP by 1/24: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

860-673-9858, x228

Come, even if you haven't finished the book!



We are happy to announce
that we have
61 candidates making their
Confirmation
at 10:00am on
Saturday, February 29, 2020

Bishop
Juan Miguel Betancourt
will preside.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

January 12, 2020: \$8,818.65
Online Giving (week ending 1/15/20): \$2,600.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools



Faith on Fire

St. Ann will host a Lenten Parish Mission March 21-25 with Vince Ambrosetti of Faith on Fire ministries, known for their FAMILY-ORIENTED programs.

(A parish mission is an invitation to spiritual renewal, not a visit from a missionary) The theme is:

"Awaken Our Hearts: Invigorating the Family of Faith: from Baptism to Table, from Table to World!"

Events include:

- + Ministry Appreciation morning/luncheon Sat, Mar 21
- + Pulpit messages and music at weekend Masses
- + Family Concert Sun, Mar 22, 7pm
- + Presentations and music Mar 23, 24, 25, 7pm

To help plan and execute our Mission events, please contact Ann DiStefano (see bulletin front)

Bible Camp Decorations Help Needed!

Assistant/volunteer needed to help Sue Ollestad create the stage set and decorations for Bible Camp 2020: "Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls us Through". (camp dates: June 22-25).



Contact Valerie St. Jean at
valerie.stjean@stannavon.com
 or 860-673-9858, ext. 223

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ADULT CONFIRMATION - Unlock the Power of the Spirit in Your Life!

Are you an ADULT CATHOLIC who has been baptized and received First Communion, but were NEVER CONFIRMED? We're delighted to offer an 8-week preparation program here at St. Ann's for you, leading to your receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 5, 2020 at 7pm at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford.

WHEN: Thursdays, Feb 13-Apr 2; 7-8:30pm

WHERE: Room 3, lower level of Fr Bennett Hall

FACILITATOR: Deacon Jeff Sutherland

TO REGISTER: Contact ann.distefano@stannavon.com; 860-673-9858, x228

Parents: Tired of Small Talk? Try ALPHA!

January 26th at Avon Middle School
 (while children are in class, both AM & PM sessions)
Childcare provided at morning session



*To register for childcare, contact Lisa Giarratana by the Thursday prior to the session:
lrg1010@comcast.net; 860-471-3776.

Video Series:

"Who am I to Judge - Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love"

Beginning the week of January 6, join us for this 5-week video series so appropriate for our times. Learn how Catholic morality is all about love, how making a judgment is not judging a person's soul, and how, in the words of Pope Francis, "relativism wounds people." Gain greater confidence in God's moral law, greater clarity in how to explain it effectively to our secular friends, and greater compassion for those with whom we disagree.

Register ASAP with Ann DiStefano (see bulletin front) for one of the following sessions:

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am, Room 3

Thursdays, 7-9pm, Room 3

Fridays, 9:30-11:30am, Room 3

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



HEARTS & SOULS

Ministering to body, mind and spirit, the Health Ministry offers blood pressure screening, health counseling and referrals to our community of faith. Upcoming Office Hours: Sunday, February 9th from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Play That One Again

How many times have you sung the church song, "Here I Am, Lord"? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count. The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing.

"Here I am, Lord: is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night." Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: "I will go if You lead me." It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years.

We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, "I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me." Then again, I don't want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*To fall in love with God is the
greatest romance.*

- St. Augustine of Hippo

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Is 49:6b)

Psalm:

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)

Gospel:

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. (Jn 1:29)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 19, 2020

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me." ... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God?

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Our relationships ground and define us. Understanding where we come from, who matters to us, and to whom we have an allegiance all frame and direct our lives. One unchangeable about who we are is that God formed us in our mother's womb. Unless understanding of ourselves begins with this solid fact about ourselves, our knowledge will always be incomplete. John the Baptist and Jesus knew who they were and where they came from. This allowed them to understand their purpose and express their identity. To whom do you matter? If your primary answer is God then you are on your way to knowing who you are. Each of us has a purpose and mission to fulfill. See God as your strength and get about the business of meeting life's challenges.

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

Archdiocesan Marriage Enrichment Celebration Saturday, February 1st 5-9pm Mary Our Queen Church Plantsville, CT

The Archdiocesan Office of Family Life will hold its 13th annual marriage enrichment evening on Sat., Feb. 1, 2020, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at 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:

"The Name is Bond...Marriage Bond: The Agents of Unity in Sacramental Marriage."

The cost is \$25.00 per couple and includes dinner.

To register or obtain more information, contact Tom and Donna Finn at 860-302-1110, or email to tfinnphd@gmail.com.

Please R.S.V.P. by Jan. 28, 2020.



See the Movie on January 23
Blind Eyes Opened (2020) A Christian documentary diving into the sex trafficking industry in the US.

Tickets: \$13.25 per person
one show 7:00 p.m. at both locations
Buckland Hills 18
99 Redstone Road Manchester
Or
Regal Brass Mill
495 Union Street Waterbury



Saint Josephine Bakhita
1869-1947 Feast day February 8
Patron of Sudan and Survivors of Human Trafficking

Attend Stations of the Cross
For Trafficked Persons
Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish
At Saint James Church
Friday, February 7 @ 6:00 p.m.
767 Elm Street Rocky Hill

Attend a Prayer Service
to end Human Trafficking
Saint Louis Church
At Saint John XXIII Church
Sunday, February 9 @ 3:00 p.m.
89 Bull Hill Lane West Haven

"Human Trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society."

Pope Francis

WHAT CAN I DO?

Learn More

Schedule or Attend an Informational Presentation by the

Human Trafficking Task Force

of the Archdiocesan Office of
Catholic Social Justice Ministry

www.catholicsocialjustice.org

467 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, CT
06002. Phone: 860-242-5573.

PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE at St. Patrick's Church in Farmington CHURCH SEXTON/JANITOR

Principal Function: Perform daily cleaning and maintenance of the buildings and grounds (church, parish office and rectory) at the Church of St. Patrick for approximately 18-20 hours per week.

To apply: Call the Parish Office at (860) 677-2639 between 9:00am and 3:00pm Monday-Thursday for more information or to apply for the position.

Collection for Archdiocesan High Schools January 25/26, 2020

When the High School Collection occurs in all parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of January 25/26, we ask for your participation in helping us reach our 2020 goal of \$250,000.

Your investment will yield significant results, since our Catholic high schools offer students exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and a true spirit of service. We deeply value your support of Catholic school education as we continue to form another generation in the faith.