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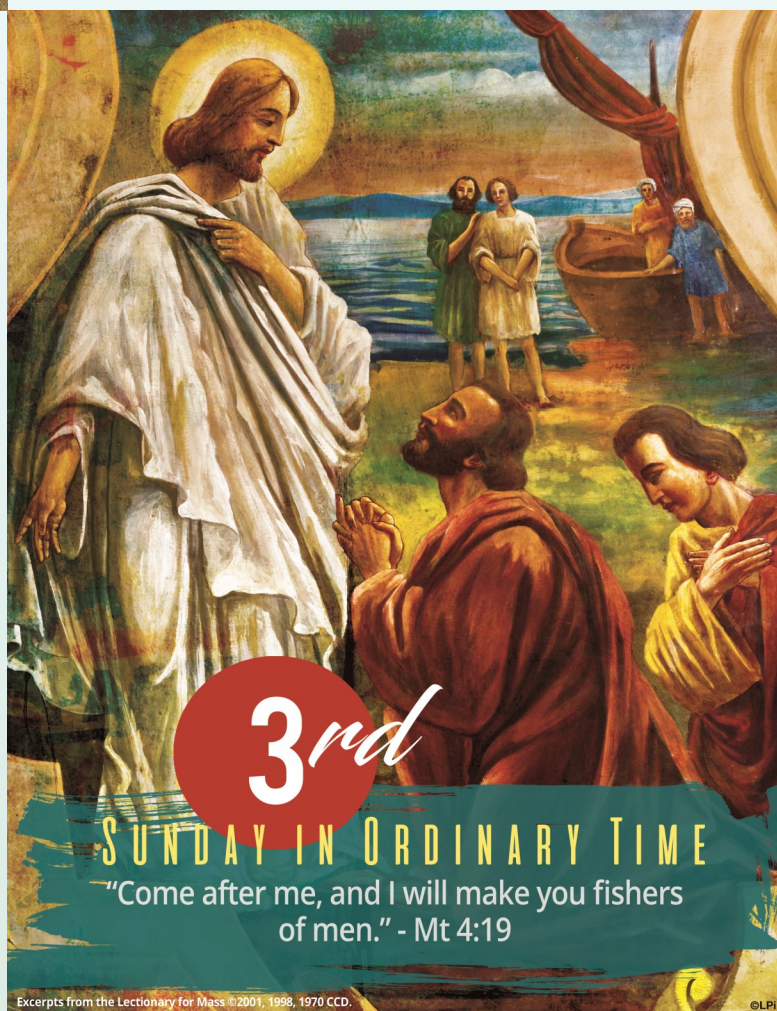
MARRIAGES

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.



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:19

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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

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



**3rd Sunday of
Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, January 27

9:00 **Billy Martinez**, requested by his mom

TUESDAY, January 28

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, January 29

9:00 **George Consuegra**, requested by
Lee Lester

THURSDAY, January 30

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, January 31

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, February 1

4:00 **Joseph Loparco, Sr., Horace &
Philomena Loparco**, requested by
*Michelle Merritt Loparco & family,
Joe Loparco & family*

SUNDAY, February 2

7:30 **Hedi Droste**, requested by the family

9:30 **Special Intentions**

11:00 **Margaret Winans**, requested by
the Anderson 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 27

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)

Rediscover the Saints Book Talk: 7pm in the Activity Room

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

TUESDAY, January 28

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, January 29

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

Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, January 30

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 31

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

Holy Hour for Life: 12 noon in the church

SATURDAY, February 1

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, February 2

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

St. Ann Cares

Our St. Ann Cares ministry is looking for new members to help plan for our May 2nd day of caring. Come join us as we plan for another year of reaching out to our neighbors in need.

We are always looking for fresh ideas!

We meet Thursdays at 7 pm
in room 2 below Fr. Bennett Hall.

Contact Steve Rose with any questions:
860-250-5355 or sjrose1088@gmail.com

Come Join Us!





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

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:

How do I discern if a call to do something big is really from God?

Answer:

Each day we face plenty of decisions about following God: whether or not to pray, how to treat people, and how to prioritize our time. Sometimes there can be something much more significant we discern: a vocational call, a promotion at work that requires a move, or a new ministry position at church. In addition to a pro-con list or a cost-benefit analysis, here are a few things to prayerfully consider and to talk over with trusted individuals.

Does it conform to God's will revealed in the Church? God doesn't call us to do something that contradicts the moral law. Will it encourage spiritual growth? Sometimes we need to choose between multiple good options. Consider the personal impact on you and others you are responsible for, like family. Other times we might be invited to do good for others, but when we assess our other life commitments, we see that saying yes to this would actually impede our prior responsibilities in the long run. Does the call seem consistent? This isn't to say that God won't do something new. Even so, consider if the call is consistent with your gifts and abilities. Can you see a "through-line" so to speak, with how your experiences have led you to this point? Do others confirm it? Share your reflections with trusted, insightful confidantes. Have they seen the same things you have, or are they bringing up new points to consider? Humbly add their relevant points to your considerations. Don't forget your gut. After you've carefully considered everything in your mind, don't neglect your instincts. Does your heart say yes or no?

-LPi

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!

WHEN
YOU LOOK
FOR ME,
YOU WILL
FIND ME.

Jer 29:13

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

January 19, 2020: \$3,771.00
Online Giving (week ending 1/22/20): \$2,237.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
Snow Removal

*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).



... Jean at
 ... stannavon.com
 ... ext. 223

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. Note: Contributions to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are mailed separately from the Archdiocese.



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



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

Drop Your Nets and Be Free

There are times I wish I had no obligations. It would be great to take my wife's hand, hop in the car, and drive into the sunset. Where we were going would not matter as much as the fact that we would have nowhere we had to be. There would be nothing we had to do. No bills. No commitments. No problems. Freedom!

Life doesn't work like that, however. When Jesus came along and asked some fishermen to drop their nets and follow him, they did just that. Wow! In some ways, they experienced true freedom. That is what Jesus offers all of us. Yet, true freedom looks quite different than my dream scenario.

In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God's will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God's path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given. Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God's will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

The spirit of God is spirit of peace

- St. Pio of Pietrelcina

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shone. (Is 9:1)

Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)

Gospel:

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Mt 4:17)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 26, 2020

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

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 [Lk 1:32b]/
Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 [cf. 3a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/
Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It begins! Jesus is doing something new. "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea." Jesus leaves his family, his profession of carpentry, and everything he has known and loved for the previous 30 years. He goes because it is time. Something new is beginning, and Jesus will not begin it alone. "As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers ... he walked along from there and saw two other brothers." What does he say to these men? "Come after me." These words are for Peter and Andrew, for James and for John. They are also for all of us.

"Come after me." The adventure of discipleship will be strange, wild, and unexpected. The Apostles surely didn't know what they were getting into. But the invitation is accompanied by a promise. "I will make you fishers of men," Jesus tells the first Apostles. No more will their priorities be limited to this particular village, to the square miles of the Sea of Galilee. Their eyes will be open to the kingdom of God, and their priorities will shift.

Most of us will not be called to roam the countryside, but we are invited to a similar shift of priorities. "Come after me," Jesus says. "At once they left their nets and followed him." Drop the nets of what you've demanded your life to be. Drop your self-seeking priorities. Drop your concept of religion as a Sunday obligation and no more. Drop your disregard for those outside your immediate social sphere. Whatever it is that keeps you from seeing as Jesus sees, from loving as he loves, start to drop it today. Because the kingdom of God is waiting for your yes!

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Do you feel overly oppressed or burdened by life's demands or feel unsettled and anxious about where you find yourself? Many walk through life carrying very heavy sacks on their shoulders and are weighed down by them. Moments of joy and light are far and few between, with darkness and disappointment being more the norm. God desires that we live in light and experience joy. Christ has revealed this to us. Often, we give the world and things we have created too much power over us. We lose our sense of playfulness and freedom and allow other people and things to define and influence us. We are asked to reclaim ourselves today and realize that we are being asked to spread the Gospel of joy. Are we able and willing to do this?

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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.

SAVE THE DATE! February 22nd & 23rd!



Parenting Expert John Rosemond

St. Catherine of Siena Church, West Simsbury, will be hosting nationally known author, syndicated columnist, and family psychologist John Rosemond! He has authored over 18 books on parenting, family life and faith and has had a nationally, syndicated parenting column for over 35yrs. His common-sense advice has gained much credibility with today's parents who are sick of techniques and methods that don't work.

- ♦ Parenting with Love and Leadership, 2/22nd, 7-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ Parenting the Strong-Willed Child: Obedience Made Easy. 2/23rd, 1-2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10/pp per event. Tickets may be purchased at St. Catherine of Siena website <https://stcatherine.info>. For more information, contact Kathleen Mangiafico at mangiaficok@gmail.com.

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.