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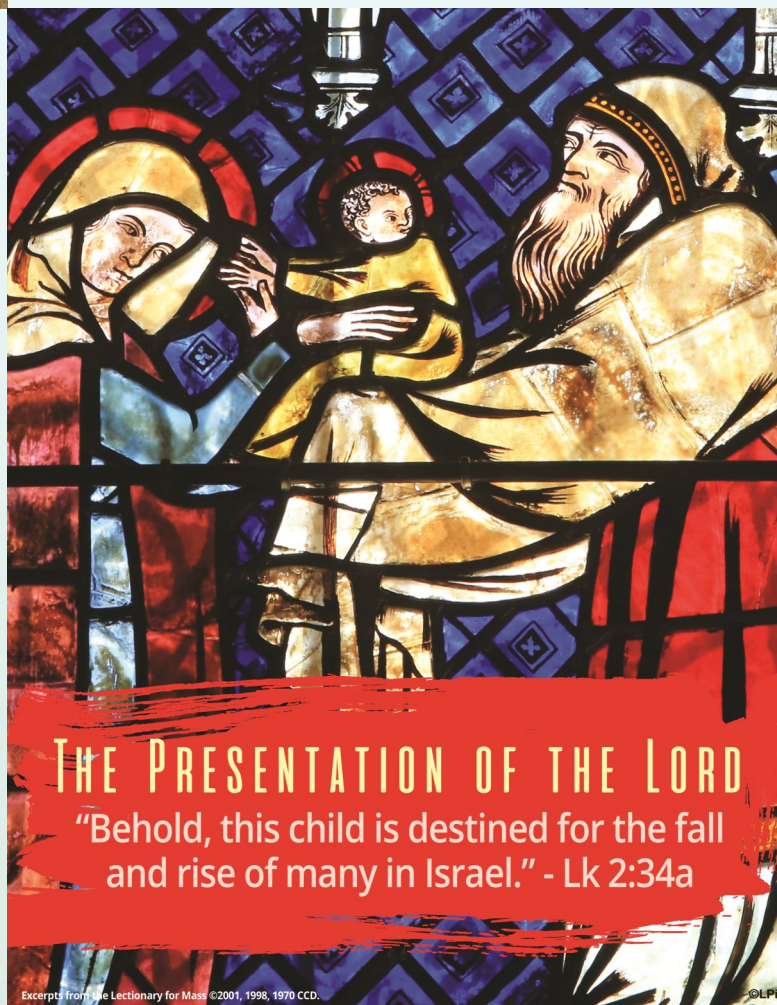
MARRIAGES

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.



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

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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



*The Presentation
of the Lord*

MONDAY, February 3

9:00 For the intentions of Mary Czepas (living), requested by the Osiecki Family

TUESDAY, February 4

9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, February 5

9:00 Anastasia Kalvoda, requested by a friend

THURSDAY, February 6

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, February 7

9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, February 8

4:00 Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy, requested by the Parish of Saint Ann

SUNDAY, February 9

7:30 For Divine Peace, Divine Love and Divine Will on Earth

9:30 William Weldon, requested by Dan and Mary Healey

11:00 Claire Gallette (2nd Ann.), requested by the 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, February 3

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)

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

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

TUESDAY, February 4

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, February 5

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

Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, February 6

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, February 7

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

SATURDAY, February 8

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

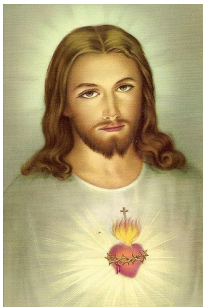
SUNDAY, February 9

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

Parish Coffee: after the 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall
(sponsored by our Pro-Life Ministry)

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

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Next Sunday,
February 9, 2020

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!

Hospitality Sunday February 9, 2020

Please join fellow parishioners and guests after our 9:30am Mass next Sunday, February 9th, for coffee, refreshments and camaraderie.

Sponsored by our Pro-Life Ministry



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, February 3, 2020

7-8:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

Come be a part of our ministry!

All are welcome

...including brand new knitters!

For more information call Tina:

860-674-1541



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:

Why do priests wear vestments?

Do they have a special meaning?

Answer:

Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions, and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our "Sunday best" clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven.

Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The color of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly, vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ.



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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!



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

January 26, 2020: \$6,119.00
Online Giving (week ending 1/29/20): \$2,679.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
none



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

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!

February 9th 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:

"CATHOLICISM" by Bishop Robert Barron

Journey with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Bishop Barron as he reveals the richness of the Catholic faith alive in the world today. Featuring breathtaking cinematography and storytelling that depicts the truth, beauty and goodness of our faith in more than 50 locations worldwide.

Wednesdays at 9:30am, Feb 13- Apr 22

Room 3, lower level, Fr. Bennett Hall

RSVP by Feb 10: Janet Newman: wjnewman@sbcglobal.net; 860-676-0037

Materials fee: \$25



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.

FEBRUARY 2, 2020 — THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Healing Our Blindness

The value of stewardship living is difficult to see unless we are experiencing that way of life for ourselves. You can read 100 Everyday Stewardship reflections and go to church every Sunday, but unless you are actively growing in faith and trying to live a life of generous stewardship, you cannot see the power of such a lifestyle. Like most things, we need direct, purposeful experiences to really understand.

I worked in a stewardship parish for over 20 years, but it was only after I started treating all I have as God's, and began to actively offer all I am to Him for His glory, that I really got the message. That doesn't mean I am a perfect steward. Far from it! However, the stress and anxiety that comes with life has greatly diminished because all is in God's hands. I choose to act more generously than before, which provides me with a sense of fulfillment and joy. How I act towards my family, friends, and even people I meet daily has changed. Now I am more mindful of their presence, and I seek to give them a part of me that just might change their day and bring them a little closer to Christ. I am transforming into a disciple who seeks to use all I have been given to transform all that is around me.

It would be a shame to be blind to the important things for an entire life. Today, consider taking a path of life-changing stewardship. Give it all to God. In the midst of all you have been given, you just might find God in a profound way. You may even find the real person God created you to be.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Thus says the Lord GOD: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me. (Mal 3:1a)

Psalm:

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Ps 24)

Second Reading:

Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. (Heb 2:18)

Gospel:

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation." (Lk 2:29-30)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of February 2, 2020

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/ Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13 this is correct
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 [cf. 47b]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Very often, having more light is not something we desire as it forces us to confront something we really do not want to see. There can be comfort found in darkness. It has an eerie sense of security to it. We do not have to challenge ourselves or be challenged and can simply exist in some fabricated state of self-fabricated blissfulness. Jesus came to bring light, and it is a light that is resisted by many and hated by some. It is a light that causes us to see things as they really are and not as we would want or need them to be.

It is no wonder then that Simeon boldly and honestly proclaims to Mary, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." We have to take the Gospel message as it is and not just use those parts that are useful to us or more palatable. Taking Jesus at face value can and will lead to turmoil and dissension. Hearts will be pierced. Whether we like it, Jesus' proclamation of what the world God created really ought to look like has real and absolute social implications.

It has a lot to say about how we treat our brothers and sisters: spiritually, personally, economically, and globally. It has everything to do with the poor, the immigrant, the scared, the unborn, the vulnerable, the sick, and the broken. The light opens us to a challenging, table-turning experience that may not be something we want to see but shows us where we need to be.

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Today's celebration can be seen as another "epiphany" of sorts, whereby Jesus is recognized as the one who will fulfill the Jewish people's messianic expectations. Jesus is the one who comes to purify and refine humanity and provide us with proper direction and focus. Jesus also presents himself to each one of us. Will we accept him as he is or only as we want or need him to be? The Gospel message is meant to be heard whole and entire. When it is, it is always a very challenging, table-turning experience that can make even the holiest among us feel a bit uncomfortable. Being purified and refined never comes easy and requires that we give ourselves fully to God and His design. Are we willing to do so?

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Thank You!

On behalf of our Catholic secondary school students, the Provost for Education, Evangelization and Catechesis, Sr. Mary Grace Walsh ADCJ, Ph.D. would like to express sincere thanks to all those who participated in the 2020 High School Collection. We deeply appreciate your support of Catholic high schools as they pursue their mission of education and evangelization.

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://stecatherine.info>. For more information, contact Kathleen Mangiafico at mangiaficok@gmail.com.



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For more information, please contact:
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Eligibility:

Any Catholic student who is a Hartford County resident now attending an accredited secondary school, and who wishes to attend a four year college beginning in 2020.

Basis for Selection:

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Application Deadline:

March 16, 2020

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