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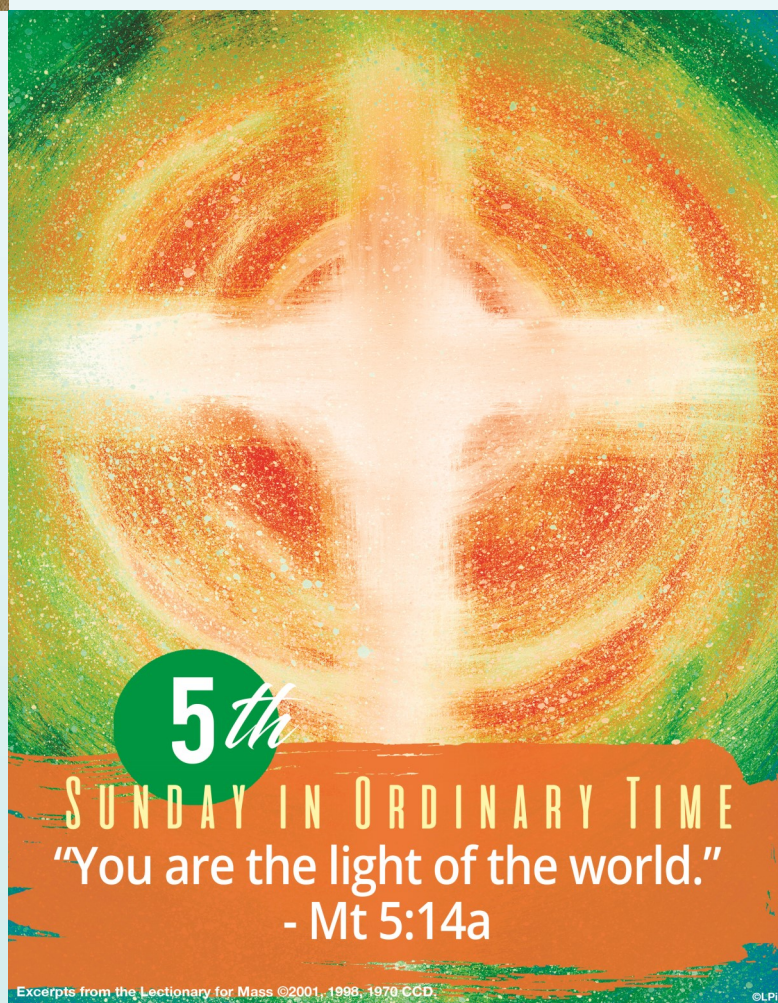
MARRIAGES

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.



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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



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, February 10

9:00 **Mercy Poulouse**, requested by
Binoy Joseph

TUESDAY, February 11

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, February 12

9:00 **Sam Riela**, requested by the family

THURSDAY, February 13

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, February 14

9:00 **Bruce Livingston Clark**, requested by
his wife and family

SATURDAY, February 15

4:00 **Samuel Olson (3rd Ann.)**, requested by
his parents and brothers

SUNDAY, February 16

7:30 **Caroline and Edmund Sikora**, requested
by Nancy and Ray Sikora

9:30 **Josepha & Antony Poprawa**, requested
by the Osiecki Family

11:00 **John Pappalardo**, requested by
Bill and Janet Newman

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 10

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, February 11

RCIA: 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, February 12

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

Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, February 13

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

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

FRIDAY, February 14

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

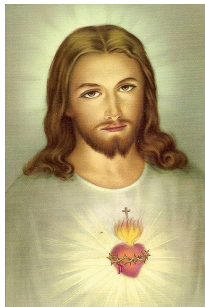
SATURDAY, February 15

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, February 16

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

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



**THIS 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 this Sunday, February 9th, for coffee, refreshments and camaraderie.

*Sponsored by our
Pro-Life Ministry*





**Warm Clothing Collection
For House of Bread
Now through
Sunday, February 23rd**

In Hartford, the House of Bread is in need of warm clothing, so they can distribute them to the clients they serve that are in need. Often time these clients may ask, but no clothing is available- after all, the kitchen's focus is feeding them. They provide food to men, women and sometimes children.

We are asking our friends here at St. Ann's to donate new or gently used sweat shirts, sweat pants and other loose and warm clothing to benefit the people who need the House of Bread's meals to survive. These folks, for whatever reason, find themselves without basic necessities, and shopping for something needed is just out of the realm of possibility. Many times these people show up for a meal at the soup kitchen without adequate clothing, or in need of something warmer. This clothing drive's objective is to fulfil that hope, as small and simple as that may seem to us.

A box will be set up in the gathering space where you can put your donations of new or gently used sweat shirts and sweat pants, sweaters or other loose and warm clothing, of particular need, are men's large sizes. The clothing in that box will be picked up every week and brought to the soup kitchen.



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.

**on top of Spaghetti
all covered with cheese**
You'll find sausage & meatballs...surely to please

PARISH PASTA DINNER

gluten free pasta will be available

**Friday February 21, 2020
5:30 – 7:30 in Father Bennett Hall**

Adults: \$5 * Kids under 18: \$3

Family Max: \$15

Gather some friends and bring the family for a fun night out!

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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

February 2, 2020: \$6,283.30
Online Giving (week ending 2/5/20): \$2,499.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
(none)

CENACLES of the Marian Movement of Priests

Question: Is the cenacle primarily for priests?

Answer: No. In Message #34 (1-17-74), Our Lady introduces this question, "Why do I want them to come together in cenacle with me?" In this message she addresses herself to the priests, but what she tells them is also applicable to the laity. She wants all her children: priests, religious, laity, families, to gather together with her in cenacles of prayer, to pray with her and to learn how to love one another. Also, the cenacle helps us to deepen our understanding and live the obligations we have undertaken through our consecration to her Immaculate Heart. We refer you to the message dated Nov. 1, 1973, "my Faithful Cohort." (#25)
Excerpt from Cenacles of the Marian Movement of Priests Purpose/Guide

Our cenacle meets every Monday at 7:15pm in the church. Come pray the Rosary with us.



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 cover)

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.

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

LOCATION: 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.

DATES: Wednesdays at 9:30am, Feb 12- Apr 22

LOCATION: Room 3, lower level of Fr. Bennett Hall

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

Materials fee: \$25

Lenten Video Series

Kingdom of Happiness:

Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life

Discover the Secrets to True Happiness

Do you find yourself searching for happiness for yourself, within your family, at work? Do you sometimes experience satisfaction, but find it fleeting? Come discover Jesus' plan for real, lasting happiness in this 8-part parish program. You'll learn how the Beatitudes are much more than nice sayings; they are the path to true joy charted by Christ himself. You'll also see the "anti-Beatitudes" for what they are: false promises that leave us feeling empty. Featuring insightful teachings by Fr. Jeff Kirby and inspiring video-profiles of everyday heroes living happy, satisfying lives today.

DATES: Week of Feb 23 – week of April 26

TIMES: Sunday Mornings, 10:30am-12pm

Monday Evenings, 7:15-8:45pm

Friday Mornings, 9:30-11am

LOCATION: Rooms 1 and 3, beneath Fr. Bennett Hall

MATERIALS FEE: \$17 (checks payable to Church of St. Ann, please)

RSVP: by Feb 15 to ann.distefano@stannavon.com, 860-463-7495

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

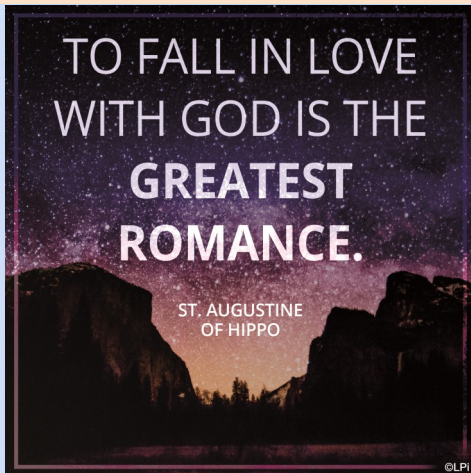
What's the Buzz?

When a new store or restaurant opens in the area, there can be quite a buzz. People want to see what the place is like. If the establishment is lucky, a positive word of mouth can spread all over the area. The challenge then becomes keeping that buzz alive. If people start to think that the new place is not as good as advertised or they had hoped, the crowds will dwindle and soon the new place will simply become an old place. Even worse, it could become a closed place.

If you were a store owner, what would you do to attract people? Would you always put your best foot forward? How hard would you work to show everybody that your place is worth repeated visits and patronage?

You may not be an entrepreneur with your own business, but you do have your parish community. This is your community and what you do and how you act in the world around you will either add to a buzz or a lack of interest. How you use the gifts you and your community have been given will do a lot to attract people and cause them to talk. You will be like a city on top of a mountain that no one can miss. Can your light shine so bright that it can be seen from miles around? You may be only one person, but you are a part of something greater than yourself. Your stewardship can easily become contagious. At a time when too many are choosing to disregard the Church, it is time to create a positive buzz.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness. (Is 58:10)

Psalm:

The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright. (Ps 112) or Alleluia

Second Reading:

For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. (1 Cor 2:2)

Gospel:

Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. (Mt 5:16)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of February 9, 2020

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus' words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. Our acts of piety, then, cannot be directed solely at ourselves. Prayer is never about self-benefit but must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care.

The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light he desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said, "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often."

But it doesn't end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light. But then again, we may not like what the light shows us.

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Before the arrival of GPS and other technological advances, folks relied on a compass to assist them with directions. If set and used properly, people who would otherwise be lost could find their way. What properly sets our God compass? We know that we require God in order to find our way through life, but we need to be in proper relationship with God before this can effectively happen. God certainly does not need to be placated, but some things open Him up to us more than others. Isaiah gives us a clue today. Share your bread with the hungry ... clothe the naked ... remove oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech ... satisfy the afflicted. When we do this, we will not only be on proper course and in right relationship with God, but will be the salt and light Jesus asks us to be.

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In this powerful drama based on the best-selling novel by Angie Thomas, when a teenager witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood friend, she must find her voice and stand up for what is right. Please join us to view **THE HATE U GIVE**.

Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
Holy Family Retreat Center
303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford CT

Refreshments will be available – free will offering appreciated.



**Please Consider Remembering the
Church of St. Ann in Your Will**

For further information, please contact:
Eileen Sibson at 860-321-7266

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.

3 Scholarships

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Amount:

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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:

Need * Scholarship * Character
Leadership * Achievement

Application Deadline:

March 16, 2020

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