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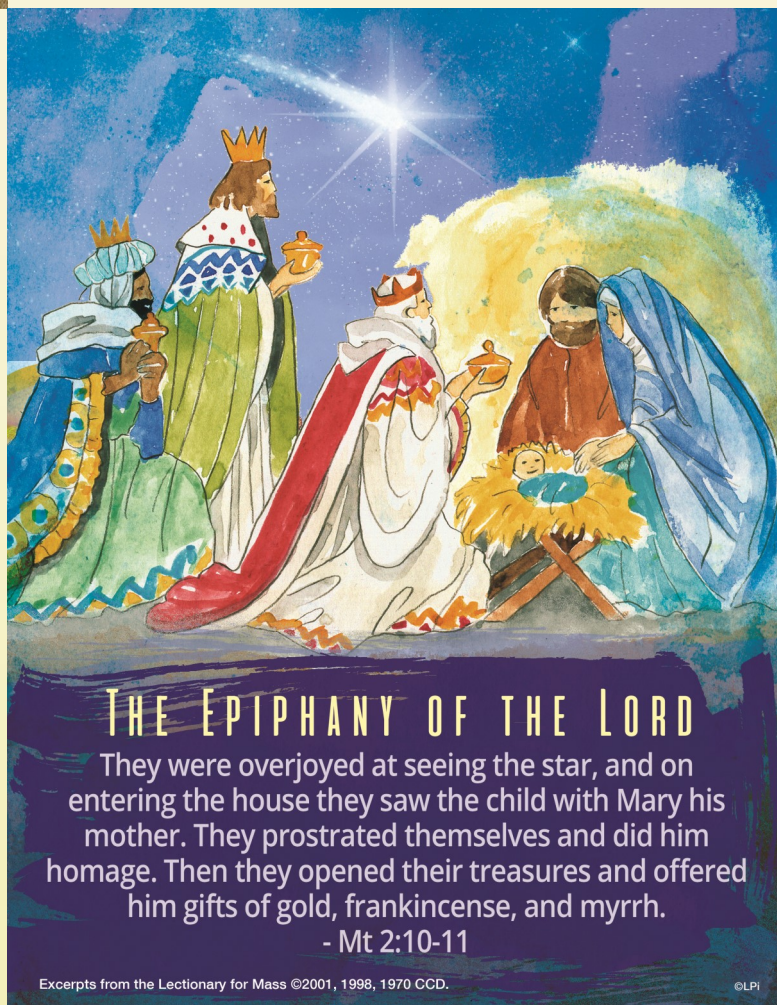
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Please set the date with the priest or deacon at least six months prior to the wedding. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

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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



The Epiphany of the Lord



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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

MONDAY, January 4

9:00 Mildred & Walter Newman, requested by
Bill and Janet Newman

TUESDAY, January 5

9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, January 6

9:00 With blessings on the birthdays of
Andrew & Andrew II Sielski (living)

THURSDAY, January 7

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, January 8

9:00 Edward Filipkowski, requested by
the Sielski Family

SATURDAY, January 9

4:00 Bernadette Kefakas, requested by
John and Marie Manning

SUNDAY, January 10

7:30 For the intentions of Judith Stafford
& family (living)

9:30 Norma Harris, requested by
Johanna LaVia

11:00 Mary Harvell, requested by
Anne and Robert Yurch

To schedule Mass Intentions, please call or email Kris in the
Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or
kris.martino@stannavon.com.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

MONDAY, January 4

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church
Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church
Lectio Divina Live!: 7:15pm via Zoom*

TUESDAY, January 5

Walking with Purpose: will resume January 5, 2021
RCIA: 7:15pm in the Activity Room

WEDNESDAY, January 6

Wednesday Morning Study Group: resumes in January
Unemployment Support: 3-5pm via Zoom *
Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, January 7

The Bible Timeline: resumes in January
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, January 8

Lectio Divina Live!: 9:45am via Zoom*

SATURDAY, January 9

SUNDAY, January 10

Lectio Divina Live!: 10:30am-10:30 am via Zoom*

Masks & social distancing required at all times!

* Zoom Instructions are on our website, under the COVID-19 tab.



Attention: Women of St. Ann

During these months of isolation and separation, we have felt a longing to gather as a community, and for a sense of "normalcy" in our lives. Please join us on our journey of reconnection by participating in "Together We Rise", the Women's Retreat for 2021. The retreat experience will be offered **Online**, presented by the Holy Family Retreat Team on Saturday, January 9, 2021 or Saturday, January 30, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

If you are unable to make either day, please see consult the HF Website:

info@holyfamilyretreat.org for additional dates.

For questions call; Eileen DiMauro at (860) 675-4330 or Jacque Warren at (860) 673-6761,
or Holy Family Retreat Center at (860) 521-0440.

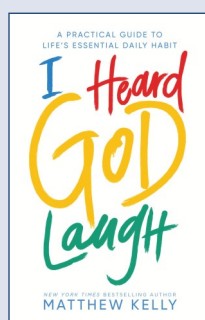
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

We have many offerings to keep you connected and enriched during social distancing!

Please visit: <https://www.stannavon.org/spiritual-enrichment-during-covid-19-crisis> for instructions on using Zoom and for links to access our Zoom video meetings.

The Kerygma:

- 1) God is Love and created us for relationship with Him.
- 2) When we make unloving choices (sin) we damage our relationship with God/self/others.
- 3) Jesus restores this relationship through his life, death and resurrection.
- 4) Jesus invites us to new life by living like Him now, and with Him forever.
- 5) When we accept Jesus' invitation, we receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to empower us to love.



A Gift for You!

Along with his warmest wishes, Father McHugh is giving parish households Matthew Kelly's new book, *I Heard God Laugh*, for Christmas. Copies are available in the Gathering Space, or by contacting the Adult Enrichment office – ann.distefano@stannavon.com, (860) 673-9858, x228.

Please enjoy the book, and then pass it along to someone who could use a boost.

We'll gather for a book discussion online via Zoom Tuesday, January 19th at 1pm or 7pm. Contact Ann, above, to register.



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

To receive Holy Communion worthily one should be in the state of grace. This means that you have no serious (mortal or deadly) sin that first needs to be confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Mortal sin breaks the bond of grace that a soul has with God. For a sin to do this it must meet three criteria. The sin must be serious in nature. One must know that it is serious. One must in free will consent to it anyway. St Paul wrote, "Whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord." (1 Corinthians 11:27-29)

Reflection: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the Sacrament of Peace. It is given to us by Christ in Divine Mercy to forgive us all of our transgressions and to re-establish our relationship with God. If you seek peace of mind; a clear conscience and joy in forgiveness; why not partake of this great Sacrament frequently? You will receive great consolation in absolution. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at St. Ann's on Saturdays after the 4pm Mass or by appointment.

Please join us each week as we probe the depths

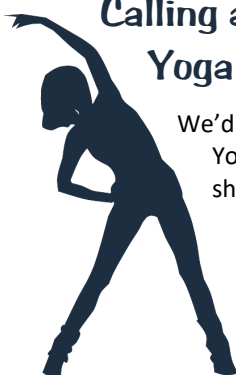


**Are you hungry for
meaning, purpose & community
or simply looking for
something more in your life?**

Exploring a relationship with God through the Catholic faith could help. Come learn more at our **Online Open House** Thursday, January 14th at 7pm via Zoom.

RSVP to Ann:
ann.distefano@stannavon.com

Calling all St. Ann Fitness, Dance and Yoga Instructors

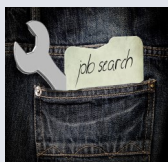


We'd love your help with a special, new series for St. Ann's YouTube channel. "Moved by the Music" will feature short videos of gentle practices/routines, set to inspiring music, to help stir people's souls and move their bodies! (Christmas music for now, other music for later – we have the approved public domain playlist for you). Please contact Ann ASAP to learn more: ann.distefano@stannavon.com.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

January 2021: For those attending Mass, we have placed Offertory baskets placed within the church. For others, if possible, please consider continuing to support St. Ann via U.S. Mail or Online Giving (via our website) during these challenging times. Thank You!

Online Giving \$ not available at time of upload
The second collection next weekend: Utility Fund



Unemployment Support

3-5pm on Wednesdays via Zoom

A weekly, virtual networking meeting to share your experiences coping with job loss to help everyone navigate the transition back to employment. If you prefer more anonymity you may call (646) 558-8656 and use meeting code 3671752517.

Upcoming discussion topics:

Dec 23 & 30: No meeting

January 6: Maintaining a good attitude

January 13: Creating a career plan

January 20: Networking during a pandemic

January 27: Interviewing techniques on Zoom or Skype

For more information contact: BrianJud@comcast.net

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/3671752517>

(Zoom tutorial at: www.stannavon.org/zoom-tutorial)

How You Can Help the St. Ann Scholarship Fund

Due to the pandemic, the Scholarship Committee has been unable to have their large sales (clothing, books etc) which means a shortage of funds to award scholarships to deserving city students attending Catholic High Schools. This year, why not consider a donation in someone's honor to the St. Ann Scholarship Fund. You will check people off your list and help a young person with a partial tuition support scholarship. If you'd like to pay online, there is a link on the St. Ann website (choose *Scholarship Committee under the Ministries tab*). You can also write a check to St. Ann Scholarship Fund and send it to Church of St. Ann, Att: Jennifer Soucy, 289 Arch Road, Avon, CT 06001. Thanks so much for helping to keep the scholarship program going!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, January 4th
7-8:30pm



Masks & Social Distancing Required

All skill levels are welcome!

For info. call Tina: 860-674-1541

The poinsettias decorating the altar for Christmas have been donated in honor of or in memory of the following persons. Thank you for your support!

In Honor Of

All the homebound
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 Mrs. Florence Stevens
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 The Wallace & Kelly Families
 Irene Evans
 Betty Capparelli
 Fr. McHugh & Fr. Cheah
 Sister Gregory Healy
 The Healy Children



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JANUARY 3, 2021 — THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 2:5-6)

Gospel:

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Mt 2:10-11)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38
Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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Saturday, October 24, 2020

St. Mary Cemetery - 1141 Stanley St. New Britain, CT
All Saints Cemetery - 700 Middleway Ave. North Haven, CT
Mt. Olivet Cemetery - 669 Platt Rd. Watertown, CT

Saturday, October 31, 2020

Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery - 1 Cottage Grove Rd. Bloomfield, CT
St. Francis Cemetery - 865 South Main St. Torrington, CT
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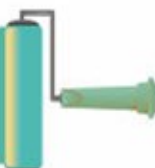
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