



# Church of Saint Ann

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## BAPTISMS:

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.



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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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 Baptism of the Lord

### MONDAY, January 11

9:00 John Patrick Manning, requested by  
John and Maria Manning

### TUESDAY, January 12

9:00 Frank & Angie Scalzo, requested by  
Andrea Pizzuti

### WEDNESDAY, January 13

9:00 Hugh Jones, requested by friends at  
St. Ann

### THURSDAY, January 14

9:00 Special Intentions

### FRIDAY, January 15

9:00 Special Intentions

### SATURDAY, January 16

4:00 Special Intentions

### SUNDAY, January 17

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 Paul Argay, requested by  
the Stamm Family

11:00 Ryan Rogers, requested by  
Dottie and Tom Cooney

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



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

### MONDAY, January 11

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church  
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church  
Lectio Divina Live!: 7:15pm -via Zoom\*

### TUESDAY, January 12

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom  
RCIA: 7:15pm in the Activity Room

### WEDNESDAY, January 13

Wednesday Morning Study Group: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall  
Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom \*  
Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

### THURSDAY, January 14

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

### FRIDAY, January 15

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

### SATURDAY, January 16

### SUNDAY, January 17

Lectio Divina Live!: 10:30am -via Zoom\*  
Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church

**Face masks & social distancing required at all times!**

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

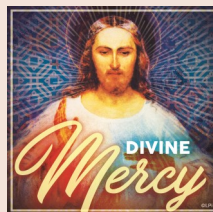


## Attention: Women of St. Ann

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@hollyfamilyretreat.org](mailto:info@hollyfamilyretreat.org) for additional dates.

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



## Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Next Sunday,  
**January 17, 2021**

**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!





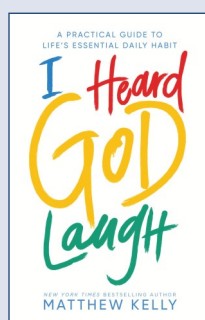
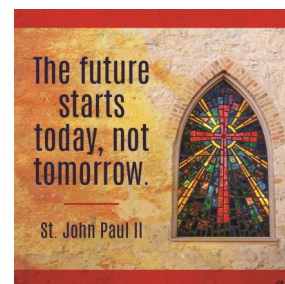
## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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.



## Book Discussion: Tuesday, January 19th

We will gather for a book discussion of *I Heard God Laugh* by Matthew Kelly online via Zoom Tuesday, January 19th at 1pm or 7pm. Contact Ann, below, to register. *I Heard God Laugh* is the book that Fr. McHugh gifted parish families at Christmas. Copies are available in the Gathering Space, or by contacting the Adult Enrichment office – [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com), (860) 673-9858, x228. **Please enjoy the book, and then pass it along to someone who could use a boost.**



### The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Have you ever considered how the Holy Eucharist brings us as close to God as possible here on earth? An insightful answer can be found in the words of St. Jean Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. St. Jean wrote, "Upon receiving Holy Communion, the adorable Blood of Jesus really flows in our veins and His Flesh is really blended with ours." Such a profound depth of intimacy is hard to fathom, yet we know that nothing is impossible with God. The depth of Christ's love for us is beyond our comprehension. How long for us to be totally united with Himself in the Eucharist.

**Reflection:** How important is nurturing your relationship with Christ? His is our preeminent relationship, since this relationship will last into eternity. You are never closer to Christ on earth than in the few minutes after receiving Him in the Blessed Sacrament. We need to make good use of those precious moments.

Please join us each week as we probe the depths of this Sacrament of Sacraments.



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 (Dec 18, 2020 - Jan 6, 2021):** \$ 9,139.00

**Next Weekend's Second Collection:** monthly

## PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

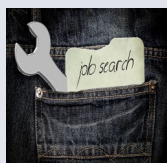
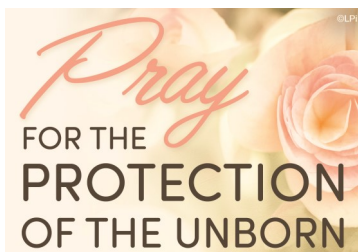
### Upcoming Events:

All of our parishioners are invited to participate in the Pro-Life Activities scheduled to memorialize the 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court Decision to legalize abortion.

Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

On the Anniversary, Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Ann will celebrate the 9 a.m. Eucharist with prayers for the sanctity of all life, especially the unborn.

Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## 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:

**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](mailto:BrianJud@comcast.net)

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/3671572517>

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

**Ladies, Start the New Year with a Weekly Oasis of Peace and Fellowship while Strengthening Your Relationship with Jesus!**

The Walking With Purpose Study "Opening Your Heart" is currently underway. As we Start up for the New Year, you are welcome to join us at any time.

Each Session can stand alone, and the fellowship has already proven to be a valuable Oasis of Peace for participants!

We look forward to welcoming you into one of our groups, either Tuesday morning via zoom or Wednesday evening socially distanced in Father Bennett Hall

RSVP to Andrea at  
[andreapizzuti333@gmail.com](mailto:andreapizzuti333@gmail.com)

## Do You Know Anyone Who Could Use the Comfort of a Prayer Shawl?



St. Ann's Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls available! If you know of someone who is going through an illness or time of need and feel a prayer shawl will lift their spirits or provide comfort, please contact Tina Dibble, 860-674-1541, to pick one up. In addition, we have a few lap robes, which are ideally suited for someone who is wheelchair bound.

## 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!





## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### When God Whispers

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

We carry a greater depth of self-confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus' baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God. He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; Let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving (Is 55:6-7)

### Psalm:

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation. (Is 12:3)

### Second Reading:

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. (1 Jn 5:6)

### Gospel:

And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mk 1:11)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

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

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/  
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/  
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

### The Baptism of the Lord

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

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## THE BULLETIN BOARD

### Guidelines and Sign-Up Information for Attending Mass In Person



#### Guidelines from the Archdiocese of Hartford

- Face masks/coverings required.
- Please bring hand sanitizer for use during the liturgy.
- There will be limits on the number of socially distanced persons that may be present at a given Mass. Due to our limit of 100 we will need to have sign-ups. (see below)
- Dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation has been extended through Feb. 16, 2021, so the elderly, those with pre-existing conditions, even those who are anxious need not be concerned if they miss Mass. Continue to watch from home.

*You can find more information about attending Mass in person and the links to sign up for Masses on our website: [stannavon.org/mass-times](http://stannavon.org/mass-times). If you aren't able to sign up online, please call the Parish Office and let Kris know the date, time, family name and number attending and she will do it for you.*



### Second Collection for Archdiocesan High Schools January 23/24, 2021

The Catholic High School Collection, occurring in all parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of January 23/24, supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, and marketing, all of which are so critical during this ongoing pandemic. Please consider investing in the exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and spirit of service at our high schools by making a gift to this year's Catholic High School Collection on January 23/24.

### Follow the Church of Saint Ann Online

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[www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org)

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[www.youtube.com/channel/UCQb8GEZT\\_REAvzOGVM4\\_9UA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQb8GEZT_REAvzOGVM4_9UA)

**COVID-19 RESOURCES:** VISIT: [www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus) for all Archdiocesan pandemic related updates

**Please visit St. Ann's website: [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org)**

Look under the "COVID-19" tab for updates and spiritual enrichment ideas for adults, children & families.

**Check out St. Ann's YouTube Channel!** There is a link on our website or you can visit us & subscribe at:  
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#### **Mass: If you are unable to attend Mass here are some options to watch at home**

- The Office of Radio and Television of the Archdiocese of Hartford broadcasts Mass every day at 10:00am on WCCT. Channel 11 on our local cable. It is celebrated by one of our own Archdiocesan priests in the ORTV studio.
- Bishop Robert Barron: "Word on Fire" Daily Mass webpage: [www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/)
- EWTN, either on your TV or online at: [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)



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Please visit our cemeteries during our Fall Open House Program. Stop in and speak with our Family Service Advisors from 9 AM to 2 PM, get a tour of the park and take advantage of our Open House Special Offers just for those who visit during the following schedule:

#### 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  
Mt. St. Peter Cemetery - 219 New Haven Ave. Derby, CT  
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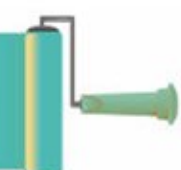
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