



# 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.



John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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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



**2nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

## MONDAY, January 18

**9:00** David Julian, requested by  
the Bondhus Family

## TUESDAY, January 19

**9:00** Mary Patricia Hettrich, requested by  
the Downey Family

## WEDNESDAY, January 20

**9:00** Raymond Griffin, requested by  
the Men's Breakfast Group at St. Ann

## THURSDAY, January 21

**9:00** Fredrick Makoczy, requested by  
the Downey Family

## FRIDAY, January 22

**9:00** Addis Daly, requested by Kenna Daly

## SATURDAY, January 23

**4:00** Anthony J. Savarese, requested by  
Faith Weiss

## SUNDAY, January 24

**7:30** Kathleen "Kathy" Glancy, requested by  
the Droste Family

**9:30** Paul Argay, requested by  
the Waterbury Family

**11:00** Vera and Albert Alft, 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

### MONDAY, January 18

**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 19

**I Heard God Laugh Book Discussion:** 10am via Zoom\*  
**Walking with Purpose:** 10am -via Zoom  
**I Heard God Laugh Book Discussion:** 7pm via Zoom\*  
**RCIA:** 7:15pm in the Activity Room

### WEDNESDAY, January 20

**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 21

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

### FRIDAY, January 22

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

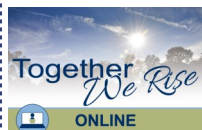
### SATURDAY, January 23

### SUNDAY, January 24

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

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

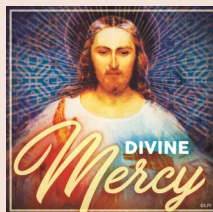
\* Zoom Instructions are on our website, under the COVID-19 tab.



## 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 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](mailto:info@holyfamilyretreat.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

This 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

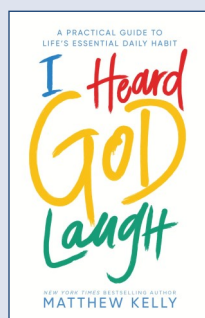
We have many offerings to keep you connected and enriched during social distancing!

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.

"God loves us.  
May we discover  
the beauty of loving  
and being loved."  
Pope Francis



## 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.**

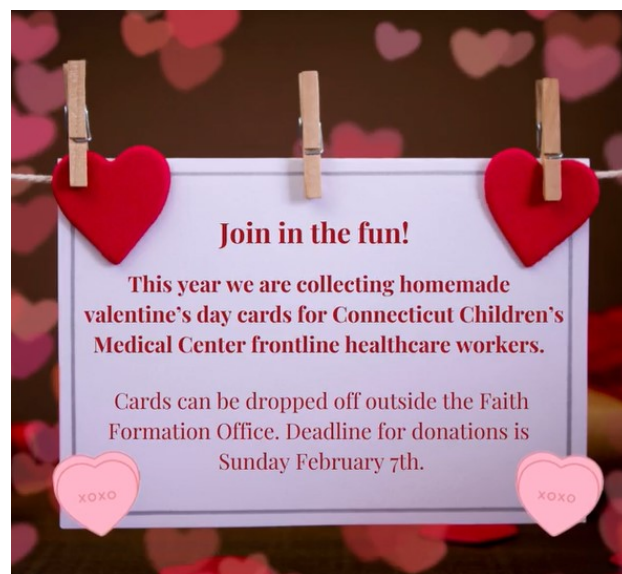


### The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Holiness is being united to Jesus. "When we receive the Eucharist, the holiness of God is in us." So says Father Cantalamessa, preacher to several modern Popes. Father Cantalamessa stresses that this holiness is a pure gift. He also explains that with this gift comes a duty. That duty is to preserve and increase holiness in our daily lives.

**Reflection:** There is a wonderful and simple prayer practice to achieve the goal of perseverance in holiness. The practice is to "Stay in the Presence." By striving to always be aware that you are in God's presence, you will reflect His light of grace. You will become a clear pane of glass pouring out the Light of Christ to the world.

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



## 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

### Weekly Giving: \$8,851.00

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 (Jan 6-13, 2021): \$3,156.00

### Next Weekend's Second Collection:

Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools

## PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

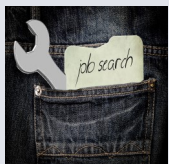
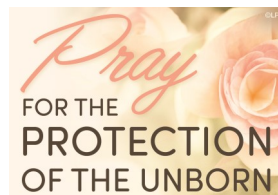
### Upcoming Events:

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.

This **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 - 1:00 pm 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 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

### Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go. ©LPi

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:9-10)

### Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

### Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

### Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of January 17, 2021

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  
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/  
Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/  
Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21  
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/  
Mk 1:14-20

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

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### 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.*

Friday, January 22, 2021

### Day of Prayer for the

## LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

##### Question:

**Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?**

**Answer:** While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is "integrally connected with the church" which can foster "reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer." This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the "source and summit" of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

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### 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.

### Archdiocesan Marriage Enrichment Celebration

The Archdiocesan Office of Family Life will hold its 14th annual Marriage Enrichment Celebration on Sat., Feb. 6, 2021, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please join us for an evening of prayer, reflection and fun centered on the theme: "The Unforeseen of Quarantine: Viewing our Sacrament with 2020 Vision." Due to ongoing pandemic restrictions, this year's program will be virtual and conducted over the internet. Participants can join with either video/audio or just audio connections. There is no cost for the program, however, if your circumstances allow, please consider a donation to local family-centered charities negatively impacted by COVID-19. Instructions for signing into the program will be provided with your registration confirmation.

To register or obtain more information, contact Tom & Donna Finn at 860-302-1110, or email to [tfinnphd@gmail.com](mailto:tfinnphd@gmail.com).  
Please R.S.V.P. by February 4th, 2021.

"The time is always right  
to do what is right."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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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  
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