



# Church of Saint Ann

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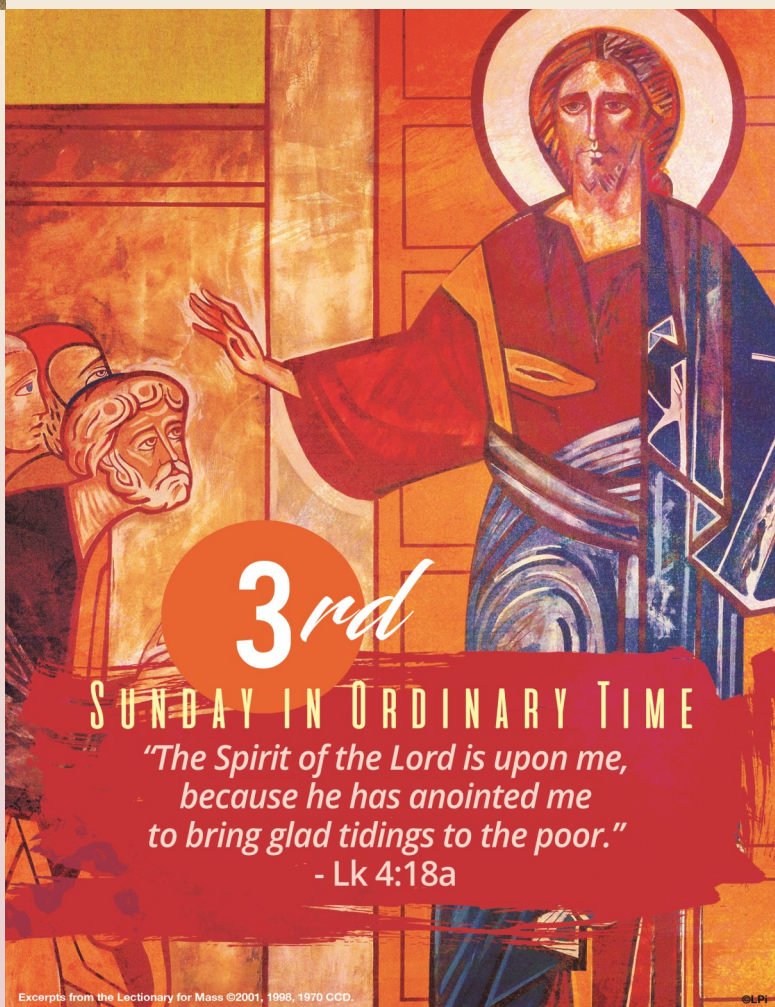
## MARRIAGES

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.



## 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



**3rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**MONDAY, January 24**

**9:00 Special Intentions**

**TUESDAY, January 25**

**9:00 Special Intentions**

**WEDNESDAY, January 26**

**9:00 Shelton Stewart, requested by  
the Osiecki Family**

**THURSDAY, January 27**

**9:00 Billy Martinez, requested by his mom**

**FRIDAY, January 28**

**9:00 Special Intentions**

**SATURDAY, January 29**

**4:00 Dr. Philip Pilon, requested by a friend**

**SUNDAY, January 30**

**7:30 Herta (Hedi) Droste, requested by the family**

**9:30 Bridie McGovern, requested by  
Lou and Eileen Del Prete**

**11:00 Val Cortinovis, requested by  
Lou and Eileen Del Prete**

*To schedule a Mass Intention, please call or email  
Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or  
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 24

**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 in Room 3 & via Zoom

### TUESDAY, January 25

**"The Search" Series from FORMED:** 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, January 26

**Confessions of St. Augustine:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

**"Keeping in Balance" Women's Study:** 7pm in Fr. Bennet Hall

### THURSDAY, January 27

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

**"Matthew" Bible Study:** 7pm in the Activity Room and via Zoom

### FRIDAY, January 28

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

### SATURDAY, January 29

**Men's Breakfast Group:** 8:00 am in Room 3

### SUNDAY, January 30

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



**Archdiocese  
of Hartford**  
January 7, 2022

**ALL persons are  
to wear masks  
regardless of  
vaccine status.**

## Little Lambs

# HAPPY 2022!

Little Lambs will be meeting at the 9:30am Mass again on January 30th. All children are welcome to join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Father will call them up after the Opening Prayer.

*Any questions, please call:*  
Colleen Waterbury:  
mcwaterbu@comcast.net  
Heather Hoffman  
heather-hoffman@sbcglobal.net



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**Weekly Collection for 1/16/22:** \$5,562.00  
**Online Giving (Jan.12-19, 2022):** \$3,203.50  
**Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:** none



## God Has a Personal Message For You!

Join us for the popular *Lectio Divina* way of praying scripture, where you listen for what God is saying to you in the Gospel for the coming Sunday. It's also a great way to connect with others, and engage more fully in Mass.

Friendly groups meet via Zoom \* Newcomers welcome  
**Sundays at 10:30am, and Fridays at 9:45am.**

For registration details and inspiring testimonials, visit:  
<https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live>

## Winter Book Study:

### The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality, Fr. Ronald Rolheiser

*Each human being experiences restlessness – whether passion or desire, or simply the sense that ‘something more’ is out there. “Spirituality is about what we do with our unrest.”*

In *The Holy Longing*, Fr. Rolheiser asserts that each person has an innate spirituality uniquely suited to them.

Finding yours can connect you to the Divine and open your heart to others on a profound level. For Christians, this involves balancing:

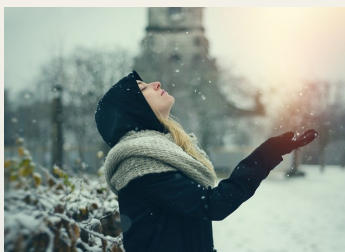
- a) private prayer and private morality
- b) social justice
- c) mellowness of heart and spirit
- d) communal worship

Come explore these notions in a 5-week book study on Thursdays beginning January 13th.

Groups will meet via Zoom at 10am with Terry Pendergast and 7pm with Claudine Meaney

Participant fee is \$15 (books included)

Please register soon: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com).



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## FORMED KICKOFF PROGRAM FOR ADULTS:

### "The Search" Series



*What is my purpose? Why doesn't happiness last? Does God really care about me? Do you ever ponder these thoughts? If your children/grandchildren, friends, or coworkers asked you these questions, would you know what to say? Discover the answers to these and other big questions of life, with our first parishwide program from FORMED, "The Search."*

*The Search* is a new, award-winning video series that guides viewers through an arc of seven episodes, examining the great big story of everything—life and death, sorrow and happiness, science and faith—through the commentary of astrophysicists, psychologists, astronauts, neuroscientists, professors, athletes, artists, and popular host Chris Stefanik.

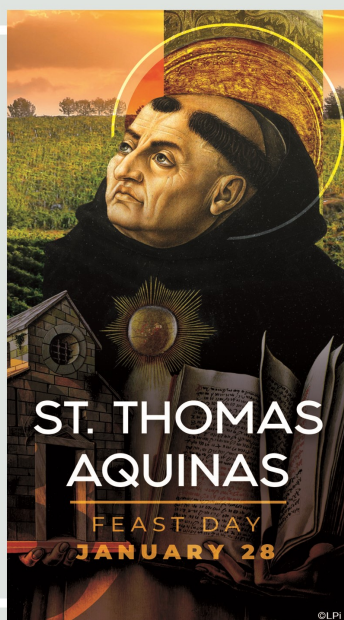
Small groups ("Search Parties!") will be meeting on Tuesdays at 1:00pm via Zoom or at 7:15pm in Room 3 and on Zoom. We'll gather for 75 minutes to view and discuss "The Search" videos together. RSVP to [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com).

*Attend as many sessions as you are able:*

Jan 18: <i>What Do You Seek?</i>	Feb 15: <i>Who is Jesus?</i>
Jan 25: <i>Who Are You?</i>	Feb 22: <i>Am I Saved?</i>
Feb 1: <i>Why a God?</i>	Mar 1: <i>Why a Church?</i>
Feb 8: <i>What's Our Story?</i>	

## *Many thanks for the overwhelming support for the Christmas collection for ImmaCare.*

Every year we worry about whether there will be enough to assure that every guest will get a gift bag. It seems like a small way of saying that people care and they matter. This year there was enough donated that many warm items were delivered through the ImmaCare outreach van to those who stay outdoors until the weather becomes life threatening. Little did we know that shortly after, the shelter would temporarily close following a Covid outbreak and the men would be isolated in hotel rooms. A tough time but because of the generosity of the St. Ann parish, the men were able to take personal care items with them, and warm clothing to go outside. They have asked us to relay their heartfelt wishes for a healthy 2022 for all of you.

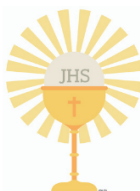


### Saint of the Week

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, “The Summa Theologiae.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.



## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

The Holy Eucharist is the Sacrament of union. It is true food for the soul. It nourishes us and protects us from falling into mortal (serious) sin. It sensitizes us to even venial sin. It makes us aware of how offensive sin is to our loving God. It fills us with the desire to live the purity of heart, which Christ taught us in the Beatitudes. “Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God.”

**Reflection:** The greatest lovers of the Holy Eucharist are those who have attained purity of heart: the Saints. They are able to experience the foretaste and the promise of the pascal feast of heaven here on earth. They are able to see beyond the small, white, consecrated Host to see Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist. Recall that the Church teaches that **all of us** are called to be saints.

**“Creep Down into the heart of Jesus.  
He alone can comfort you in your  
supreme hour of sorrow.”**

**- St. Marianne Cope**



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
 Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30  
 Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18  
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20  
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25  
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34  
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41  
 Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

### Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

### Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

### Gospel:

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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### Seeking the Light Together on Zoom

**Zoom Presentations on consecutive Wednesdays:  
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This is a time to be encouraged and hopeful as we seek the LIGHT of God's loving presence in our day, especially during our winter months.



During our gatherings we will:

- Offer a presentation on HOPE; RESILIENCE; GAINING WISDOM; GROWING IN AWARENESS AND PERSPECTIVE, AND SEEKING THE LIGHT WITH THE GIFT OF DISCERNMENT
- Have time for personal reflection with opportunities to listen and share together.
- Receive reading resources on the topics.
- Practice an Ignatian meditation to increase our awareness of God's loving presence in our daily lives, especially in our challenging winter months.

Come and join us! This is a time to be encouraged and hopeful as we seek the LIGHT of God's loving presence in our day, especially during our winter months. This program is open to both men and women.

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### The ABCs of Annulment

**Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield**

Fr. Philip Schulze, Pastor of Saint Margaret Parish, 24 Academy Street, Madison, CT, in collaboration with Fr. George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield will host "The ABCs of Annulment" on Saturday, January 22nd from 10am to 12pm, in the Church Hall at the address above.

Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC, and Jim Tottenham.

Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday, January 29th, February 12th & 19th, from 10am to 12pm. Brother Larry, Jim Tottenham, and other members of the Annulment Team, will be present for the Workshops.

The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry at: 475-221-8464 or email him at: [brlarius300@gmail.com](mailto:brlarius300@gmail.com).

### Xavier High School: \$25,000 Cash Raffle

*The Xavier High School \$25,000 cash raffle is winner take all. Tickets are \$100 each. Only 800 will be sold. The drawing will be at 11 a.m. on April 1 at Xavier High School. You do not need to be present to win, but you must be at least 18 years old to purchase. All tax liabilities are borne solely by the purchaser.*

Tickets may be purchased by mailing a check (no cash) to Xavier High School, 181 Randolph Road, Middletown CT 06457. They also can be purchased online at [xavierhighschool.org](http://xavierhighschool.org). Click on Alumni & Giving, and then click on \$25,000 Cash Raffle.

For more information, contact the advancement office at 860-346-7735. Proceeds benefit the Xavier Annual Fund.

### St. Mary's School Open House



Join us in January for our Open House! Sunday, January 30th 1:00 - 3:30 pm

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