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MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart. - Lk 2:19

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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

BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

Please call the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221

Please schedule marriage dates at least 6 months ahead. 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 INTENTIONS



**Solemnity of
Mary, the Holy
Mother of God**

MONDAY, January 2

9:00 Arthur Hennig, *requested by the Spina Family*

TUESDAY, January 3

9:00 Eugene O'Nee

WEDNESDAY, January 4

9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, January 5

9:00 Don Sopelak, *requested by his family*

FRIDAY, January 6

9:00 For Divine Peace on Earth, *requested by
Judith Stafford and David Woolley*

SATURDAY, January 7

4:00 Henry Hojnowski, *requested by
Russell and Diane Koch*

SUNDAY, January 8

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 For the intentions of Stephen Bosze (Living),
requested by the Fedorciw Family

11:00 David Matthes (3rd Ann), *requested by
Anne & Family*



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

MONDAY, January 2

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church

RCIA: 11am in Room 3

MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome)

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

Lectio Divina, Live! returns next week

TUESDAY, January 3

WWP Touching the Divine: 10:15am via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, January 4

RCIA: 1pm in Room 3

WWP Touching the Divine: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, January 5

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, January 6

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

SATURDAY, January 7

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

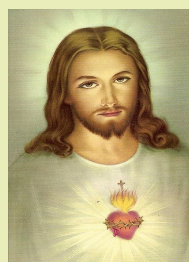
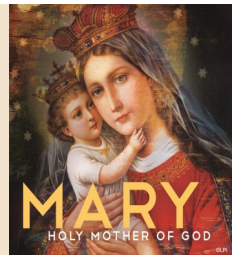
SUNDAY, January 8

Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am in Room 3 and via Zoom

Sunday, January 1, 2023

**Mary,
the Holy Mother of God**

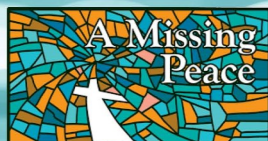
(Will be celebrated at our regular Sunday Masses)



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

**Sunday, January 15th
2:30 - 3:30pm in the church**

Please join us for this powerful devotion!



You are invited to join us on a Weekend Retreat

"A Missing Peace"

At Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT

The retreat begins with a buffet dinner on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday with a Celebration of Mass followed by a hot brunch.

WOMEN'S RETREAT DATE: JANUARY 6-8, 2023

Contact: Eileen DiMauro: ecdimauro@yahoo.com

MEN'S RETREAT DATE: JANUARY 13-15, 2023

Contact: Paul Watson: pgwatson33@gmail.com

Additional Info: www.holyfamilyretreat.org

Let us find together, "A Missing Peace" for which we all long. Through our prayer together, our presentations, and our discussions, we can come closer to understanding how to achieve the peace that Jesus meant for us to have, and equally important, the peace that is meant for us to share in our families and in our world.

COME SING in the LOFT!!



Join a CHOIR for Masses in 2023

A quote often attributed to Saint Augustine says
"To Sing is to Pray Twice."

We are adding voices for Christmas Eve and for Masses in 2023. Have you ever wanted to explore singing with our Music Minsters in the Choir Loft? If so, please reach out to our Director of Music, Tom Stockton at 860-673-9858, ext. 230, and/or our Ministries Coordinator (and long time Choir Member), Chip Janiszewski at chip.janiszewski@stannavon.com for more information. We would love to chat with you!



St. Ann Cares Looking For New Leadership

St. Ann Cares is looking for new leadership and planning members. The continuity of this ministry depends on someone stepping forward to lead it. St. Ann Cares repairs, paints and performs landscaping tasks for those in need. If this sounds like something you would be interested in let me know. I would love to talk to you.

Thank you ,

Steve Rose 860 -250-5355 or sjrose1088@gmail.com

The Saint Ann Scholarship Committee presents their

2023 Annual Used Book Sale

Friday, January 27th: 5 pm-7:30 pm
(\$5 adult admission)

Saturday, January 28th: 9am-2:30 pm
(no admission fee)

Proceeds go toward Catholic High School Student Scholarships.

Please donate books in good condition during the following collection dates/times:

Wednesday and Thursday, January 25/26: between 9:30am-4pm

Friday, January 27: between 9:30-11:30am

Please donate books:

best sellers, fiction, non-fiction, religious, classics, biographies, memoirs, self-help books, vintage books, cookbooks, politics, children's books, young readers, CDs, puzzles, etc.

Volunteers are needed for collection & sale week.

To volunteer, please contact Meg Kundahl, 860-521-1051, mikfk@sbcglobal.net or Eileen Sibson, 860-321-7266, sibsonec@aol.com. Thank you!



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

This week's theme: Our Lady and the Blessed Sacrament

Father Martingnetti, the head of Campus Ministry at Ave Maria University wrote, "I personally believe that Our Lady is the best one to teach us Eucharistic reverence. Consider how tenderly she held and loved Our Lord especially in His infancy. Imitate her gentle, loving reverence at every Mass when you come forward to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament."

Reflection: Welcome Jesus when you receive Him in Holy Communion and ask that you may receive Him with all the love, adoration, humility, praise, thanksgiving and reverence of Our Blessed Mother's heart. Imagine the joy with which she received her Divine Son in Holy Communion from the Apostles.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 12/18/22: \$5,621.89

Weekly Collection for 12/25/22: will be reported next weekend

Online Giving (Dec. 16-27, 2022): \$4,845.00

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *Fuel*

Starting January 11th

JAMES: PEARLS FOR WISE LIVING

One of the most practical books of the Bible, the Letter of St. James, is a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. Jeff Cavins shows how the teachings of James speak to those of us who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our faith. Meant to help a fledgling Church live out its faith in the face of persecution and a worldview opposed to the gospel, the book of James will help you discover wisdom you can apply to the present.

Wednesdays at 9:30AM – 11:30AM
in Father Bennett Hall

Purchasing the workbook (\$30) for the 11 Sessions includes online access

To register, please call or email
Janet Newman: 860-573-3446
wjnewman@sbcglobal.net



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 & in person.
Newcomers welcome!

Sundays at 10:30am both in Room 3 & via Zoom
Starting January 8th

Mondays at 7:15pm in Rm 3 and via Zoom
Starting January 9th

Fridays at 9:45am via Zoom
Starting January 6th

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



Please note:
The suggested
donation for
Mass intentions
is now \$25

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Come be a part of our ministry!

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, January 2nd
7-8:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall



All are welcome...
including brand new knitters!
For more information call
Tina: 860-674-1541

thank you

The Parish of St. Ann would like to express their deepest gratitude to **Theresa Brighenti**, who for years has been the donor of the liturgical Catholic calendars that our parishioners have been able to pick up each Christmas season! Thank you and God bless you, Theresa!

JANUARY 1, 2023 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(Practicing) Catholic, Recognize Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments, by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

She Kept All of These Things in Her Heart

"What was my first word? Who was there when I was born? When did I start to walk? Which toys did I play with? What made me cry when I was a baby?"

My oldest has reached the age where she has started to ask questions like this. As she grows up, she is realizing that, in order to understand the world around her, she must first understand herself. This makes her insatiably curious about her own identity, her history — her "origin story," as they say in the movies.

I've got most of it documented either in writing or in photos, but even if it's a detail that wasn't scribbled in a baby book or saved to my digital cloud, it's a memory that I can quickly summon and make real for her as we snuggle and talk about who she was, who she is, and who she may become.

I'm the mom. I have kept all of these things in my heart.

The Blessed Mother knew more about God before opening a book than most of us could discover after a lifetime of study and prayer. There is no one whose knowledge of Christ was so intimate, so deep, so simultaneously ordinary and extraordinary, as the human woman who bore him, birthed him, nursed him, raised him and eventually gave him up.

In the way that I can tell my daughter everything there is to know about the part of her life she cannot recall, Mary can tell us everything we need to know about Christ. All we have to do is ask.

Mary kept all of these things in her heart. — Luke 2:19

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 1, 2023

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11
or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them (Nm 6:27)

Psalm:

May God bless us in his mercy. (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman. (Gal 4:4)

Gospel:

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. (Lk 2:16)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

The shepherds returned from Bethlehem "glorifying and praising God." They were affected deeply by the sight of the infant Messiah and the message of the angels. What would the world look like, if we allowed ourselves to be likewise impacted by the word of God?

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph *at the moment they see the child in the manger*. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, **"When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."**

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "*Mangia? Mangia?*" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "*Mangia* means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

— Father John Muir

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

SAVE THE DATE !!! May 21, 2023

Are you a graduate of one of the
21 New Haven Catholic
elementary schools?

Are you interested in the future of
Catholic education in New Haven?

Then this event is for you... Save-the-date for the Legacy Brunch: Celebrating the History of Catholic Elementary Education in New Haven. Sunday, May 21, 2023. This is an opportunity for Catholic school alumni and supporters to come together, share memories, see old classmates and celebrate all that has been and will be! Tickets for the brunch at Anthony's Ocean View are \$50 and will go on sale on January 15, 2023. Proceeds will benefit All Saints Catholic Academy. We warmly welcome you to join us beforehand for the celebration of Sunday Mass by Archbishop Blair at St. Bernadette's Church at 10:30am.

For more information please call 203-777-5352 or visit www.AllSaintsNewHaven.org/LegacyBrunch and see the list of the 21 schools that once flourished in New Haven and the dates that they were founded.

Shake Rattle & Roll

**Southington Catholic School's
7th Annual Gala & Auction**

February 3, 2023
6p-11p
Aqua Turf Club

~DINNER~
~SILENT AUCTIONS~
~GAMES~
~LIVE AUCTIONS~
~OPEN BAR~
~RAFFLES~
~DANCING~

Scan the QR code
or visit
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and
buy tickets!

Maximize Your Year-End Gifts to the Church of St. Ann

Fall is traditionally when we think about making gifts to support our favorite charities, like the Church of Saint Ann. There are many options for tax-effective giving both for those who can continue to itemize their deductions and for those who will no longer itemize.

Making your gift from your IRA

If you are 70.5 or older, you can make qualified charitable distributions (QCD's) directly from individual retirement accounts (IRA's) using funds that might otherwise be taxed when withdrawn. Gifts can be made in any amount up to a total of \$100,000 per individual per year. The benefits of a QCD are reduced for those who continue to make deductible IRA contributions.

Because you are giving directly from your IRA, you won't increase your adjusted gross income and possibly subject your social security or other income to higher levels of taxation. These tax-free gifts are particularly wise for those who no longer itemize deductions for income tax purposes. Consult your financial or tax advisor for more information.

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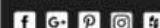
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