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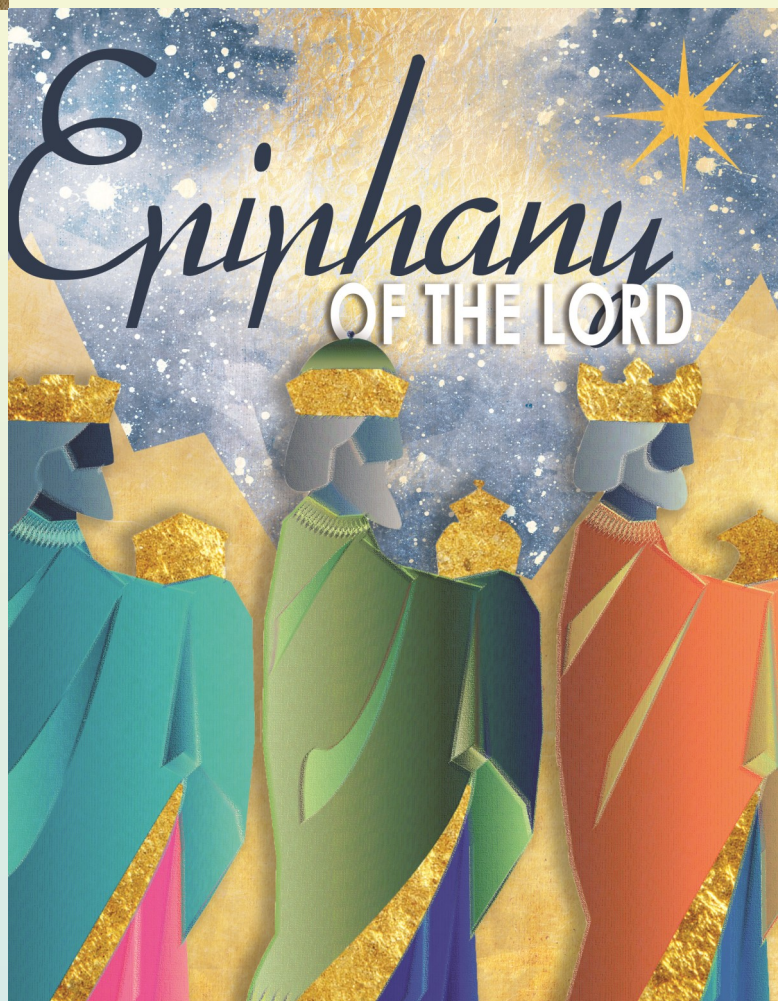
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## MASS SCHEDULE:

**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



## The Epiphany of the Lord

### MONDAY, January 9

9:00 **Michael Luongo (2nd Ann)**, requested by  
*Jo LaVia and Family*

### TUESDAY, January 10

9:00 **Special Intentions**

### WEDNESDAY, January 11

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

### THURSDAY, January 12

9:00 **Charles Deye**, requested by *his family*

### FRIDAY, January 13

9:00 **Special Intentions**

### SATURDAY, January 14

4:00 **Margaret Coombs**, requested by *her daughter*,  
*Patricia Borden*

### SUNDAY, January 15

7:30 **Richard Hill**, requested by *Lionel & Doris Cyr*

9:30 **Donald Leavitt**, requested by  
*the DiStefano, Edgar and Tyler Families*

11:00 **Fr. Maynard Kearns**, requested by  
*his sister, Julie*

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

## "POTLUCK" International Food Festival Parish Social

**Saturday, January 21st**  
following the 4PM Mass

Hosted by our  
Social Outreach Ministries



Kick off 2023 by joining your fellow parishioners and  
guests as we CELEBRATE DIVERSITY in FOOD!

Bring your favorite ethnic dish to share!

Enjoy sampling the favorite ethnic dishes  
that others bring!

Even if you are attending Mass on  
Sunday, you are welcome to join us  
– the more the merrier!

Contact Ministries Coordinator,  
Chip Janiszewski (see the Bulletin)  
for more information.



# 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 9

**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)

**Lectio Divina, Live!** 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

### TUESDAY, January 10

**WWP Touching the Divine:** 10:15am via Zoom

**Social Outreach Meeting:** 7pm in Room 3

### WEDNESDAY, January 11

**James Bible Study:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

**RCIA:** 1pm in Room 3

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

### THURSDAY, January 12

**Step by Step:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

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

**Acts Bible Study:** 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall and via Zoom

### FRIDAY, January 13

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

### SATURDAY, January 14

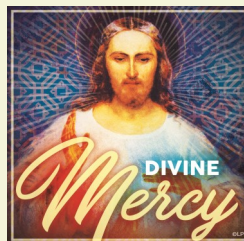
**Men's Breakfast Group:** 8:00 am in Room 3

### SUNDAY, January 15

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

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour:** 2:30pm in the church

## Divine Mercy Holy Hour



*Next Sunday,*

**January 15, 2023**

**2:30 - 3:30pm**  
*in the church*

Please join us to implore God's Mercy upon us and the  
whole world.



*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](mailto:wjnewman@sbcglobal.net)

## FAITH REFRESHER SERIES

Dive a little deeper in your understanding of how we as Catholics:

- + ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE in the Sacraments
- + LIVE OUT LOVE through Virtues and Service

### OFFERED TWO TIMES:

#### DAYS

Jan 12-Mar 23  
THURS, 9:30-11am  
Fr. Bennett Hall

#### EVENINGS

Mar 28-May 30  
TUES, 7-8:30pm  
Room 3

Cost: \$20 (assistance is available)  
Register: [www.osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/faith-refresher-2023](http://www.osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/faith-refresher-2023)  
Resource: "Symbolon II" via FORMED.org  
Questions: [andreapizzutti333@gmail.com](mailto:andreapizzutti333@gmail.com)

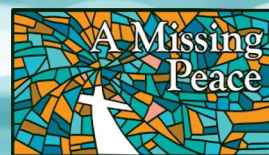
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St. Ann Cares is looking for new leadership and planning members. The continuity of this ministry depends on someone stepping forward to lead it. St. Ann Cares repairs, paints and performs landscaping tasks for those in need. If this sounds like something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

Thank you ,

Steve Rose 860 -250-5355 or  
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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](mailto:ecdimauro@yahoo.com)

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

Contact: Paul Watson: [pgwatson33@gmail.com](mailto:pgwatson33@gmail.com)

Additional Info: [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://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.

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**Weekly Collection for 12/25/22:** \$7,395.50

**Weekly Collection for 1/1/23:** \$3564.50

**Online Giving (Dec. 27– Jan. 4, 2023):** \$3,933.50

**Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:** *monthly*

## 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](mailto:chip.janiszewski@stannavon.com) for more information. We would love to chat with you!



## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

### This week's theme: Jesus reveals Himself to the Gentiles

When the Wise Men traveled from afar to find the newborn King of the Jews, the first thing they did, upon finding Him, was to adore Him. He brought Him precious gifts and rejoiced at being able to be in His presence.

Reflection: Did you know that adoration literally means "mouth to mouth"? Do you adore Jesus when you receive Him in Holy Communion via your mouth? In the Song of Songs there is a verse (1:2) which says, "Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth." Jesus Himself is the kiss. In the Eucharist He will speak uniquely to you most lovingly, if you listen to Him in the depths of your heart.

As the Wise Men brought Him gifts, bring Him the gift of your heart and as they rejoiced in finding Him, rejoice in His Presence to you in Holy Communion.

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, [mktk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mktk@sbcglobal.net) or  
Eileen Sibson, 860-321-7266, [sibsonec@aol.com](mailto:sibsonec@aol.com).  
Thank you!



## 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>



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

### Faith and Fear

When I was little, you could tell I believed in the destructive power of the monsters who lived beneath my bed because I would never let my ankles anywhere near the bottom of the mattress. (It's common knowledge that bare ankles are premium monster bait — ask any child you know).

You can often tell what a person believes by what they fear.

But here's the thing: belief isn't always enough. It's obvious that Herod believed in Christ's power because of how terrified he was by it and by the room he made in his life for the possible impact of the Messiah. In fact, if belief was the only measure of orthodoxy, you could stand most modern Christians next to Herod and he would tower above them.

Remember, there's something just as bad as disobeying God: discounting Him. I know I am guilty of that in a thousand small ways each day. In the person I ignore or the opinion I sneer at. In the unkind words I let roll from my tongue. In the prayers of thanksgiving that I don't say because I am "too busy."

I believe in God, but I do not fear Him — mostly because my very modern understanding of the concept of "fear" would lump God in with those monsters beneath my bed.

But what if we understood fear in a more traditional sense — awe, reverence, and wonder? *"All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him."* — Psalm 72:11

When Herod heard the news of the coming of the Messiah, it compelled him to do something. Not the right thing, mind you, but *something*. It moved him into action.

So, then, it should move us all.

*We saw his star at its rising, and have come to do him homage.* — Matthew 2:2

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of January 8, 2023

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  
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17  
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28  
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17  
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

### Live the Liturgy

The offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh were carried by the magi over many miles of hard travel to be laid at the feet of Jesus. What gifts do we bear through the journey of life to lay at the feet of the King? Do we protect them as we should?

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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. (Eph 3:5-6)

### Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "**They were overjoyed at seeing the star.**"

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus.

— 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](http://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~  
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~DANCING~

Scan the QR code  
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[auctria.events/scsgala2023](http://auctria.events/scsgala2023)  
to learn more  
and  
buy tickets!

# 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!

### Calling all Young Adults 18-39!

Are you seeking community? Looking to deepen your relationship with Christ? Simply curious to know more about the Catholic faith? Come join Crossroads 4 Christ (C4C) on Friday nights! We meet for an hour of fellowship and formation and Eucharistic Adoration at 31 Oak St. Winsted, CT 06098.

6:30-7:30pm – Fellowship and formation in the Faith Formation Center (up the hill from St. Joseph Church)

7:30-8:30pm – Eucharistic Adoration in St. Joseph Church Side Chapel. Confessions available.

C4C is a lay apostolate working to develop communities of young adult missionary disciples and currently has 6 other chapters in Connecticut. For more information, visit [crossroadsforchrist.org](http://crossroadsforchrist.org).

Questions? Contact Jill  
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