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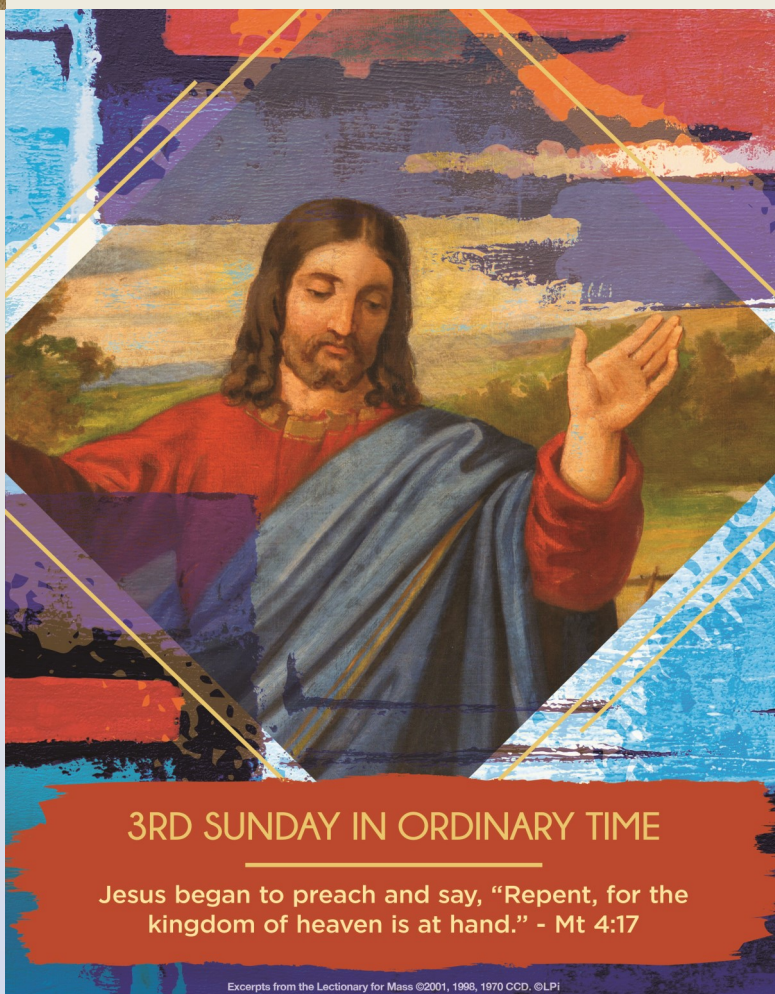
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## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:17

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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



**3rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time,  
Word of God Sunday**



*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.*

## MONDAY, January 23

**9:00 Winefred McDermott**, requested by  
Brian McDermott

## TUESDAY, January 24

**9:00 Patricia Slook**, requested by Joanie & Roman Fedorciw

## WEDNESDAY, January 25

**9:00 Richard and Gabrielle St. Jean**, requested by  
Rob & Valerie St. Jean

## THURSDAY, January 26

**9:00 For the intentions of the Pinzino Family  
(LIVING)**, requested by the Wojewoda Family

## FRIDAY, January 27

**9:00 Billy Martinez (30th Ann)**, requested by his mom

## SATURDAY, January 28

**4:00 For blessings upon Dan & Mary Healey as they  
move to Massachusetts (LIVING)**, requested by  
their St. Ann Friends

## SUNDAY, January 29

**7:30 For Divine Peace on Earth**, requested by  
Kathryn Woolley

**9:30 Anna L. Amato (1st Ann)**, requested by  
her husband, Gaetano and her sons

**11:00 Michael Joseph Oleskewicz (3rd Ann)**,  
requested by the Oleskewicz Family

## NEXT WEEKEND!

St. Ann Scholarship Committee's  
Annual

## USED BOOK SALE

Father Bennett Hall

All proceeds go toward Catholic High School  
Student Scholarships



## Book Donation Dates:

Please donate books during the following dates/times:



**Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am - 4pm**

**Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am - 4pm**

**Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am - 11:30am**

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

## Volunteering:

To volunteer for book  
sorting or sale please contact:

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Eileen Sibson  
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sibsonec@aol.com

## Book Sale Dates:

**Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

**5pm - 7:30pm**  
\$5 adult admission

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9am - 2:30pm**  
No admission fee

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

### MONDAY, January 23

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** will return next week

**RCIA:** 11am in Room 3

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

**Divine Design:** 6:30pm in the Activity Room

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

### TUESDAY, January 24

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

### WEDNESDAY, January 25

**Book Sale DROP OFF:** 9:30am - 4pm

**James Bible Study:** 9:30am in Room 2 & 3

**RCIA:** 1pm in Room 3

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

### THURSDAY, January 26

**Book Sale DROP OFF:** 9:30am - 4pm

**Step by Step:** 9:30am in Room 3

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

**Acts Bible Study:** 6:30pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

### FRIDAY, January 27

**Book Sale DROP OFF:** 9:30am - 11am

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

**Book Sale:** 5-7:30pm (\$5 adult admission)

### SATURDAY, January 28

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

**Book Sale:** 9am—2:30pm (no admission fee)

### SUNDAY, January 29

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





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Every day we are inundated with messages about what our bodies should look and feel like, especially at the start of the year. Have you ever paused to consider what your loving God wants you to have on your mind, or what He has to say about your body? Come find out, and get renewed – body, mind, and Spirit!

- **Dates:** Mondays, beginning Jan 23 (skipping Feb 20)
- **Time:** 7-8:30pm
- **Location:** St. Ann Church, 289 Arch Rd, Avon (meeting rooms listed by date at <https://www.stannavon.org/divine-design>)
- **Format:** Mingle; *Pause. Breathe. Pray.™* practice; Bible study discussion
- **Fee:** \$40 (includes book)
- **Register:** email [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com) or visit <https://www.osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/align-with-your-divine-design-2023>
- **Attire:** Dress comfortably to stretch/strengthen
- **Bring:** Yoga mat, block and strap, if you have them
- **Waiver:** Please complete the exercise waiver when you register online, or in person 15 min before first class.

A minimum of 12 participants is required to run this program  
\*<https://www.shawnelizabethgeorge.com/>



## Little Lambs

**Upcoming Little Lambs dates:**  
**Sundays, 1/29, 2/12 and 2/19 at the 9:30am Mass. All children are welcome to join us for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Father will call them up after the Opening Prayer.**

**No need to sign up ahead. Older siblings and Caregivers welcome too.**

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



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

### Upcoming Pro-Life Events

Archbishop Reverend William E. Lori, Chairman of the USCCB Committee for Pro-Life Activities urges us to Build a Culture of Life in a Post-Roe World." We proclaim "a vision for our society that upholds the truth that every human life is sacred and inviolable—a society in which the legal protection of human life is accompanied by profound care for mothers and their children" <https://bit.ly/statement-march-21>. We recommitted our committees to work to make this vision a reality. And we urge our dioceses, parishes, and Catholic agencies and institutions to do likewise.

- Monday, June 23rd Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children - Celebration of the 9a.m. Mass with prayers for the sanctity of all life, especially the unborn.
- February: Helping Moms in Need, Valentine's Day Collection HUGS FROM THE HEART to support Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center in Torrington. Collection will be February 11/12. More details in next week's bulletin.



## 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](https://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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## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**Weekly Collection for 1/15/23:** \$5,268.29  
**Online Giving (Jan.11-18, 2023):** \$2,742.50  
**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 & 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>



## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

### This week's theme: In the Beginning was the Word

This Sunday we celebrate a relatively new Feast: The Sunday of the Word of God. The emphasis is on celebrating the sacred Scriptures. Recall that the words of Scripture are the words of Jesus. When we spend time with the words of Scripture, we are also spending time with Jesus, who is the Incarnate Word of God.

**Reflection:** St. Jerome wrote, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Let us not be ignorant of Jesus by not recognizing Him in both the Sacred Scriptures and in the reality of His Divine Presence in the Holy Eucharist. In the Scriptures Christ is there to teach us in His words. In the Eucharist He is there Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity to nourish and sanctify us.

**Save the Dates!**  
**St Ann's Totally Catholic  
Vacation Bible Camp**  
**Stellar - Shine Jesus' Light**  
**June 19, 20, 21, 22**  
**9:30 am - 12:30 pm**  
**Dates subject to change based on APS snow days**



## 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*

**"SIMON THE FISHERMAN  
TRUSTED THIS RABBI,  
WHO DID NOT GIVE HIM  
ANSWERS BUT REQUIRED  
HIM TO TRUST."**

POPE BENEDICT XVI



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

**The Art of Retreat**

Social media has made it far too easy for me to share my opinion.

These virtual spaces tend to strip our words of all empathy. Someone will post something that I think is nonsense, and I just have to tell them why — and quickly! Hurry! Before they delete it!

Nine times out of ten, when the dust is settled, I find that I've said too much and listened too little.

As I've gotten older, the motto I try (not always successfully) to live by is this: You do not have to be on the attack all of the time, even if it's for what you think is the truth.

I can't help but notice that the first thing Jesus does when he hears of the arrest of John the Baptist is to retreat. He doesn't punch a hole in a wall or take to the streets in protest. He withdraws.

And what does he do after withdrawing? A lot of praying, I would imagine. A lot of thinking, a lot of reflecting. A lot of listening to the voice of his Father.

Sometimes we mistake stillness with vulnerability. But Christ shows us that to withdraw, to contemplate, can actually be a tremendous show of strength. Even the fiercest dogs wait for the command of their master before they act.

*For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence. — 1 Corinthians 1:17*



**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

**Live the Liturgy**

When Jesus called Simon and Andrew, they left "at once" to follow him; when he called James and John, they did likewise. St. Peter, St. Andrew, St. James and St. John, pray for us, that God will grant us similar courage and clarity when called by Christ.

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**WEEKLY READINGS**

**Readings for the week of January 22, 2023**

Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/  
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17  
Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18  
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/  
Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41  
Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/  
1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; (Is 9:1)

**Psalm:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

**Second Reading:**

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)

**Gospel:**

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13-14)

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, "Don't lie when you pray." He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It's stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, "**He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali...**" This isn't just the Lord's relocation up north. It's his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in *those* places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we're no longer lying when we pray.

— *Father John Muir*

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### **2023 Archdiocese of Hartford's High School Collection:**

**THIS WEEKEND!**

**Jan. 21-22, 2023**

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buy tickets!

### **Evening for Couples: The Power of Gratitude**

Tuesday, January 31, 7-8:30.

St. Mary's Star of the Sea.

You will be thankful that you did.

Gratitude is powerful. Grateful couples are healthier, happier, more spiritual, and more loving. In a one and a half-hour session, you will be introduced to the whys and hows of couple gratitude. You will be given a take-home guide that will start you on your way to a more grateful relationship.

There is no cost to attend, just a desire to spend time enriching your relationship and join other couples in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. Light refreshments will be available, also at no cost.

*Registration is recommended but not required.  
Leave an acceptance message for Tom and Joan containing  
your name and parish at [joantomgun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joantomgun@sbcglobal.net)  
or 860-673-3647*

### **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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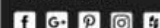
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