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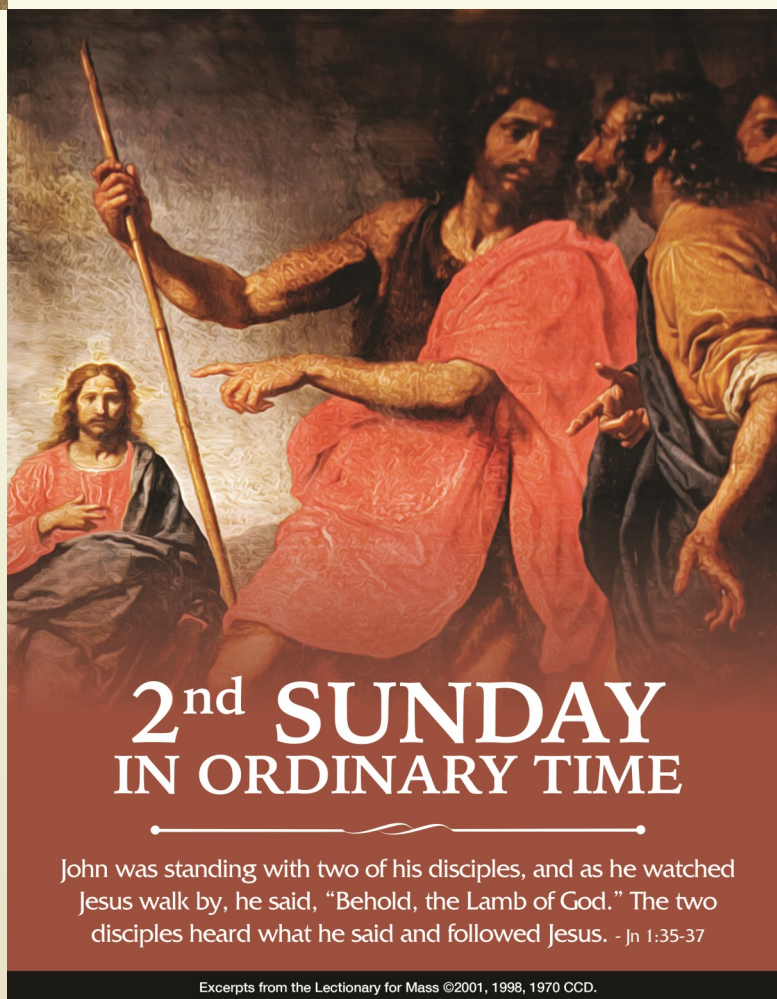
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Please schedule marriage dates at least 6 months ahead. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

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.



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Tuesdays 6 - 7:30pm

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

SATURDAY, January 13,

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM

4:00 Robert Ahern, requested by
Brian and Ann Beloin

SUNDAY, January 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Dorothy LaRosa, requested by
her husband, Michael

9:30 Josepha & Antony Poprawa, requested by
the Osiecki Family

11:00 Maria Consuegra, requested by her friends

Monday, January 15

9:00 Robert W. O'Connell, requested by
Mark and Aline Douglass

TUESDAY, January 16

9:00 Roland and Geraldine Spino, requested by
the Theroux Family

WEDNESDAY, January 17, Saint Anthony, Abbot

9:00 Maria Consuegra (1st Ann.),
requested by her friends

THURSDAY, January 18

9:00 David Julian, requested by the Bondhus Family

FRIDAY, January 19

9:00 Tom Reno, requested by the Osiecki Family

SATURDAY, January 20,

Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr; BVM

4:00 Michael Rubino, requested by
the Scapellati Family

SUNDAY, January 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Margaret Coombs, requested by
her daughter, Tracie Borden

9:30 Hugh & Susan Linnane, requested by
Christine Linnane and the Stack Family

11:00 Jolanta & Bogdan Nizanski, requested by
the Osiecki Family

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 parish. You can do so by stopping by or calling the Parish Office (860-673-9858, ext. 221).

You can also register online at:
www.stannavon.org/register-at-st-ann

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

SATURDAY, January 13

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

SUNDAY, January 14

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft

Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30-3:30pm in the church

MONDAY, January 15

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

Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

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

TUESDAY, January 16

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 6-7:30pm in the church

Social Outreach Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Rm. 2 (*rescheduled from 1/9*)

WEDNESDAY, January 17

Book Sale-Donation Drop Off: 9:30am—4pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist: will return next week

RCIA: 6:30pm in Room 3

Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, January 18

Book Sale-Donation Drop Off: 9:30am—4pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

Making Sense Out of Suffering Book Study: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Children's Choir Rehearsal: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft

FRIDAY, January 19

Book Sale-Donation Drop Off: 9:30-11:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

Annual Used Book Sale: 5-7:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (\$5 adult admission)

SATURDAY, January 20

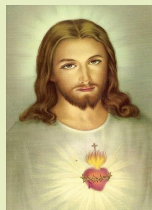
Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

Annual Used Book Sale: 9am - 2pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, January 21

Adult Choir Rehearsal: 8:20am in the Choir Loft

Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday, January 14, 2024

2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Church of Saint Ann

Please join us for this powerful devotion!

SAVE THE DATE

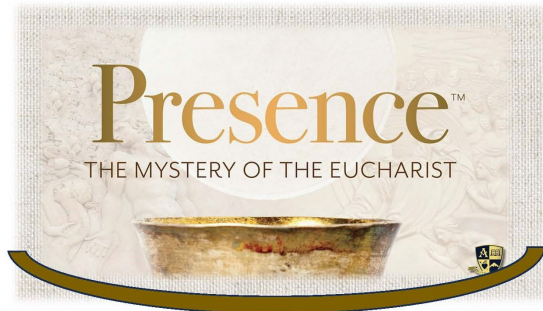
International Potluck

Saturday,

February 10th

5pm





Join us in January for this **FREE 3-Part Series on the Eucharist**

At St. Ann Church in Fr. Bennett Hall on Wednesday Mornings

Dates: January 10th, 24th and 31st (Snow Date – February 7th)

Time: 9:30 am – 11:00 am

RSVP: andreapizzuti333@gmail.com

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life.

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members.

It is the crescendo of the entire story of Salvation!

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS



THE BIBLE and the VIRGIN MARY

This dynamic 12-Part video series beautifully explains the Catholic truths about Our Lady. We will learn how the Blessed Virgin Mary has been part of God's plan to bring salvation to the world since the beginning of time.

DATE:	February 15 - May 8th, 2024
TIME:	9:30 - 11:00 am
PLACE:	St. Ann (Fr. Bennett Hall)
COST:	\$20 Workbook
RSVP:	andreapizzuti333@gmail.com



Please note:
starting in 2024, the suggested donation for Mass intentions will be...

Weekend Masses: \$30
Daily Masses: \$25

The Saint Ann Scholarship Committee presents their

2024 Annual Used Book Sale

-proceeds go to Catholic High School Student scholarships-

Friday, January 19th

5:00pm - 7:30 pm (\$5 adult admission)

Saturday, January 20th

9:00am – 2:00 pm (no admission fee)

Snow dates: January 26/27

Please donate books on:

Wednesday & Thursday, January 17/18

9:30am - 4pm

Friday, January 19:

9:30 - 11:30am

Types of books (in good condition) to donate:

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

PLEASE NO: textbooks, reference books, encyclopedias

Volunteers are needed for collection & sale week.

To volunteer, please contact Meg Kundahl, 860-521-1051, mkfk@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!



Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study

Ladies, Please Join Us And Strengthen Your Trust In God As You See His Plan Unfold Throughout Biblical History!

Newcomers Welcome!!

WE'LL MEET FROM JAN 16 & 17 THROUGH MAR 19 & 20

CHOOSE TUESDAY 10:15 AM VIA ZOOM OR

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM IN FATHER BENNETT HALL

COST \$22

Contacts:

Pat Wall (860)508-0947

or Colleen Waterbury (203)913-8764



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 1/7/24: \$7,411.00
Votive Candles for the week ending 1/7/24: \$349.56
2023 Annual Collection total as of 1/8/2024: \$177,857.00

Online Giving (Jan. 3-10, 2024)

Weekly: \$3,005.50

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:
 Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

A layman and French author, Leon Bloy, wrote these words in his novel "La Femme": *"The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life is not to become a saint."*

Reflection: If you haven't yet made a New Year's resolution, perhaps ponder Leon Bloy's quote above and seriously prioritize it as your preeminent priority.

Thank you

A thank you to all our friends at the Church of St. Ann who generously donated an INCREDIBLE amount of grocery gift cards-close to \$2,500- to help survivors and their families put food on the table this holiday season and beyond! We are so grateful for your partnership and for this amazing donation of our most requested item during this time of great need.

Prudence Crandall Center

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" 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.

- On Sunday, January 14th: We will celebrate the Divine Mercy Holy Hour from 2:30-3:30 p.m. We will pray to end abortion in all 50 states and for a renewed respect for all human life.
- Friday, January 19th from 12 noon-1 pm: Holy Hour for Life. Pray for those marching in DC
- Monday, January 22nd: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children - Celebration of the 9am Mass with prayers for the sanctity of all life, especially the unborn.
- February 10th/11th: Helping Moms in Need Valentine's Day Fundraiser HUGS FROM THE HEART to support Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center in Torrington. Date and details in a future bulletin.



Grab friends and make new ones at St. Ann's first social gathering of the year

Beer Tasting & Dinner Event

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\$25.00 PER GUEST

to sample beer and food - cash bar to follow
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desserts will be provided by
 St. Ann's new Social group,
 The GATHER Committee

PLEASE RSVP BY JAN. 21
 TO REGISTER & PROVIDE PAYMENT::

www.stannavon.org/the-gather-committee

Worship & Meditation: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

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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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...**they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.**" Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives.* Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir

Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

In the Lord's call to Samuel, Eli teaches Samuel the importance of "listening" to God's voice. Can you name something you have heard from the Lord?

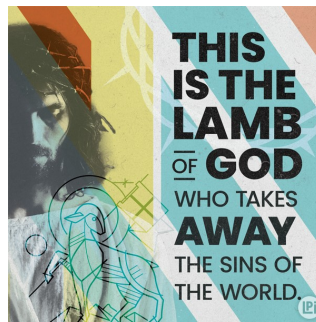
Second Reading:

Paul saw our physical bodies as a temple of the Holy Spirit, destined to be raised after death just as Jesus was raised from the dead. What are some ways to treat your body with reverence and respect?

Gospel:

In John's account of the call of the first disciples, we hear the first words Jesus speaks in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" How can you convince family or friends that Jesus is what we all should be looking for?

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(PRACTICING)

CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Those Who Seek the Truth

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: "You don't want to talk to me. There's nothing special about me."

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is

Readings for the Week of January 14, 2024

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:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/ Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144: 1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/ Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/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

no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: *There it is. We finally found it.*

Isn't that the best we can all hope for?

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" — John 1:38

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"Gimme 5"

Exploring the Issues of Food Insecurity and Donations



- **Why:** Join us for a "Fundraising" and fun session learn how to maximize Food Pantry donations, the struggle of food insecurity and best of all make some new friends.
- **What:** Bring \$5, 5 food items for donation &/or 5 friends - or any combination of the 3
- **Where:** St. Patrick's Church, 7 Burlington Ave, Collinsville
- **When:** Sunday, January 21st at 11:30am **OR** Wednesday, January 24th at 5:30pm
- **Who:** All food pantry donors, volunteers & clients are encouraged to come for an interactive discussion & hands on activities.
- **Presented by:** Teresa Dotson, RD
Hunger Action team volunteer & St. Patrick's parishioner

Coffee & treats will be served
All proceeds will benefit the Canton & Burlington Food Pantries.



St. Paul Catholic High School Bristol, CT

Open House/Placement Exam Information

St. Paul Catholic High School has announced its **open house campus tour dates for the new year**. If you or someone you know has a prospective student looking to attend St. Paul in the 2024/2025 school year this is the open house you'll want to visit. All tours are by appointment and each family will take a guided tour around our campus building.

Visit spchs.com/openhouse to register for an appointment time on **Saturday, January 27 with appointments beginning at 10:00am**.

Also, St. Paul Catholic High School has scheduled a date for prospective students going into 9th or 10th grade to take the **Placement Exam on Saturday, February 10 at 8:00am**. The Placement Exam is a standardized test that incoming students take which evaluates their performance levels in math, language and reading.

To register, visit spchs.com/placementexam.

PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE

SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 18th:

6:00 a.m. Be at Franciscan Life Center, 271 Finch Ave, Meriden

Breakfast en route (not included in fee)

Lunch in Crystal City, VA (not included in fee)

3:45 p.m. Bus leaves hotel promptly for Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at the Basilica

Friday, January 19th:

8:00 a.m. Mass at hotel

Breakfast with Pro-Life Speaker

11:15 a.m. Bus departs for March

12:00 p.m. Speakers on the National Mall and March to the U.S. Capitol and U.S. Supreme Court

5:00 p.m. Bus departs for Connecticut

COST AND REGISTRATION

Cost is \$125 per person for bus transportation and breakfast at hotel.

Payment is due by January 5th, 2024 and no refunds after this date.

Hotel costs and other meals are not included.

A block of rooms is being held for our group at the Hilton Arlington National Landing. **You are responsible for your hotel reservation. For the discounted rate, please reserve by December 29th, 2023.**

Call Respect Life Ministry at (203)694-4189 or (203)213-5079 for guidelines in making reservations and to obtain the group code.

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