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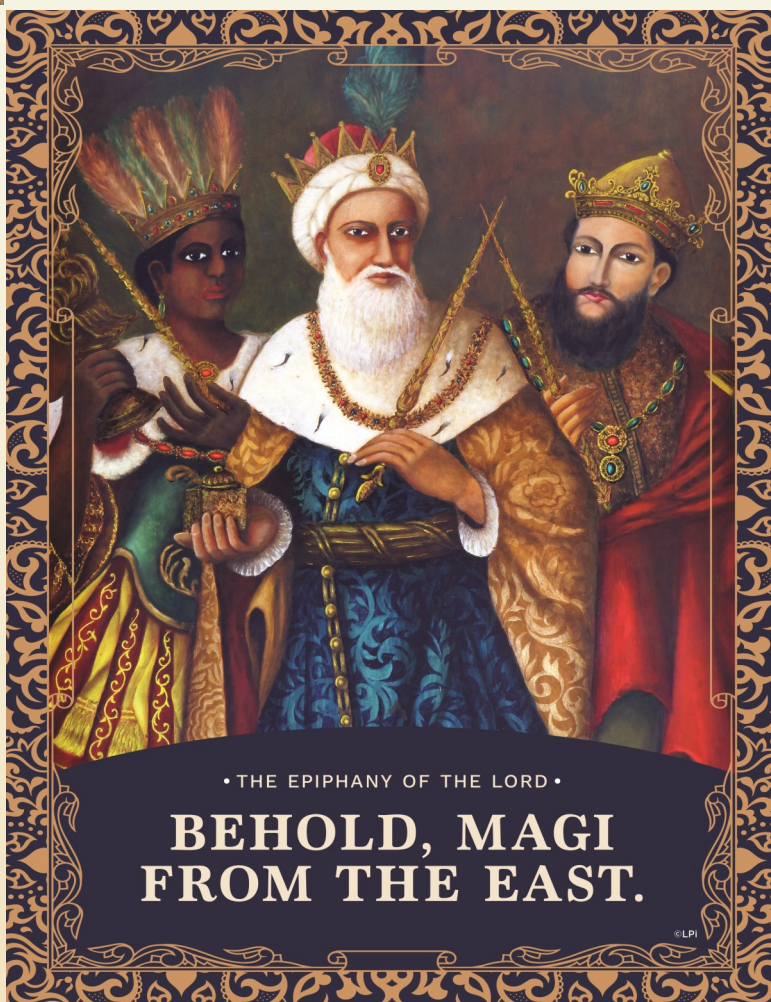
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BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

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

Wedding dates should be scheduled 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 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



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN

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!



MASS INTENTIONS

The Epiphany of the Lord

SATURDAY, January 4, *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

4:00 Henrietta Angelina (1st Ann.), requested by
 Amy Brown and Susan Riela

SUNDAY, January 5, *The Epiphany of the Lord*

7:30 *Special Intentions*

9:30 Henrietta Angelina, requested by
 the "Jesus and Java Group"

11:00 Bob Wagner, requested by the Newman Family

MONDAY, January 6, *Christmas Weekday*

Saint Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

9:00 Alice Kuzia, requested by her husband, John

TUESDAY, January 7, *Christmas Weekday*

Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

9:00 Dale Delfino, requested by Father Al Fontana

WEDNESDAY, January 8, *Christmas Weekday*

9:00 *Special Intentions*

THURSDAY, January 9, *Christmas Weekday*

9:00 *Special Intentions*

FRIDAY, January 10, *Christmas Weekday*

9:00 *Special Intentions*

SATURDAY, January 11, *Christmas Weekday*

4:00 Henry Hojnowski, requested by Russell Koch

SUNDAY, January 12, *The Baptism of the Lord*

7:30 *Special Intentions*

9:30 Anne Squadrito, requested by the Downey Family

11:00 George Carr, requested by Bill and Janet Newman

*To schedule a Mass Intention, please call or email
 Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or
kris.martino@stannavon.com
 Suggested Donations: \$30 Weekends, \$25 Weekdays*



Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for
 the Greater honor and glory of God and:

In loving memory of:

Requested by:

Prayers for the living:

Requested by:

**We pray for the safe
 return of those currently
 serving in our Military**



Contact the Parish Office to have your family members added.

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 LCDR Victoria Hamel, USCG
 CPT Sean Neagle, USArmy
 1LT Brian J. Heavren Jr., USArmy

Capt. Matthew Mascoli, USMC
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 ME3 Luke Hobbs, USCG

JANUARY

The Month of the
 Holy Name of Jesus

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

SATURDAY, January 4

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

SUNDAY, January 5

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

MONDAY, January 6

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

MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: *not meeting this week*

Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3

TUESDAY, January 7

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

WEDNESDAY, January 8

THURSDAY, January 9

New Day Seminar: 9:45am in Room 3

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, January 10

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, January 11

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

SUNDAY, January 12

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



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

2024 Christmas Collection

Not available at time of bulletin upload to the publisher...will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.

Weekly Giving for Sunday, December 29, 2024

Not available at time of bulletin upload to the publisher...will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.

Upcoming Collections:

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *Fuel*



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday, January 12th

2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Church of Saint Ann

Please join us to implore
God's Mercy!



We continue our Watch Party Series:

The Chosen: Season 3

Join us on Wednesdays

Jan. 15th-Feb. 5th

from 9:30 - 11:30 am

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February 28th
and March 1st

More details in future bulletins

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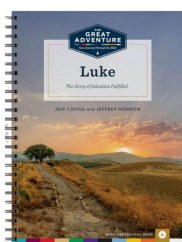


The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. On the road to Emmaus, a story unique to the Gospel of Luke, Jesus gave us the greatest Bible study of all time, laying out his fulfillment of the Old Testament.

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Wednesdays
February 12th - April 2nd
9:30-11:30am
Fr. Bennett Hall

For more information contact Andrea Pizzuti:
andreapizzuti333@gmail.com

Registration is required - RSVP by January 30th

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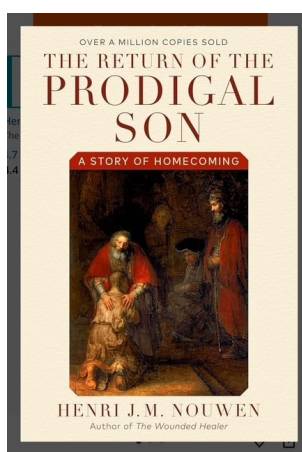
ARCHBISHOP COYNE TO VISIT SAINT ANN

I am delighted to announce that on Sunday, January 26, 2025, His Excellency, Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne, Archbishop of Hartford, will visit our parish and celebrate the 9:30 AM Mass.

Following the Mass, there will be a light reception in Father Bennett Hall where you will have the opportunity to meet Archbishop Coyne. To ensure there are no time constraints, we will be canceling the 11:00 AM Mass for that Sunday only.

It is a great honor to welcome Archbishop Coyne to our parish. I encourage you to mark your calendars and make every effort to attend this special occasion.

Thank you,
Father Al Fontana, Pastor



Hello All.
We will next meet on Thursday, January 16th, 2025 through February 6th to discuss Henri Nouwen's classic book *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, a story of Homecoming. You know the story now come dwell with God in a new way. Same time, 9:30, same location, Room 1. Books are available online. I look forward to seeing you then.
Terry

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Program January 31 - February 2nd

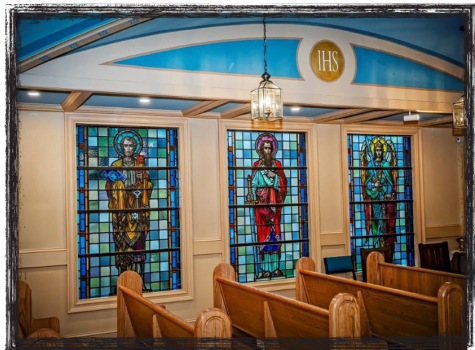
A happier marriage is possible! If you want to improve your marriage in the new year, this local program can help. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-based ministry, provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover a loving marriage. The next local weekend starts January 31st. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email helds4marriage@gmail.com or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.org.

Branches on the Vine

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IN THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST



Blessed Sacrament Chapel, located in St. Matthew Church in Forestville, was dedicated in November.

“WHAT WE REALLY WANTED WAS A PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO COME AND HAVE AN INTIMATE SPACE WITH THE LORD.” – Father John Dietrich

A meeting room on the backside of St. Matthew Church in Forestville has been transformed into a new chapel, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, that was completed and dedicated in November by Archbishop Christopher J. Coyne.

Father John Dietrich, pastor of St. Matthew-St. Gregory the Great Parish, began planning for the establishment of the chapel since his arrival here in 2018.

“What spurred me to think of having a chapel were those windows,” he says.

The stained-glass windows that Father Dietrich speaks fondly of graced the original church building constructed in 1917. The new church was rebuilt on the property in 1987, with many artistic and historical components from the old church incorporated into the current one. These windows surround Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The new chapel, which seats about 30 people, will be used for weekly adoration, a devotional practice of adoring and praying in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist that is displayed in a monstrance. Occasionally, Mass will be celebrated in the chapel as well, Father Dietrich says.

Currently, parishioners are signing up to commit an hour of their time for adoration in the chapel. On Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays a monstrance is placed on the altar in the chapel to allow people to sit or kneel in front of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

The pastor points out that a lot of work went into refurbishing the meeting room into a chapel. New pews have been installed. The tabernacle in the chapel has been refinished. In addition, a mural of The Last Supper, which represents the scene of the Last Supper of Jesus with the Twelve Apostles, was painted flat against one of the walls.

The crucifix on the altar has been restored, too. “It was cleaned and repainted, and it fits perfectly,” Father Dietrich says.

New signs which read, St. Matthew Church and Blessed Sacrament Chapel, are on order and will replace the current signage on the property.

St. Matthew Church, at 120 Church Ave., Forestville, offers one-hour exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Monthly adoration is held on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., which includes holy hour from 6 to 7 p.m.

St. Matthew Church is part of St. Matthew-St. Gregory the Great Parish, which includes St. Gregory the Great Church, located at 235 Maltby St., Bristol. Adoration at St. Gregory Church takes place on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to take part in adoration at both churches.

“The parish wanted the chapel,” Father Dietrich says. “These parishioners are devout people who spend many hours in prayer.”

Story by Karen A. Avitabile



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 28 at 10:30 AM

New Day Bereavement Workshop · St. Luke Parish, 99 Bristol Street, Southington, CT
St. Luke Parish in Southington will be offering a ten-week in-person bereavement program on Tuesday mornings at the St. Luke Parish office at 99 Bristol Street, Southington. The program is offered at no cost to participants, and anyone who has been grieving the loss of a loved one for four months or more is encouraged to enroll. We will begin on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 10:30 AM. To register (required), or for more information, contact Sister Ellen Coates by telephone at 860-628-4713 or by email at sr.ellen@stlukect.org.

Friday, February 7 - 9

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend for Healing After Abortion · Litchfield

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend February 7-9, 2025 in Litchfield, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, e-mail her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.



Nurturing Seedlings: Community for Young Parents

Help bridge the gap between Baptism and First Eucharist!

Beginning a Nurturing Seedlings team at your parish requires teams to participate in a one day training (9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.). We will be offering these trainings a few times a year. Here are the winter 2025 dates for training:

Saturday, February 8, 2025 - St. Matthew Catholic School, Bristol

Thursday, February 13, 2025 - Pastoral Center, Bloomfield

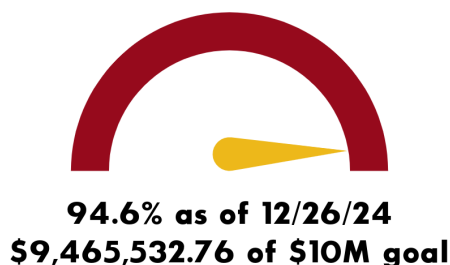
Saturday, March 8, 2025 - Location TBD

Registration for the above training days is open. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at oeec@aohct.org. Register at: <https://form.typeform.com/to/PceL4Dy0>.

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