



# Church of Saint Ann

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Call the Parish Office

## MARRIAGES

Please set the date with the priest or deacon at least six months prior to the wedding. 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.



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

- Lk 3:21-22a

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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:

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## The Baptism of the Lord



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.

<b>MONDAY, January 11</b>
9:00 <b>Robby Brisco</b> , requested by the Wall Family
<b>TUESDAY, January 12</b>
9:00 <b>Dr. Theodore deGroot</b> , requested by his wife and family
<b>WEDNESDAY, January 13</b>
9:00 <b>Carol Cunningham</b> , requested by the Cunningham Family
<b>THURSDAY, January 14</b>
9:00 <b>Special Intentions</b>
<b>FRIDAY, January 15</b>
9:00 <b>Special Intentions</b>
<b>SATURDAY, January 16</b>
4:00 <b>John Reilly</b> , requested by Tom McCabe
<b>SUNDAY, January 17</b>
7:30 <b>Special Intention</b>
9:30 <b>Steven Blackmore (1st Ann)</b> , requested by the Blaha Family
11:00 <b>Nancy Boyd-Martin</b> , requested by the Downey Family

### THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

<b>MONDAY, January 11</b>
<b>Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle:</b> 7:15pm in the church wing. All are welcome! (Enter through door on the left side of the church)
<b>TUESDAY, January 12</b>
<b>RCIA:</b> 7pm in Room 3
<b>WEDNESDAY, January 13</b>
<b>Book Sale Drop Off:</b> 9:30am - 6pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
<b>Lectio Divina:</b> 3:30pm in Room 3
<b>THURSDAY, January 14</b>
<b>Book Sale Drop Off:</b> 9:30am - 6pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
<b>Holy Hour:</b> 12 noon in the church, weather permitting
<b>Traditional Choir:</b> 2pm in the Choir Loft
<b>Children's Choir (grades 4-8):</b> 4:15pm in the Choir Loft
<b>Folk/Contemporary Choir:</b> 7:30pm in the Choir Loft
<b>FRIDAY, January 15</b>
<b>Book Sale Drop Off:</b> 9:30am - 11am in Fr. Bennett Hall
<b>Book Sale:</b> 5-8pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (\$5 adult admission)
<b>SATURDAY, January 16</b>
<b>Men's Breakfast Group:</b> 8am in Room 3
<b>Book Sale:</b> 9:30am - 6pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (no admission fee)
<b>SUNDAY, January 17</b>
<b>Book Sale:</b> 8am - 12:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (no admission fee)



## Eighth Annual Used Book Sale

In Father Bennett Hall...All proceeds go toward Catholic High School Student Scholarships



### Donations:

Please donate books during the following book sale collection dates/times:

Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> \* 9:30am-6pm  
 Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> \* 9:30am-6pm  
 Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> \* 9:30am-11:30am

Please donate books in good condition in the following categories: best sellers, fiction, non-fiction, religious, classics, biographies, memoirs, self-help books, vintage books, cookbooks, collectibles, large print, children's books, young readers, and sports. Books-on-CD are good, but please do NOT donate encyclopedias, magazines, VHS movies, records, albums or cassette tapes (as they do not sell). In addition to books, please donate sturdy computer-paper boxes and box tops.

**SUPER SALE**  
 20 books for \$5:  
 Sat. 5-6pm &  
 Sun. 8am-12:30p)

### Sale Information

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**Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
 5pm - 8pm  
 \$5 adult admission (Friday only)

**Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 9am - 6pm

**Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 8am - 12:30pm

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

December 27, 2015: \$6,034.71

January 3, 2016: \$9,503.29

Online Giving (week ending 1/6/16): \$6,839.00

Next weekend's second collection: *Fuel Monthly*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-8: UPCOMING CLASSES

January 10<sup>th</sup> and January 24<sup>th</sup>

Next Family Mass: February 7th at 9:30am

Grades K-4 sponsor Parish Coffee after the Mass



## HEARTS & SOULS

Ministering to body, mind and spirit, the Health Ministry offers blood pressure screening, health counseling and referrals to our community of faith. Office hours are the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2<sup>nd</sup> door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary. \*

### Marian Movement of Priests -Cenacle of Prayer Monday evenings at St. Ann's from 7:15 8:15pm

The Cenacle format is very simple:

1. Invocation to the Holy Spirit, 2. Recitation of the Holy Rosary,
3. Prayers for our Holy Father, 4. Prayers for our Priests and Seminarians, 5. Reading and meditation on one of the messages given in the book—"To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons",
6. Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Please visit the official website of the MMP at [www.mmp-usa.net](http://www.mmp-usa.net) for additional information.

**If you are interested in joining us to pray a holy rosary, please come to the church on Monday evenings at 7:15.**

**All are welcome! Come pray with us.**

## LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN...

The Men of St Ann are reaching out for new members to help us build community within the parish. A great chance to meet other men in the parish as well as meeting many parish members at our events.

These include Pasta Dinners during Lent, Ladies Night Out (Mother's Day weekend) and a couple of wine tastings during the year.

We are also exploring new activities that would also include the kids of the parish (post Confirmation would be the target).

If interested contact John Kuzia  
at 860-284-0030 or  
[kman@kuzia.com](mailto:kman@kuzia.com).



## St. Ann Celebrates the Jubilee Year of Mercy

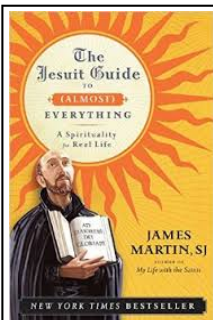
**Don't Give Up Chocolate this Year!  
In this Year of Mercy, are you open to experiencing Lent in a more personal way?**

In proclaiming a Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis calls each of us to "gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives." To help us do that, Fr. McHugh is introducing something exciting for Lent, 2016 - a parish-wide book discussion program centered on Jesus, who is mercy personified.

From Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10-March 20, we will read Matthew Kelly's simple but powerful *Rediscover Jesus*, and meet in Small Groups at home - or in gatherings at church and CCD, or even online - to discuss the book's implications for our lives. **Small Group discussions are best**, so please begin praying today about whom to invite to form your Small Group of 8-10 adults. (Facilitator training will be provided.) To register and receive your FREE book, please stop by the Gathering Space after Masses this weekend. Questions: Ann DiStefano, [ames.distefano@gmail.com](mailto:ames.distefano@gmail.com); (860) 463-7495 (talk or text).

### Come Help us Help Others *Rediscover Jesus!*

A parish-wide program this comprehensive requires much prayer and many hands. If you can help even a little with planning, hospitality, registrations, mailing, etc, **please come to a planning meeting Tues., Jan 12, 7:15pm in the Activity Room**, or contact Ann DiStefano above.



## The M+M's Annual Book Discussion Evening

**Title:** The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything - A Spirituality for Real Life  
**Author:** James Martin, S.J.  
**Date:** Wednesday, Feb.17 at 7 P.M.  
**Place:** Meeting room under church annex

Father Martin translates St Ignatius Loyola into insights for us, revealing how we find God in our everyday lives and how it is often surprising to us. "Inspiring, easily comprehensible and so often humorous." St. Ignatius was the founder of the Jesuit Order. Pope Francis is a Jesuit. Look for the similarities in their thought and actions. Jot down any remarks and discussion questions you may have. All are invited.

## Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday, January 17th

2:30 - 3:30pm.



The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated on Sunday, January 17, 2016 at St. Ann's in Avon. Please join us for this powerful devotion and to pray for the sanctity of all human life especially the unborn.

## The Men of Saint Ann's Annual Retreat

January 22-24, 2016

At Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center  
West Hartford, CT

## Join Us!

For more information go to the Holy Family Retreat Center website, Click on Retreats, then Themed Retreats

### Questions?

#### Call or Email us:

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Bob Yurch 860-675-1366  
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Peter Zikowitch 860-603-9459  
peterzikowitch@att.net



## First Holy Communion Parent Meeting

Wednesday January 20 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM in Fr. Bennett Hall.

Deacon Tim Healy will be giving a presentation on this beautiful Sacrament to all parents who have children enrolled in the First Sacraments program. One parent per family should be present. Informational packets and preparation material will be handed out.

Questions: Please contact Valerie St. Jean, Religious Education Coordinator, K-8  
860-673-9858 x223 or [Valeriestjean@stannavon.com](mailto:Valeriestjean@stannavon.com)



On behalf of the guests of Immacares, many thanks for all you do to provide home cooked meals, warm clothing, toiletries and blessings to the shelter. Throughout the year, families from this church cook and bake and supply delicious meals twice a month. There is never a dinner that one wouldn't be proud to serve their own family. Anyone who stops in the church kitchen knows that there. Usually are bags of soaps, hotel shampoos, toothbrushes, and all the other items that we take for granted but are so needed by the men. Groups of students from St. Ann's often go and serve; we often hear they can't wait to go back. Christmas was a special time when every guest received a gift bag because of the generosity of this church and schools within the Avon community.

It has been over 30 years since this church told the priest at Immaculate church in the Frog Hollow section of Hartford that St. Ann's would help in this new ministry, providing a place for homeless people to come in from the cold and get something to eat. It has been a relationship that has benefitted both the shelter and St. Ann. Best wishes to all for a wonderful 2016 filled with peace.



Don't Give Up Chocolate this Year - **READ, GATHER, ACT!**

# This Lent, join the St. Ann family as we **REDISCOVER JESUS**, ourselves, and others

**READ:** Celebrate the YEAR OF MERCY by studying mercy personified: Jesus!  
Beginning Feb.10th, 2016, (Ash Wednesday), adults read a session a day from Matthew Kelly's engaging book, *Rediscover Jesus*, and view a brief video sent via email. (Sign up for emails at [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com))

**GATHER:** From Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>-Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>, gather with other adults weekly to discuss the readings and how they apply to your life. (+Discussion guide provided) You may **choose any one of the following options each week:**

- **Weekly Small Groups ideal** (8-10 adults meeting at home; leader/facilitator training provided)
- **Weekly Large Group Gatherings (RSVP)** (Attend Sundays, 12pm, **OR** Mondays, 7:15pm; Snow date: Tuesdays. 7:15pm. Refreshments, guest speaker, breakout discussions; in Fr. Bennett Hall)  
Feb 14/15, 21/22, 28/29  
Mar 6/7, 13/14, 20/21
- **Gatherings for Faith Formation Parents (RSVP)**  
**K-8 Parents:** Feb. 21 & 28; Mar. 20 at 9am & 6pm, at Avon Middle School  
**Gr. 9-10 Parents:** Feb. 14 at 5:30pm & Feb. 28 at 5:30pm or 7:15pm in the church
- **Online Discussion Forum** (link available at [stannavon.com/RediscoverJesus](http://stannavon.com/RediscoverJesus) )

**ACT:** Do the action points in *Rediscover Jesus*, and the Corporal Works of Mercy at church.

**INFORMATION SESSIONS (learn more about Small Groups, etc):**

- Sunday, Jan. 24th (For K-8 Faith Formation parents), 9:00am & 6:00pm at Avon Middle School
- Saturday, Jan. 30th after 4:00pm Mass - Wine & Cheese in Fr. Bennett Hall
- Sunday, Jan. 31st after 9:30am Mass - Coffee, and in Fr. Bennett Hall
- Sunday, Jan 31st (For Gr. 9-10 Confirmation parents), 5:00pm in the church

**TRAINING FOR SMALL GROUP LEADERS/FACILITATORS:**

- Friday, Feb. 5th, 7:00pm (after the Pasta Dinner), in Fr. Bennett Hall
- Sunday, Feb. 7th, 12:00pm, Activity Room (Snowdate: Mon, Feb 8th, 7:15pm)

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**Program Details/Materials:**

Please visit [stannavon.com/RediscoverJesus](http://stannavon.com/RediscoverJesus),  
or contact Ann DiStefano, [ames.distefano@gmail.com](mailto:ames.distefano@gmail.com); (860) 463-7495.

To register your Small Group or RSVP for the weekly Large Group/Parent Gatherings, please stop by the *REDISCOVER JESUS* table in the Gathering Space after Mass or contact Ann above.

To receive your FREE BOOK (*Fr. McHugh is providing one copy per household*), stop by the *REDISCOVER JESUS* table after Mass, or visit the parish offices during the week. Additional copies of *Rediscover Jesus* are available at [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com), Amazon, etc.

# FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY



## Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN  
MESSIAH  
BAPTIZING

WATER  
POWERFUL  
SANDALS

HOLY SPIRIT  
FIRE  
JESUS

A J T U A R B Y W E N  
H O L Y S P I R I T O  
E H A I T O S U F A M  
J N E G Y W A T E R E  
I Y B E H E U P L M S  
H S I N U R M O A Y S  
J U P A W F I R E C I  
E M O Z T U Y M S U A  
S A N D A L S E O T H  
U D Y T O E A N G E D  
S O B A P T I Z I N G

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

**How do you  
"proclaim peace"  
in your life, as  
Jesus did?**

### Baptism of the Lord

The old African-American spiritual "Michael Row the Boat Ashore" has one verse that goes, "Jordan's river is chilly and cold / hallelujah / chills the body but not the soul / hallelujah." We don't know what the temperature of the Jordan River was when Jesus stepped into it in front of John the Baptist. But Luke's Gospel relates that after he had been baptized and while he was praying the heavens opened up and the Holy Spirit descended upon him. A voice from heaven was heard, saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

It is unlikely that any such explicitly miraculous events occurred at our own baptism, or any that we may have attended. But something just as momentous did take place when we were baptized. In our baptism we became intimately connected to God; we became God's own children, just as Jesus is the Father's beloved Son. And when we were baptized the Holy Spirit descended upon us—not as a dove, but as the Spirit of God that always dwells in our hearts. That connectedness to God never disappears. Even when we are guilty of the worst sins, God is with us. We believe that the Holy Spirit dwells in us, helping us to act more and more like Christ as we reaffirm our baptismal commitment.

While we celebrate the signs and wonders at the Jordan that herald Jesus' baptism and the beginning of his public ministry, we also recall that our own baptism begins the call to minister in this world. Our baptismal call is to act like Christ, to be his hands, and voice, and heart in this world. When we act like him, we can be assured we too will hear the Father's voice, "with you I am well pleased."

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### Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church needs to continue the fight for religious freedom so that she can promote a culture that is favorable to life from conception to natural death.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

### Readings for the Week of January 10, 2016

- Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-19/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11