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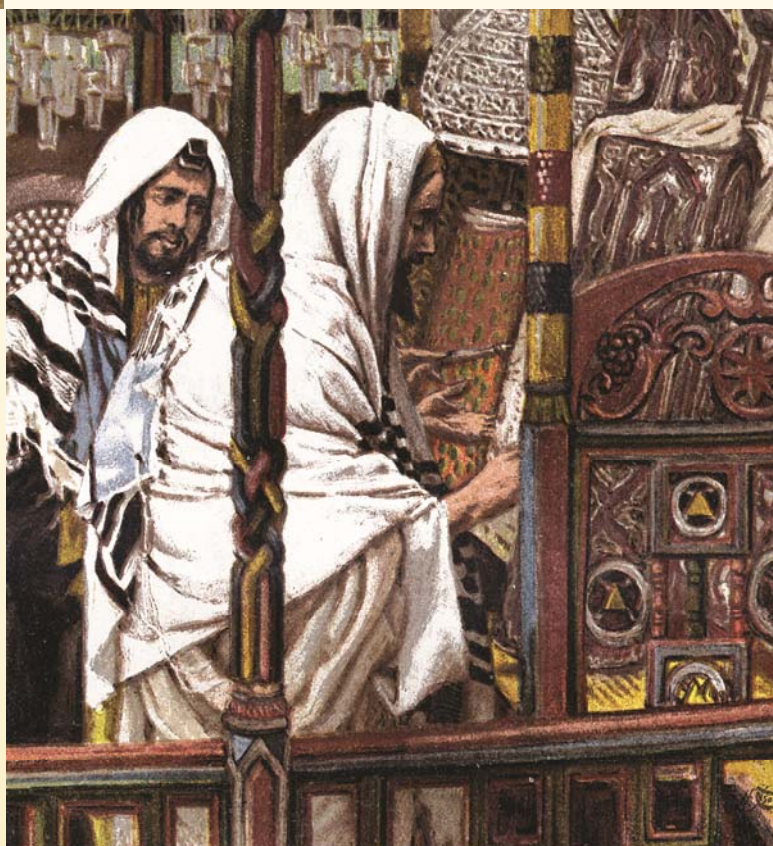
Call the Parish Office

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.



He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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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


4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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, February 1	9:00 Herta (Hedy) Droste , requested by the family
TUESDAY, February 2	9:00 Special Intentions
WEDNESDAY, February 3	9:00 Joanna Puma , requested by Josine and Alex Kennedy
THURSDAY, February 4	9:00 Special Intentions
FRIDAY, January 29/February 5	9:00 Special Intentions
SATURDAY, February 6	4:00 Theresa Cirilli , requested by the family
SUNDAY, February 7	7:30 Special Intentions 9:30 For the Intentions of Patrick Poprawa (living) , requested by the Osiecki Family the Mascoli Family 11:00 Jonathan Michael Gilotti , requested by the Marthas and Marys

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

- MONDAY, February 1**
Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church wing. All are welcome! (*Enter through door on the left side of the church*)
Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2
- TUESDAY, February 2**
M+M Moms: 9:30 in the Activity Room
RCIA: 7pm in Room 3
- WEDNESDAY, February 3**
Lectio Divina: 3:30pm in Room 3
- THURSDAY, February 4**
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church, weather permitting
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
Children's Choir (grades 4-8): 4:15pm in the Choir Loft
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft
St. Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2
- FRIDAY, February 5**
Pre-Lenten Pasta Dinner (with meat!): 5:30-7pm in the Hall
R.J. Sm. Group Facilitator Training: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
- SATURDAY, February 6**
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3
- SUNDAY, February 7**
 Please stop by for coffee and refreshments after the 9:30am Mass sponsored by our K-4 students
R.J. Sm. Group Facilitator Training: noon in Fr. Bennett Hall

ST. ANN CELEBRATES THE YEAR OF MERCY

This Lent, are you open to open to creating more meaning in your Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and serving?

Come *Rediscover Jesus*.



In just a few weeks, the Church of St. Ann will begin our exciting new effort for Lent, the Rediscover Jesus parish-wide book discussion program. From Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10-March 20, we will read Matthew Kelly's simple but powerful book, *Rediscover Jesus*, and meet in Small Groups at home - or in gatherings at church and Faith Formation, or even online - to discuss its implications for our lives. It's time to pull together your Small Group! To register and receive your FREE book, please stop by the Gathering Space after Masses this weekend, or visit the parish offices during the week.

For more details about the program come to an Information Session and visit our new website: www.stannavon.org

INFO SESSIONS

(how Small Groups work, etc.) will be offered:

- Saturday, January 30th Wine & Cheese after 4:00pm Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall
- Sunday, January 31st Coffee in Fr. Bennett Hall after 9:30am & 11:00am Masses

Want to form a SMALL GROUP or join an existing SMALL GROUP? Contact Ann below.

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SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR TRAINING

- Friday, February 5th at 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
 - Sunday, February 7th at noon in Fr. Bennett Hall.
- RSVP: Ann DiStefano, ames.distefano@gmail.com; (860) 463-7495 (talk or text).

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

January 24, 2016: \$5,352.00
 Online Giving (week ending 1/27/16): \$2,399.00
 Next weekend's second collection:
 Snow Removal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-8: UPCOMING CLASSES
 February 21st and February 28th
 Next Family Mass: February 7th at 9:30am
 Grades K-4 sponsor Parish Coffee after the Mass

Pre~Lenten Pasta Dinner

The Men of St Ann will be serving Pasta Dinners during Lent again this year. But... the first Pasta Dinner will be held the last Friday before Lent and there will be **MEATBALLS & SAUSAGE!!!**



February 5th
5:30~7pm
Fr. Bennett Hall

Come alone or bring the family!

Adults: \$5
 Kids under 18: \$3
 Family Max: \$15

St. Blaise and the Blessing of Throats - Feb. 3rd, 9am Mass



"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, X and of the Holy Spirit" (Book of Blessings #1633).

Two candles crossed and placed against the throat is what many of us remember from childhood. Who was the saint that we remember each year?

He was a bishop in Sebastea, Armenia, in the early part of the fourth century. He was martyred in AD 316. Even though Christianity was legalized by the Edict of Constantine in 311, religious persecution was still raging in Eastern Europe. As the myth is told, he had fled to the countryside and was living peacefully with the wild animals. Some hunters came upon his cave and found in kneeling in prayer with all the lions and wolves and other wild animals sitting by his side. The hunters bound him and took him to prison. On the way a woman presented her son to Bishop Blaise for him to heal him, he had a fish bone stuck in his throat. Upon Blaise's blessing, the boy coughed up the fish bone.

Bishop Blaise eventually was killed for not worshipping the pagan gods of the region, and the story of Bishop Blaise's healing of the young boy became legend. His saint day in the Roman Church is February 3 and on February 11 in the Eastern Church. Remember the faith of this saint each year and pray for blessings upon those who suffer from throat ailments. Moreover, always remember this blessing is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick, and for those who need our prayers.

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.



ST. ANN CARES

Is looking for a project for 2016

St Ann's Cares is currently looking for projects for this year. Also anyone interested in joining the planning committee we could use your help. Meetings are every Thursday at 7 p.m. in Room 2. Questions contact Steve Rose at: 860-250-5355 or e-mail at rose_sp@sbcglobal.net



Our new website is now at: www.stannavon.org

Please update your bookmarks to reflect the change. Thank you.

The 2016 Church of Saint Ann/Annual Book Sale

Thank you!

Thank you, Everyone, for supporting the 8th Annual Book Sale/Scholarship Fundraiser event! We appreciate every donation, volunteer, and shopper! With your help, we reached our goal. All proceeds go toward Catholic High School Scholarships. We could never have done it without you!

Thanks a million!

Love & prayers,

The Church of St. Ann, Book Sale/Scholarship Committee

I Can Do This!

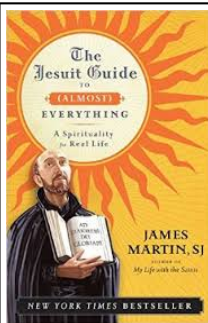


Today the new Ministry booklet will be given to each family as they leave church. The booklet contains a description of the ministry and the contact information on how to learn more about each ministry. Please take the time to review the booklet and decide which ministry you and your family might like to join. You might want to get involved in St. Ann's Cares as a family in May or one of the Social Justice ministries, there are over 25 ministries to choose. In addition, in today's bulletin there is a sign up form "I can do this!!" in which you can fill out and return in the offertory basket over the next few weekends or return to Kris Martino in the parish office below Fr. Bennett Hall. Kris will also have additional forms in her office.

We hope that each family will find one ministry that they want to join, especially in this Holy Year of Mercy.



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.

Kindly R.S.V.P. to Nancy Casey by February 15: nancekc@gmail.com or 860- 673-3141.

FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

Sharing the Gospel

In the time of Jesus, every first male child was dedicated to the service of God in the temple. Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple to show that he would do the work of his Father in heaven. God has a purpose for you. Thank God that he gave you life. Tell him that you will help others to know him and to love him, too.

Prayer

Lord, help me be a pleasing gift to you every day of my life.

Something to Draw

Draw yourself teaching a little boy and girl how to cross the street safely.

Mission for the Week

I will ask my parents if our family can read the Bible together tonight.

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For the Kids...

QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

WHAT PROPHETS
AMONG US ARE NOT
ACCEPTED TODAY?

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

People who play the lottery are always hoping for that big chance to win a super jackpot. Against all odds (literally!) they imagine winning millions. After all, someone has to win. It might as well be me. It's almost contradictory that lotteries have become part of state budgeting, when many Americans believe in the values of hard work and earning a living as opposed to the gratuitous windfall that a lottery would give someone. State income from lotteries exceeds that of

tobacco excise taxes, but is less than the license fees states collect on motor vehicles. Everybody who wants something for nothing is involved. For the outlay of a miniscule amount of cash, a player dreams of an immense return. And the state gets a bonus to its income without having to tax its citizens more.

In today's Gospel, the people of Nazareth are acting a bit like lottery hopefuls, with high expectations for a significant payout with the investment of very little. They've heard about all the great things that Jesus did in Capernaum, and now they are expecting to cash in on the local boy made good. Surely he has got to work some astounding miracles here.

But Jesus is not a lottery ticket. And faith in him is not a something for nothing proposition in which all the benefits are reaped with very little investment. As we will learn as we read from Luke's Gospel in the weeks and months ahead, Jesus is headed on a journey to Jerusalem. His destiny lies in that city where he will suffer and die, and finally, through his resurrection, he will usher in the era of the Spirit that is poured out on the church. For us, following Jesus is a lifelong journey to our own Jerusalem in which we empty ourselves in the service of others. It is no lottery that we hope to win, but a share in Christ's journey through death to resurrection.

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Defending Our Religious Liberty

In early January, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court supporting Little Sisters of the poor and other ministries challenging the HHS mandate. The brief claims that the government is violating federal law by speaking for the sisters in saying that the accommodation provided in the mandate is compatible with their religious beliefs.

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 31, 2016

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/
1 Cor 12:31--13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/
Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-5, 7-8/
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Divorce and Beyond Support Group 2016 Spring Session

Our Lady of Loreto
Church Hall
12 Ardsley Road, Waterbury, CT 06708
Beginning on **Wednesday March 16th, 2016**
6:30 PM
Register by contacting Barbara at: (203) 910-1561
Registration Deadline: 3/8/2016
ALL INQUIRIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL
ALL ARE WELCOME

Marriage Enrichment Celebration

Hartford Catholic Engaged Encounter and the Office of Family Life will hold its 9th annual Marriage Enrichment Evening on Sat., Feb. 6, 2016, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Mary Our Queen Church and Parish Center, 248 Savage St., Plantsville, CT. This year's program will begin with Mass, include dinner, prayer, reflection, and fun centered on the theme: "A Sign for Our Times: The Witnessing Power of Sacramental Marriage." Our keynote address will be given by Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Peter A. Rosazza. The cost is \$25.00 per couple and includes dinner. To register or obtain more information, contact Tom and Donna Finn at 860-302-1110, or email to dfinnmspt@sbcglobal.net. Please R.S.V.P. by Feb. 2, 2016.

New Day Program

Spring

Location:

St Margaret Mary

80 Hayes Road South Windsor CT

Dates:

04-03/2016 - 06/05/2016

Description of the group:

Bereavement Session for those with loss

Contact Name:

Wanda or Joel Pelletier

Contact number:

860-597-1541 or 860- 597-1542

Ready for an ACTS Retreat?

ACTS is retreat mission that grew from the Cursillo Movement. Like Cursillo, an ACTS retreat takes retreatants deeply into the lived Christian experience. People have credited ACTS with saving their lives, saving their marriages, convincing them to be ordained as priests or deacons, or leading them to the religious life, simply by opening their eyes and their hearts to God's word. Pastors have praised its positive effects on their parishes, leading to highly invigorated parish life. Bishops and other church leaders have called it the most important movement in the Catholic Church today; all this from a handful of faith-filled people with the courage and perseverance to be led by the Holy Spirit. If you're interested in learning more, please take a look at the ACTS website <http://www.actsmissions.org/> or chat with Deacon Tim.

Next Retreat: February 18 – 21, 2016

Host Parish: St. Dominic Church, Southington, CT

Retreat Location: Immaculata Retreat House, Willimantic, CT

The cost of the retreat is \$225. Individual rooms with bath, all meals, and an awesome weekend are included! Brochures and applications are available form Deacon Tim and also at <http://actsct.org/events.html>

3 Scholarships awarded by the Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, Inc.

Amount: \$1,000 for one year (2016-2017)

Eligibility: Any Catholic student who is a Hartford County resident now attending an accredited secondary school, and who wishes to attend a four year college beginning in 2016

Basis for Selection: Need-Scholarship-Character-Leadership - Achievement

Application Deadline: March 15, 2016

See your Principal or counselor or go to www.Catholicgraduatesct.org

Bethlehem Christian Families to bring their Olive Wood Carvings to Saint Ann Next Weekend.

Representatives from Catholic Bethlehem Christian Families will be here at Saint Ann on the weekend of Feb 6 & 7 after masses, to ask for your help and blessing for the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem. These families, sixty years ago, made up 18% of the population. Due to recent events in the Middle East, it has caused these families to face devastating economical strain, and caused the population to decrease to less than 2% in the Holy Land. These families have relied on the income from their religious hand carved olive wood artifacts to tourist. So we have come to the USA to try to help support these families by bringing their artifacts here to sell in the USA. All the proceed from sales will be send back to the families of the Holy Land so that they may be able to keep their homes and provide their families. The last few years were very tough for the Christian families, and this is the only source of income for them.