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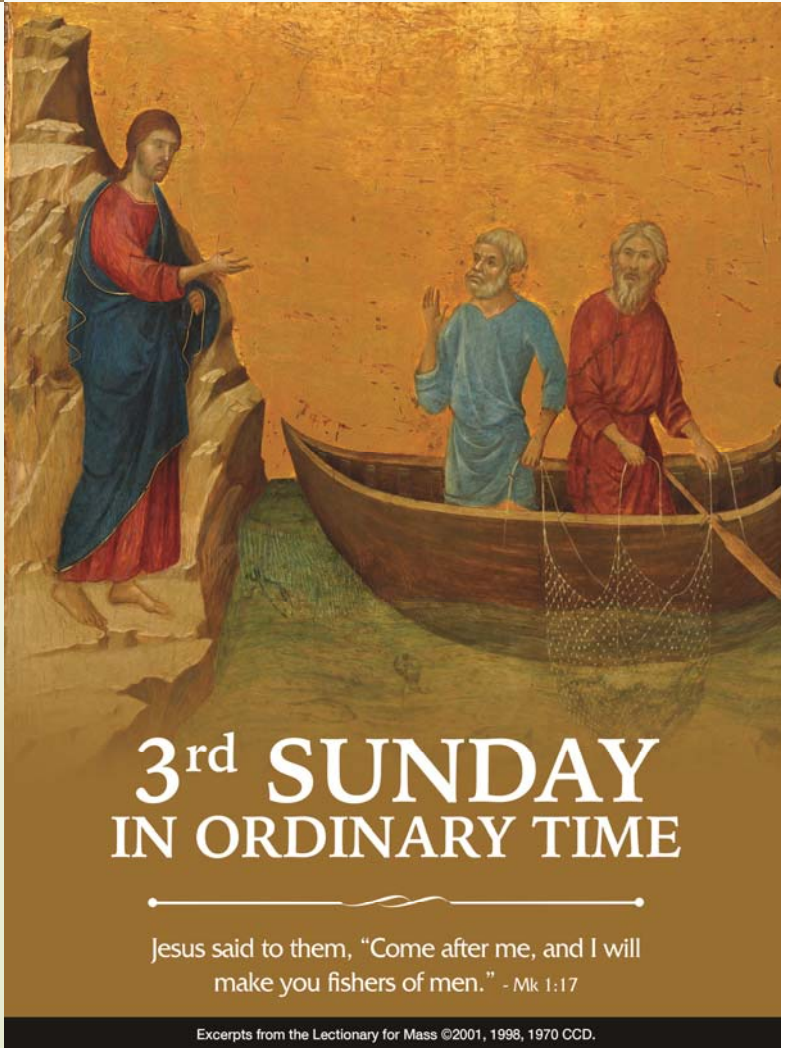
Call the Parish Office

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.



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

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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:

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, January 22

9:00 For the sanctity of all human life, especially the unborn

TUESDAY, January 23

9:00 Terry Moody, requested by the family

WEDNESDAY, January 24

9:00 Joan Donnelly and her family, requested by Rosemary and Mike Madden

THURSDAY, January 25

9:00 Edward & Hazel Saillant, requested by the family

FRIDAY, January 26

9:00 Bruni Carolina, requested by Mr. and Mrs. Francesco Aquino

SATURDAY, January 27

4:00 Billy Martinez, requested by the his mom

SUNDAY, January 28

7:30 Janice Lonabough, requested by the Mailet Family

9:30 James Mackey, requested by the Janet and Bill Newman

11:00 Joseph Sheridan, requested by the Sheridan 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 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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, January 22

MMP Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.

Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 7:15pm in Rm. 3

TUESDAY, January 23

RCIA: will resume January 9th

WEDNESDAY, January 24

Matthew Bible Study: 7:15pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, January 25

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft

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

Adult Confirmation Preparation: 7pm in Room 2

Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

St. Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 1

FRIDAY, January 26

Matthew Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 3

SATURDAY, January 27

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, January 28

Parish Coffee: after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall (sponsored by St. Ann Cares)

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 10:30am in Rm. 3

Have You Been Confirmed?

Are you an adult Catholic who has been baptized and received First Communion, but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

St. Ann's is delighted to offer a six-week preparation program just for you, leading to your receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral in Hartford in April 2018. The April date has not yet been determined but will be announced soon.

The Adult Confirmation Program will meet on Thursdays starting January 25th until Thursday, March 1st. The class, which will be in Room 2 (below Fr. Bennett Hall), will run from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Deacon Jeffrey Sutherland and Deacon Tim Healy will facilitate the class.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Maureen Fiedler, RCIA and Adult Confirmation Program Coordinator at 860-995-4026.

St. Ann's YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling All Teens!

Please come join us at our Youth Ministry night for prayer, light food, an inspirational movie and lively discussion. Feb. 12th, 6:30pm - 9pm in the Activity Room.

To find out more details and RSVP, contact Rosemary Neamtz, rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com

St. Ann 9th Annual Art Show & Sale

Fr. Bennett Hall

Saturday, February 10th from 2:30 - 5:30pm

Sunday, February 11th from 8am - 1pm

Grace your walls with affordable art by
adult fine artists & young artists.

*All proceeds go towards scholarships for Hartford students attending
local Catholic High Schools.*

If you would like to donate your artwork or know someone who would... please contact Inez at: 860-653-5579 or

faillace1@comcast.net
or Meg at: 860-521-1051
or mkfjk@sbcglobal.net



Calling All Ladies of the Parish...



Marthas + Marys Re-Boot!

Thursday, February 1st
7:00pm
Activity Room

Please join us for **wine & nibbles** and help us shape a new phase for the Martha's & Mary's.

Casual Setting - All Are Welcome!

RSVP - to Sue Ollestad at sollestad@yahoo.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Make 2018 a Year for Spiritual Growth!

All are welcome to us for "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures!" We meet weekly for 90 minutes to read and reflect on the upcoming Sunday Scriptures via brief historical background and the popular *Lectio Divina* prayer practice. Our groups consist of friendly people who want to grow in our relationships with God and one another, and enhance our experience of Mass. All materials are provided (bring your own Bible if you like), and no prior experience is needed. Come whenever you can!

Join us at one of these convenient times:

- Sundays, 10:30am, Room 3; facilitator: Chip Janiszewski
- Mondays, 7:15pm, Room 3; facilitator: Jim Serruta

For more information, contact Ann at ann.distefano@stannavon.com (860) 673-9858, x228

St. Ann Cares

St. Ann Cares is currently planning for their Day of Caring on May 5th.

We are looking for both ideas on possible projects and help with the planning process.

Contact Steve Rose at 860-250-5355 or email at: sjrose1088@gmail.com



He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

- *Mk 1:19-20*

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WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

January 14, 2018: \$8,135.15
 Online Giving (week ending 1/17/18): \$2,652.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection:
 Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

All of our parishioners are invited to participate in the Pro-Life Activities scheduled to memorialize the 45th Anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court Decision to legalize abortion.

On the Anniversary, Monday, January 22nd:
 St. Ann will celebrate the 9 a.m. Eucharist with prayers for the sanctity of all life, especially the unborn.



**CENACLES
 of the Marian Movement of Priests**



Question: Is the cenacle primarily for priests?
 Answer: No. In Message #34 (1-17-74), Our introduces this question, "Why do I want them to come together in cenacle with me?" In this message she addresses herself to the priests, but what she tells them is also applicable to the laity. She wants all her children—priests, religious, laity, families, to gather together with her in cenacles of prayer, to pray with her and to learn how to love one another. Also, the cenacle helps us to deepen our understanding and live the obligations we have undertaken through our consecration to her

Immaculate Heart. We refer you to the message dated Nov. 1, 1973, "my Faithful Cohort." (#25)
 Excerpt from *Cenacles of the Marian Movement of Priests Purpose/Guide*
 Our cenacle meets every Monday at 7:15pm in the church.
 Come pray the Rosary with us.



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 generally the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

Communion For Shut-Ins

The Eucharistic ministers would be happy to bring Communion to those in our parish who are unable to come to church. Please call the Parish Office and leave your name and address if you wish to receive Communion **860-673-9858**.

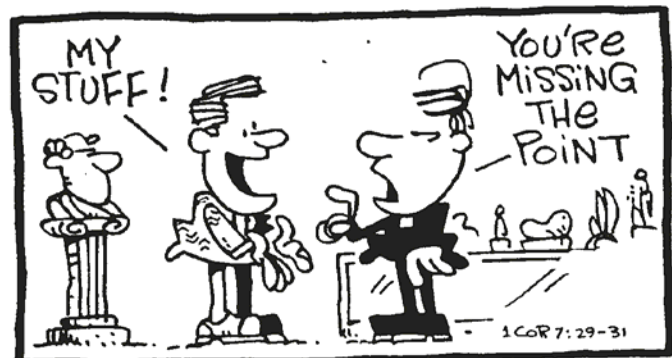
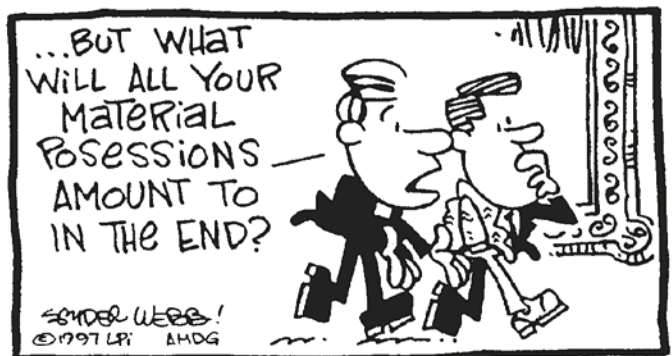
**Thank You, Parishioners!
 The 10th Annual Book Sale/Scholarship fundraiser event was a wonderful success.**

Thank you for supporting the 10th Annual Used Books Sale! We appreciate every donation, volunteer, and shopper. Thank you for inviting your friends and family to this fun parish event. Thank you to the many dedicated Volunteers who sorted books during the week and to those who helped during and after the Book Sale. The 10th Annual Used Book Sale resulted in \$3,985.50 for Catholic High School Student Scholarships. We could not have completed this huge endeavor without your help! God bless you all!

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

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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

I use GPS wherever I go and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost" or "Rerouting!" The problem is when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction and haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade.

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey, yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the divine we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God through prayer will help us see all we have as gift. God through prayer will lead us away from materialism and selfishness toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing is so gentle as real strength.

- St. Francis de Sales

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

Psalm:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning. (1 Cor 7:29-30)

Gospel:

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mk 1:16-17)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 21, 2018

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/
Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/
Mk 16:15-18
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/
Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/
Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/
Mk 1:21-28

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him." What did Zebedee think about all of this? His sons and his partners, James and John, suddenly left their post and followed Jesus. So there he stood in the boat with a crew of employees, but not one of his sons. We can't help but wonder whether Zebedee was in favor of this promise that his heirs would become "fishers of men." Most likely, this event was the cause of some familial tension.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus instructs us to love and serve others for the love of God. But the Lord also makes it clear that our devotion to him is meant to trump our devotion to anything--or anyone--else. For our part, we are called to allow this divine allegiance to exist in those we love, even when it means a sacrifice for us as well. Parents for example, like Zebedee, are called to encourage their children to follow the Lord's call. A son or daughter's vocation to religious life certainly exemplifies this kind of sacrifice for a parent who might have had a different plan in mind. But in truth every son and daughter has a vocation from God and parents have the opportunity to support and assist their children as they seek to hear and follow God's special plan for their lives.

We don't know for sure how Zebedee responded to the vocation of his sons, but we know that James and John were counted among the Twelve Apostles and that their devotion and dedication helped to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Regardless of what he might have thought as he stood in that boat, we can be quite sure that looking back now, Zebedee can rejoice heartily in the choice of his sons to leave their nets and follow Christ.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Jesus proclaims today the Gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Jesus challenges us to accept a change of heart, to start believing and thinking differently. The Gospel asks us to take the focus off ourselves and away from self-concern, and place it on our brothers and sisters, especially those most broken and in need, and on our environment. We are called to be stewards of all God has created. This means that we are also called to work on God's behalf ensuring that all that God created and all who God created is cared for and protected.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

St. Mary's School - Simsbury

January is Jumping at St. Mary's School! Take the leap to learn more about the advantages of a Catholic Education!

Take a Tour: Walk in Wednesdays, Jan. 3rd thru Jan. 31st
Drop in anytime between 9:00 am to 11:00 am and see our classrooms in action.

Sunday Open House: Jan. 28th 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Meet staff, faculty, current parents and students and alumni. Featuring workshops for both parents and children in coding and cursive!

Fairy Tale Fridays: Have a 3 or young 4 year old and thinking about Prekindergarten? Come in for story time and nursery rhymes with fun activities for Mom and child and take a peek at life as a Prekindergarten student at St. Mary's School!

Friday Mornings 9:00 am to 9:45 am Jan. 5th thru Jan. 26th.

Why do families in the Farmington Valley choose St. Mary's School Simsbury for their children?

Tune in to Simsbury Community Television for "Office Hours" with State Rep John Hampton. Parents, students, alumni, and educators share what makes Pre-K - 8th grade so special.
https://simsburytv.org/tag/office_hours (December 19th episode)

For more information or to register for any of these events please contact Toni Chagnon at 860-658-9412 or tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.edu

ELM is an initiative of the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis, generously supported by the Hartford Bishops' Foundation, which serves to promote greater vitality and vibrancy in our parishes.

ELM stands for the tenets of the program, which are our goals for the beneficiaries of this initiative:

- Evangelizing Catechesis
- Lifelong Formation
- Missionary Discipleship

2018-2019 cohort is FREE OF CHARGE due to the generosity of the Hartford Bishops' Foundation
Apply today for these limited spots!



The Leadership Formation program is 1.5 years of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation, providing a ministerial foundation for:

- Those who are entering a new ministry
- Those who have ministerial experience but need theological or pastoral development
- Those who wish to participate in ongoing formation in ministry

The first cohort will begin on February 3, 2018. Applications are due by January 19, 2018.

For more information visit the website: <http://catholicdaohct.org/elm/elm-leadership-formation>

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"For the world in its present form is passing away." If change in our lives is our lot, let us learn how to change with and for our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Connecticut Weekends are Feb 2-4, 2018 and July 6-8, 2018. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.