



# Church of Saint Ann

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## BAPTISMS (Registered Parishioners):

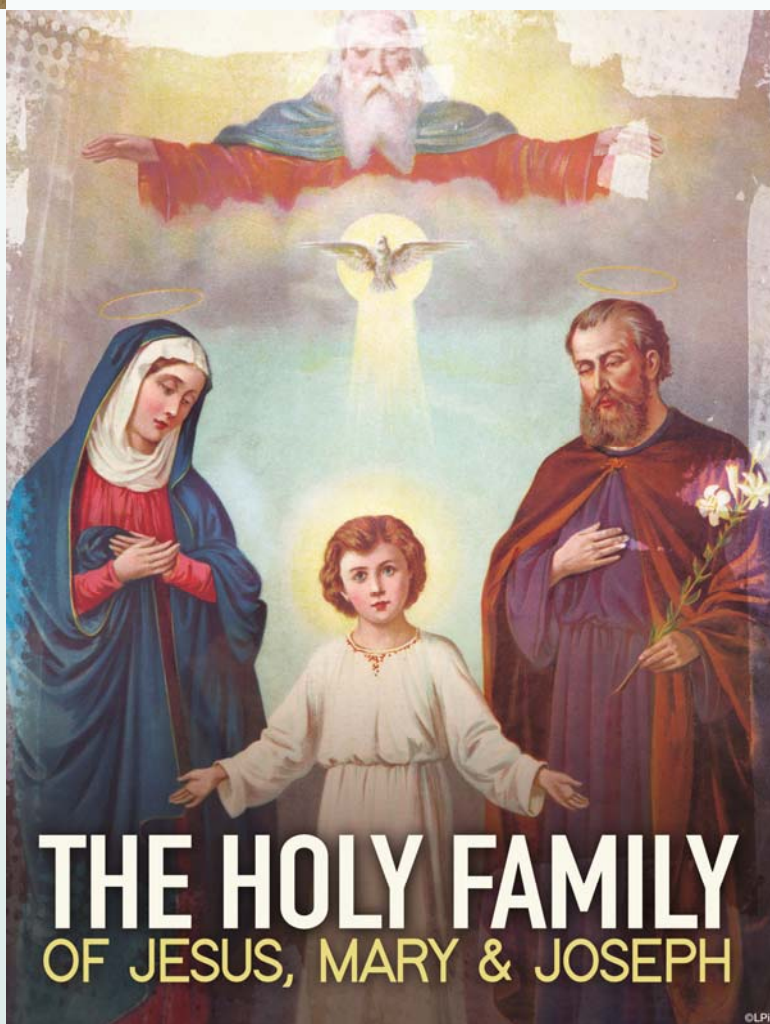
Call the Parish Office

## 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.



# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

## 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  
Rosary: 8:30 am, daily  
Chaplet: following daily Mass  
MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm  
Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12 Noon

# MASS INTENTIONS



*The Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph*

**MONDAY, December 31**  
9:00 Special Intentions  
4:00 Special Intentions

**TUESDAY, January 1, Solemnity of Mary**  
8:00 Special Intentions  
10:00 Special Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, January 2**  
9:00 Gladys Cederborg, requested by  
Andrea and Dante Pizzuti

**THURSDAY, January 3**  
9:00 Jeremiah McQuillan, requested by  
the family

**FRIDAY, January 4**  
9:00 Joseph Barresi, requested by  
the Snow Family

**SATURDAY, January 5**  
4:00 Henry Hojnowski, requested by  
Russell and Diane Koch

**SUNDAY, January 6**  
7:30 Laura Santiago, requested by the family  
9:30 John O'Neill, requested by Heidi O'Neill  
11:00 Maureen McCall, requested by Irv Cote



*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, December 31**  
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: will resume January 7<sup>th</sup>


**TUESDAY, January 1**  
*Happy New Year*

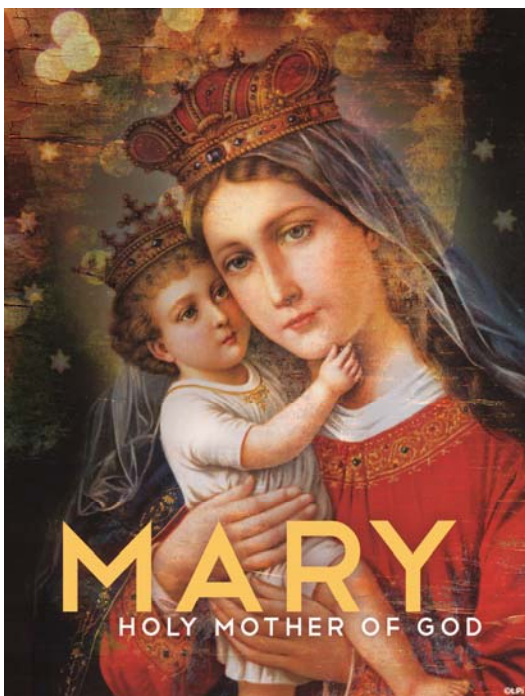
**WEDNESDAY, January 2**  
Prophets Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 2/3  
Acts Bible Study: 6:30pm in Room 3

**THURSDAY, January 3**  
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church  
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft  
Youth Choir: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft  
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

**FRIDAY, January 4**  
Acts Bible Study: 9:30am in Room

**SATURDAY, January 5**  
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

**SUNDAY, January 6**  
 Parish Coffee: after the 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall  
*Sponsored by the Men of Saint Ann*  
Baptism Reunion: 12-1pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (after 11am Mass)  
Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church



January 1, 2019  
**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
*Holy Day of Obligation*

**Masses:**  
*Monday, December 31st*  
4:00 pm  
*Tuesday, January 1st*  
8:00 am  
10:00 am



**Divine Mercy Holy Hour**

**Sunday, January 6th**  
2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Jesus told St. Faustina, "I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy. Please join us for this powerful devotion."



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

More details are at [stannavon.com](http://stannavon.com), or contact Director of AFF, Ann DiStefano: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com) (860) 673-9858, x.228

### *Make 2019 a Year of Deeper Relationships with God and Others*

#### Encounter God in the Bible

"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" helps you make personal connections to the Sunday readings through the lens of historical context and the popular *Lectio Divina* prayer method.

**Drop in;** all materials provided.

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

#### Adult Confirmation

Have you been baptized and received First Communion, but were never confirmed as a youth? Give yourself the blessing of Adult Confirmation. Our seven-week preparation series will begin in February. The Confirmation ceremony is May 14, 2019.

#### Parenting with Purpose

Join us for our engaging video series on parenting on CCD Sundays at Avon Middle School, Room 228.

\* 9am - For K-4th Grade parents (**Childcare for babies-preK is available at this session - sign up by Thurs prior with babysitters Lisa, [lrg1010@comcast.net](mailto:lrg1010@comcast.net) AND Paula, [uconnloves@att.net](mailto:uconnloves@att.net)**)

\* 5:45pm – For 5th-8th Grade parents

#### Young Adult Group

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of the month at 7:30pm in the Activity Room (beneath the left wing of the church). Unwind, connect and explore faith with other men, women and couples in their 20's and 30's.

Contact: Kylie Brasel, (860) 951-6211, [kylie.brasel13@gmail.com](mailto:kylie.brasel13@gmail.com).

Find us on Facebook: St. Ann's Young Adult Group



Profound thanks all those who helped make our Advent Reflection Series so special, including Chip Janiszewski, Mark Hamel, Mary Healey, Fr. McHugh, Jim Serruta, and our dozens of Small

Group participants. May your experience of having grown closer to God, our Blessed Mother, yourself, and others bless you throughout Christmas and beyond.

*The Office of Adult Faith Formation*



## 2018 Annual Parish Collection

As we are about to embark on a brand new year we would like to express our gratitude to the families who have contributed to our 2018 Parish Annual Collection, and reach out to those who have yet to make a pledge. Unfortunately we are behind our 2017 totals and we are hoping that you will prayerfully consider making a donation to this vital collection that helps to sustain our Parish. Thank you!

*Pledge forms are available in the Gathering Space,  
Parish Office or on our  
website: [www.stannavon.org](http://www.stannavon.org)*



## St. Ann's Second Ever Baptism Reunion.

- Who:** Parents with children baptized in the last five years.  
**What:** Meet, play, eat, enjoy getting together with other families with recently baptized children.  
 Pick up your free Baptism Go-Kit, if you need one!  
**When:** After the 11am Mass on January 6th for about an hour.  
**Where:** Fr. Bennett Hall

If you've had a child baptized in the last four or five years, consider yourself invited!

### **We hope to see you there!**

RSVP would be helpful:  
Deacon Tim via email ([DeaconTim@StAnnAvon.com](mailto:DeaconTim@StAnnAvon.com))  
or text/voicemail his cell (860) 693-9744.

**WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

**December 16, 2018: \$7149.32**  
**December 23, 2018: not available at time of upload**  
**Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: none**

The Men of the Church of Saint Ann are Invited to the

**Annual Men's Retreat**

January 18 - 20, 2019

At Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in W. Htfd.

Join Us for a focus on

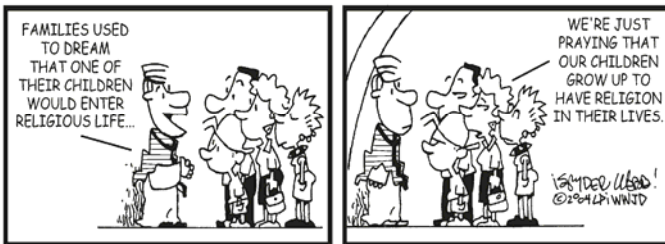
**"No Ordinary Path ... Holiness in Everyday Life"**

For more information go to the Holy Family Retreat Center website: <https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org>  
 Click on Retreats, then Themed Retreats

**Call or Email your St. Ann Representatives:**

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HOLY FAMILY



New Year's Word Search

J E C X Q C N E S K G N Q T X  
 H N J A W E S W C E O N H N K  
 Q Y A E L L D P O I M G A C B  
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| AULD        | CONFETTI  | JANUARY    | SQUARE    |
| BALL        | COUNTDOWN | LANG       | STREAMERS |
| CALENDAR    | DAY       | MIDNIGHT   | SYNE      |
| CELEBRATION | DROP      | NEW        | TIMES     |
| CHAMPAGNE   | EVE       | NOISEMAKER | TOAST     |
| CLOCK       | HAPPY     | PARTY      | YEAR      |

Save the Date  
**Church of St. Ann**  
**Used Book Sale**  
 January 11, 12, & 13, 2019



**Donation Dates:**

Wednesday, January 9th: 9:30am—6pm  
 Thursday, January 10th: 9:30am - 6pm  
 Friday, January 11th: 9:30am - 11am

**Please donate books:** best sellers, fiction, non-fiction, religious, classics, biographies, memoirs, self-help books, vintage books, cookbooks, children's books, young readers, books-on-CD, etc., and vinyl records.

**January 2019 Book Sale Dates:**

Friday, January 11th: 5pm - 7:30pm (\$5 adult admission)  
 Saturday, January 12th: 9am - 6pm (no admission fee)  
 Sunday, January 13th: 8am—12:45pm (no admission fee)

**Volunteers are needed for collection & sale week**

To volunteer at the January 2019 Book Sale, please contact Nancy Casey 860.673.3141 or Constance Rotondo 860.404.0204. Thank you!

*Proceeds go to Catholic High School Student Scholarships*



Please join us in

**A Celebration of Life**

All Life is a precious gift from God from conception to natural death. Every life is a gift to be cherished.  
 Your life is a gift.

Date: SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019  
 Time: 2-3 p.m.  
 Place: St. Ann's Parking Lot



Take a stand for life, pray the living rosary, put your faith into action. Let the light of Christ shine through us for all to see what we affirm and believe. All ages are welcome.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

**Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments**

*Do you practice good stewardship with your family? Stewardship is about more than offerings to a church or charity. It is about continually giving of ourselves in a way that gives glory to God.*

*Sharing our gifts with those in our immediate family honors God and is evidence of your gratitude for these people in your life.*

*How can we effectively accomplish this? One way is to reflect on how the 6 characteristics of an Everyday Steward are present in our family relationships. Are we mindful when we are with our family members? Do we focus on them and their needs rather than our phone or TV? Do we hold up our family in prayer? Their concerns should be our concerns. Do we find ways to show how grateful we are for having them in our lives?*

*When we find ourselves lacking in gratitude, we should reflect on what life would be like without them. Do we help one another without being asked because we have a gracious heart? It is easy to take for granted those we see all the time. Hospitality is not just for the stranger or guest. Are we committed to a life of stewardship that not only serves as a good example, but also helps our relatives thrive? Using our gifts without wisdom might mean we have little to give to those we love. Finally, do we hold each other accountable for our decisions and shortcomings?*

*We are on the journey of life together, and no one exists in the Body of Christ alone. Stewardship is about the entirety of our lives. Our faith life is not reserved to Mass on a Sunday. It all begins and ends with those we love.*

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

**QUOTES**

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Be attentive to the voice of grace.  
-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

**WEEKLY READINGS**

*Readings for the Week of December 30, 2018*

- Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/  
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34
- Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42
- Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51
- Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers." As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, this Gospel exposes us to a strange tension. While this family is one we can look to for an example, they are not quite the same family unit as everyone else. There is an otherness to Jesus, something profound. And yet, perhaps on second thought, are our families so different?

When Mary and Joseph encountered Jesus in the temple, "they were astonished." But at what? Mary's response is surprised. They're not astonished that Jesus is preaching in a place for respected teachers. They're not astonished that their son has captured the attention of the wisest men of the time period. They're astonished at his seemingly disobedient behavior! "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." All our children have an "otherness" about them, something that makes them unique and different. They are distinctly not "me." What will our own children become? What temple will they wander off to? Who will they astound?

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

**Live the Liturgy**

Families are complicated systems. They can be the most transforming or the most hurtful of experiences. Our families of origin have a huge claim on who we are and who we will become. While families need to help us fulfill some of our human needs, this cannot be their sole purpose or focus. Healthy and happy families consist of folks who always have their eyes on the needs and best interests of the other individuals who make up their family unit. We live in the greater family of the world, which is also God's family. It can't only be about us. We must focus our gaze on the needs and well-being of our brothers and sisters. This whole seeing allows us to see others as God sees them. The Holy Family is the perfect example of how all families can work: our families of origin, the families in which we now find ourselves, and the family of our world. May we look to their example in helping us fine-tune our systems of family life so that God's presence can truly be revealed in and through them!

**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:**

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

**Psalms:**

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

**Second Reading:**

And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

**Gospel:**

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. (Lk 2:46-47)

Alternate Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128/Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17/ Lk 2:41-52

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## THE BULLETIN BOARD



**THANK YOU!!** To the more than 38,700 generous donors have pledged over \$9,900,000 to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, *Our Faith, Our Future!!*

As the year is coming to a close, this may be your last chance to help the Archbishop's Annual Appeal achieve the goal of **\$10 Million** in the 2018 tax year!

This year's Appeal goal has been a challenge – but it is nothing compared to the challenge many suffer with each and every day of their lives. For the third year in a row - Thanks to the generosity of the donors to this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal, *Our Faith, Our Future*, the Vicariate Outreach Program has been able to provide over \$1,000,000 in critical funding to over 200 local, community based, organizations. This funding provides support to families and individuals for life's basic necessities: a warm meal, a bag of groceries, a place to sleep, or a place to turn for guidance and support. The Annual Appeal is one way to share our blessings and express thanks for the blessings with which God has graced us with our neighbors.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal-impact-2/](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal-impact-2/). No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements

If you have not yet made a gift, please prayerfully consider, making your pledge or gift today. Every gift makes a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals and families throughout our Archdiocese, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please visit the Appeal website at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org) and follow the link *Our Faith, Our Future*, to learn more and make your pledge or gift today.



## New Year's BLESSINGS

### Marriage Enrichment Celebration

The Archdiocesan Office of Family Life will hold its 12th annual marriage enrichment evening on:

**Saturday, February 2 of 2019**

**5:00-9:00 p.m.**

**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:

***Where there's an "I Will,"***

***there's Always a Way:***

***The Indomitable Spirit of Sacramental Marriage.***

**Cost is \$25.00 per couple and includes dinner.**

To register or obtain more information, contact :

Tom and Donna Finn at 860-302-1110

email to [tfinnphd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tfinnphd@sbcglobal.net).

**Please R.S.V.P. by Jan. 30, 2019**

### Gather Together

The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry in collaboration with The Underground CT is offering "Gather Together," a Connecticut human trafficking awareness event. It will be held Saturday, Jan. 12 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish at St. Bartholomew Church, 45 Ludlow St., in Manchester. Expert speakers will discuss the reality of trafficking in Connecticut, the work being done and how churches can help. To register, email [theundergroundct@gmail.com](mailto:theundergroundct@gmail.com). For more information, contact Lynn Campbell at 860-242-5573.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Light a spiritual fire in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 1-3, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT and Jul 12-14, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.