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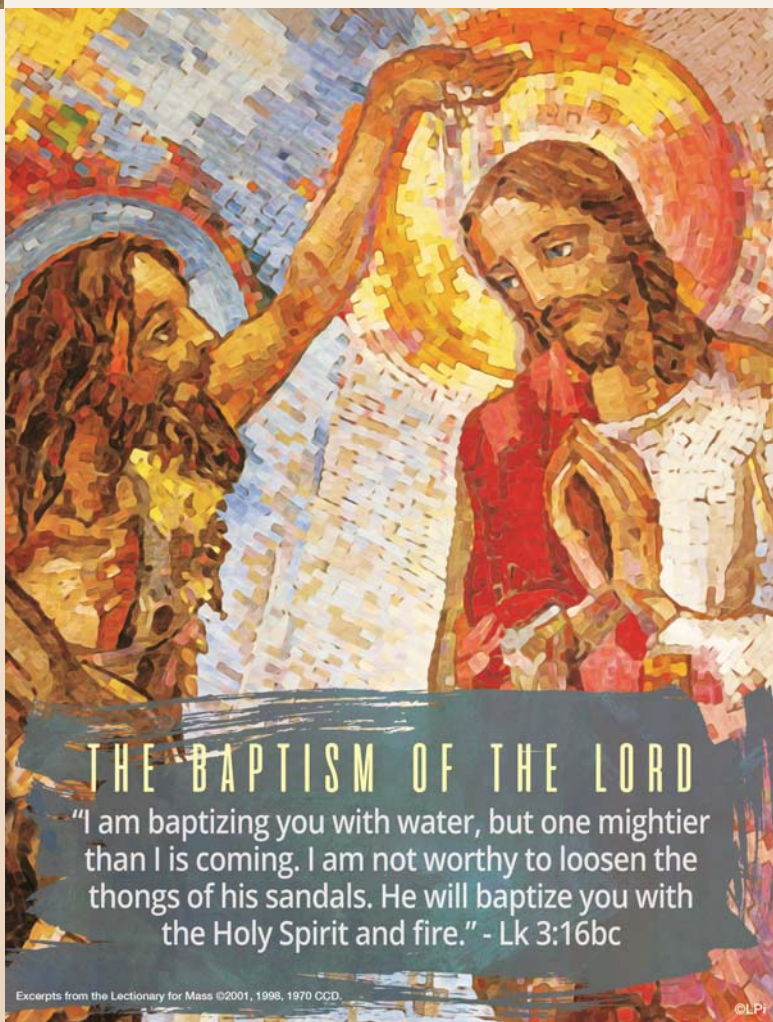
Call the Parish Office

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.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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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:

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 Baptism of the Lord

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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

MONDAY, January 14

9:00 **Doris Stockton**, requested by Lou and Eileen Del Prete

TUESDAY, January 15

9:00 **Betty McGovern**, requested by Eileen and Lou Del Prete

WEDNESDAY, January 16

9:00 **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, January 17

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, January 18

9:00 **Thomas, Michael and Christopher Clifford**

SATURDAY, January 19

4:00 **Fr. Maynard Kearns**, requested by his sister, Julie

SUNDAY, January 20

7:30 **Special Intentions**

9:30 **Beryl Ann Gleeson**, requested by John McCluskey & the Gleeson Family

11:00 **Philip Atiyeh**

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, January 14

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church.

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

Young Adult Bible Study: 2nd/4th Mondays, 7:30pm (Activity Rm)

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

TUESDAY, January 15

RCIA (morning group): 9:30am in Room 3

St. Ann Playgroup: 10am in the Activity Room

RCIA (evening group): 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, January 16

Acts Bible Study: 6:30pm in Room 3

Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, January 17

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 18

Acts Bible Study: 9:30am in Room

SATURDAY, January 19

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, January 20

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

St. Ann's Used Book Sale This Weekend!

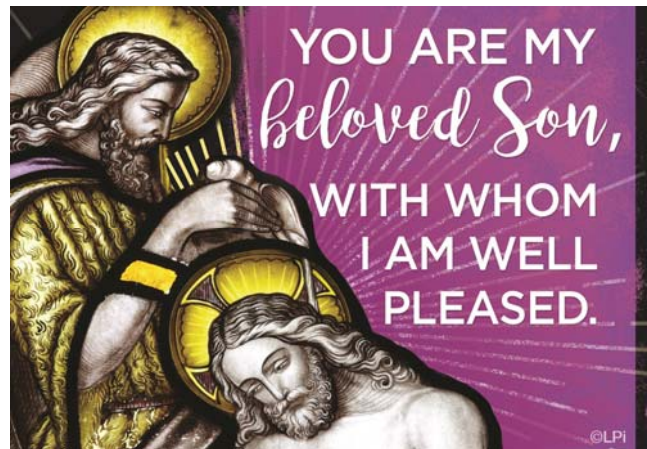
In Father Bennett Hall

All proceeds go toward Catholic High School Student Scholarships

It's Not Too Late To Shop!

Saturday, January 12th: 9am - 6pm

Sunday, January 13th: 8am - 12:45pm



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

More details are at stannavon.com, or contact Director of AFF, Ann DiStefano: 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 AND Paula, 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.

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



Follow Me

...Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus seeks after us and comes to meet us, beckoning us to follow him. He calls us to be his disciples, to trust him, to open ourselves to his merciful love, and to love others as he has loved us. Learn not only how the Gospel of John stands apart from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, but how it is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ and invites you to discover the joy of divine friendship.

This 8 week program starts on Wednesday, February 6th at 9:30AM in Conference Room #3. Group discussion is based on questions in the workbook followed by a 30 minute video presented by Dr. Edward Sri of Ascension Press. Purchase of the workbook (\$20) registers you to view any or all of the videos online should you miss a session.

For more information or to register please contact Ann DiStefano at 860-673-9858 x228 ann.distefano@stannavon.com or Janet Newman @ 860-573-3446 wjnewman@sbcglobal.net.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

January 6, 2019: \$6,968.32
 Online Giving (week ending 1/9/19): \$2,656.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection:
 Monthly

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:

Paul Watson 860-922-0812 (Pgwatson33@gmail.com)

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A huge thank you to everyone who made the Christmas collection for people experiencing homelessness such a success. We were able to distribute 100 gift bags to the men who stay at ImmaCare shelter and to those who remain outdoors until the weather becomes truly life-threatening. For the first time, but hopefully not the last, we also distributed 60 bags to women who are in an emergency women's shelter or supported apartments. Connected with few organizations, they get very little and were extremely appreciative of the kindness of St. Ann parishioners. With help also from some of the schools, and from Unico, the collection was the most bountiful ever. Both ImmaCare and the women's shelter were also given lots of supplies and warm clothing which they could distribute as needed. On these cold days it will make a difference.

Even though the holidays are over, many of you will continue to support these organizations that struggle to help the homeless population. To the cooks and bakers and those who donate the extras needed to make a dinner a truly healthy, filling, and delicious one, our thanks. It is always an honor to serve these meals. To those who drop off toiletries, towels, sheets, and warm clothing in the church kitchen, please know they are always used. In addition, because we are hoping to do even more for the women's shelter, any women's items or products will also be distributed

May 2019 be a blessed year for you and your families.

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: **THIS Sunday, January 13th**

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.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

All of our parishioners are invited to participate in the Pro-Life Activities scheduled to memorialize the 46th Anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court Decision to legalize abortion.

On the Anniversary, Tuesday, January 22nd:

St. Ann will celebrate the 9 a.m. Eucharist with prayers for the sanctity of all life, especially the unborn. At 12 noon there will be the Recitation of the Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Please join us in prayer.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

What have been the most significant moments in your life? You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important. How about elementary, high school, or college graduations? Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married. Do you have children? The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget. Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies. As you reflect on all these moments, you can see that you would not be who you are today without having experienced them. Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you and perhaps it didn't even come to mind: your Baptism.

You might say you don't remember it because you were an infant. Perhaps you do not even know the date it took place. You might not feel like it has had much impact on you at all. However, it has made all the difference. Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ. You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth. Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day. It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God. If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice.
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (Is 40:5)

Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 2:5b)

Gospel:

The Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Lk 3:22)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 13, 2019

- Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/ Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/ Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/ Jn 2:1-11

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Think of what it's like to wait a long time. Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for centuries? No one person lives that long, of course. But for the Israelites, they had heard the stories from generation to generation. They had been conquered time and time again, and now "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." They had been waiting for a Messiah, one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things; someone aglow with the glory of God. We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed. But what if your hopes were fulfilled?

That day at the Jordan River, an audience had gathered. Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man. Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert. His hands had the calloused palms of a tradesman, a carpenter. He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the familiarity of the cousins they were. This man wades into the Jordan for a good, solid dunking. As he rises from the water, the One who breathed life into Adam gasps for air like any other man.

But then "heaven was opened." The clouds in the sky part miles above. "And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." An apparition with substance sails through the sky. It exudes gentleness and power all at once. "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Can you imagine the sight? For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen, who they have seen. Can you imagine this encounter with our God who keeps His promises? What are you waiting for?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

At the baptism of Jesus, a voice came from heaven saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Through Baptism, Jesus' identity as God's Son is revealed and understood. He knows very clearly who he is. Baptism does the same for us. It gives us our identity as daughters and sons of God. We have the wonderful opportunity, given to us as a gift, to share in the same intimate relationship Jesus has with God his Father. Being a daughter or son of God gives us a unique and focused mission to which we must be faithful. Our identity, as with Jesus, is rooted in God. This is a simple fact we all must accept. Through Baptism, we are given the power and ability to see the world as God sees and to think and act as God would think and act. This is a tall order but one that will lead us to truth and ultimately to happiness.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

A vision for love and marriage in our time.

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the promulgation of *Humane Vitae* an encyclical on love, life and marriage.

Sponsored by the Franciscan Life Center
Saturday, February 16, 2019, 8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 17, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
\$65.00/ adult for both days, lunch included.

To register visit flcenter.org or franciscanhc.org
Call: 203-237-8084 for more information

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

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



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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

UNBELIEVABLE!
JOHN, A SINFUL
MAN, BAPTIZING
JESUS, WHO
NEVER SINNED!



EVEN MORE
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JESUS WHO NEVER
SINNED BECOMING
OUR SIN ON
THE CROSS!



I WOULD NEVER
HAVE THOUGHT OF
A PLAN LIKE THAT
IF I WERE GOD.



ME EITHER. I'M
GLAD NEITHER ONE
OF US IS GOD.

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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/>.