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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.



2nd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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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



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, January 21

9:00 **Robert Gagne, Sr.**, requested by Beverly Gagne

TUESDAY, January 22

9:00 **For the Sanctity of All Human Life**

WEDNESDAY, January 23

9:00 **Mrs. McPherson**, requested by Louis and Eileen Del Prete

THURSDAY, January 24

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, January 25

9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, January 26

4:00 **Leo Lattazori**, requested by Brian and Ann Beloin and family

SUNDAY, January 27

7:30 **Janice Lonabough**, requested by the Maillet Family
 9:30 **Michael J. Heaney**, requested by The Berardi Family
 11:00 **Billy Martinez**, requested by his mom



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 21

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 22

RCIA (morning group): 9:30am in Room 3
RCIA (evening group): 7pm in Room 3

WEDNESDAY, January 23

Acts Bible Study: 6:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, January 24

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 25

Acts Bible Study: 9:30am in Room

SATURDAY, January 26

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, January 27

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



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.

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. A 30 minute video is presented by Dr. Edward Sri of Ascension Press followed by small group discussion based on the video. 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 13, 2019: \$7,106.48
 Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 1/16/19):\$2,261.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection:
 Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools

Takeaways from Our Advent 2018 Reflection Series on Mary

Pause + Ponder + Pray + Patience + Practice

*"Mary held onto her peace"
 (and remained open to the Lord and his plans).*

When you feel a sword piercing your heart, know that it pierces Mary's heart as well. Go to Mary and ask her for help.

"Hold your peace" showed me how to step back and assess: 'I don't have to lose my peace over this.'

Become a better "servant of the moment," so as not to lose any opportunity to welcome other people as Christ.

Reflect on Mary; practice "quiet reflection"

"Pondering..."

"Emanuel = God with us." God with us is an invitation to be with God, to dwell with the One who dwells within us.

To know that God loves us first is to know the peace, joy, hope and promise of community, to be one with all creation.

Church of St. Ann - Adult Education and Enrichment

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.



**SANDWICH
 SUNDAY
 is
 February
 3rd!**

JOIN US: in Fr. Bennett Hall after 7:30am, 9:30am and 11am Masses to make sandwiches for the homeless.

PLEASE BRING: 1 ½ lbs deli meat, ¼ lb sliced cheese, 1 large loaf of bread (white or wheat)

RECIPIENTS WILL BE: ImmaCare Shelter, Mercy Shelter and St. Joseph Cathedral Food Pantry

HELP MAKE DELIVERIES: Call/Email Ann DiStefano (contact info on bulletin cover)

**GREAT WAY TO LIVE OUR FAITH!
 KIDS AND FAMILIES WELCOME!**

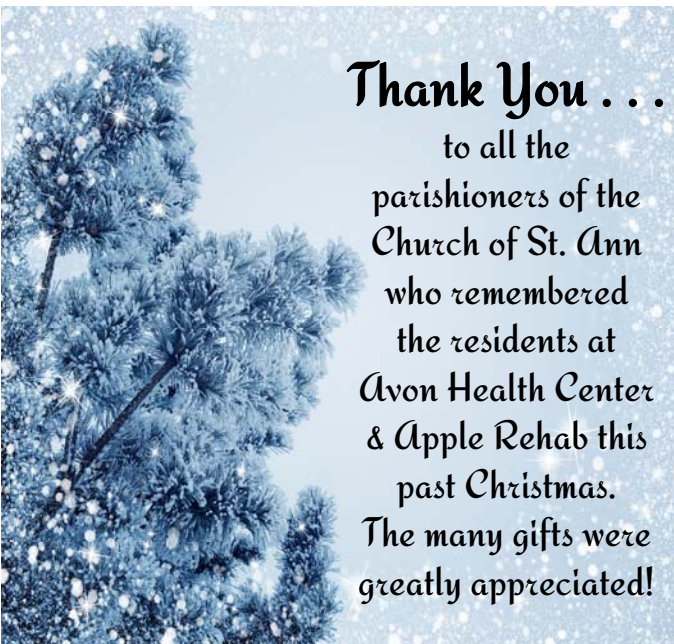
(You can drop off food in kitchen refrigerator before Mass or if cold enough leave in car)

*There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him,
 "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3*

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Thank You . . .

to all the parishioners of the Church of St. Ann who remembered the residents at Avon Health Center & Apple Rehab this past Christmas. The many gifts were greatly appreciated!



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

There are close to 7.6 billion people currently on earth. That is a lot of people! If you try to estimate how many people have collectively been born since the beginning of time, a good guess is 108 billion! It is hard to contemplate that many distinctly different human beings created by our God. In the midst of all those people, where do you and I fit? Can we really be created to make a difference in the world? One can feel very small and insignificant when reflecting on the numbers.

We render ourselves insignificant when we make the mistake of seeing ourselves as being just like everybody else. However, when looking at the numbers, how can one honestly think we are all the same? Another way we become insignificant is believing the lie that one person in the midst of so many does not have the power to make an impact. However, we all spend time reading books, watching movies, or listening to news about singular people who made all the difference in some part of the world. Imagine your own world without a few key people who have touched you and made a difference.

We are all created with unique gifts. We have those gifts that have been part of us from birth and those that have been imparted to us by the Holy Spirit. St. Paul tried to get the Corinthians to understand that reality when he explained to them the many gifts of the Spirit. Perhaps some of his audience back then thought they were insignificant. The message then remains the message today: God is counting on you to use what He has given you. If you don't, who will?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Our entire good consists not only in accepting the truth of God's word, but in persevering in it.

-St. Francis de Sales.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. (Is 62:3)

Psalm:

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. (1 Cor 12:7)

Gospel:

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." (Jn 2:3-5)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 20, 2019

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
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/
Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/
Mk 16:15-18
Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/
Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/1
Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When you think of being Catholic, what do you think of? Perhaps you grew up with your only associations being fasting, nuns with rulers, and "Catholic guilt." Our faith can sometimes have the connotation of restriction and absence, not abundance. Who is God in your life? Is He the divine law-giver, the judge punishing the rule-breakers? These are certainly attributes of God. But the laws don't exist for themselves alone. They exist to help us love one another as God loves us. And this loving God is the author of abundance and joy.

Did you hear today's Gospel? "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee." Here at this wedding, Jesus would perform "the beginning of his signs...and so reveal his glory." This first sign isn't a miraculous healing. He didn't raise someone from the dead. He kept a party going! "There were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons...the water...had become wine." The wine has run out. Jesus creates somewhere between 120 and 180 gallons to help his friend save face. We may not have such momentous miracles in our lives, but God is watching out for us. The string of green lights when you're running late. The sale on the replacement appliance you need. The friend who calls at just the right time. These are the little moments of God's abundance. We just need to look for them!

Not only does Jesus surprise, but the guests point out to their host: "You have kept the good wine until now." The divine wine is better than the earthly variety. God's goodness is better than what we can grasp at for ourselves. Isn't that how it always goes?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Did you ever consider that God takes great delight in you? We are by no means second or afterthoughts of God. As the master artisan, God takes delight in every fabric of our being and every single component of who we are. We are intentionally and lovingly designed! God gets much joy out of every child He creates, and He does not abandon us. God is definitely in charge! God can take a painful past or an apparent dead-end and turn it into a glorious future. He can transform nothing into something and is always eagerly ready to give us the gifts of faith, hope, and love. We are never bound by the past and never without options. All we have to do is listen to Him. Are we willing to give up the controls and allow Him to do what He does best?

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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Investing in Futures~ FACS Fund 2018 is now underway.
Did you know that this year FACS distributed over \$615,000 in Catholic school scholarships and grants in all of the Archdiocesan schools? Join us as we celebrate the beauty of Catholic schools and charitable giving. **YOU** can make a difference in the life of a child, the best investment one can make.

Please give to FACS today!

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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/>.

Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

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Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, "tempus ordinarium," conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection.

Ordinary time offers us the measured opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence. As we experience the season of ordinary time, let us immerse ourselves in the extraordinary task of deepening our relationship with Christ in the ordinary events of life.

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