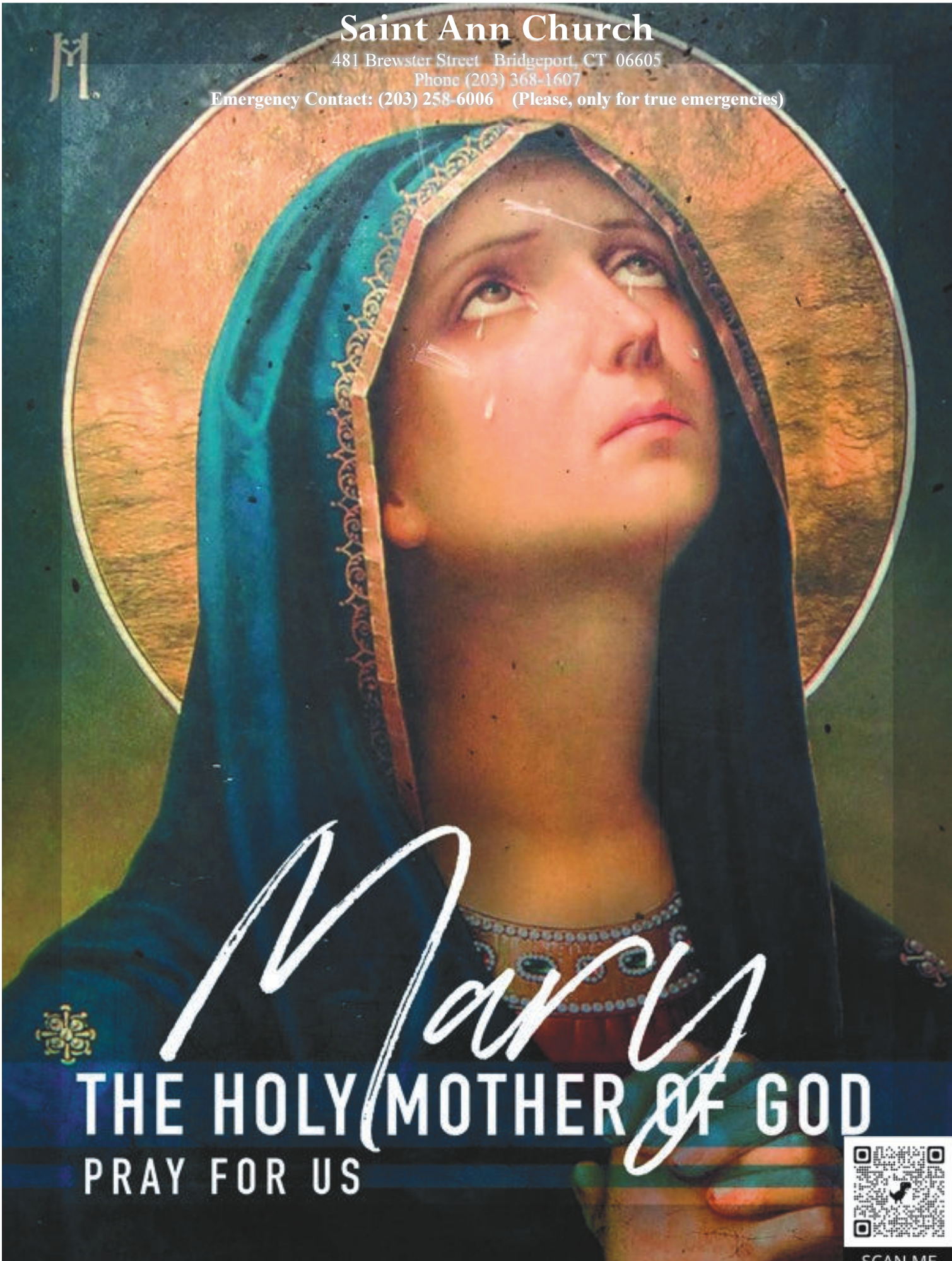


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Mary

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Sunday Reflection

In the year 431 at the Council of Ephesus, the Church declared Mary to be *Theotokos*, which is Greek for “Mother of God” or “God Bearer.” The Church did this because in that same century a great heresy had broken out. A priest named Anastasius had publicly declared that Mary was the Mother of Jesus Christ, but not the Mother of God. What he was saying, effectively, was that Jesus was not God. Anastasius just could not believe that Jesus could be born of a woman, walk the earth, suffer and die on a cross and remain God at the same time. And so, for Him, Mary could not be the Mother of God.

However, Mary *is* the Mother of God. She is the Mother of God, because she is the Mother of Jesus, who is God. And she is the only one who, along with God the Father, can say to Jesus, “You are my Son.” God had predestined her from all eternity to bear His Son, and He could not have created a more perfect mother.

And Mary is also Mother of the Eucharist, because that same Son of Mary, that same Jesus – her own flesh and blood – is the same God who comes to us on this altar at every Mass. The same Jesus whom Mary bore in her womb is the same God in the Eucharist. The same Jesus who lay in a manger is the same God in the Eucharist. The same Jesus who walked on earth, preached in Galilee and healed the sick is the same God in the Eucharist. The same Jesus who suffered and died on the Cross is the same God in the Eucharist. The same Jesus who sits at the right hand of the Father in glory is the same God in the Eucharist. Jesus in the crib, Jesus on the Cross, Jesus on the altar. It is the same Jesus who still loves us and wants to be with us.

Whenever we receive the Body of Christ, we receive the body conceived and carried, formed and nourished by His Mother, Mary. One spiritual writer says, “It is impossible for this relation in the flesh between Mother and Son ever to be broken, because traces of her are always in His flesh.” And so just as there can be no God Incarnate without Mary, there can be no Eucharist without Mary.

What a gift and a mystery! And how fitting it is, then, that we at St. Ann Parish pray the Hail Mary three times at the conclusion of every Mass.

Reflexión del Domingo

En el año 431 en el Concilio de Éfeso la Iglesia declaró a la Virgen María como “Theotokos”, en griego “LA MADRE DE DIOS” o “llevar a Dios”. La Iglesia hizo esto porque ese mismo siglo se despertó una herejía. El Sacerdote llamado Anastasio declaró públicamente que María es la Madre de Cristo, pero no la Madre de Dios. Lo que en efecto estaba diciendo es que Jesús no es Dios. Anastasio no podía creer que Jesús pudiera nacer de mujer, caminar en la tierra, sufrir y morir en la Cruz, y ser Dios al mismo tiempo. Y para Él, María no podría ser la Madre de Dios.

Sin embargo, María es la Madre de Dios. Ella la madre de Dios, porque Ella es la Madre de Jesús, quién es Dios. Y Ella es la única quién junto con Dios Padre, le puede decir a Jesús “Tú eres mi Hijo.” Dios la predestinó desde toda la eternidad tener Su Hijo, y Él no pudo crear una madre más perfecta.

Y María es la Madre de la Eucaristía, porque el mismo Hijo de María, el mismo Jesús – su propia carne y sangre – es el mismo Dios quién viene a nosotros en el altar en cada Misa. El mismo Jesús quien María tuvo en su vientre es el mismo Dios en la Eucaristía. El mismo Jesús quien ésta en el pesebre es el mismo Dios en la Eucaristía. El mismo Jesús que caminó en la tierra, predicó en Galilea y curó a los enfermos, es el mismo Dios en la Eucaristía. El mismo Jesús que está sentado a la derecha del Padre en la Gloria es el mismo Dios en la Eucaristía. Jesús en la cuna, Jesús en la Cruz, Jesús en el altar. Es el mismo Jesús que nos ama y quiere estar con nosotros.

Cuando recibimos el Cuerpo de Cristo, recibimos el mismo cuerpo concebido, llevado, formado y alimentado por su Madre María. En escritor espiritual dice: “Es imposible que esta relación de la carne entre Madre e Hijo algún día se rompa, porque rastros de ella están siempre en su carne. Y así como no puede haber Dios encarnado sin la María, tampoco no puede haber Eucaristía sin María.

Que misterio y regalo! Y que adecuado que nosotros en la Parroquia Santa Ana rezamos tres Ave María al final de cada Misa.

FAITH FORMATION ~ reled@stannblackrock.com

Director Amy Baker
Religious Education office hours are
Tuesday 2pm –5pm
Friday—4:30pm—6:30pm
Saturday 12noon—5pm



NO CLASSES DEC. 26 & Jan 2
We do invite everyone Sunday
DEC. 26th to the Family 9am Mass

Sacrament of Baptism

Those requesting a Baptism please contact parish office or Father Elio to set up meeting and date for Baptism. It is required that parents participate in a Pre-Baptismal class. Classes are held on Monday evenings by Deacon John Piatak at. Registration is required by calling the parish office.



Solemnity of Mary
Vigil Mass - December 31
4:00 pm – English Vigil Mass
7:00 pm – Spanish Vigil Mass



January 1

4:00 pm – English Vigil Mass

January 2

9:00 am – English

11:30 am – Spanish

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Gym holds up to 300 people.

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Parish Office Closed

St. Ann Parish office will be closed
December 31—January 3rd .

Ministry to the Sick or Homebound

Please call the parish office if you or someone you know is ill or homebound and desires to receive the Eucharist or a visit from a priest or one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

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St. Ann’s Men’s Group!

WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER WILL-RESUME IN JANUARY 2022 Meets in the rectory basement every 1ST & 3rd WEDS from 6:30-7:30 PM. All men of our parish are invited to join.

FROM THE CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS POST #1466

“Thank you to all for the Food Donations to the Veterans Pantry for Thanksgiving. The abundance of food was greatly appreciated by them.”

**John Paul II's prayer to the
Child Jesus for Christmas Day**

O Child, who willed to have for your crib a manger; O Creator of the universe, who stripped yourself of divine glory; O Redeemer, who offered your vulnerable body in sacrifice for the salvation of humanity! May the radiance of your birth light up the night of the world. May the power of your message of love thwart the proud snares of the evil one. May the gift of your life make us understand ever more clearly the worth of the life of each human being. Too much blood is still being shed on the earth! Too much violence and too many conflicts trouble the peaceful coexistence of nations! You come to bring us peace. You are our peace! You alone can make of us "a people purified" and belonging to you for ever, a people "zealous for good deeds" (Tit 2:14). For to us a Child is born, to us a son is given! What an unfathomable mystery is hidden in the humility of this Child! We would like to touch him; we would like to embrace him. You, Mary, who kept watch over your all-powerful Son, grant us your eyes to contemplate him with faith; grant us your heart to worship him with love. In his simplicity, the Child of Bethlehem teaches us to rediscover the real meaning of our existence; he teaches us "to live sober, upright and godly lives in this world" (Tit 2:12). O Holy Night, so long awaited, which has united God and man for ever! You rekindle our hope. You fill us with ecstatic wonder. You assure us of the triumph of love over hatred, of life over death. For this reason we remain absorbed in prayer. In the luminous silence of your Nativity, you, Emmanuel, continue to speak to us. And we are ready to listen to you. Amen



Oración de Juan Pablo II al Niño Jesús día de Navidad

Oh niño, que querías tener un pesebre para tu cuna; Oh Creador del universo, que te has despojado de la gloria divina; ¡Oh Redentor, que ofreciste tu cuerpo vulnerable en sacrificio por la salvación de la humanidad! Que el esplendor de tu nacimiento ilumine la noche del mundo. Que el poder de tu mensaje de amor pueda frustrar los orgullosos cordones del malvado. Que el regalo de tu vida nos haga comprender cada vez más claramente el valor de la vida de cada ser humano. ¡Todavía se derrama demasiada sangre en la tierra! ¡Demasiada violencia y demasiados conflictos perturban la coexistencia pacífica de las naciones! Ven y tráenos la paz. Eres nuestra paz! Solo tú puedes hacernos "un pueblo limpio" y pertenecer a ti para siempre, un pueblo "celoso de las buenas obras" (Tit 2:14). ¡Para nosotros nace un niño, para nosotros se da un niño! ¡Qué misterio insondable se esconde en la humildad de este Niño! Nos gustaría tocarlo; nos gustaría abrazarlo. Tú, María, que cuida a tu Hijo todopoderoso, concédenos tus ojos para contemplarlo con fe; danos tu corazón para adorarlo con amor. En su simplicidad, el Hijo de Belén nos enseña a redescubrir el verdadero significado de nuestra existencia; nos enseña "a vivir una vida sobria, recta y divina en este mundo" (Tit 2:12). ¡Oh noche santa, tan esperada, que unió a Dios y al hombre para siempre! Reaviva nuestra esperanza. Nos llenas de maravilla extática. Nos asegura el triunfo del amor sobre el odio, de la vida sobre la muerte. Por esta razón, permanecemos absortos en la oración. En el silencio luminoso de tu Natividad, tú, Emmanuel, sigue hablando con nosotros. Y estamos listos para escucharte. Amén!

FORMACIÓN DE LA FE~ reled@stannblackrock.com

Damos la bienvenida a nuestra nueva directora de formación de la fe : **Amy Baker**
El horario de oficina de Educación Religiosa:
Martes 2:00pm—5pm
Viernes: 4:30 pm— 6:30 p.m
Sábado de 12:00pm - 5:00pm



NO HAY CLASES DIC. 19, 26 y 2 de enero

Invitamos a todos el domingo 26 de Diciembre a la misa familiar de las 9 a. M. o 11:30am en Espanol

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¡Podemos Rentarle el Salon!
Estamos alquilando el gimnasio de St. Ann o el sótano del convento para cualquier tipo de evento que pueda tener.

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Te han pedido ser Padrino o Madrina?

Si deseas ser padrino o madrina de Bautismo o Confirmación debes cumplir con los siguientes requisitos: Estar registrado en la parroquia; ir a Misa todos los domingos en St. Ann, ayudar cada uno según su capacidad de contribuir a las necesidades materiales de la Iglesia; ser mayores de 16 años; tener todos los Sacramentos de iniciación, y si eres casado debe ser bajo las leyes de la Iglesia Católica. Llama a la oficina con anticipación de 3 meses antes de la fecha del Bautizo/ Confirmación para marcar una cita con los sacerdotes. Estas son las reglas de la Iglesia Católica que aparecen en el libro "Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica 2042; Código de la Ley Canónica 874".



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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. DEC. 25 VIGIL, HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

4:00 PM For the conversion of Sinners

SUN. DEC. 26 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

9:00 AM + William King by M. O' Byrne

11:30 AM Pedro Nicanor Amezcquita Vargas by Esposa y Hijos

MON. DEC. 27 SAINT JOHN

8:00 AM + Kevin Downing by L. Vega

TUE. DEC. 28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS

8:00 AM Liam O'Byrne by M. O'Byrne

WED. DEC. 29 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:00 AM Those unemployed find Work

THU. DEC. 30 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

8:00 AM + Thomas King Sr. by M. O'Byrne

FRI. DEC. 31 SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

8:00 AM NO MASS

4:00 PM + Jim McCarthy by His Family

7:00 PM St. Ann Parishioners

SAT. JAN. 1 VIGIL, EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:00 PM + Charles Gabriel by Madeline & Siobhan

SUN. JAN. 2 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00 AM + Edward Casey by K & M Cheney

11:30 AM Por todas las almas en el purgatorio y ante pasado ofrece H. Paulina Bernard y Maria M. DelRosario
Por las intenciones de Yanela Santos, protección de su familia, hogar y esposo.



St. Ann Parish Prayer Line

Linda Sachs 203-332-0053

Calls with your intentions and prayer requests are preferred between 5:00 & 6:00 PM.

St. Ann Corner Store

Located in the front left of the church, open for 30 mins. after all weekend Masses. Religious books, statues, crucifixes, jewelry, prayer cards, rosaries, etc.



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4:00pm Vigil Mass	\$399.00
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Si desea recordar a su ser querido durante la misa, nuestro LIBRO DE INTENCIONES DE MISA ESTÁ ABIERTO PARA 2022. Por favor llame a la oficina al 203-368-1607, envíe un correo electrónico a office@stannblackrock.com o visítenos durante el horario de oficina.

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