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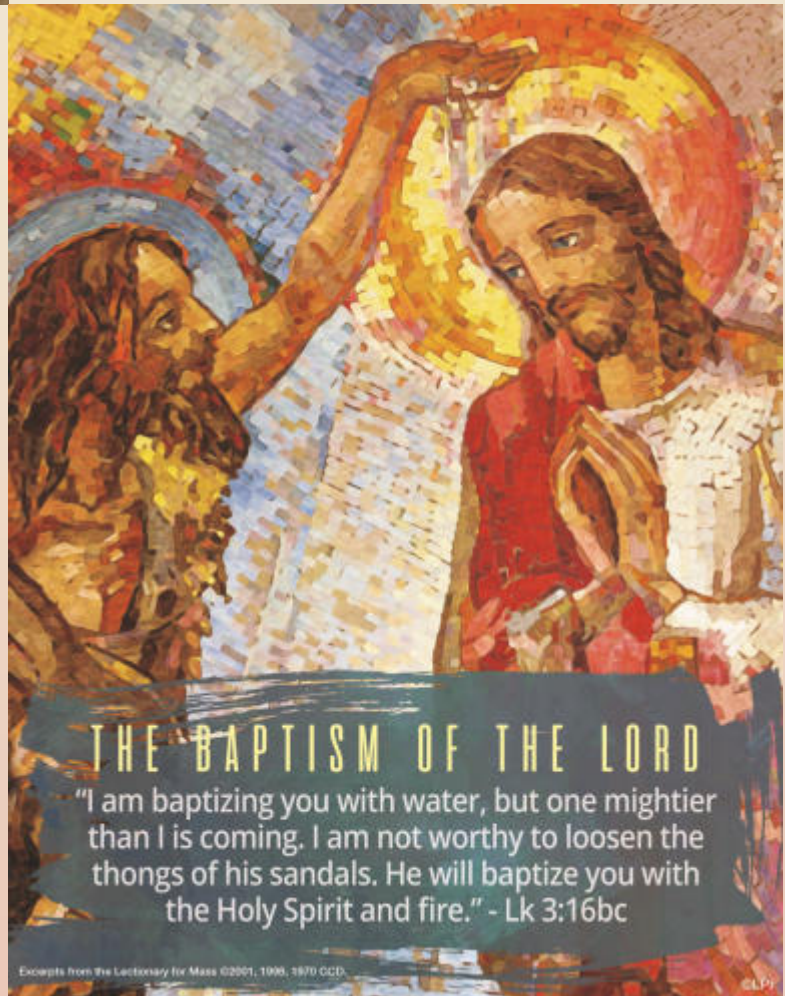
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Please set the date with the priest or deacon at least six months prior to the wedding. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

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.



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

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri.

9:30-9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon



**The Baptism
of the Lord**

MONDAY, January 10

9:00 Janina & Henryk Milakowski, requested by
Ewa Sulewski

TUESDAY, January 11

9:00 John Patrick Manning, requested by
John and Maria Manning

WEDNESDAY, January 12

9:00 Zofia and Marian Stodolski, requested by
Ewa Sulewski

THURSDAY, January 13

9:00 Elzbieta and Tadeusz Romkiewicz, requested by
Ewa Sulewski

FRIDAY, January 14

9:00 Wincenty Lipinski, requested by Ewa Sulewski

SATURDAY, January 15

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

SUNDAY, January 16

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 Richard Masse, requested by
Betsy and Bob Suski

11:00 Albert and Vera Alft, requested by
Bill and Janet Newman

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call or email
Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or
kris.martino@stannavon.com.



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

MONDAY, January 10

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church
Lectio Divina, Live!: 7:15pm in Room 3 & via Zoom

TUESDAY, January 11

Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, January 12

Confessions of St. Augustine: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, January 13

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church
"Matthew" Bible Study: 7pm in the Activity Room and via Zoom

FRIDAY, January 14

Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, January 15

FORMED Information Session: after 4pm Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, January 16

Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am via Zoom
FORMED Information Session: after all Masses in Fr. Bennett Hall



**God Has a Personal
Message For You!**

Join us for the popular *Lectio Divina* way of praying scripture, where you listen for what God is saying to you in the Gospel for the coming Sunday. It's also a great way to connect with others, and engage more fully in Mass.

Friendly groups meet via Zoom * Newcomers welcome
Sundays at 10:30am, and Fridays at 9:45am.
For registration details and inspiring testimonials, visit:
<https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live>

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Next Sunday,
January 16, 2022
2:30 - 3:30pm
in the church

We will pray to end abortion and for renewed sacredness of all human life. Please come and join us.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 12/26/21: \$7,645.56
Weekly Collection for 1/2/22: \$13,375.00
Online Giving (Dec. 23, 2021-Jan.5, 2022): \$7,320
Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *Monthly*

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Winter Book Study:

The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality, Fr. Ronald Rolheiser

Each human being experiences restlessness – whether passion or desire, or simply the sense that ‘something more’ is out there. “Spirituality is about what we do with our unrest.” In *The Holy Longing*, Fr. Rolheiser asserts that each person has an innate spirituality uniquely suited to them. Finding yours can connect you to the Divine and open your heart to others on a profound level. For Christians, this involves balancing:

- a) private prayer and private morality
- b) social justice
- c) mellowness of heart and spirit
- d) communal worship

Come explore these notions in a 5-week book study on Thursdays beginning January 13th.

Groups will meet via Zoom at 10am with Terry Pendergast and 7pm with Claudine Meaney

Participant fee is \$15 (books included)

Please register by Jan. 7th: ann.distefano@stannavon.com.



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FORMED KICKOFF PROGRAM FOR ADULTS:

"The Search" Series



What is my purpose? Why doesn't happiness last? Does God really care about me? Do you ever ponder these thoughts? If your children/grandchildren, friends, or coworkers asked you these questions, would you know what to say? Discover the answers to these and other big questions of life, with our first parishwide program from FORMED, "The Search."

The Search is a new, award-winning video series that guides viewers through an arc of seven episodes, examining the great big story of everything—life and death, sorrow and happiness, science and faith—through the commentary of astrophysicists, psychologists, astronauts, neuroscientists, professors, athletes, artists, and popular host Chris Stefanik.

Small groups ("Search Parties!") will be meeting on Tuesdays at 1:00pm via Zoom or at 7:15pm in Room 3 and on Zoom. We'll gather for 75 minutes to view and discuss "The Search" videos together. RSVP to ann.distefano@stannavon.com.

Attend as many sessions as you are able:

- Jan 18: *What Do You Seek?*
- Jan 25: *Who Are You?*
- Feb 1: *Why a God?*
- Feb 8: *What's Our Story?*
- Feb 15: *Who is Jesus?*
- Feb 22: *Am I Saved?*
- Mar 1: *Why a Church?*

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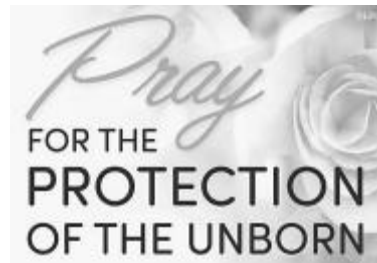
Upcoming Events:

All of our parishioners are invited to participate in the Pro-Life Activities scheduled to memorialize the 49th Anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court Decision to legalize abortion.

Sunday, January 16th, St. Ann will celebrate The Divine Mercy Holy Hour from 2:30-3:30 pm followed. We will pray for the end to abortion and a renewed respect for all human life.

On Friday, January 21st St. Ann will celebrate the 9am Mass with prayers for the sanctity of all life, especially the unborn. At 12 noon we will observe a Holy Hour for Life will be observed until 1pm. We will unite our prayers with those who are on the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

The Pro-Life cause is gaining ground...please join us on Sat., January 22nd at 12 noon in St. Ann's parking lot to pray the rosary for the success of the Dobb's case and the ultimate overturning of Roe v Wade.



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one-on-one.

Contact: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

Church of St. Ann + Avon, CT

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

Annual Men's Retreat

January 14-16, 2022

at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
in West Hartford

Join Us for a focus on
"In the Spirit of Trust"

For more information go to the Holy Family Retreat Center website:

<https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org>

Click on Retreats, then Themed Retreats

Or call the Retreat Center at: 860-521-0440

Call or Email your St. Ann Representatives:

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

Bob Yurch 860-675-1366 (byurch@fiainc.com)



**The Holy
Eucharist
DID YOU KNOW?**

*"What is it, Lord, that You could have done
for us, that You have not done?"*

(St. Bridget of Sweden)

The Holy Eucharist is the greatest Sacrament of all because it is truly Jesus present to us in the consecrated Host. Jesus nourishes us with His very own Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. He pours out His love, mercy and innumerable graces each time we worthily receive Him in Holy Communion.

Reflection: It is supremely important to receive the Blessed Sacrament. How can we afford to neglect the Holy Eucharist when Christ enriches our souls, nourishes and strengthens us and prepares us for an eternity of joy with the Blessed Trinity in Heaven?

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan? *- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 9, 2021

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, 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: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/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

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (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 3:5)

Gospel:

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

Give yourselves the best Christmas present ever – take time for your marriage. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

St. Mary's School is now enrolling for the 2022-23 school year for Full Day Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Schedule your personal tour today and come learn more about the difference a Catholic education can make in your child's life.



Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center Farmington, CT

We are offering a one-day retreat especially for those who do not feel comfortable attending overnight events amidst the ongoing COVID -19 epidemic. **The dates for these are January 19 and February 5.**

This one-day retreat will have the same theme as our Women's Weekend Retreat. Our one-day Women's Retreat will include two retreat conferences, a Reconciliation Service with individual confession, and Mass. Retreatants can expect to be on their way home by 4:00 pm. A hearty lunch will be served.



St. Mary's School Open House

Join us in January for our Open House!

Sunday, January 30th 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Now enrolling for Full Day PreK4 thru 8th grade for the 2022-2023 school year!

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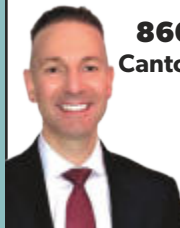
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