



# 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.

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free.*

— Lk 4:18



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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:

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

#### MONDAY, January 25

**Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle:** 7:15pm in the church wing. All are welcome! (*Enter through door on the left side of the church*)  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

#### TUESDAY, January 26

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3

#### WEDNESDAY, January 27

**Lectio Divina:** 3:30pm in Room 3

#### THURSDAY, January 28


**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church, weather permitting  
**Traditional Choir:** 2pm in the Choir Loft  
**Children's Choir (grades 4-8):** 4:15pm in the Choir Loft  
**Folk/Contemporary Choir:** 7:30pm in the Choir Loft  
**St. Ann Cares Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

#### FRIDAY, January 29

#### SATURDAY, January 30

**Men's Breakfast Group:** 8am in Room 3  
**Rediscover Jesus Information Session:** after 4pm Mass in the Hall

#### SUNDAY, January 31

 Please stop by for coffee and refreshments after the 9:30am Mass to learn more about the upcoming Rediscover Jesus

#### MONDAY, January 25

9:00 **Hazel and Ed Saillant**, requested by the family

#### TUESDAY, January 26

9:00 **Special Intentions**

#### WEDNESDAY, January 27

9:00 **Billy Martinez**, requested by his mom

#### THURSDAY, January 28

9:00 **Special Intentions**

#### FRIDAY, January 29

9:00 **Vera and Albert Alft**, requested by Bill and Janet Newman

#### SATURDAY, January 30

4:00 **Jonathan Michael Gilotti**, requested by Michael and Joan Gould

#### SUNDAY, January 31

7:30 **For the intentions of Mary Lee Wilcox (Living)**, requested by the Faillace Family

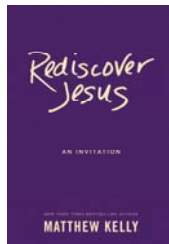
9:30 **Robby Brisco**, requested by the Mascoli Family

11:00 **Catherine Hill**, requested by the Zone Family

## ST. ANN CELEBRATES THE YEAR OF MERCY

This Lent, are you open to setting aside time each day to connect with Jesus?

Come *Rediscover Jesus*.



In keeping with the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Fr. McHugh is introducing something exciting for Lent, 2016 - a parish-wide book discussion program centered on Jesus, who is mercy personified. From Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10-March 21, we will read Matthew Kelly's simple but powerful book, *Rediscover Jesus*, and meet in Small Groups at home - or in gatherings at church and Faith Formation, or even online - to discuss its implications for our lives. To register and receive your FREE book, please stop by the Gathering Space after Masses this weekend, or visit the parish offices during the week.

### INFO SESSIONS

(how Small Groups work, etc.) will be offered:

- **Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** at 9am and 6pm at Avon Middle School (For K-8 Parents)
- **Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** at 6:40pm & 7:15 in the Hall (For 9th Grade Parents)
- **Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> Wine & Cheese** after 4:00 Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall
- **Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> Coffee** in Fr. Bennett Hall after 9:30 & 11:00am Masses

Want to form a SMALL GROUP or join an existing SMALL GROUP? Contact Ann below.

### SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR TRAINING

- **Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
  - **Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** at noon in Fr. Bennett Hall.
- RSVP: Ann DiStefano, [ames.distefano@gmail.com](mailto:ames.distefano@gmail.com); (860) 463-7495 (talk or text).



**WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

January 17, 2016: \$6,634.79

Online Giving (week ending 1/20/16): \$2,579.00

Next weekend's second collection:  
*none*

**HEARTS & SOULS**

Ministering to body, mind and spirit, the Health Ministry offers blood pressure screening, health counseling and referrals to our community of faith. Office hours are the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary. \*

**Marian Movement of Priests -Cenacle of Prayer  
Monday evenings at St. Ann's from 7:15 8:15pm**

The Cenacle format is very simple:

1. Invocation to the Holy Spirit, 2. Recitation of the Holy Rosary,
3. Prayers for our Holy Father, 4. Prayers for our Priests and Seminarians, 5. Reading and meditation on one of the messages given in the book—"To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons",
6. Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Please visit the official website of the MMP at [www.mmp-usa.net](http://www.mmp-usa.net) for additional information.

*If you are interested in joining us to pray a holy rosary, please come to the church on Monday evenings at 7:15. All are welcome! Come pray with us.*

**Communion For Shut-Ins**

The Eucharistic ministers would be ha to those in our parish who are unable to come to church. Please call the Parish Office and leave your name and address if you wish to receive Communion **860-673-9858**.

**St. Ann's Re-Employment Group**

meets every other Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Activity Room at St. Ann's. For more information, or if any working member of the parish hears of :**JOHN DRAKE, 860-989-2377** or email at: [johndrake.humancapital@live.com](mailto:johndrake.humancapital@live.com).

**Free Rosary Repair Service...**

Free Rosary Repair Service at St. Ann's will resume in May. If you should need rosaries repaired from November to April, please send to Betty and Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd. #502, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. For more information you may call: 239-463-3993 or email them at: [HoldenBnD@comcast.net](mailto:HoldenBnD@comcast.net)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Grades K-8: UPCOMING CLASSES

January 24<sup>th</sup> and February 21<sup>st</sup>

**Next Family Mass: February 7th at 9:30am**

*Grades K-4 sponsor Parish Coffee after the Mass*

**Save the Date**

*Relics of the Passion*  
Sunday

February 21, 2016  
Church of Saint Ann

In celebration of the Year of Mercy we will host a program called Relics of the Passion which highlights a rare collection of relics with an accompanying program commemorating the Passion of Our Lord.

**LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN...**

The Men of St Ann are reaching out for new members to help us build community within the parish. A great chance to meet other men in the parish as well as meeting many parish members at our events. These include Pasta Dinners during Lent, Ladies Night Out (Mother's Day weekend) and a couple of wine tastings during the year. We are also exploring new activities that would also include the kids of the parish (post Confirmation would be the target).

*If interested contact John Kuzia at 860-284-0030 or [kman@kuzia.com](mailto:kman@kuzia.com).*





# Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Come be a part of our ministry!*

**Upcoming Meetings:**  
**Monday,**  
**Jan. 25 & Feb. 1**  
**7-8:30pm**  
**in Room 2**



All are welcome... including brand new knitters!  
 For more information call  
**Pat: 860-673-3747**  
**Tina: 860-674-1541**

*The Lord*  
 DOES US THE HONOR  
 OF PLACING HIS CONFIDENCE  
*in us and calling us  
 to the ministry,*  
 SHOWING US HIS MERCY.

THIS CALL IS NOT  
 RESERVED FOR A FEW,  
*it is for everyone,*  
 EACH IN HIS OWN  
 STATE OF LIFE.

- ST. JOHN PAUL II  
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## Do you know about the many Ministries at The Church of Saint Ann?

On the weekend of January 30-31, the Eucharistic Ministers will distribute a booklet called *Ministries* which will describe all forty of them. Included in the booklet is an insert, Ministry Contact List, which provides the telephone numbers of the person to call for more information or to volunteer.

Or you may complete the flyer insert in next week's bulletin, "I Can Do This!" and put it in the collection plate or leave it in the Parish Office. The ministry or ministries for which you have indicated an interest will contact you.

*Love takes  
 up where  
 knowledge  
 leaves off.*



*- St. Thomas  
 Aquinas*

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SOMETIMES THE BIBLE READINGS SPEAK EXACTLY TO WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH!



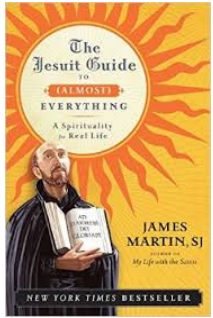
IT'S ALMOST LIKE IT'S SUPERNATURAL!

GEE, YOU THINK?



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## The M+M's Annual Book Discussion Evening



**Title:** The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything - A Spirituality for Real Life  
**Author:** James Martin, S.J.  
**Date:** Wednesday, Feb.17 at 7 P.M.  
**Place:** Meeting room under church annex

Father Martin translates St Ignatius Loyola into insights for us, revealing how we find God in our everyday lives and how it is often surprising to us. "Inspiring, easily comprehensible and so often humorous." St. Ignatius was the founder of the Jesuit Order. Pope Francis is a Jesuit. Look for the similarities in their thought and actions. Jot down any remarks and discussion questions you may have. All are invited.



# FAITH FORMATION FOR THE FAMILY

## Puzzle

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT  
CHOSEN  
POOR

FREEDOM  
SIGHT  
SUFFERS

LORD  
JESUS  
TRUE

I	A	M	J	L	U	I	T	L	A
S	B	C	H	O	S	E	N	V	E
U	P	A	T	R	H	A	R	T	I
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For the Kids...

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK...

WHAT FREEDOM DOES  
JESUS OFFER YOU  
TODAY?

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When parents bring their children for baptism, the first thing in the ceremony that the priest or deacon asks them is, "What name have you given to your child?" Parents select the names they bestow on their children for a host of reasons: family tradition, personal meaning, a

connection to admired individuals, the beauty of how it sounds, or a name's particular meaning are but a few. Even if a child later on chooses to be known by some other name, most often it will be a variation of the original given by the parents. Elizabeth can become Betty or Liza; Robert turns into Bob; Jason shortens to Jase; and Caroline can be known as Carly.

Scripture scholars are divided on whether the person named at the beginning of Luke's Gospel is a particular individual, or whether he stands for all those who would hear the story of Jesus. His name, Theophilus, means one who loves God, so the name could be just as likely allegorical as actual. In any event, the story of Jesus that Luke organized and wrote is directed toward someone whose very name suggests a connection to the divine. The good news of Jesus is intended for one who loves God.

That does not mean to exclude every Tom, Dick, and Harry (or Barb, Jane, and Mary for that matter). No matter what our first name actually means, as a son or daughter of God in baptism, we are all "Theophilus," that is, lovers of God. The story of Jesus -the welcome he gives to the poor and the outcast, the Spirit that is poured out on him and on his followers, the journey to Jerusalem where the fulfillment of the Father's will is accomplished-is our story. And as we listen to the Gospel from Luke in the year ahead we can pray that we become ever more lovers of God, who calls us all by name.

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## Defending Our Religious Liberty

On December 7, 1965, the Second Vatican Council approved *Dignitatis Humanae*, the Declaration on Religious Liberty. The Declaration addresses a question that comes up in every generation: how do we understand freedom, truth, and the relationship between church and state?

Visit: [uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org) and search for: Human Dignitatis Humanae for a comprehensive explanation.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

## Readings for the Week of January 24, 2016

- Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/  
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/  
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Ps 117:1-2/  
Mk 16:15-18
- Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10/  
Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-5, 11-14/  
Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-7, 10-11/  
Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/  
1 Cor 12:31--13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

# THE BULLETIN BOARD

## MASS OF THANKSGIVING AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

To conclude the *Year of Consecrated Life*, the Office of Religious for the Archdiocese of Hartford cordially invites all of you whose lives have been enriched by your spiritual shepherds to a

**Mass of Thanksgiving**

**January 31, 2016**

**11 a.m.**

**Cathedral of St. Joseph**

**140 Farmington Ave. Hartford. CT**

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford  
Most Reverend Daniel A. Cronin, Archbishop Emeritus  
Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell, Archbishop Emeritus  
Members of the Clergy from the Archdiocese of Hartford

*The Year of Consecrated Life: November 30, 2014 – February 2, 2016*

"Consecrated life is a gift for the People of God on a journey." – Pope Francis

## Marriage Enrichment Celebration

Hartford Catholic Engaged Encounter and the Office of Family Life will hold its 9th annual Marriage Enrichment Evening on Sat., Feb. 6, 2016, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at 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: "A Sign for Our Times: The Witnessing Power of Sacramental Marriage." Our keynote address will be given by Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Peter A. Rosazza. The cost is \$25.00 per couple and includes dinner. To register or obtain more information, contact Tom and Donna Finn at 860-302-1110, or email to [dfinnspt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dfinnspt@sbcglobal.net). Please R.S.V.P. by Feb. 2, 2016.

## St. Mary's School, Simsbury...

- Come explore the advantages of a Catholic education! Join us on Wednesday, January 27th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center for our Open House. To RSVP or for further information please contact Toni Chagnon at [860-658-9412](tel:860-658-9412) or [tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net](mailto:tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net)

- Enjoy an evening out in support of Saint Mary's School at our first annual Art Show and Wine Tasting at the Hillstead Museum on Friday, January 29, 2016 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm - Free admission and museum tours

## 3 Scholarships awarded by the Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, Inc.

**Amount:** \$1,000 for one year (2016-2017)

**Eligibility:** Any Catholic student who is a Hartford County resident now attending an accredited secondary school, and who wishes to attend a four year college beginning in 2016

**Basis for Selection:** Need-Scholarship-Character-Leadership-Achievement

**Application Deadline:** March 15, 2016

See your Principal or counselor or go to [www.Catholicgraduatesct.org](http://www.Catholicgraduatesct.org)

## Education coordinator for Pro-life Ministry Job Opening at Carolyn's Place

Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Care Center, providing services in the Waterbury, CT and surrounding areas, has a full time, paid position available. This important position is responsible for education programs fostering respect-for-life and awareness of Carolyn's Place services. The ideal candidate will possess excellent communication skills, strong knowledge of Catholic teachings, have education & program development experience and a BA/BS degree in education, social or medical services is preferred but not a necessity. Experience in respect-life programs is desirable. To be considered, please email your resume to [staff@carolynsplace.net](mailto:staff@carolynsplace.net) or mail your resume and cover letter to: Attention - Board of Directors Carolyn's Place 137 Grandview Ave. Waterbury, CT 06708.