



# Church of Saint Ann

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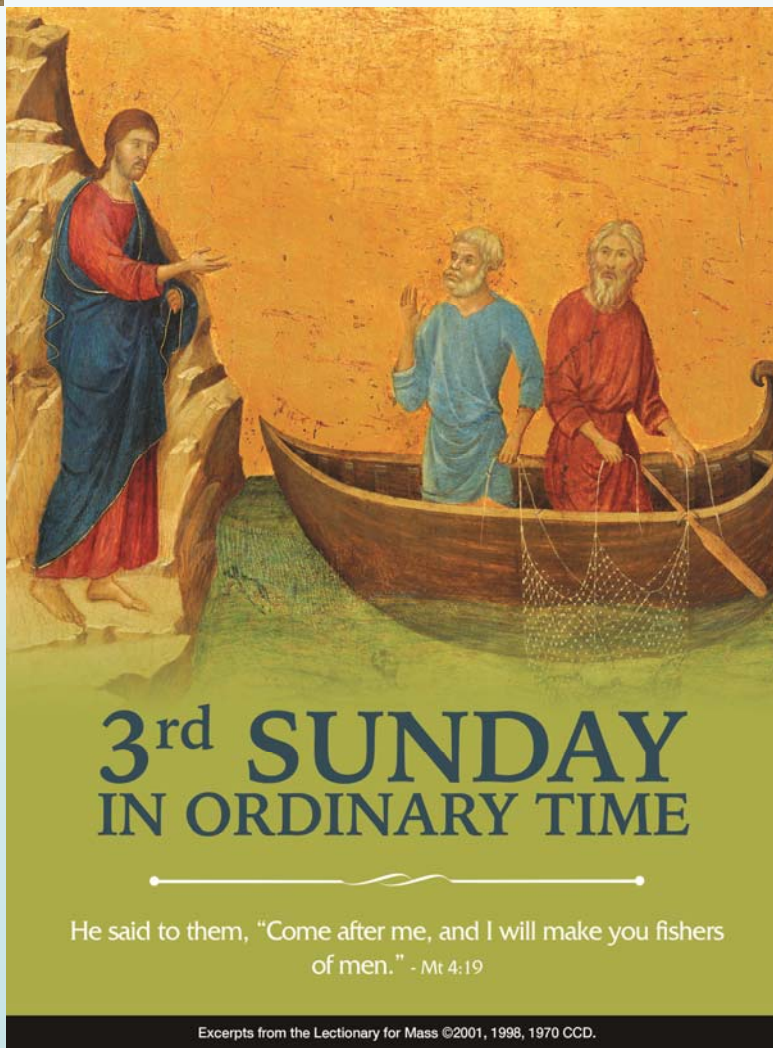
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## MARRIAGES

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.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:19

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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



**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MONDAY, January 23**

9:00 **James McHugh**, requested by the family

**TUESDAY, January 24**

9:00 **Delia and Edward Caveney**, requested by Bob & Linda Ellis

**WEDNESDAY, January 25**

9:00 **Claire Ellis**, requested by Bob & Linda Ellis

**THURSDAY, January 26**

9:00 **Ethel Melanson**, requested by Oscar and Ida Maillet

**FRIDAY, January 27**

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

**SATURDAY, January 28**

4:00 **Ethel Melanson**, requested by a friend of the family

**SUNDAY, January 29**

7:30 **Bruce Fisher**, requested by the family

9:30 **Dale Ziegler**, requested by Nan McHugh

11:00 **Joseph Kochol**, requested by the Sawicki Family

**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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.*

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S**

**MONDAY, January 23**

**Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle:** 7:15pm in the church. All are welcome!

**Quest:** 7:15pm in Room 3

**TUESDAY, January 24**

**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3 (per leader)

**WEDNESDAY, January 25**

**Lectio Divina:** will update when it resumes  
**First Eucharist Parent Meeting:** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

**THURSDAY, January 26**

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church  
**Traditional Choir:** 2pm in the Choir Loft (per director)  
**Youth Choir:** 4:15pm in the Choir Loft (per leader)  
**Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting:** 7pm in Room 3  
**Folk/Contemporary Choir:** 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

**FRIDAY, January 27**

**Quest:** 9:30am in Room 3

**SATURDAY, January 28**

**Men's Breakfast Group:** 8am in Room 3

**SUNDAY, January 29**

**Quest:** 10:30 am in Room 3

*It's Not Too Late To Join Us!*

*Are You Ready to Encounter the Sunday Scriptures in a Life-changing Way?*

Join St. Ann's Adult Small Groups for prayer, fellowship and a lively discussion of how God's word in the Sunday scriptures applies to your life. Our resource is the **Quest** reflection book. Dates are Jan 15-Feb 24. Choose one of three convenient meeting times: **Sunday's, 10:30am; Mondays, 7:15pm or Fridays, 9:30am.** We meet in Rooms 1 and 3, lower level of FB Hall. Register with Ann ASAP: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com); (860) 673-9858, x. 228. Books are \$6.

**All are welcome!**

**No Bible study experience required.**

Want to form your own at-home Small Group instead? Contact Ann.



**Saint Ann cares**

St. Ann Cares is currently looking for projects for this coming St. Ann Cares Day on May 6th. Contact Steve Rose with ideas at 860-250-5355 or e-mail: [rose\\_sp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rose_sp@sbcglobal.net)

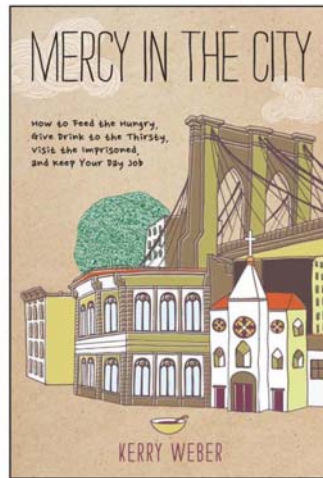


**WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

January 15, 2017: \$6,754.55  
Online Giving (week ending 1/18/17): \$2,406.00  
Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:  
none

**PRO-LIFE MINISTRY**

The March for Life in Washington will take place on Friday, January 27th, therefore, a Holy Hour will be observed from 12 noon to 1:00 pm in our church on this day. We will unite our prayers with those participating in the March.



Marthas  
Marys

TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 21, 2017  
7:00 PM  
ACTIVITY ROOM  
(BELOW THE WING OF THE CHURCH)

All women are invited to join us on  
Tuesday, February 21st to discuss the book:  
*Mercy in the City* by Kerry Weber.

Snow Date: Tuesday, February 28th

RSVP:

Nancy Casey - nancekc@gmail.com

Mary Healey - maryfromavon@gmail.com



The Men of Saint Ann invite you to a

**Wine Tasting**

Presenting Wines from France, Germany, Italy and Spain

Saturday, February 4th at 7:00 pm

Fr. Bennett Hall \* \$10 per person

This evening we will be comparing wines from France, Germany, Italy and Spain. We plan to have (4) sparkling, (4) white and (8) red varieties. Come enjoy some wonderful wine, nosh on hors d'oeuvres & gain in your wine knowledge with your friends.

For reservations contact: John Kuzia at kman@kuzia.com or 860-284-0020



It is hard to look outside and think about summer camp, but we all know how time flies!

"Many hands make light work" and **MANY** hands are need to continue making VBC at the Church of St Ann the most popular in the Farmington Valley!  
"For surely I know the plan I have for you, says the Lord." (Jeremiah 29:11)



Please join me at our kick off planning meeting  
**Wed., February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in FBHall**

Please RSVP via email : [Valerie.stjean@stannavon.com](mailto:Valerie.stjean@stannavon.com)

**Our planning agenda will include:**

Revisit last year's session to determine what worked and what could be better, review the theme and brain storm ideas, set camp dates and schedule, station Leader assignments...Other?





## Thank You To All Who Helped Provide for ImmaCare!

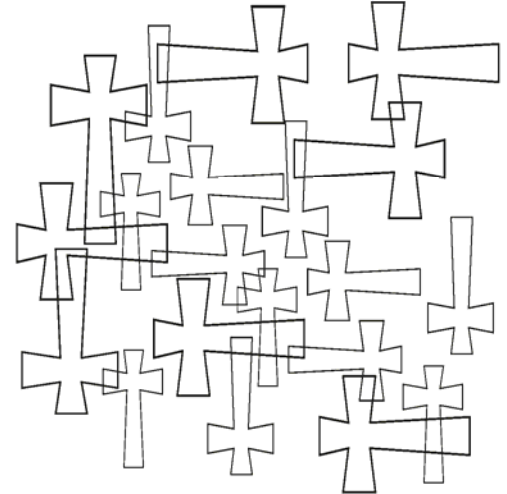
Thanks to everyone who made it possible for us to distribute Christmas gift bags to every guest of both ImmaCare and the No-freeze shelter. A carload of warm clothes, blankets, linens, toiletries, etc were also delivered. Shelter administration asked us to please let you know how much they appreciate your kindness. We will continue to take things at least twice a month so if you have clean items that you think the shelter could use, please just leave in kitchen and mark ImmaCare. Of course, a huge thanks also to everyone who helps provide those delicious, hearty dinners. There has never been a time that we weren't proud to serve that wonderful home-cooking.

Blessings to all of you in 2017.

For the Children...

### Puzzle

How many crosses can you count?



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THE ANSWER IS TWENTY CROSSES

### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

**Question:**

My fiancée and I are planning our wedding for next year. We still have to attend classes and meet with a priest. What should we expect from the classes? Does the priest test us to see if we are ready to be married?

**Answer:**

For many years the church has tried to help couples prepare for marriage. The rising divorce rate, as well as the recognition of marriage as a sacrament, led to the development of Marriage Prep Dialogues and Engaged Encounter Weekends. Both programs are designed to encourage couples to discuss the basic fundamentals of relationship within the context of marriage: communication, finance, sexuality, spirituality and values and goals. Open and honest dialogue, as well as a sense of shared values, can make a big difference in a marriage. The classes are not a "how to" course, but provide information and encouragement as you discuss how you will live your married life.

The married couples in these programs often share their own experience and information as a guide and example. The priest may give some spiritual insights on how living the sacrament of marriage differs from the legal understanding of marriage. He is not there to test you, but rather to help you cover all the bases and be certain that you and your future spouse are well-informed and prepared to take on the responsibilities and commitment of marriage. The goal of marriage is union and love. Openness, honesty, trust, and love are the glue that keeps couples together for a lifetime.

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*Thank you!*  
**Our 2017 parish Book Sale was a great success!**

Thank you, Parishioners, for supporting the 9th Annual Book Sale! We appreciate every donation, volunteer, and shopper! Thank you for inviting your friends and family to this winter event.

With your help, the parish Book Sale brought in \$4,362.25 for Catholic High School Student Scholarships. A big shout out goes to the many dedicated Volunteers who worked during the week sorting books and on the weekend of the sale.

We could not have done this without you.  
God bless you!

*The Church of St. Ann  
Book Sale/Scholarship  
Committee*

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

So the NFL season is almost over. Only the Super Bowl remains. For some fans, the season is already over since their team is now sitting at home. It is amazing the allegiance some people have to their teams. Some people bleed Green Bay green and yellow or believe the only team is supposedly America's team, the Dallas Cowboys. Of course, if you are reading this outside the States, perhaps you live and breathe a team like the New Zealand All Blacks or the Calgary Flames.

In the early church, people took their allegiance to certain leaders to an extreme. Paul chastised them for thinking that the baptism of one community or the teachings of a certain leader were superior to the anything else in this new movement of Jesus followers. He reminded them that there is to be no division in Christ and that all things flow from Christ, not from the leaders in the community. Those who follow Jesus are one body of Christ: a place where there is no room for competition or condescension.

Sometime our stewardship efforts in a parish become all about the parish. We seek to get people to do more stuff and give more money and we lose sight of why we live a stewardship way of life in the first place: Jesus. It is wonderful to watch our parishes grow into more vibrant communities that lead people to Jesus. We should rejoice to be in such a parish family. But one day there will be no parishes and those who have received his gifts freely and have followed him will live with Christ as one forever. In your stewardship, always keep Jesus as the main thing.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Christ made my soul beautiful with the  
jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to  
Him who the angels serve*

--St. Agnes

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. (Is 9:1)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

### Second Reading:

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning. (1 Cor 1:17)

### Gospel:

As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt 4:18-19)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 22, 2017

Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23  
or 4:12-17  
Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98/Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40/Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117/Mk 16:15-18  
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96/Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37/Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1/Mk 4:35-41  
Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him." Peter, Andrew, James, and John's lives would never be the same. They were going about their usual business--fishing on the Sea of Galilee--when Jesus approached them and said, "Come after me." And that's just what they did. "At once they left their nets and followed him." Such a quick response to such a radical request!

What compelled these men to leave their livelihood to follow the Lord? His promise to them was that he would make them "fishers of men." Perhaps they thought that promise sounded fabulous. But it seems more likely that it was Christ himself who drew the men. There must have been something utterly attractive about him, and completely trustworthy. Otherwise, it seems unbelievable that these men would have been so quick to respond to his call.

This compelling man is the same Christ who calls us. We hear his voice in a different way, of course, through the Church and through the Bible, through his Spirit in our hearts, but it is nonetheless the same Jesus of Nazareth who asks us to follow him. Have we allowed ourselves to be drawn by his voice? Are we open to a real encounter with the Lord who changes lives?

If our relationship with Jesus does not transform us, if it does not change us into different, better people moment by moment and day by day, then chances are that we are not truly encountering him. He is too powerful to be inconsequential. It might take some courage and commitment to come into authentic contact with the Lord, but when we do, our lives will never be the same.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Sometimes we get so accustomed to walking in shadows and even in darkness that we forget that there is a light that can illuminate our lives more clearly. That light is Jesus Christ. Have you ever been looking for something in a dimly lit room and when someone shines a light, you suddenly find what you seek? This is how the Gospel works. At first we may not realize that we need it but then when someone shares its good news with us it all becomes clear. Jesus invites us out of darkness and calls us to come after him.

# THE BULLETIN BOARD

***"Come And Follow Me"***

Are you following **Archbishop Blair** and the **Archdiocese of Hartford** on social media?

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Also follow the **Cathedral of Saint Joseph**, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Hartford!

 @HtdCathedral  
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## Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center West Hartford, CT

Retreat Theme: The Light of Simplicity - Join Holy Family's retreat team for a weekend of peace and reflection as we explore the simple and transformative message at the heart of Jesus' teaching. Discover how simplicity can shine a light on what is truly essential and important in our lives. Be renewed and inspired by the paradox of simplicity and the gift of faith.

The retreat includes: home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time, and workshops. The retreat begins with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes with Sunday brunch at noon.

[www.holyfamilyretreat.org/lightofsimplicity](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/lightofsimplicity) or call Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT at 860.760.9705 for more info.

Women's Retreat Dates:  
January, March, April and June

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

Considering the benefits of a Catholic education? Please join us for an Open House on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Meet our faculty, staff, current families and alumni. We are now enrolling for the 2017-18 school year for Pre Kindergarten through Eighth grade. To RSVP or questions please contact Toni Chagnon at 658-9412 or [tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net](mailto:tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net)



## Northwest Catholic High School

Northwest Catholic will offer its Entrance Exam to 8th and 9th graders on January 23rd am. An application will serve as your registration for the exam.

There will be an Information Session for prospective families, who were unable to attend the November Open House, on February 2nd at 7pm at Northwest Catholic.

*For more information go to: [NorthwestCatholic.org/Admissions](http://NorthwestCatholic.org/Admissions)*

## Women's Retreat being offered at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center

On the weekend of April 21-23, the women of St. Ann's are invited to Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington, CT. This year's theme is "Embracing Joy: Learning to Bear the Beam of Love." You will have an opportunity to reflect on this year's theme, hear conference talks, participate in the sacraments, and share with other women. Come and experience a weekend of rest, relaxation and spiritual renewal. For information call: Chris Healy at 860-693-8562

What began as a small, committed group at St. Ann's now flourishes.


**IN 2016 YOU, HAITI VOLUNTEERS, COMPLETED 3505 ITEMS FOR HAITI ---- AWESOME!!!!**

*Total items sewn and contributed since 2004 by St. Ann and community volunteers: 31,438 - FABULOUS!!!*

THANK YOU!!!!

The Mothers and Babies Haiti project has many "parts", each equally important. If you are unable to make a sew day, you can cut and/or sew at home, at your leisure.

We have lots partially completed, and need many willing hands to complete items for the next shipment, early in spring. The recent hurricane has made the difficult lives for Haitian families even more challenging.



*Please mark your calendars:*

**JANUARY DATES**

Wednesday, January 18 @ Sew Inspired 8 Wilcox St. Simsbury 10:00 - 4:00  
Saturday, January 28 @ Sew Inspired 8 Wilcox St. Simsbury 10:00 - 4:00

Please join us whenever you are available. NO sewing experience is needed.

*Dr. Paula DeSilva, Haitian Health Ministry Coordinator Mothers and Babies Sewing*