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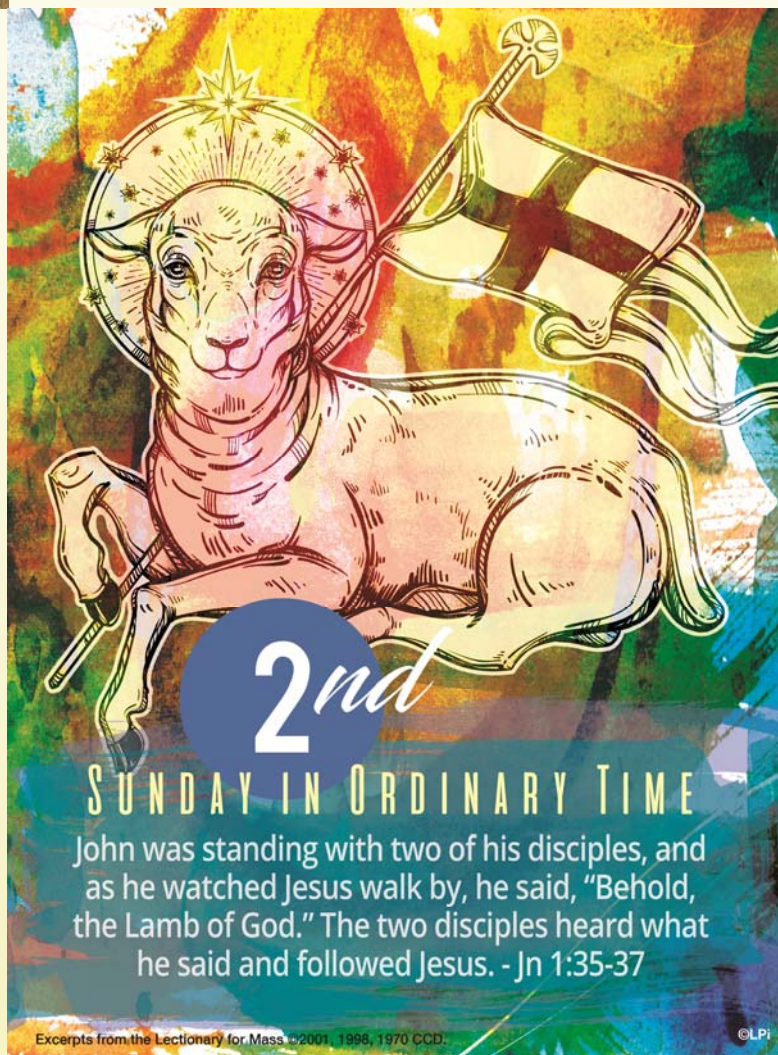
Call the Parish Office

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.



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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



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, January 15
9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, January 16
9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, January 17
9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, January 18
9:00 For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, January 19
9:00 Robert Gagne, requested by the family

SATURDAY, January 20
4:00 Dick Buckley, requested by the St. Ann Eucharistic Ministers

SUNDAY, January 21
7:30 Fr. Robert Lord, requested by a friend
9:30 Gerald deSimas, requested by the St. Ann Eucharistic Ministers
11:00 Special Intentions
4:30 Teen Mass

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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, January 15
MMP Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.
Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!
Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 7:15pm in Rm. 3

TUESDAY, January 16
RCIA: will resume January 9th

WEDNESDAY, January 17
Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2
Matthew Bible Study: 7:15pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, January 18
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
Children's Choir: 4:15pm in the Choir Loft
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft
St. Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 1

FRIDAY, January 19
Matthew Bible Study: 9:30am in Room 3

SATURDAY, January 20
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, January 21
Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 10:30am in Rm. 3

THIS Weekend!

TENTH ANNUAL Used Book Sale

In Father Bennett Hall

All proceeds go toward Catholic High School Student Scholarships

It's Not Too Late To Shop!

Saturday, January 13th: 9am - 6pm

Sunday, January 14th: 8am - 12:45pm



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

THIS Sunday, Jan. 14th

2:30 - 3:30pm in the church



Our Lord told St. Faustina, "For the soul that trusts much will be given." Please join us as we place our trust in Jesus!



Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, January 17th
at 7-8:30pm
Room 2 (under Fr. Bennett Hall)

The Men of Saint Ann's
Annual Men's Retreat
January 19 - 21, 2018

**At Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
 West Hartford**

Join Us for a focus on: "Grace Enough"

Join Holy Family's retreat team for a weekend of peace and reflection on the power of God's grace in our lives. In an age of division, tension and change, *Grace Enough* will explore the many ways God's presence empowers us and supports us through every step of life's journey. Discover anew how God's grace is our greatest source of strength and courage to meet the ever-present challenges in our lives. Together we'll reflect on how living in God's grace guides us to make wise choices, leading to true happiness and peace.

The retreat begins with a buffet dinner from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes with the celebration of Sunday Eucharist at 10:45 a.m., followed by an optional hot brunch at noon. Families of retreatants are most welcome to attend the Sunday mass and brunch at no extra charge.

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

<https://www.holyfamilyretreat.org>

Click on Retreats, then Themed Retreats

Call or Email us:

Paul Watson: 860-922-0812 or Pgwatson33@gmail.com

Bob Yurch: 860-675-1366 or byurch@fiainc.com

For men who cannot make the parish retreat in January or just wish to look at different options, Our Lady of Calvary is offering a Men's Retreat on February 10-11. OLC also offers retreats on other interesting themes, which you can explore at their website: www.ourladyofcalvary.net

Calling All Ladies of the Parish...



**Marthas + Marys
 Re-Boot!**

Thursday, February 1st
 7:00pm
 Activity Room

Please join us for **wine & nibbles** and help us shape a new phase for the Martha's & Mary's.

Casual Setting - All Are Welcome!

RSVP - to Sue Ollestad at sollestad@yahoo.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Make 2018 a Year for Spiritual Growth!

All are welcome to us for "Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures!" We meet weekly for 90 minutes to read and reflect on the upcoming Sunday Scriptures via brief historical background and the popular *Lectio Divina* prayer practice. Our groups consist of friendly people who want to grow in our relationships with God and one another, and enhance our experience of Mass. All materials are provided (bring your own Bible if you like), and no prior experience is needed. Come whenever you can!

Join us at one of these convenient times:

- Sundays, 10:30am, Room 3; facilitator: Chip Janiszewski
- Mondays, 7:15pm, Room 3; facilitator: Jim Serruta

For more information, contact Ann at ann.distefano@stannavon.com (860) 673-9858, x228

St. Ann 9th Annual Art Show & Sale

Fr. Bennett Hall

Saturday, February 10th from 2:30 - 5:30pm

Sunday, February 11th from 8am - 1pm

Grace your walls with affordable art by

adult fine artists & young artists.

All proceeds go towards scholarships for Hartford students attending local Catholic High Schools.

If you would like to donate your artwork or know someone who would... please contact Inez at: 860-653-5579 or



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 or Meg at: 860-521-1051
 or mkfk@sbcglobal.net

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

December 31, 2017: \$8,370.00

January 7, 2018: \$7587.55

Online Giving (week ending 1/3/18): \$2,862.00

Next weekend's 2nd collection: monthly

CONFIRMED?

Are you an adult Catholic who has been baptized and received First Communion, but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

St. Ann's is delighted to offer a six-week preparation program just for you, leading to your receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral in Hartford in April 2018. The April date has not yet been determined but will be announced soon.

The Adult Confirmation Program will meet on Thursdays starting January 25th until Thursday, March 1st. The class, which will be in Room 2 (below Fr. Bennett Hall), will run from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Deacon Jeffrey Sutherland and Deacon Tim Healy will facilitate the class.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Maureen Fiedler, RCIA and Adult Confirmation Program Coordinator at 860-995-4026.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

All of our parishioners are invited to participate in the Pro-Life Activities scheduled to memorialize the 45th Anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court Decision to legalize abortion.

Saturday, January 13th: Pro-Life Mass with Archbishop Blair at 9am at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Refreshments and speaker will follow Mass

Sunday, January 14th: St. Ann will celebrate The Divine Mercy Holy Hour from 2:30-3:30 p.m. to pray for the end to abortion and a renewed respect for all human life.

Friday, January 19th: a Holy Hour for Life will be observed from 12 noon-1 p.m. We will unite our prayers with those who are on the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

On the Anniversary, Monday, January 22nd: St. Ann will celebrate the 9 a.m. Eucharist with prayers for the sanctity of all life, especially the unborn.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who attended the First Ever Baptism Reunion last Sunday, and to those who supported it in so many ways! We enjoyed a lively time together, making new friends, learning a few things about children's spirituality and picking up some ways to keep the faith growing in our young people from to the first years of formal religious ed. If you missed the event but would still like to connect with folks just like yourselves, with young children, please drop an e-mail to Deacon Tim or call the office and ask Kris to give him a heads-up. We also offered "Go Kits," with materials to help you keep the faith alive in simple, engaging ways in your home, and "Parent Letter" subscriptions, which arrive at reasonable intervals at your home and give you insights, songs, prayers and such like. All of it is free to you, and available for the asking! Please feel comfortable to do so.



**HOLINESS GROWS
SO FAST WHERE
THERE IS KINDNESS.**

—ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Have you ever been somewhere public and days later others said they saw you there? You can find yourself surprised that they saw you and didn't say hello. However, at least they saw you. You, on the other hand, didn't even have any idea they were around you. You may have been oblivious to what was going on or those crossing your path on that day. You may have been forsaking that moment thinking about another time to come down the road.

Imagine being one of those who first encountered Jesus as he began his ministry. Would you have noticed? I would like to think that I would have rushed over to him to introduce myself. But on that day when he passed on by I just might have been caught up in life, unaware of all that was intersecting with my place in the world.

An everyday steward strives to live mindfully. The more mindful we are of all that is around us, the more grateful we find ourselves because we take things less for granted and the more open we are to the call of Jesus Christ. Every day Jesus crosses our path in the form of others. They may be in need or they may have a gift to offer us. Either way, without living in the present and taking in all that God has provided for us in the day, we can miss it. I would not want to hear afterwards that Jesus saw me and I was not paying attention enough to what was around me to notice.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Holiness grows so fast where there is kindness.

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. (1 Sm 3:8)

Psalms:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body. (1 Cor 6:19-20)

Gospel:

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. (Jn 1:35-37)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 14, 2018

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/
Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/
Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13
[5b]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/
Mk 1:14-20

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah.'" After spending the day in the company of Christ, Andrew took action. He shared the good news! Instead of keeping his newfound friendship with Jesus all to himself, Andrew invited his brother into the fold. Andrew found Simon and "brought him to Jesus." This was no small matter because Simon would become Peter, the first pope! How important it is to bring others along with us to meet Christ!

Yet, how often do we reach out with the kind of confidence that Andrew had? Are we ready and willing to share our faith with our family and friends? Do we consider our relationship with Jesus a gift to be shared, or a fact to be safely hidden away in our personal prayer corner?

Part of our call as Christians is to evangelize others, to share with them the good news of salvation. Loving Jesus and following his moral commands is essential, of course, but it is not the end of the story. The Gospel message is meant for all people, and we are meant to be its messengers. Sometimes this requires us to step out of our comfort zone. It may mean speaking up when we'd rather be silent. It may mean inviting someone to Mass when they might say no. But it might also mean a conversion for someone we care about. It might mean a new minister for the Church. Ultimately, it might mean another saint in heaven.

None of that is up to us, however. What we can control is only whether we share our faith joyfully and extend the invitation to others to experience the peace that comes from knowing Christ.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Sometimes it is difficult to hear God's call. We are trained to listen attentively and to hear many things, but spiritual ones are often missed. God is calling us all of the time. He is calling us to drink deeply of the well of life and not get distracted by the superficial and short-lasting things we choose to cling to. Have we ever given a true spiritual life and relationship with God a chance? Jesus says to us today, "Come, and you will see." May we take Jesus up on his invitation and like Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, be able to exclaim: "We have found the Messiah."

THE BULLETIN BOARD

St. Mary's School - Simsbury

January is Jumping at St. Mary's School! Take the leap to learn more about the advantages of a Catholic Education!

Take a Tour: Walk in Wednesdays, Jan. 3rd thru Jan. 31st
Drop in anytime between 9:00 am to 11:00 am and see our classrooms in action.

Sunday Open House: Jan. 28th 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Meet staff, faculty, current parents and students and alumni. Featuring workshops for both parents and children in coding and cursive!

Fairy Tale Fridays: Have a 3 or young 4 year old and thinking about Prekindergarten? Come in for story time and nursery rhymes with fun activities for Mom and child and take a peek at life as a Prekindergarten student at St. Mary's School!

Friday Mornings 9:00 am to 9:45 am Jan. 5th thru Jan. 26th.

Why do families in the Farmington Valley choose St. Mary's School Simsbury for their children?

Tune in to Simsbury Community Television for "Office Hours" with State Rep John Hampton. Parents, students, alumni, and educators share what makes Pre-K - 8th grade so special.
https://simsburytv.org/tag/office_hours (December 19th episode)

For more information or to register for any of these events please contact Toni Chagnon at 860-658-9412 or tchagnon@stmarysimsbury.edu

ELM is an initiative of the Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis, generously supported by the Hartford Bishops' Foundation, which serves to promote greater vitality and vibrancy in our parishes.

ELM stands for the tenets of the program, which are our goals for the beneficiaries of this initiative:

- Evangelizing Catechesis
- Lifelong Formation
- Missionary Discipleship

2018-2019 cohort is FREE OF CHARGE due to the generosity of the Hartford Bishops' Foundation
Apply today for these limited spots!



The Leadership Formation program is 1.5 years of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation, providing a ministerial foundation for:

- Those who are entering a new ministry
- Those who have ministerial experience but need theological or pastoral development
- Those who wish to participate in ongoing formation in ministry

The first cohort will begin on February 3, 2018.
Applications are due by January 19, 2018.

For more information visit the website: <http://catholicdaohct.org/elm/elm-leadership-formation>

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

