



# Church of Saint Ann

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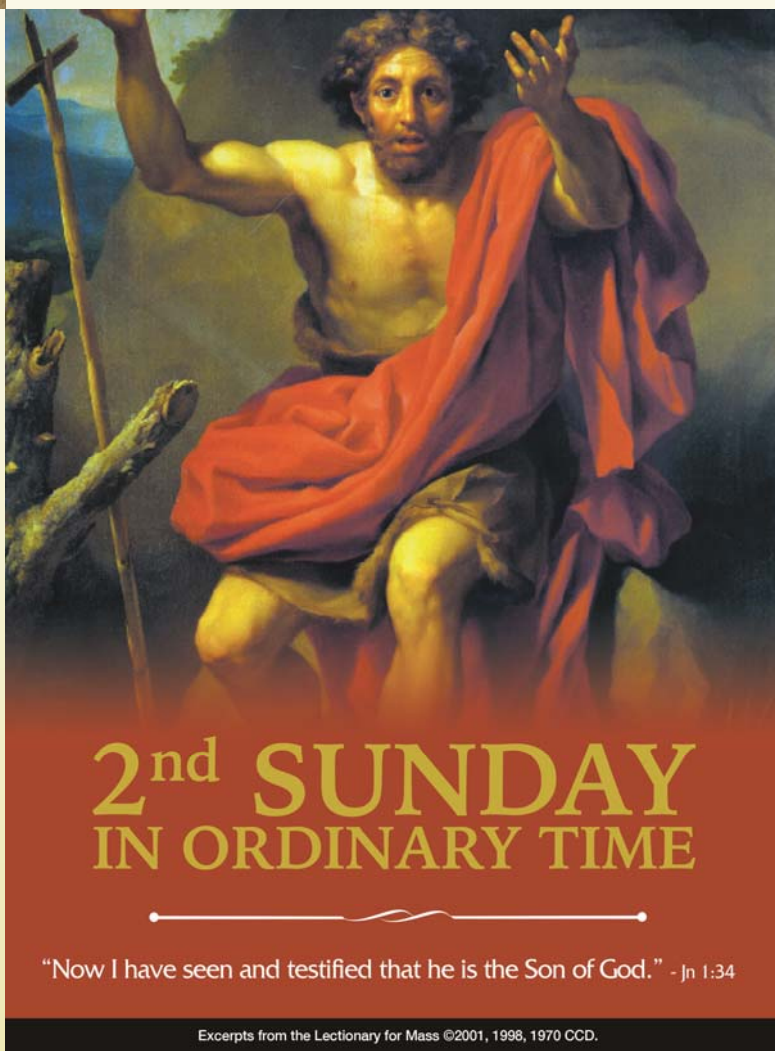
Call the Parish Office

## 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.



# 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:34

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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



**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MONDAY, January 16**  
9:00 **Special Intention**

**TUESDAY, January 17**  
9:00 **Ona Strimaitis**, requested by the family

**WEDNESDAY, January 18**  
9:00 **David Julian**, requested by the Bondhus Family

**THURSDAY, January 19**  
9:00 **Robert J. Gagne**, requested by the family

**FRIDAY, January 20**  
9:00 **Leo Lausier**, requested by Roma Daigle and family

**SATURDAY, January 21**  
4:00 **Francis McHugh**, requested by the family

**SUNDAY, January 22**  
7:30 **Janice Maillet Lonabaugh**, requested by Oscar and Ida Maillet & family  
9:30 **Cindy Capecci**, requested by Nan McHugh  
11:00 **Jeanne Nardoia**, requested by her family



*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 16**  
**Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle:** 7:15pm in the church.  
All are welcome!

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

**TUESDAY, January 17**  
**RCIA:** 7pm in Room 3 (per leader)

**WEDNESDAY, January 18**  
**Lectio Divina:** will return in January  
**Knights of Columbus Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

**THURSDAY, January 19**  
**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 (per director)

**FRIDAY, January 20**  
**Quest:** 9:30am in Room 3

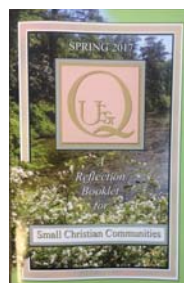
**SATURDAY, January 21**  
**Men's Breakfast Group:** 8am in Room 3

**SUNDAY, January 22**  
**Quest:** 10:30 am in Room 3

**Starts This Week!**

*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 8, 2017: \$5,395.00  
 Online Giving (week ending 1/11/17): \$3,039.00  
 Next weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection:  
*Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools*

**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.



**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.

The Men of Saint Ann invite you to a

*Wine Tasting*

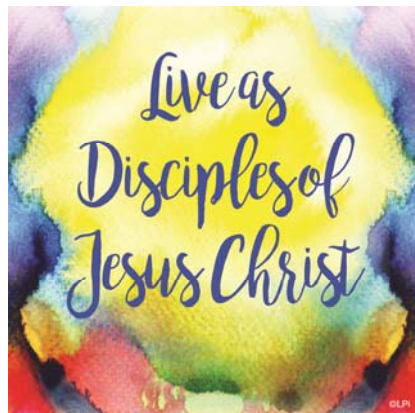
Presenting Wines from France, Germany, Italy and Spain

*Saturday, February 4th at 7:00 pm*

Fr. Bennett Hall \* \$10 per person

*This evening we will be comparing wines from the 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](mailto:kman@kuzia.com) or 860-284-0020



**Knights of Columbus Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 18th**

**at 7-8:30pm**

**Room 2**

**(under Fr. Bennett Hall)**

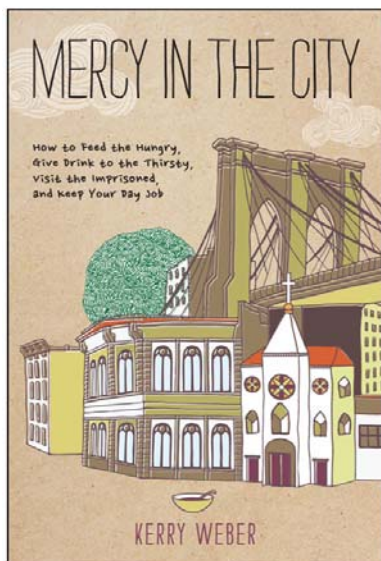


# Marthas + Marys Book Discussion



# Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Our Father,  
 We seek you in so many ways and places in our life. We seek you for guidance and for comfort. But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry. We ask you to help us see you in other Christians and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common. Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will. We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
 Amen.



## MERCY IN THE CITY

BY: KERRY WEBER

Tuesday  
 February 21st  
 7pm



Snow Date  
 February 28th

ALL ARE WELCOME!

## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

**Question:**

Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

**Answer:**

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, "tempus ordinarium," conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection.

Ordinary time offers us the measured opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence. As we experience the season of ordinary time, let us immerse ourselves in the extraordinary task of deepening our relationship with Christ in the ordinary events of life.

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



For the Children...

### Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

- |         |          |        |
|---------|----------|--------|
| Jesus   | baptized | dove   |
| Galilee | John     | voice  |
| Jordan  | water    | heaven |

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- ohJn     \_\_\_\_\_
- hevane    \_\_\_\_\_
- laGilee    \_\_\_\_\_
- wetra     \_\_\_\_\_
- rodJan    \_\_\_\_\_
- devo      \_\_\_\_\_
- batidpez    \_\_\_\_\_
- vocie      \_\_\_\_\_



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

*Can you imagine what kind of response I would get if I asked my three children, "Who would like to volunteer to clean up the kitchen after dinner today?" Six eyeballs staring at me like I had two heads! If I couch my request in terms of volunteerism, I have suggested that they don't have any real ownership in this matter. Perhaps they do sometimes think that their mother and I are simply hired hands to take care of them, but rest assured, I have not received a paycheck for services rendered lately.*

*When you and I give a donation of blood, we volunteer our time and blood to the Red Cross. The Red Cross does not employ most of us, nor do we own a part of the Red Cross. We can only volunteer ourselves for the cause.*

*As parishioners we are part of a parish family. We belong to our parish community. We do not visit on a Sunday morning, since we cannot visit a place that is home. The call of the body of Christ occurs in every parish and our response should be that of the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will." Real stewardship never counts the cost and never asks for volunteers. We step forward because we belong to something greater than ourselves and the head of that community is Jesus. After dinner at my house, someone needs to clean up the kitchen. In your parish community, someone needs to respond to the call of Jesus. In both cases, no volunteers are needed. We will rely on family instead.*

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Ask Jesus what He wants from you and be brave!*

--Pope Francis

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Is 49:6)

### Psalm:

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

### Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)

### Gospel:

John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." (Jn 1:32-34)

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## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 15, 2017

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34  
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111/Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110/Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: Heb 7:25--8:6/Ps 40/Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85/Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47/Mk 3:20-21  
Next Sunday: Is 8:23--9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." John the Baptist had an important message to impart. He was called by God to prepare the people of Israel to recognize Jesus' true identity. In a sense, he helped establish credibility for Christ by confirming that he was in fact the Messiah. Jesus didn't just have to claim it on his own; John also "testified" to the fact. We, of course, also benefit from the witness of John the Baptist recorded for us in the Gospels. And we have additional witnesses from the rest of the people throughout the Gospels who knew and recognized Jesus as the Son of God. But we also have the benefit of two thousand years of Church history! We have countless testimonies of saints and believers throughout the centuries who have known Jesus in their own lives and acted accordingly.

This raises two questions. First, are we willing to believe these testimonies from those who have gone before us? Consider how much credence we give to the experiences and the stories of our forefathers and foremothers in the faith--whether they are blood relatives or members of the larger communion of saints. Sometimes these personal accounts of coming to know the Lord are much more powerful than any "proof" or intellectual proposal about Christianity. They do require a degree of faith and trust, but they nonetheless us with real evidence about the impact of being close to Christ.

Secondly, let us consider whether or not we are willing to give testimony to who Christ is to us? It's one thing to believe in Jesus; it's another thing to share that faith with others. But like John the Baptist, we are called to share the truth so that others may come to believe.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

It is important to know who we are and from where we come. Having a clear sense of identity allows us to make choices that further express and develop our ultimate purpose and goals. We are reminded today of Jesus' unique identity as God's Son and that by our baptism we are given the gift of sharing in that same intimate relationship with God. May knowledge of this make a difference in how we live our lives!

# THE BULLETIN BOARD

## Retrouvaille

Marriage help - If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you fell in love.

The next local Retrouvaille weekend is January 20-22, 2017. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email

[helds4marriage@gmail.com](mailto:helds4marriage@gmail.com)

or go to our website

[www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) for information & registration.



## 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.

Men's Retreat Date:  
January 20-22, 2017

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

## Collection for Catholic High Schools January 21/22

When the High School Collection occurs in all parishes of the Archdiocese on the weekend of January 21/22, we ask for your participation in helping us reach our 2017 goal of \$250,000.

Your investment will yield significant results, since our Catholic high schools offer students exceptional academics, a true spirit of service, an understanding of faith, and the Gospel message. We deeply value your support of Catholic school education as we continue to form another generation in the faith.



## 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

Monday, January 16 @ 78 Bronson Rd., Avon 10:00 - 4:00

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.