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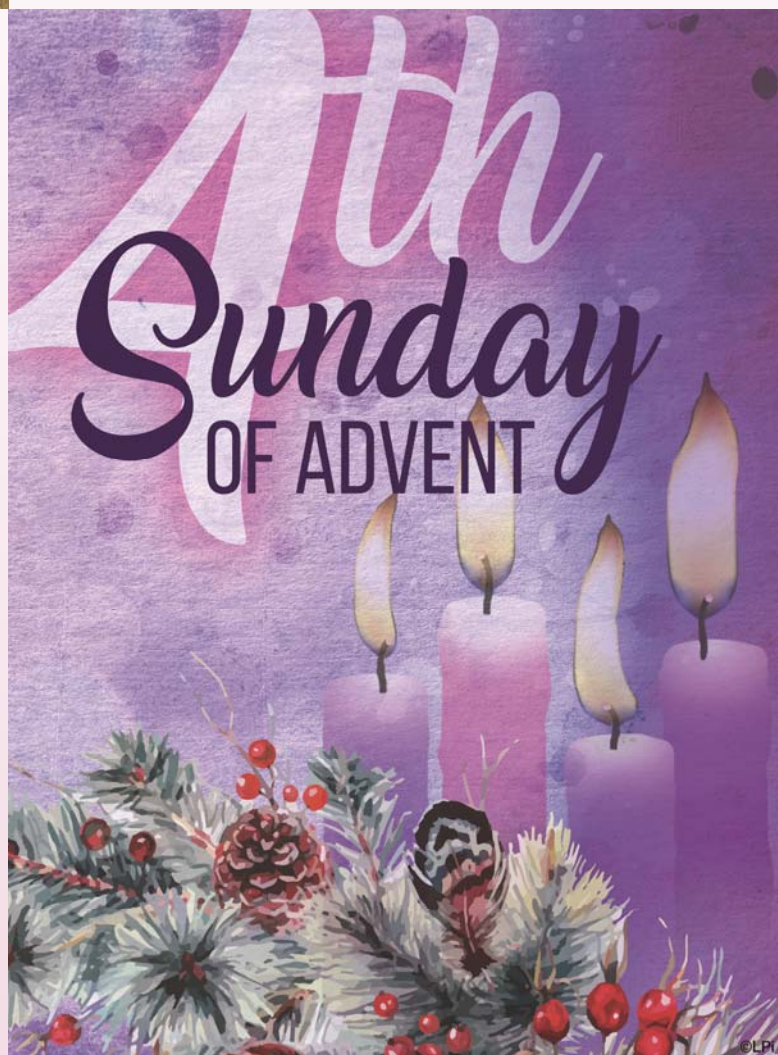
Call the Parish Office

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.



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



**4th Sunday
Of Advent -
Christmas Eve**

MONDAY, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 *For all those in whose memory or honor the altar plants have been donated*

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TUESDAY, December 26

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, December 27

9:00 **Mary Cobb**, requested by *Charlie & Jeanne Cobb*

THURSDAY, December 28

9:00 **Stephen Largay**, requested by *Pete and Shiela Gillin*

FRIDAY, December 29

9:00 **For the deceased members of the Smolinski and Sopolak Families**, requested by *Don and Sophie Sopolak*

SATURDAY, December 30

4:00 **Kathleen Mix**, requested by *Del and Jean Tepley*

SUNDAY, December 31

7:30 **Special Intentions**

9:30 **Gerald deSimas**

11:00 **Juliet Mozzicato**, requested by the 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, December 25

MMP Cenacle: will resume January 8th

TUESDAY, December 26

RCIA: will resume January 9th

WEDNESDAY, December 27

Matthew Bible Study: off this week

THURSDAY, December 28

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Traditional Choir: off this week

Children's Choir: off this week

Folk/Contemporary Choir: off this week

FRIDAY, December 29

Matthew Bible Study: off this week

SATURDAY, December 30

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, December 31

Reminder: Monday, January 1st we celebrate Mary the Holy Mother of God. This is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Regular Mass schedule will apply.

Merry Christmas!



Christmas Schedule

Advent Penance Service: Monday, December 18th at 7pm

Sunday, December 24th: 4th Sunday of Advent
8am and 10am

Christmas Eve
3pm, 6pm and 9pm

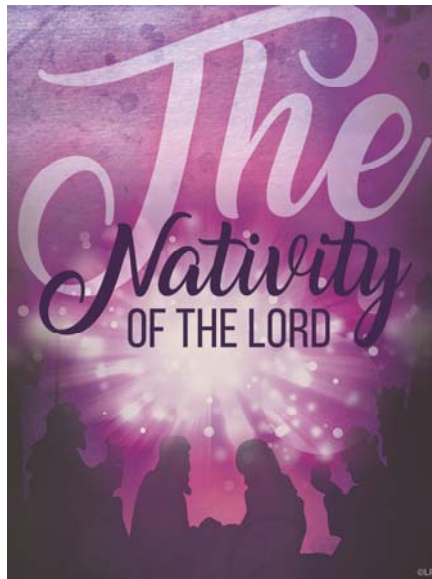
Monday, December 25th: **Christmas**
8am and 10am

Monday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary: not a Holy Day of Obligation this year - regular Mass schedule applies

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

- Lk 2:11-12

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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We Wish You All

A glad and peaceful
Christmastide
With all its memories sweet;
May hope and love and
joy be yours
With kindly friends to greet;
The echo of the angel's song,
The star's clear guiding light,
The Christ child in your
heart and home,
To make this
Christmas bright.

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

How We Can Help the Homeless During the Holidays...

Once again we will be collecting socks, gloves, and hats to make gift bags for the men at ImmaCare shelter. Also, Chapsticks and toiletries. Hopefully, we will get enough to also have some distributed to those men and women who remain outside until the weather becomes life threatening. Please drop off any donations in the kitchen & label for Immacare. Our thanks & wishes for a blessed holiday season.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Thank you!

Heartfelt thanks to all those who helped make the Advent Reflection Series such a blessing for our parishioners:

- Fr. McHugh, for generously providing the booklets
- Mark Hamel, for creating the discussion guide and facilitating a Small Group
- Ann DiStefano, Karen Edgar, Mary Healey, Chip Janiszewski and Jim Serruta, for facilitating Small Groups
- The dozens of participants who gathered to share their faith together.

If you read and reflected on the booklet in a group OR on your own, and it depend your experience of Advent/Christmas, please let Ann know: ann.distefano@stannavon.com; (860) 673-9858, x228.

Want to give Small Groups a try?

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures will resume the week of January 7th

We meet weekly for 90 minutes to read and reflect on the upcoming Sunday Scriptures, so that we may grow in our relationship with God, build community, and enhance our experience of Mass.

Join us at one of these convenient times: Sundays, 10:30am, Room 3
Mondays, 7:15pm, Room 3

Contact Ann above to register, or simply DROP IN to check it out. All materials are provided, but bring your Bible if you like.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

December 10, 2017: \$7,572.88
 December 17, 2017: not available at time of upload
 Next weekend's 2nd collection: none

CONFIRMED?

Are you an adult Catholic who has been baptized, 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.



Hey, Fr. McHugh's inviting us to a party!

You're Invited!

St. Ann's first Ever Baptism Reunion.

Who: Parents with children baptized in the last five years.
What: Meet, play, eat, enjoy getting together with other families with recently baptized children.
 Pick up your free Baptism Go-Kit!
When: After the 11am Mass on January 7th for about an hour.
Where: Fr. Bennett Hall

We've mailed out as many invitations as we could, but we know we've probably missed plenty of people. If you've had a child baptized in the last four or five years, consider yourself invited!

We hope to see you there!

RSVP to Deacon Tim via email (DeaconTim@StAnnAvon.com) or text/voicemail his cell (860) 693-9744.

SAVE THE DATE

The 9th Annual Book Sale January 12-14, 2018

All proceeds go to Catholic High School Student Scholarships.

Please donate books in good condition during the following book sale collection dates/times:

Wednesday, January 10th: between 9:30 AM - 6 PM
 Thursday, January 11th: between 9:30 AM - 6 PM
 Friday, January 12th: between 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Please donate: best sellers, fiction, non-fiction, religious, classics, biographies, self-help books, vintage books, cookbooks, collectibles, large print, children's books, young readers, memoirs, books-on-CD, music CDs, movies on DVD, and (new this year) record albums.

Please do NOT donate: encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, VHS movies, records, or cassette tapes.

In addition to books, please donate sturdy computer paper boxes and box tops.

January 2018 Book Sale dates:

Friday, January 12th: 5-7:30pm- \$5 adult admission
 Saturday, January 13th: 9am- 6pm (no admission fee)
 Sunday, January 14th: 8am- 12:30pm (no admission fee)
SUPER SALE: From 5-6pm on Saturday and during all Sunday hours, you can choose 20 books for \$5

Volunteers are needed for sorting books

To volunteer at the January 2018 Book Sale, please contact Nancy Casey (860.673.3141) nancekc@gmail.com or Constance Rotondo (860.404.0204) constance.rotondo@comcast.net

Calling All Artists!

WHO: Artists of all ages
WHAT: Your art work as a donation to the 9th Annual St. Ann Art Show and Sale
HOW: Use contact information below. All mediums accepted: watercolor, acrylic, oil, pencil, collage, photography, sculpture, artisan crafts, fabric art, etc.
WHEN: Donations happily accepted, preferably by January 26, 2018
CONTACT:
 Inez Failace: 860.673.5579 or failace1@comcast.net
 Meg Kundahl: 860.521.1051 or mkfk@sbcglobal.net

The poinsettias decorating the altar for Christmas have been donated in honor of or in memory of the following persons:*

Dick & Margaret Julian
 The Colturi Family
 The Cooke Family
 Janet Garger
 William & Amelia Coccia
 Josephine & John Gaarger
 Rose & Frank Wolfel
 Pat & Louise Bell
 Rev. Thomas McCarthy
 Al & Doris Tafuri
 George Rand
 Violet Kadlecovic
 David Matthes
 The Lupo & Matthes Families
 John & Nina Ruk
 The Topolosky Family
 The Raynor Family
 The Tromza Family
 Rev. James Cronin
 Eleanor McGrath
 James Smith
 Monique Fortin
 The Power Family
 The Fee Family
 The Peregrin Family
 Eileen & Robert Rooney
 Leonard Hudak
 The Kuzia & Herman Families
 Sam Rjela
 Joyce Smith
 Glenn Wiseman
 Mary Wiseman
 Walter Smith
 William LaMonica Sr.
 Katherine LaMonica
 James P. Waldron
 Gertrude Waldron
 John F. McCusker
 Jack & Helen Welter
 A Iphonse & Lily Apuzzo
 George & Catherine Taverna
 Bud & Mary Thompson
 Tony & Connie Gugliotti
 Helen Kozak
 Joan Sheldon
 Frances & John Curran
 Ruth & Natale Balich
 John & Paul Pipoli
 Connie & Art Erickson
 John A. Douglass
 John A. Douglass Jr.

Elizabeth Douglass
 Eric Rebillard
 Horace & Anita Abate
 Joseph & Margaret Juliano
 Douglas Blood
 Dee Dee Sullivan
 Dr & Mrs Romeo Levesque & John
 Mr. & Mrs Robert Weldon
 The Ruez Family
 Ruby Sutherland
 Noel Wilson
 Angela Rowley
 The Healey & Shoulder Families
 The Lenihan & Miller Families
 The Zalenski Family
 The Zuwallack Family
 The McHugh Family
 The Cheah Family
 The Sullivan Family
 Julie Ann Rotondo Poll
 Ahmad Khoshnevis
 Afsar Khoshnevis
 Robert Turmelle
 Mali Bahari
 Aldo & Elizabeth Zeffiro
 Mary O'Brien Stevens
 William J. Stevens
 Palma Van Blerkom
 Joseph & Jeremy Savidge
 Doris & Don Savidge
 Margaret Mary Savidge
 Samuel N. Galope
 The Maguires
 The Muro Family
 Frances Connors
 Marion Connors
 Theresa J. Benoit
 Paulette Barham
 John & Dorothy McCoy
 The Guzauckas - Glaude Family
 Addis & Elsie Dalyi
 Lucille Tavtigan
 Fred Stockton
 Joanne Tousignant
 Mr & Mrs Robert Ghynn
 Mr & Mrs Joseph Kreivenas
 William & Elvira Severini
 Philomena & Arthur Leone
 Francine Sider
 The Kijanaka Family
 Larry Scelza

Jim Regan
 Bill Ryan
 The Girard & Ahern Families
 Samuel R. Olson
 Robert Walsh
 Lewis Affelder
 Jack & Helen Affelder
 Lena & Zelindo Salvadori
 Douglas & Mildred Gould
 Prima & Anne Butteri
 Gerald Gill
 Helen Randall
 Paul Irving
 Jim and Barbara Martino
 Mary Hojnowski
 Henry Hojnowski
 Manda Koch
 Alfred Koch
 Geraldine Olson
 Raymond Olson
 John & Katherine Kjerman
 Ruth Montanye & Kenneth Montanye
 Bertha Bolster
 Robert & Julie Guglielmo
 John & Sally Murphy
 Mr & Mrs N. Hortonavich
 Mrs & Mrs Edwin Jud
 Lynn Rossini
 Rose, Terry, Delpha & Ken
 Our Parents, Rose, Charlie & Frank
 Fermin Alambra
 Lake & Ann Harvell
 Jess & Lil Benton
 Joseph Hundhammer
 The Kapcinski & Sipperly Families
 John T. LaVia
 Roger & Irene Bernier
 Cynthia Capesi
 Jim McHugh
 The Coan Family
 The Gan Family
 Mildred & Walter Newman
 Vera & Albert Aft
 Potkay
 Polonis
 The Testa Family
 The Kulesa Family
 Ed Sikora
 Anna Wasserbach & Charles York
 Rosalie York
 Wayne Cromack

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Raymond Lindert
 Carl T. Dubiel
 Mr & Mrs Geo Kubik
 Walter & Anita Steigerwald
 Michael Steigerwald
 The Madden & Goett Families
 Eddie Consuegra
 The Tyler, Cronin & White Families
 Ervin Schortzmann
 Germaine Senecal
 The Stepien & Kemp Families
 John M. Reilly
 Mary R. Clark
 Raymond Teodosio
 Terry Moody
 The Renaud Family
 Babcia Krystyna
 Fred Bielefeld
 Mary Martino & Don Arciero
 Dr. Nicholas Mascoli
 Nancy Boyd Martin
 Art & Betty Godbout
 George & Ginny Yurch
 Maureen McCall
 James Coleman Snyder Jr.
 Jean Springman
 The John Dubin & Otto Steiner Families
 Gabrielle St. Jean
 Betty & Al St. Jean
 Maria & Charles Whelan
 Hannah & John Deckers
 Barbara Downey
 Thomas Ledwidge
 Helen & Arthur Chrapowitzyk
 Helen & Frank Perrone
 The O'Neill & Driscoll Families
 Hanna Jablonski
 William Sharp
 Anna & Vincent Vitkauskas
 Mary & Patrick Marra
 Marion Toce
 Thaddeus Baldyga
 Mary Maciolek
 Jean Leavitt
 Lucy Rose
 The Bingham & DuRoss Families
 The Angelina & Zunno Families
 Eileen Lachapelle

Frank & Joan Wirth
 John Pellegrini
 Frank & Victoria Wirth
 Stanley & Ann Hodstowski
 James R. Hamel
 Martin T. Foy, Sr.
 Peter & Ann Arico
 & Carla Rose Pastizzo
 The deceased family members of
 John & Marie Peluso
 Carl & Mildred Lawrnovicz
 The Biscoglio/Stevens Families
 The Tomlinson Family
 Dick Buckley
 Mary & James Martino
 Harold & Hope Whalen
 Charlotte M. Donnelly
 James J. Donnelly Jr.
 Maryann Enderle
 Helen Ann Bachhuber
 John Bachhuber
 Dolores Aberdale
 The Presnick Family
 The Soucier Family
 The Fregeau & Nashlenas Families
 The Babcock Family
 Jonathan Michael Gilotti
 The Gilotti & Valeri Families
 Alex Fisher
 Christine Klatt
 Beverly Arndt
 Lucielle Reardon
 The Maxime Lozier Family
 The Alexis Cyr Family
 Edwin Lysak
 The John Lysak Family
 The Joseph Brennan Family
 Thomas Murphy Jr.
 Rosalie Murphy
 The Szydlo Family
 The Magiera Family
 Eugene Duarte
 Jeffrey Walsh
 The Gray Family
 Denis & Margaaret Cahill
 Denis, Elinor & James Cahill
 Daniel & Alice Miley
 Daniel Miley

Pat Clark
 Joseph, Dahlia, & Carolyn Calcagni
 Angelo & Anna Lagana
 The Anderson, Pirnat & Swanson Families
 John G. Bernetich
 Sheila O'H. Jadovich
 The O'Hagan family
 Gerald Buckley
 Tim Buckley
 William Peck
 Pauline Peck
 Gabriel Ruta
 Eleanor Ruta
 Leonard LaMonica
 Carol DeVita
 Katherine & George DeVita
 Dr. Paul Thomas Bauer
 Joe & Pauline Centofanti
 Matthew & Richard Jerzyk
 The Williams Family
 The Gagne Family
 Jeanne & Nicholas Nardoia
 Janet Carroll
 Anna & Charles McNamara
 Leo & Bea Salvatore
 George Francis Walls
 Helen Frances Walls
 Corinne Elizabeth Wall
 The Smolinski & Sopelak Families
 Miriam & Walter Hill
 Mort & Jane Murphy Jr.
 Andy Moe
 Gene Overmeyer
 The Hutchins Family
 The Cantwell Family
 Nicholas Dias
 Anthony Alphonso
 Mr & Mrs Miner L. Fyler Sr
 Mr & Mrs Charles E. Devanney
 The Bondhus & Vuono Families
 Father Thomas P. Quinn
 Otto & Mary Jahne
 Jonathan & Mabel Lester
 Y. Chester Hickey
 Florence Lee Hickey

THE YOUTH MINISTRY THANKS YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!