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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

July 29, 2018



**17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, July 30

9:00 **Teresa Lopez**, requested by her husband

TUESDAY, July 31

9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, August 1

9:00 **Camille and Peter Angelina and
Michael Nay**, requested by the family

THURSDAY, August 2

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, August 3

9:00 **Special Intentions of the
Hagedorn Family (living)**

SATURDAY, August 4

4:00 **Santan X. Coutinho**, requested by
the Alphonso Family

SUNDAY, August 5

7:30 **Bill Ryan (4th Ann.)**, requested by the family

9:30 **For Vocations**, requested by
the Bondhus Family

11:00 **Sam Riela**, 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, July 30

MMP Cenacle: 7:15pm in the church.

Enter through door on left side of church. All are welcome!

Young Adult Bible Study: 7pm in the Activity Room

TUESDAY, July 31**WEDNESDAY, August 1**

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible: 9:30am in Room 3

THURSDAY, August 2

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 3**SATURDAY, August 4**

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, August 5

"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures": 10:30am in Rm. 3

Volunteer Catechists Needed

This fall, we expect over 450 children, kindergarten through grade 8, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow by becoming a catechist for Faith Formation. With classes offered Sunday mornings and evenings you are almost sure to find a time that fits your schedule. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! **AVAILABLE CLASSES:** Grade 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7

- People will say "but I am not a teacher!" Did you know that the word Catechist means "to echo?" Our catechists echo the "Word of God" to our young disciples.
- Did you know that most potential catechists do not have a degree in education, religion or theology?
- Did you know that it will fill your heart with joy and deepen your personal relationship with Jesus?
- Did you know that our catechists' manuals are easy to use and are a tremendous help to all our catechists? They are written to assist those volunteers who have no experience in teaching Religious Education.
- Did you know you can co-teach with your spouse or another parent? Many hands make light work

Don't think you could teach? We could also use classroom assistants and hall monitors.

Please contact Valerie St. Jean, Director of Religious Education, K-8:
Valerie.stjean@stannavon.com or (860)673-9858, ext.223



Religious Education

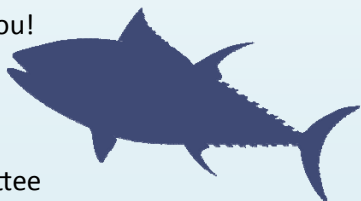
GOT TUNA?

Something Fishy is Going On Here In August...

We will be collecting canned tuna, mackerel and chicken during August. This protein rich food will be shipped to Haiti in September and distributed to families fostering or children. Chunk, light, oil packed...you chose! It all mixes well with their daily rice meal. *Please place donations in the labeled bins in the Gathering Space.* Thank you!

St. Ann parishioners are the best!

Gratefully,
Your Social Justice Committee



Young Adult GROUP

The St. Ann Young Adult Group welcomes all adults in their 20s and 30s to join us for

- community
- growing in faith
- exploring how our relationship with God can help us navigate life

We hold socials, offer Bible Study, and more. We meet Monday nights at 7:30pm, generally in the Activity Room beneath the left wing of the church. To get on our communications list, contact Kylie Brasel: kylie.brasel13@gmail.com. To explore further, visit us at www.stannavon.org/young-adults. Come check us out – we can't wait to meet you!

2018-2019 Faith Formation School Year Registration



It's time to plan for our 2018-2019 Faith Formation school year. Again this year, we will automatically enroll all existing students into the next grade level assuming all requirements have been met. Please visit our website for the registration form and return with your payment including the \$40 late fee as we are now past June 1st. Please do not hold up your child(ren)'s registration due to financial issues. We are happy to make payment arrangements that work for your family. All information is confidential.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This Summer Taste and See How Adult Faith Formation Can Enrich You:

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures...

takes place on most Sundays at 10:30am in Room 3, led by Chip Janiszewski. Materials are provided. **Drop-ins are welcome!** Contact Chip to confirm that we're meeting: chip@chipj.com; (860) 675-6719

- enjoy community, refreshments, prayer and conversation
- make personal connections to the Sunday readings
- enhance your experience of Mass
- practice the popular *Lectio Divina* prayer method

"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"

- Choose your level of participation
- make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life
- see how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture
- uncover God's message of love for you

This overview of how to read Scripture is perfect for beginners and for those who want a refresher. **Participate according to your availability:**

- Do a self-study, using the workbook and/or viewing the videos online.
- Come to Room 3 to view the 30-minute videos on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am, from July 11-August 29
- Stay for discussion after the video, if you like, led by Janet Newman and friends
- Do a combination of self-study and drop-in

\$20 fee covers workbook and video access.

Register with Ann: ann.distefano@stannavon.com; (860) 673 -9858, X228

2018 Good Summer Read

"The Prayer List and Other True Stories of How Families Pray" by Jane Knuth.

Join in our online conversation about this inspiring book! We'll cover a section at a time, each week. Jump in when you can! Email Ann for access to the discussion:

ann.distefano@stannavon.com

(An in-person discussion will take place Wed, Aug 22nd, 7:15pm in Room 3)

Need a copy of the book? Stop by the parish offices. (Cost: \$12)

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

July 22, 2018: \$4,996.00
Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 7/25/18): \$3,430.00.00
Next weekend's 2nd collection: none

CENACLES of the Marian Movement of Priests



Question: Is the cenacle primarily for priests?
Answer: No. In Message #34 (1-17-74), Our Lady introduces this question, "Why do I want them to come together in cenacle with me?" In this message she addresses herself to the priests, but what she tells them is also applicable to the laity. She wants all her children—priests, religious, laity, families, to gather together with her in cenacles of prayer, to pray with her and to learn how to love one another. Also, the cenacle helps us to deepen our understanding and live the obligations we have undertaken through our consecration to her

Immaculate Heart. We refer you to the message dated Nov. 1, 1973, "my Faithful Cohort." (#25)

Excerpt from Cenacles of the Marian Movement of Priests Purpose/Guide

**Our cenacle meets every Monday at 7:15pm in the church.
Come pray the Rosary with us.**

Communion For Shut-Ins

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

Free Rosary Repair Service

Leave your broken rosaries in the box in the gathering space and they will be repaired and returned within the week. Old and broken rosaries are also accepted to be repaired and sent on to the missions. Please indicate "repair and return to me" or "Donation" along with your phone number so we can let you know when your rosaries can be picked up. holdenbnd@gmail.com or Dick at 239-463-3993 or Betty at 860-595-6370.

ONLINE GIVING

Our parish has been using an Online Giving system that is strengthening stewardship as well as making it easier for members to support our parish. There are many benefits for the parish and for parishioners that choose to give online. Some of the benefits for the parishioner include: no need to write checks; you can give even if you are unable to attend services; and your contribution amount can easily be adjusted at any time. During the summer our weekly collections drop as families leave for vacations so please prayerfully consider making an offering online to our parish. Your contribution will support the operation of the church and all of our different ministries. Sign up today by visiting www.stannavon.com and follow the links.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:

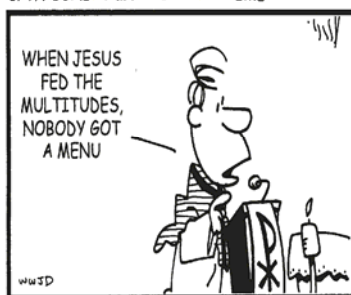
What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

Answer:

Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God's law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. "Grave matter" is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action's evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin. The effects of mortal sin are grave -- the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God's law). The effects of venial sin -- while still damaging to the human heart and human society -- are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue. When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!
-LPi

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Church of Saint Ann & FAVARH Recycling Project

Church of Saint Ann is partnering with Arc of the Farmington Valley (Favarh) to promote recycling of returnable bottles and cans beginning July 1, 2018.

Favarh is a non-profit agency providing services and supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

By depositing your cans and bottles in the marked receptacle you will make a positive impact on the earth, take action to promote an ecofriendly future and to help support Favarh's non-profit Day Programs in Avon and the Farmington Valley area.

The proceeds from the returns will help Day Programs purchase much needed supplies to offer a stimulating and active day such as music, electronics, art supplies, books, sensory items, fitness items and much more.

Please consider your support by placing your cans and bottles in the identified receptacle located in the Church Hall.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

You sit down at a restaurant and order drinks and an appetizer. Then you order an entrée with a salad. When all of that has been consumed, you order a dessert. You leave after having had a good time, but your pants don't fit so well now. You are so full you regret ordering all those courses. Your eyes were bigger than your stomach. You ordered what you wanted and not what you needed.

In our daily lives, we find ourselves wanting many things. We desire outcomes and good fortunes that we think will make all the difference. However, oftentimes when we receive these things, we only find ourselves wanting more. Worse yet, if we do not get them, we can see our lives as incomplete.

God always provides what we need. It may not be what we want. Our eyes can deceive us into believing that what we receive is not enough to fulfill us. If we trust in God and seek to only live with what sustains us rather than dive into excess, we will find that we are happier, healthier, and at peace. No one should ever make himself or herself feel overcome by too much of anything. God knows what we need even if we cannot see it for ourselves.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

*Go to the Lord very simply. With the
surrender of a small child.*

- St. Peter Julian Eymard

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" (2 Kgs 4:43b)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Eph 4:5-6)

Gospel:

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. (Jn 6:11)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of July 29, 2018

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/
Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18 [17d]/
Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/
Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/
Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Have you ever wanted to be part of something bigger? Even the most independent among us likes to make changes and have an impact on others. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus demonstrates one of his most iconic miracles -- the multiplication of the loaves. It is a sign of the institution of the Eucharist, when we are fed not by bread but by the Body of Christ.

In the stories of ancient pagan gods, mighty deeds were done entirely under the gods' own power. Mortals may have offered sacrifices to start the chain of events, but they played little role in the miraculous works themselves. Jesus is entirely different. The multiplication of the loaves is a prime example not only of Jesus' power over nature, but of the way he equips his disciples.

First, Jesus asks Philip a question "to test him." Jesus has seen the crowds and "he himself knew what he was going to do," but he wants his disciples to start thinking about the problem and its solution. Andrew offers a suggestion, though he isn't confident in it. "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus honors Andrew's suggestion, takes the offered loaves, and delegates the Apostles to bring order to the crowd. When the crowd has been fed, the Apostles "gather the fragments left over." In the process, they discover with wonder that bread has been produced in super abundance.

In the sacraments, God works through simple matter to make grace real in our lives. He works in and through us as well. Are you facing problems that could have spiritual solutions? Is there a need in your parish or community that you could meet? Whatever our hesitations, Jesus honors our simple loaves and fishes. He invites us to participate in his generous work of redemption, just as we are.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Living the Gospel does not require much. In fact, less is sometimes more. Simple gestures or random acts of kindness can have unimaginable results and change lives. It is easy to believe that we do not have what it takes to make a difference, but we do! The key is to learn how to be grateful for the little gifts you possess and share them freely and abundantly. It does not take much to satisfy the hungers of the human heart or mend the wounds of sorrow and pain. All we need to know is that God is with us. All people need to know is that we are with them. God provides the rest. Truly be present to those you meet this week and offer them your most precious gift, the gift of yourself.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Franciscan Golf Classic

The 23rd Annual Franciscan Golf Classic will be held on Monday August 20, 2018, at Tunxis Country Club, Farmington, Connecticut. This yearly event benefits the counseling and educational programs of the Franciscan Life Center and care of the sick and end of life care services of Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care. The day includes 18 holes of golf, lunch on the course, an outdoor dinner, and four chances to Win a Hole In One:

\$23,000 in cash
Trip for two St. Andrews
Trip for two Augusta National
Join us!

Cost to play 175/person.
Sponsorship Opportunities are Available.

Call 203-237-8084 or visit flcenter.org for more information.



CYFM is proud to Present the World Premiere of **SOLANUS: BLESSED IN AMERICA.** Friday, August 3, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Performed by the teens of Catholic Literature and Arts Summer Program, this is the first musical about the soon-to-be first American Male saint, Blessed Solanus Casey, OFM Cap. The Catholic Literature and Arts Summer Program (CLASP) is a theater camp with the mission to "Make Saints!" through drama, music, dance, prayer, adoration, and reconciliation teens will deepen their faith and relationships with the Lord and one another. CLASP features a team of highly-trained musicians, actors, choreographers, and stage personnel, all of whom view their talents as a vehicle to share their Catholic faith. *SOLANUS* will be the second musical staged by Fr. Erik Lenhart, OFM Cap., who co-wrote *X: A Pius Musical*. Tickets \$10 advance, order via email: cyfmclasp2018@gmail.com or call (845) 424-3609 / \$15 at the door.

CELEBRATE A HOLY MAN'S LEGACY ATOP HOLY LAND WATERBURY

Birthplace of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus

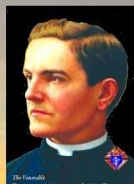
SATURDAY, 11 AUGUST 2018

4:00pm Rosary led by the Knights

Praise & Worship music by Hands & Feet

5:30pm Mass celebrated by
Archbishop Leonard P. Blair

GATES OPEN AT 2:00PM



FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY
12 August 1890 - 14 August 1990

Free parking and shuttle bus service from St. Mary's Hospital garage (S. Elm St.)

Bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Food concessions available.

For more details, visit www.HolyLandWaterbury.org or
email: august11@holylandwaterbury.org or call 203.516.0649

The Third Annual Robby Brisco Open



Monday, August 6, 2018

Golf Club of Avon

10:00 am Shotgun Start

4:30 pm Dinner, Awards,
Prizes and Auction



Register at rbogolf.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will take place in Manchester CT, Nov. 2-4, 2018. To learn more, please visit: www.mectw.org