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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

August 5, 2018



MASS INTENTIONS

**18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, August 6

9:00 **James Coleman Snyder, Jr.**, requested by
Dianne Simpson

TUESDAY, August 7

9:00 **Donna Haverley (25th Ann.)**, requested by
the Bruno Family

WEDNESDAY, August 8

9:00 **John O'Neill**, requested by Heidi O'Neill

THURSDAY, August 9

9:00 **Vera Alft**, requested by
Bill and Janet Newman

FRIDAY, August 10

9:00 **Marie Cheah**, requested by the family

SATURDAY, August 11

4:00 **Joseph Savidge, Jr.**, requested by
the family

SUNDAY, August 12

7:30 **Angelina Rallo**, requested by a friend

9:30 **Doreen Spadorcia**, requested by
Kathy and Scott Gill

11:00 **Angelo Naples**, 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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S

MONDAY, August 6

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, August 7**WEDNESDAY, August 8**

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

THURSDAY, August 9

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 10**SATURDAY, August 11**

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, August 12

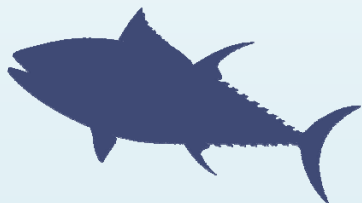
"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures": 10:30am in Rm. 3

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 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!

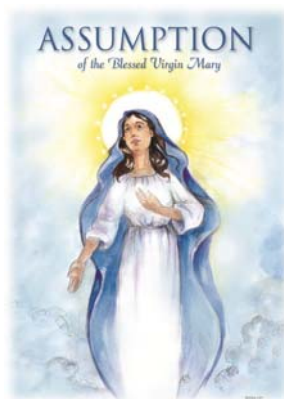
Gratefully,
Your Social Justice
Committee



St. Ann Prayer Shawl Ministry Provided Lunch for Immacare Shelter Guests!

They do way more than knit those beautiful shawls! Much appreciation to the women of the Prayer Shawl Ministry for providing over 80 "brown bag lunches" for the guests of ImmaCare shelter. Packed with thick cold cut sandwiches, water bottles, cookies and candy they were happily received by all of the guests. Led by Sandy Fyler, we heard it was a fun time as the group gathered together and assembled the bags. Good works should always be accompanied by smiles.

Many thanks!



**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 15TH**
*Holy Day of
Obligation*

MASSES WILL BE AT:
9:00 AM * 12:10 PM * 7:00 PM

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

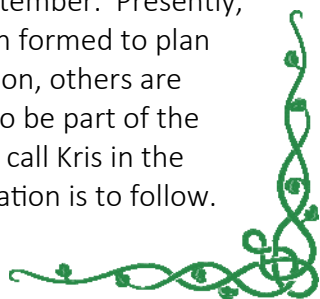
July 29, 2018: \$6,827.01.00
 Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 8/1/18): \$2,877.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection: none

CHURCH OF SAINT ANN 100th Anniversary Celebration

In 2019 we mark the 100th Anniversary of St. Ann Parish! This is a great milestone in the life of the parish community of St. Ann and is an occasion of great celebration. It is difficult to imagine the impact that St. Ann Parish has played in the lives of thousands of believers who have come through our doors, who have been educated in the faith, have received the graces of sacramental life, the dignity of Christian burial and have been assisted in their material needs.

It is my intention to begin organizing this event in earnest beginning in September. Presently, a small committee has been formed to plan for this monumental occasion, others are needed. If you would like to be part of the planning committee please call Kris in the parish office. More information is to follow.

Fr. McHugh



Tools for Schools Collection Through September 8/9

The leaves will soon be turning, air chilling, and school buses rolling... it's time for our annual Tools for Schools Collection, which will run through September 8/9 This collection is of great assistance to the Catholic Worker House, Hartford refugee families and the Avon Food Pantry families. Any/all NEW school supplies are welcomed. Backpacks are especially needed. Please place the items in the area marked "Tools for Schools" in the Gathering Space or bring down to church offices below Fr. Bennett Hall. May you be blessed for your generosity!

Please consider these suggested items:

- *Backpacks * Calculators * Notebooks
- *Pencils * Dictionaries * Rulers *
- Pencil sharpeners * Pens
- * Notebook paper * Markers etc.



ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is a safe effective method of supporting your parish. Your information is private and protected and only you control your donations. 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. For more information, go to our website: www.stannavon.org.

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.



Religious
 Education

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

As human beings, we seem to have a wide array of insatiable desires. We long for more money, more time, and more stuff. We spend millions of dollars each year on remedies for our overeating. We look to our neighbors to see what they have that we want so we can keep up with them in the race toward happiness. We look for instant gratification only to find that our hunger for whatever it is remains intact.

Stewardship is the pathway to curbing all those cravings. On this journey, we let go of things that keep us tied down to this world and tied up in our sin. All that we have becomes instruments for God to use in our lives and the lives of our neighbors. When we have detached from enough in this world, we find out the truth: Nothing on earth can truly satisfy our cravings completely. Jesus Christ is the sole answer for our needs and desires.

Although the truth is right in front of us at each and every Mass in the Eucharist, we can easily spend our days in denial of that truth. It takes trust to step out in faith and give it all over to God. We are all called to let go and let God be God. Answering the call is easier said than done. However, if we can finally make that bold move, we will find ourselves completed by the One who was with us all along.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.

- St. Clare of Assisi

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"And in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God." (Ex 16:12b)

Psalm:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

...put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. (Eph 4:24)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them,
"I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (Jn 6:35)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 5, 2018

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
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and
22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/
Mt 16:13-23
Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30--
5:2/Jn 6:41-51

GOSPEL MEDITATION

In an on-demand society, it's not always easy to imagine life with less. The crowds of Jesus' day depended on the weather and successful growing seasons for their livelihood. For many of Jesus' listeners, even "food that perishes" would have been a welcome relief. Jesus acknowledges this but tries to draw them deeper. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." For people who have just witnessed a miracle, the response is strangely marked by ingratitude. "What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert." Jesus fed them for one day, but Moses interceded with God for 40 years of bread. "Jesus," they seem to say, "can't you just give us more?"

How often do we behave similarly in the spiritual life? "If I only I had more patience, then I could be kind to her." "I could be welcoming if I was more outgoing, but that's just not me." "I know I'd be a better parent if I just had more time." Like the crowds, we want Jesus to give us more. We always don't want him to completely shift our paradigm. Perhaps it's not "more patience" we need, but a deeper sense of our own imperfections for a greater sense of empathy. Maybe God is inviting you not to entertain an entire group, but to seek out the quiet person on the fringe. And time may limit you from family engagement, but could God be asking you to reorder your priorities entirely?

After all, it wasn't more loaves that the people needed. Jesus is "the bread of life," who sustains our most essential needs. This week, are you looking for more or are you looking for God Himself?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

What can I do to accomplish the works of God? This is a question every Christian must ask. Ultimately, we are asked to be the light of Christ for others. This calls us to be compassionate, forgiving, nonviolent, generous, concerned for the poor, and welcoming to strangers. These are often contrary to what the world values. We are asked to simplify our lives and become less self-focused so that others can share in God's creation. We need help in order to fulfill this tall order. The Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, which we celebrate today, is the way we are nourished so that we can fulfill this mission.

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.



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



He Founded
FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY
12 August 1892 - 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@holylanwaterbury.org or call 203.516.0649



August
9th 10th 11th
5^{pm} to 10^{pm}

Holy Rosary Church Grounds Fr. Salemi Dr., Ansonia CT

Major Credit Cards Accepted for Food Purchases



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The best freshly prepared Italian gourmet foods and pastries

Fun Events + Games of Chance + Games of Skill + Rides

Giant Raffle - Saturday 9:30PM - 5 Cash Prizes!

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday August 9th



Tony Santoli & Mark Lanzieri

Friday August 10th



Mark Lanzieri & Tony Santoli

Saturday August 11th



Tony Santoli



Mark Lanzieri

Midway & Rides by Rainbow Amusements

Thursday August 9th is Wristband Night. \$20.



www.holyrosaryfestival.com

Our Lady of Calvary CELEBRATING 60 YEARS RETREAT CENTER

60th Anniversary Car Raffle

Proceeds will benefit the installation of new heating and cooling systems.



2018 Mercedes-Benz C-Class Sedan

Tickets: \$60 each

Call 1.888.816.5813 to order tickets. Do not leave credit card information on the answering machine. We will return your call.

Drawing will take place at our 60th Year Anniversary Celebration on October 6, 2018 at 9:00 pm. It will also be live-streamed on our website. (www.OurLadyofCalvary.net)

Special Thanks to:

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Come Experience it!