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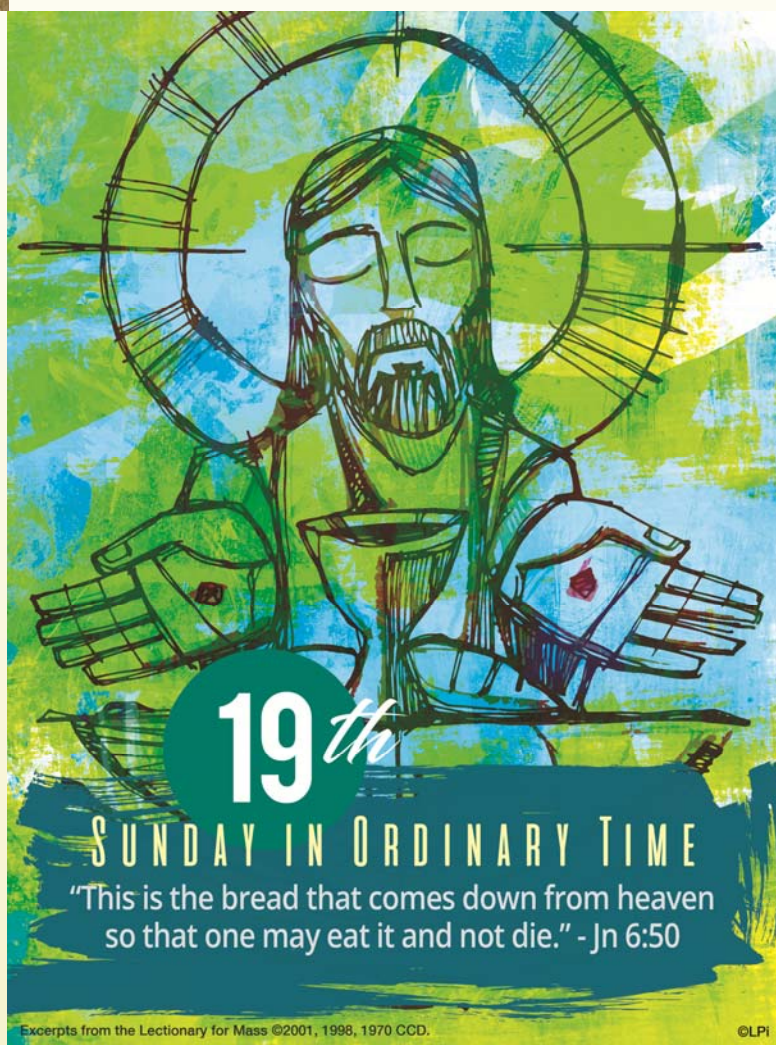
Call the Parish Office

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

MMP Cenacle

Monday: 7:15pm

Holy Hour

Thursday: 12:00 Noon

August 12, 2018



**19th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, August 13

9:00 **Carl and Mildred Lawryniewicz**, requested by their daughter

TUESDAY, August 14

9:00 **Lois Winchester**, requested by her children

WEDNESDAY, August 15, Assumption

9:00 **Noel Wilson**, requested by Deacon Jeffrey Sutherland

12:10 **Dr. Theodore deGroot**, requested by his wife, children and grandchildren

7:00 **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, August 16

9:00 **Dr. Theodore deGroot, Fredrick and Margaret deGroot**, requested by the family

FRIDAY, August 17

9:00 **Dorothy Kondzielaski**, requested by Ron and Dorothy Miller

SATURDAY, August 18

4:00 In celebration of the 48th Wedding Anniversary of Nelson & Sandy Bondhus

SUNDAY, August 19

7:30 **Harlan (Bud) Beckerman (10th Ann.)**, requested by the Beckerman Family

9:30 **Elizabeth Godbout (9th Ann.)**, requested by Arthur Godbout, Jr.

11:00 **Donatantonio Gerardi**, requested by a friend

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

**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 13**

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 14**WEDNESDAY, August 15, Assumption**

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

THURSDAY, August 16

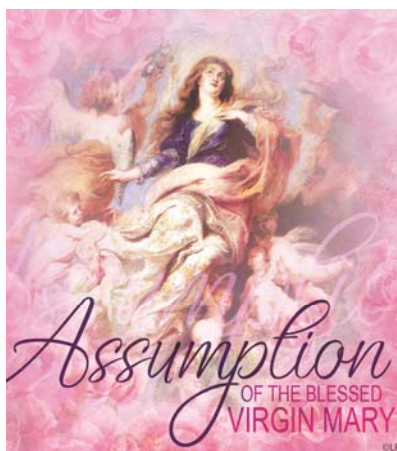
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 17**SATURDAY, August 18**

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, August 19

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



**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 15TH**

*Holy Day of
Obligation*

MASSES WILL BE AT:

9:00 AM * 12:10 PM * 7:00 PM

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!

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!

K-8 Faith Formation Classes Begin on September 16th

Registration materials for 2018-2019 are online www.stannavon.org hard copies are at the Faith Formation office. Classes are filling quickly, only registered children whose tuition and fees are paid will be placed into classes. If there are financial concerns, please call Jennifer Soucy, Registrar 860-673-9858 x227 for confidential arrangements. **Reminder:** Children who are entering our program for the first time must provide all sacramental documents. We will return originals or copies to you. If the sacraments were made here at Saint Ann's, please give us approximate dates and we will look up the information. For Additional Information contact: Valerie St. Jean, Director of Religious Education K-8, 860-673-9858, ext. 223.

Grades K-4 are held on Sunday mornings at Avon Middle School from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Grades 5-8 are held on Sunday evenings at Avon Middle School from 5:45 PM to 7:15 PM.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Kids Ice Cream Social & Parent Book Talk

Wednesday, August 22nd at 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall
While the kids enjoy ice cream and activities, the adults will talk about "*The Prayer List and Other True Stories of How Families Pray*" by Jane Knuth. Share some laughs and get some inspiration for family life. **Come, even if you haven't read the book!** RSVP to Ann, ann.distefano@stannavon.com, (860) 673-9858, x228

Do You Love Little Ones?

To better serve the young families of our parish, we are starting a Babysitting Ministry during the 9-10:30am K-4 Faith Formation sessions at Avon Middle School, Sept-March. This will enable parents with babies and preschoolers to attend Parent Enrichment – when parents gather with their peers to get to know each other and gain inspiration for parenting, marriage, faith and more. **We are looking for two adults to coordinate the ministry**, and several helpers to look after the little ones. Please contact Ann for more details: ann.distefano@stannavon.com.

Adult Faith Formation Summer Programs

Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures

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

- 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"

There's still time to do the self-study!

This overview of how to read Scripture is perfect for beginners and for those who want a refresher.

- 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

\$20 fee covers workbook and video access. Register with Ann: ann.distefano@stannavon.com; (860) 673 -9858, X228 2018

2018 Good Summer Read

***The Prayer List and Other True Stories of How Families Pray* by Jane Knuth.** Join us for discussion on Wed, August 22nd at 7:15pm in Room 3. RSVP to ann.distefano@stannavon.com. Need a copy of the book? Stop by the parish offices. (Cost: \$12)

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

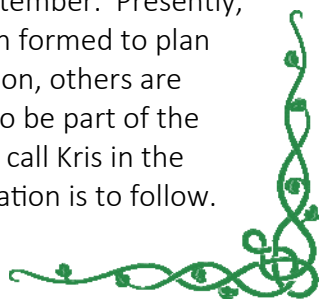
August 5, 2018: \$5,724.05
 Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 8/8/18): \$3,689.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection: *monthly*

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.



Support Favarh!

Just a reminder that we are supporting Favarh in their recycling project. If you have any returnable aluminum cans or plastic bottles please leave them in the vestibule in Father Bennett Hall in the identified recycling bin. The money raised by their recycling will be used to support programs and supplies for those people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Thank you!



3rd Grade 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! **Catechists are still needed for 3rd Grade.**

- 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



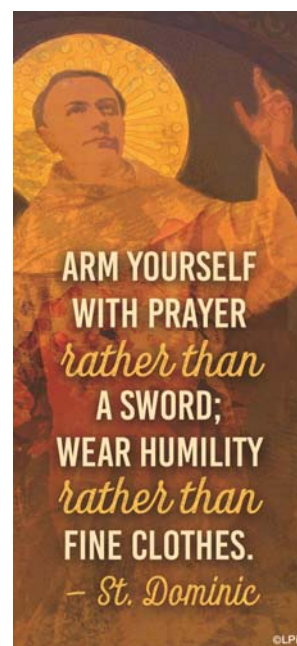
Religious
 Education

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



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

What else is there to give when one has already given away their body and their life? What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all they have has been given to another? This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting. This is the ultimate in love. This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth. No one can give more. No one can ask for more. This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.

If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love. And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the One who is the embodiment of stewardship. Then, you must ask the question of yourself, "How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?" The answer is you can begin with the simple actions of the day: where will you go, whom will you meet, and in what work will you partake? Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread. By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts, but by everyday acts, by everyday people practicing Everyday Stewardship.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Do not forget that holiness consists not in extraordinary actions, but in performing your duties well.

- St. Maximilian Kolbe

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8b)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. (Eph 4:32)

Gospel:

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (Jn 6:51)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 12, 2018

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8--3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [9a]/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Have you ever approached a hushed group and were certain they were talking about you? It's an uncomfortable feeling to catch people murmuring about what you did, said, or didn't do. It breeds division and exclusion. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to just the opposite.

The reading opens with the crowds "murmuring" their doubts about Jesus after he has proclaimed himself the Bread of Life. "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? how can he say 'I have come down from heaven'?" In his response, Jesus brings up the Israelites and the manna God brought them in the desert. If you turn back to the story in Exodus, you'll see another similar word: murmuring. As the going got tough, the Israelites doubted Moses and God's plan to protect and care for them as a chosen people. Here, Jesus proposes a difficult theological concept. Jesus himself is "the living bread" and "flesh for the life of the world."

This is not an exclusive concept. "Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me." Why? Because "the Father who sent me draw[s] him." The next time you're at Mass, take a few moments to watch the communion line. Young and old, families and singles, diverse races and cultures and stories? we are all drawn to the Eucharistic table. Catholic doctrine may require faith, but it is a faith possible for anyone who seeks truth. Christianity does not hide behind locked doors in an exclusive clubhouse, whispering behind the backs of nonbelievers. Jesus compels us to share the love of God the Father for his children, that we one day be joined with Him and "live forever."

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Life can be confusing, and the demands and challenges of everyday life can easily cloud our vision. We can become tired. Because of all of the energy needed to manage our day-to-day routines, our spiritual lives can get neglected. Anger, apathy, bitterness, and competition readily distort our relationships with one another and with God. We are asked to imitate God and to put love, compassion, kindness, forgiveness, and gentleness over all things. We need to develop a strong life of prayer in order to bring balance to our lives and to realize who we really are.

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.



Divorce and Beyond: Support Group Fall Session

Our Lady of Loreto Church Hall, 12 Ardsley Road,
Waterbury, CT 06708

Beginning Tues., Sept. 18th, at 6:30 PM

Please register by 9/8/18 by calling Barbara at 203.910.1261. Space is limited / all inquiries are confidential / all are welcome.

Ourladyofloretowtby.org

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—Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford



ENROLLING NOW for September!

Monday evenings: St. Pio Pietrelcina, E. Haven

Tuesday evenings: Pastoral Center, Bloomfield

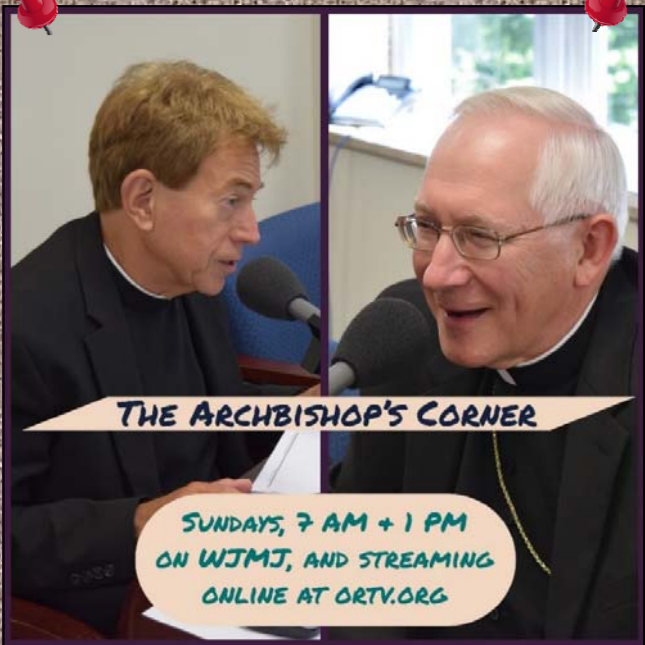
Wednesday evenings: Our Lady of Loreto, Waterbury

Daytime TBD

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