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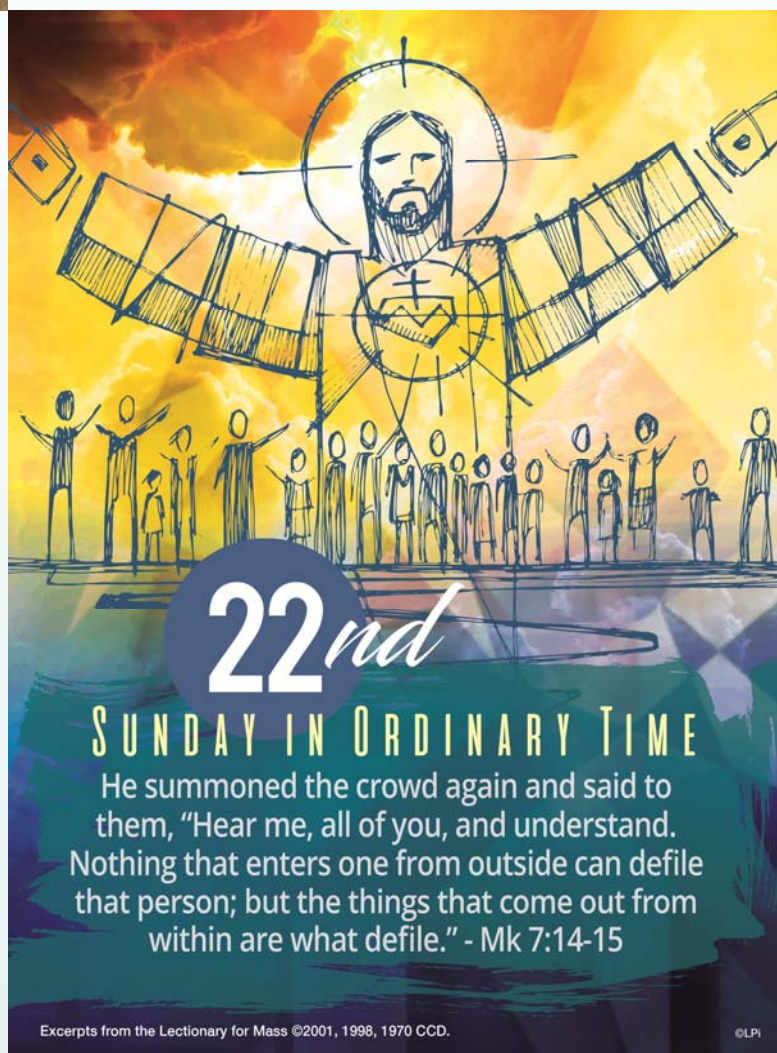
Call the Parish Office

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



**22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, September 3
9:00 **Special Intentions**

TUESDAY, September 4
9:00 **Olga Fernandez**, requested by Virginia

WEDNESDAY, September 5
9:00 **John Murray (24th Ann.)**, requested by the family

THURSDAY, September 6
9:00 **Yang-Jin Kim (35th Ann.)**, requested by her daughter

FRIDAY, September 7
9:00 **Special Intentions**

SATURDAY, September 8
4:00 **In celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mike and Sandy Fyler**

SUNDAY, September 9
7:30 **Patricia Cooper**, requested by Joan and Mike Gould
9:30 **Robert Wise**, requested by a friend
11:00 **Gregory Godbout**, requested by the Scapellati 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, September 3
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, September 4
WEDNESDAY, September 5
Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible: 9:30am in Room 3

THURSDAY, September 6
Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, September 7
SATURDAY, September 8
Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, September 9
"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures": 10:30am in Rm. 3



Do you know people interested in becoming Catholic? If so, please consider inviting them to join our RCIA program. St. Ann's RCIA program welcomes all those who wish to join the

Roman Catholic Church. RCIA offers a systematic presentation of the Catholic faith, allowing seekers to explore the person of Jesus, the content and structure of the church, and Catholic perspectives on worship, prayer and community. The process is designed for people who are uncatechized (need to be prepared to receive Eucharist and Confirmation) and unbaptized persons who want to become a member of the Catholic Church.

RCIA sessions meet weekly, every Tuesday morning and evening from September through Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11th. The morning session meets from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and the evening session runs from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. We meet in Room 3 of the lower level of Father Bennett Hall. If you have any questions or want more information before attending a group meeting, please call Maureen Fiedler at 860-995-4026.



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.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Acclaimed Hollywood Actor and
Church Scholar
FRANK RUNYEON Comes to St. Ann

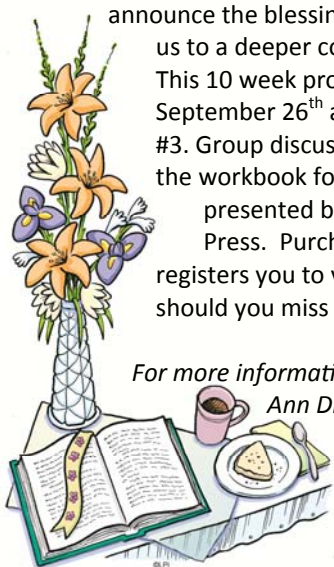
PRESENTING
"Luke: Stories on the Road"
Friday, October 19th
7pm in the church

Don't miss this inspiring and entertaining live
dramatic presentation.

New Fall Bible Study

THE PROPHETS: Messengers of God's Mercy

There are 16 prophetic books in the Old Testament. Taken as a whole, their length is equal to the entire New Testament. The importance of the prophetic books is incalculable, as it is nearly impossible to understand the work and message of Jesus without them. If we consider that God is the Divine Bridegroom and the Church is his Bride, then the prophets can be seen as "spiritual marriage counselors." They afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted. They urge us to repentance, warn us of the dangers of sin, and announce the blessings of faithfulness, thus calling us to a deeper covenant relationship with God. This 10 week program begins on Wednesday, September 26th at 9:30AM in Conference Room #3. Group discussion is based on questions in the workbook followed by a 30 minute video presented by Thomas Smith of Ascension Press. Purchase of the workbook (\$25) registers you to view any of the videos online should you miss a session.



For more information or to register please contact
Ann DiStefano at 860-673-9858, x228
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or Janet Newman at
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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Fall Offerings for Adult Education and Enrichment

Visit www.stannavon.org for full details. To register, contact Ann: ann.distefano@stannavon.com; 860-673-9858, x228

Explore Becoming Catholic/Confirmed

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and Adult Confirmation programs will begin soon. For information, contact Maureen Fiedler, 860-995-4026, maureen_fiedler@ethelwalker.org

Grow in Faith with Friends

Form a Small Group with your friends/neighbors to explore your faith and deepen your friendships, at your pace and from the comfort of home. Materials and support are waiting for you!

Encounter God in the Bible

"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" ...

helps you make personal connections to the Sunday readings. Drop in, all materials provided.

- Sundays, 10:30am, Room 3 with Chip Janiszewski
- Mondays, 7:15pm, Room 3 with Jim Serruta

"Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom"

20-session series begins Sept 19th and 21st

- Wednesdays, 7:00pm, Room 3 with Terry Pendergast
- Fridays, 9:30am, Room 3 with Pat Wall

Materials fee: \$29

"The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy"

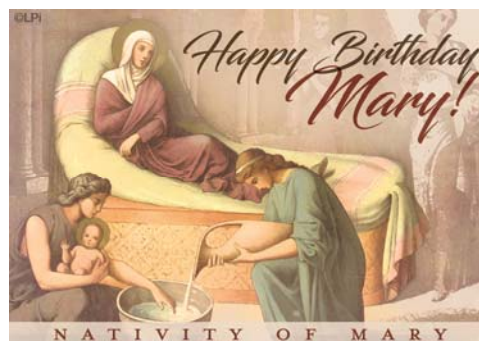
10-session series begins Sept 26.

- Wednesdays, 9:30am, Rooms 2 & 3 with Janet Newman

Materials fee: \$25

Parent with a Purpose

Learn about our great offerings on parenting, marriage and faith at the **Parent Socials** on Sunday, Sept 16, at 9am and 5:45pm, during the kids' classes at Avon Middle School. Childcare for infants – preschoolers available at the 9am session! Contact Ann above for info.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

August 25, 2018: \$6,590.75
 Online Giving/Pmts. (week ending 8/29/18): \$3,142.00
 Next weekend's 2nd collection: none

Happy Labor Day

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 or valerie.stjean@stannavon.com



Grades K-4

Sunday mornings
 Avon Middle School
 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Grades 5-8

Sunday evenings
 Avon Middle School
 5:45 PM to 7:15 PM.

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Justice is a concept under attack in today's world. When I watch the news, I see so many distortions of justice. One person's notion of fairness is sometimes far from another's understanding of justice. Perhaps the issue is that human justice often becomes corrupted by selfishness and greed. Justice for one's self always seems more important than justice for another. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to use what we have been given not only to fight for human justice alone, but also to offer a more benevolent justice that can only come from God.

We are called to offer all we have to God for His greater intentions. Our gifts cannot only level the playing field for some but can serve as instruments of grace for those who, in the eyes of the world, do not even deserve it. In God's framework of justice, second chances and overflowing generosity are commonplace. Everyone created in the image of God deserves love regardless of their state in life or the actions they have taken against another. The world will never understand this type of justice. Humans have a hard enough time figuring out the simple concepts of equity or fair play. For those who do not believe in Jesus, his justice seems even more difficult to comprehend. In fact, it can appear downright crazy.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

What do they not see, who see Him in all things?

- St. Gregory the Great

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. (Dt 4:2)

Psalm:

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

Second Reading:

All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights (Jas: 1:17a)

Gospel:

So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" (Mk 7:5)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of August 2, 2018

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Judgment tends to have a bad reputation. We often associate it with condemnation, and in the Gospels, we associate it with the Pharisees. Today's Gospel features the Pharisees doing exactly what we expect. "They observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands." The Jewish people had strict purification laws that applied to all areas of life. The Pharisees attempt to accuse Jesus of not following the ancestral traditions. Jesus doesn't take offense at their judgments per se. He instead points out the hypocrisy of their words. "You hypocrites? this people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

From there, Jesus turns his attention to the concerns of the heart. "The things that come from within are what defile." He lists off a number of sins, including some the Pharisees were likely struggling with, including evil thoughts, envy, and arrogance. When we examine the list, perhaps we're reminded of our own trips to the confessional! As we strive to follow Jesus and live with integrity, we must be aware of our hearts. We must judge our own actions. Are they leading us closer to God or away from Him? Are we growing in love of our neighbor, or are we becoming more closed in on ourselves?

As we move into this week, consider the state of our own heart. Perhaps you are overly scrupulous in less important areas. Perhaps there are large areas of overlooked sin that you've excused for too long. Whatever it is, the judgment of God need not cripple us. He offers us a share in His mercy as soon as we turn to Him. This week, allow your heart to be transformed!

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

In response to how the Pharisees and scribes lived their faith, Jesus said, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." Both good and evil impulses come from our hearts. Which one has the upper hand depends on how well a person has taken on the mind and heart of God. How well we live our faith is determined by the same. As Pope Francis tells us, Jesus is present in all of our brothers and sisters, especially those who endure suffering like his own. Our world is full of tragedy, conflict, and suffering: slave labor, diseases, wars, terrorism, exploitation, famine, human trafficking. We cannot simply pay lip service to the evils of the world? we must act!

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Lecture on "'Haunted House,' Skeletons of Racist Past, and the Origin of US Buddhism"

Our **Fr. Joe Cheah** has received the Sister Murphy Scholarship Award from the University of St. Joseph for his exceptional scholarly work on changing how the origin of US Buddhism is understood. As part of the Murphy Award recipient, he will be giving a lecture with a Halloween theme on "'Haunted House,' Skeletons of Racist Past, and the Origin of US Buddhism" on Tuesday, October 30, from 7 pm to 8 pm at the Reception Room of the University of St. Joseph. This lecture is by invitation only. If you're interested in attending, please print your name and email address on the sign-up list in the vestibule of the church. The University will send you an invitation.

ST. STANISLAUS PARISH DOŻYŃKI

September 8 and 9

510 West Street, Bristol 860-583-4242
www.ststanislausbristol.org

FESTIVAL MASSES

Saturday at 3:00pm

Featuring the Parish Choirs

Sunday at 10:30am

featuring The Polonia Paderewski Choir
followed by a concert in the Church



-Great Polish and American food
-Games
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Admission**



Live Polish Music

Saturday

4-9 pm

6:00pm

Goodies Oldies with DJ Al Goodwin
Polish Folk Dancers "Orleka"

Sunday

11:30-3:30pm

4:00-7:00pm

Rytm Orchestra
Goodies Oldies
with DJ Al Goodwin

Festival Hours:

Saturday, Sept. 8th 4:00-10:00 pm

Sunday, Sept. 9th 11:30- 7:00 pm



Calling All Scouts and Scout Leaders!

Join us for one of two great training opportunities for scouts and their leaders. Both sessions will be held at the Pastoral Center in Bloomfield on September 15, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Catholic Religious Emblem Training

Are you a scout leader who would you like to help your scouts reach important and meaningful goals? Then learn to counsel scouts on how they can acquire their distinctive religious emblems including the Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius and Adult Awards. You won't regret helping young people achieve these important milestones.

Boy Scout Chaplain Aide Training

Is your faith an integral part of your life, including your scouting activities? Then being a chaplain's aide may be a great consideration for you. This session will prepare you to serve and support those of many different religious beliefs, while enriching your own faith life.

For more information about these and other Catholic Scouting programs, contact:

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OEEC - Coordinator of Catholic Scouting

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RETRouvaille WEEKEND



Retrouvaille
...a lifeline for Marriages

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 September 21-23, 2018. For information, call confidentially **1-800-470-2230**, email chervlandsteve@cox.net, or go to our website www.helpourmarriage.com for information & registration. Retrouvaille is a Catholic-based program, which recently received Canonical recognition, and is an avenue for couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage.