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BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners 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.



5th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

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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:

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays 9:30-10:30am

Rosary: 8:30 am, daily

Chaplet: following daily Mass

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12 Noon



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, February 11
9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, February 12
9:00 Sam Riela, requested by the family

WEDNESDAY, February 13
9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, February 14
9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, February 15
9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, February 16
4:00 Manda Koch, requested by
Russell and Diane Koch

SUNDAY, February 17
7:30 Special Intentions
9:30 Megan Whitney, requested by
the Argay and DeLorenzo Families
11:00 John O'Neill, requested by Heidi O'Neill



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, February 11

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church
MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church.

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

Young Adult Bible Study: 2nd/4th Mondays, 7:30pm (Activity Rm)
Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 7:15pm in Rm. 3

TUESDAY, February 12

RCIA (morning group): 9:30am in Room 3
St. Ann Playgroup: 10am in the Activity Room
RCIA (evening group): 7pm in Room 3
Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, February 13

John Bible Study: 9:30am in Rooms 2 & 3
Acts Bible Study: 6:30pm in Room 3

THURSDAY, February 14

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church
Traditional Choir: 2pm in the Choir Loft
St. Ann Cares Meeting: 7pm in Room 2
Folk/Contemporary Choir: 7:30pm in the Choir Loft


FRIDAY, February 15

Acts Bible Study: 9:30am in Room

SATURDAY, February 16

Men's Breakfast Group: 8am in Room 3

SUNDAY, February 17

 **Parish Coffee:** after 9:30am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall
(sponsored by our Marthas + Marys ministry)
Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures: 10:30am in Rm. 3

Please join us after Mass this
weekend for the 10th Annual
Art Show & Sale

Fr. Bennett Hall

Saturday, February 9th:

11:00-5:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 10th:

8:00am - 12:30pm

Enjoy work by emerging and adult professional artists
Consider a unique gift for a special person
Come to buy or just to appreciate the artistic creativity
Refreshments will be served
(Proceeds from sales benefit the St. Ann Scholarship Committee)

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

THIS Sunday, February 10th

2:30 - 3:30pm
in the church



Let's beg for God's Mercy and the outpouring
of His Healing Love. Please join us for this
powerful devotion.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

More details are at stannavon.com, or contact Director of AFF, Ann DiStefano: ann.distefano@stannavon.com (860) 673-9858, x.228

Winter/Spring Offerings to Deepen Your Relationships with God and Others

Encounter God in the Bible

"Unpacking the Sunday Scriptures" helps you make personal connections to the Sunday readings through the lens of historical context and the popular *Lectio Divina* prayer method.

Drop ins welcome! All materials provided.

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

Adult Confirmation

Have you been baptized and received First Communion, but were never confirmed as a youth? Give yourself the blessing of Adult Confirmation. Our seven-week preparation series will run February 21st through April 4th. The Confirmation ceremony is May 14, 2019.

Parenting with Purpose

Join us for our engaging video series on parenting on CCD Sundays at Avon Middle School, Room 228.

* 9am - For K-4th Grade parents (**Childcare for babies-preK is available at this session - sign up by Thurs prior with babysitters Lisa, lrg1010@comcast.net AND Paula, uconnloves@att.net**)

* 5:45pm - For 5th-8th Grade parents


Farmington Valley Young Adult Group

Come to encounter Jesus in His Word and in community. Men's and women's small groups available as well as occasional social get together! Join our Facebook Group: Farmington Valley Young Adult Group

For details please contact:

Kylie Brasel at 860-951-6211 or kylie.brasel13@gmail.com

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*The
St. Ann
Welcoming
Ministry
invites you to
join us for*

Wine & Cheese

*after the 4pm Mass
on Saturday,
February 23, 2019
in Fr. Bennett Hall*

SNACKS FOR CHILDREN WILL BE PROVIDED

Confirmation 2019 Saturday, March 2nd 11:00am



Please keep our 78 Year-Two Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit!

Check Us Out... On Instagram!



Did you know the Church of Saint Ann is on social media? Like us on Facebook (facebook.com/stannavon) and follow us on Instagram @churchofsaintannavon to stay up-to-date on what's going on in our parish community!

It's That Time of Year Again...

If you are a registered parishioner using envelopes or online giving, and would like a copy of our records of your weekly envelope contributions, please e-mail Kris in the Parish Office: kris.martino@stannavon.com or call 860-673-9858, ext. 221. Note: Contributions to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are mailed separately from the Archdiocese.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

January 27, 2019: \$9,647.71

February 3, 2019: \$6,877.31

Online Giving (week ending 2/6/19): \$2,556.00

Next weekend's 2nd collection:
none

Church of St. Ann

Celebrating Our

100th Anniversary

As part of our 100th anniversary celebration, St. Ann's Church is planning a historical exhibit at the Avon Free Public Library during the months of July and August, 2019. This will be a dual exhibit with the Avon Congregational Church, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary. The exhibit will be in the History Corner, and St. Ann will be using the tack-board wall and metal shelves to the right of the glass case. If you have items (photos, old documents, etc.) that you would like to share for the exhibit, please contact Jean Frey at 860-673-1949. It would be nice to be able to include photos or memories related to the first church on Mt. View Avenue as well as our current church. Copies could be made of any photos.

Sandwich Sunday 2019



HEARTS & SOULS

This Sunday!

Ministering to body, mind and spirit, the Health Ministry offers blood pressure screening, health counseling and referrals to our community of faith. Office hours are generally the 2nd Sunday of each month from 8:15-11am in the Sacristy (2nd door on the left as you enter the vestibule of the church). No appointment necessary.

Marthas + Marys

Book Discussion

The Invisible Wall, by Harry Bernstein

Thursday, February 21st - Activity Room
(snow date is February 28th)



Sandwich Sunday a Huge Success!

Thank you to the hundreds of participants who brought ingredients to Fr. Bennett Hall and made sandwiches for the hungry in Hartford this past Sunday. We delivered 903 sandwiches (nearly double last year's quantity!!) and dozens of homemade St. Valentine's Day cards to ImmaCare and Mercy Shelters and the Cathedral Food Pantry. With such a windfall, we also made a spontaneous delivery to McKinney Shelter, whose clients were so grateful to have fresh meat and cheese sandwiches on Superbowl Sunday! Thanks to broader publicity, several people from the greater community joined our sandwich ministry this year, to "do something kind for people in need." At each sandwich-making session, we talked about the factors that contribute to hunger and homelessness (poverty, abuse, mental and physical illness, etc.), asked for God's blessing on the food, and prayed that our gesture of love would alleviate some of our recipients' suffering.

Mark your calendar for next year's Sandwich Sunday, February 2, 2020!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Have you ever participated in various trust exercises, where you have to place your faith in others around you? Maybe it was falling backwards with your eyes closed while the person's voice speaking to you seemed to drift further away. Maybe it was jumping from a height into people's arms that didn't seem strong enough to catch you. These activities were supposed to show you the meaning of trust and help grow that trust in you for your comrades. Sometimes it worked. Other times, some prankster would actually let you fall, and then you learned to trust no one. So much for building up our ability to trust.

Trust is important, especially in our relationship with Jesus. He calls us all the time and asks for us to trust. However, because of doubt or a desire to follow our own will, we choose to disregard his request. After objecting to Jesus' request to lower his net into the water, Peter was humbled when he caught so much fish that the net began to tear. Peter was a fisherman by trade. Surely he knew what the catch was probably going to be that day. But Jesus asked him to follow his will. Peter wanted to follow his own. Peter realized that his trust from then on should be in the Lord.

Do you sometimes think your generosity will bear little fruit? Do you wonder if your surrender to God in stewardship living really amounts to much at all? Trust in Jesus, the one who calls you to this life. His word is truth, and he would never let you fall.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

QUOTES

Words to Inspire the Faithful

Community is a sign that love is possible...

-Jean Vanier

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

PSALM:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

SECOND READING:

Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

GOSPEL:

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10b-11)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 10, 2019

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c
[31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/
Lk 6:17, 20-26

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Do you have enough? Many of us come from a nation of material abundance. We have all the things we could possibly need not only to survive, but to thrive - food, shelter, mental ability, income, access to medical care. Most people in human history lived with far less than we. So why are we so dissatisfied? Some Christians can be drawn to the "prosperity Gospel." This is the idea that following God will bring us material abundance in this life.

That surely seems to be the story of today's Gospel! Peter and his friends chose - with some faith - to put out their nets a final time at Jesus' command. "They caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking." What gift! What abundance! What prosperity! Peter and his friends caught more fish than they'd ever seen. Yet what is their response to this material abundance, this gift from God? They leave it behind. "When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."

Praying for God to meet our physical, material needs is not a bad thing! Jesus himself includes "give us this day our daily bread" in the prayer he teaches his disciples. The question is, how do we respond when our prayers are answered? Do we thank God briefly, or perhaps ignore Him completely and move on with our lives? Or do we respond as Peter did? "God? You showed up in an area that has no bearing on my eternal salvation. You gave me a gift I didn't even really need. You love me! You really do love me." Is our gratitude only surface level? Or do we allow ourselves, like Peter did, to respond with wonder, awe, and deeper discipleship?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Have you ever felt a compelling urge to respond to a situation and then found yourself questioning whether you should do so? Fear often takes hold of us, and we find ourselves making excuses for why it is better to just mind our own business. There is a voice within each of us that is saying, "Follow me". What does this prompting mean? The purpose of discipleship is not to secure our own station in life and enhance our comfort zone. Discipleship is about taking risks and venturing forth into the unknown, tending to the needs of others and being prophetic voices of change. We will not drink deeply of life until we listen to the voice of God within. When God asks, "Whom shall I send?", will you reply, "Here I am? send me!"?

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Light a spiritual fire in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 1-3, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT and Jul 12-14, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

Birthright Needs You!

Birthright needs gently worn maternity and baby clothing. Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship, counseling and practical support. Our guiding principle: It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Birthright has served in Connecticut since 1972 and helped thousands of mothers and babies. There are 8 Birthright locations in our state. Please call 1-800-550-4900 for the Birthright nearest you to arrange for drop off. You may also call if you wish to volunteer. Training is provided. Thank you.

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, Hartford

Group Spiritual Direction
Every Tuesday: 12:30-1:30pm

Group Spiritual Direction refers to the active conversation centering on the relationship with God/Divine Presence/Higher Power of what is life-giving. Every Tuesday after the 12:05pm Mass, two Spiritual Directors gather with all who attend for reflection on the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday Mass. As companions on the journey, the directors listen for the underlying flow of life (often named 'spirit') in the reading while facilitating conversation within the group. Please join us!

To register please call our Parish Office at 860-675-4034.
Free, well-lit parking is available in the Saints Surface Parking Lot across from the Franciscan Center

Seeing the sun, the moon & the stars, I said to myself,
"Who could be the master of these beautiful things?"
I felt a great desire to see him, to know him & to pay him homage.
—ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA