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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.

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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son." - Mt 22:2

MASS SCHEDULE:

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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:

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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

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tues.- Fri. 9:30–9:40am in the Sanctuary

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon

October 11, 2020



28th Sunday in **Ordinary Time**



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, October 12

Lectio Divina Live !: 7:15pm via Zoom*

TUESDAY, October 13

Walking with Purpose: 10am in Fr. Bennett Hall RCIA: 7:15pm in the Activity Room

WEDNESDAY, October 14

Wednesday Morning Study Group: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall Unemployment Support: 3-5pm via Zoom * Walking with Purpose: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, October 15

The Bible Timeline: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church (wear face masks/social distance) Pray the Rosary with us, Live: 1pm by our Holy Family Statue (or in FB Hall is hot/rainy - see page 4 for instructions) St. Ann Cares Meeting: 7pm Fr. Bennett Hall (masks/social distance)

FRIDAY. October 16

Lectio Divina Live !: 9:45am via Zoom*

SATURDAY, October 17

SUNDAY, October 18 Lectio Divina Livel: 10:30am10:30 am via Zoom*

Masks & social distancing required at all times! * Instructions on how to work Zoom are on our website, under the COVID-19 tab.



We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our 2020 Annual Parish Collection. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated.

This year's collection is critically important due to the pandemic which has greatly reduced our parish revenue over the past six months. COVID-19 has certainly changed all of our lives. We have lost loved ones, members of our parish and local community. Our Lord calls us to press forward to serve those in need, to think and act on behalf of others. Last year we received donations from around 26% of our parishioners. Our hope is that more parish families will consider participating this year. As always, making a contribution that is based on your means and circumstances. Thank you!

MONDAY, October 12

9:00 Tom and Ella Heavren, requested by Tom and Pat Heavren

TUESDAY. October 13 9:00

Phyllis Folia, requested by the family

WEDNESDAY, October 14

Martin E. Pariseault, requested by 9:00 his wife, Betty Sullivan

THURSDAY, October 15

9:00 **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY. October 16

9:00 Diane and Seymour Sard, requested by Mr. and Mrs. James Samia

SATURDAY. October 17

Leonie Lozier, requested by 4:00 Doris and Lionel Cvr

SUNDAY. October 18

- 7:30 Ramon Go, requested by Numer and Ethel deGuia
- 9:30 Ann Tromza, requested by Mary Jane Jeter
- **11:00** Richard Dean Kennedy, requested by the parish staff

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the Gospel of life. "... We cannot simultaneously commit ourselves to human rights and progress while eliminating or marginalizing the weakest among us. Nor can we practice the Gospel of life only as a private piety. American Catholics must live it vigorously and publicly, as a matter of national leadership and witness, or we will not live it at all" (US Bishops, Living the Gospel of Life, 1998, n. 20).



Sign up for Adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament!**

St. Ann's Parish is again taking part in the 40 Days for Life Campaign sponsored by the Archdiocese. There are two parts to this peaceful and prayerful mission. We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, October 18th following the Divine Mercy Holy Hour and continuing until 8am on Monday, October 19th. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THEPOSTERS IN THE GATHERING SPACE. We must have 2 adorers for each hour. Thank you in advance for your support with our parish's Pro-Life Mission.



By the words of the priest, "This is my Body." "This is My Blood.", there is a change in the substance of the bread and wine. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. (The Council of Trent) Therefore, we receive NOT a symbol, but the LIVING Presence of Jesus. We know this because of Jesus' words in the Gospel of John 6:6, "I Myself am the living bread come down from Heaven." The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that, "The Eucharist is the LIVING heart of the Church."

<u>Reflection</u>: Jesus told St. Faustina, the saint of Divine Mercy, that after receiving Him in Holy Communion "People treat Me like a dead object." (The Diary of Saint Faustina) After receiving Holy Communion, do we treat Our Lord as a dead object or are we aware that the LIVING God is intimately present to us and within us? The Holy Eucharist is NOT a thing. It is the LIVING Person of Jesus the Christ.

Please join us each week as we probe the depths of this Sacrament of Sacraments.



Divine Mercy Holy Hour NEXT Sunday, October 18th 2:30-3:30pm in the church

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated at St. Ann's on Sunday, October 18th from 2:30-3:30 p.m. The recitation of the rosary will follow to honor Our Lady on the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Please join us for these powerful devotions.

Mary Lou Connors to Receive Social Justice Award

Mary Lou Connors will be honored with the Most Reverend Donnelly Award! The Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry honors individuals and organizations for significant contributions to the achievement of the Catholic vision of social justice. Recipients will have shown evidence of motivation by the principles of justice and charity revealed in biblical literature and church teachings.

Join us in honoring Mary Lou - on Zoom, Tuesday, October 20, for a special VIRTUAL gathering. Festivities will include a keynote address by Kimberly Mazyck from Catholic Charities USA, "Grab Your Knapsack – We have a House to Build," and annual Social Justice Awards. Program will begin at 7 pm. Registration is FREE for all but is required. To register or for more information, visit:

http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/annual-dinnergathering.html.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

We have many offerings to keep you connected and enriched during social distancing! Please visit <u>https://www.stannavon.org/spiritual-enrichment-during-covid-19-crisis</u> for instructions on using Zoom and for links to access our Zoom video meetings.

Lectio Divina, Live!

Find God's message to you in the coming Sunday Gospel reading through the popular *lectio divina* prayer practice. Meets weekly via Zoom:

- + Sun, 10:30 with Chip Janiszewski
- + Mon, 7:15pm with Jim Serruta
- + Fri, 9:45 am with Ann DiStefano

Hungry For More?

Are you a non Catholic, or a Catholic who was baptized only? Are you finding that satisfying your appetites doesn't satisfy your deepest hunger? Perhaps it's time to look more closely at this persistent desire for meaning that won't let it-self be pushed away. St. Ann's RCIA team is a friendly, welcoming group of Catholics who love to help seekers explore a deeper relationship with God. Come spend some time with one of us, at your convenience. No pressure, no obligation; just conversation and an invitation to find what fills you up. Contact: <u>ann.distefano@stannavon.com</u>.

The Kerygma:

- 1) God is Love and created us for relationship with Him.
- 2) When we make unloving choices (sin) we damage our relationship with God/self/others.
- 3) Jesus restores this relationship through his life, death and resurrection.
- 4) Jesus invites us to new life by living like Him now, and with Him forever.
- 5) When we accept Jesus' invitation, we receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to empower us to love.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

October 2020: For those attending Mass, we have placed Offertory baskets placed within the church. For others, if possible, please consider continuing to support St. Ann via U.S. Mail or Online Giving (via our website) during these challenging times. Thank You! Online Giving Sept. 30-Oct. 7, 2020: \$4,296.00 The second collection next weekend:

Propagation of the Faith



Join us Monday, Oct 26, 7:30pm on Zoom for a live interview with Dr. Thomas Finn, a Catholic clinical psychologist. He will discuss the myriad mental health challenges we are facing in these times (anxiety, anger, fear, depression), and offer strategies for coping. Details to come.

ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR WEEKLY E-MAIL NEWSLETTER?

If you're not receiving a weekly newsletter from St. Ann via email on Fridays it means we either don't have an email for you or that the email we have on file is not current. If you would like to receive the e-newsetter, please call or email Kris in the Parish Office to update your email address. Thanks! 860-673-9858, x.221 or kris.martino@stannavon.com (note: check your spam/junk folder in case it went there)



Guidelines and Sign-Up Information for Attending Mass In Person

Guidelines from the Archdiocese of Hartford

- Face masks/coverings required.
- Please bring hand sanitizer for use during the liturgy.
- There will be limits on the number of socially distanced persons that may be present at a given Mass. Due to our limit of 100 we will need to have sign-ups. (see below)
- Dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation has been extended through Nov. 28th, so the elderly, those with pre-existing conditions, even those who are anxious need not be concerned if they miss Mass. Continue to watch from home.

You can find more information about attending Mass in person and the links to sign up for Masses on our website: stannavon.org/mass-times. If you aren't able to sign up online, please call the Parish Office and let Kris know the date, time, family name and number attending and she will do it for you.

Discerning Your Vote

With local and national elections coming up, please take a look at the helpful materials from the US Council of Catholic Bishops on our parish website: **stannavon.org/faithful-**

citizenship. These resources will NOT tell you who to vote for, but rather, they will guide you in how to form your conscience so you can make your choices with greater clarity and peace. Topics include:

- What Does it Mean to Form My Conscience
- Knowing Catholic Social Teaching is Key to Faithful Citizenship
- Fostering Civilized Dialogue
- A Prayer for the Election





Unemployment Support

3-5pm on Wednesdays via Zoom

A weekly, virtual networking meeting to share your experiences coping with job loss to help everyone navigate the transition back to employment. If you prefer more anonymity you may call (646) 558-8656 and use meeting code 3671752517.

Upcoming discussion topics: October 14: Networking for introverts

For more information contact: BrianJud@comcast.net Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/3671572517 (Zoom tutorial at: www.stannavon.org/zoom-tutorial)

Did You Know You Can Support the Church of St. Ann Just By Shopping on Amazon? Psst: Amazon Prime Day is Oct 13/14!

You can make a difference while you shop Amazon Prime Day deals on October 13 & 14. Simply shop at <u>smile.amazon.com/ch/06-0658084</u> or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app and AmazonSmile donates to the Church of St. Ann.

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OCTOBER 11, 2020 - 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Respond with Love

Do you remember a time when you spent much time or money on a surprise or gift for someone else and they failed to appreciate it? We do open ourselves up to disappointment if our expectations do not match the response. Perhaps we reached down deep to share a part of ourselves only to encounter apathy and insensitivity. That can hurt even if the person ignoring our gesture meant no ill will toward us.

What must God feel like when we fail to respond to what He has done for us. We probably do not purposefully slight God, but perhaps we are so busy and mindless that it becomes impossible to be responsive and mindful. We can miss the gift of God which is right before our eyes.

It is very difficult to be a good steward if we do not intentionally choose to be mindful. We miss the important stuff in life, and we neglect those placed in our path as gifts to enrich our lives. If we are to live as Jesus asks, we must work on focusing our eyes of faith on the things that matter and the gifts we have been given. If we are made in the image of God, I suppose we can guess how God might feel when His gifts are not acknowledged, or His love not returned. If I reflect on the One who loves me more than anyone, how can I choose to not offer my love in return?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Come to the feast! God calls us to participate in the banquet of life, a banquet that can fill and satisfy us like no other. It is a spiritual feast where we kind find inner refreshment and satisfy the thirst and hunger of our souls. Do you want to come? Every human being receives an invitation; no one is excluded. There is no charge and an abundant table is set. Some will blatantly refuse. They see no merit in attending and feel that they can fill their needs in other ways. Others will simply ignore the invitation. Maybe they are too consumed with other matters they feel are more important at the time. Still others may even get angry and feel deep resentment for even being asked, resorting to acts of violence in protest of the very presence of the feast. In spite of this, many will also come. They will be the good and the bad, the lost and the lonely, and the ones who understand. They know love when they see it. When they go to the feast, they will rejoice and be glad as they will have found the God for whom they looked!

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

He will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. (Is 25:8)

Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen. (Phil 4:19-20)

Gospel:

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. (Mt 22:9-10)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of October 11, 2020

Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14,
	19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7
	[cf. 2]/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/	
-	Mt 22:15-21

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come.

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

St. Paul Catholic High School Open House

St. Paul Catholic High School has announced its' in-person **open house tour dates for this Fall**. If you or someone you know has a prospective student looking to attend St. Paul in the 2020 or 2021 school years this is the open house you'll want to visit. All tours are by appointment and each family will follow a socially distanced, guided walk around our campus building. St. Paul is taking all safety precautions for the in-person tours. Come with your mask and we will have the hand sanitizer and follow our one-way halls! Visit <u>spchs.com/openhouse</u> to register for an appointment time on **Saturday, October 24** starting at 10am or on **Saturday, November 21** starting at 10am with the last appointment being 1pm.

Also, St. Paul Catholic High School has scheduled two **Placement Exam dates** for prospective grade 9 and grade 10 students. The Placement Exam is a standardized test that incoming students take which evaluates their performance levels in math, language and reading. This exam will be held at the school on **Saturday**, **November 7 and Saturday**, **December 12 both beginning at 8:00am**. To register visit <u>spchs.com/placementexam</u>.

Our Lady of Calgary Retreat Center Farmington, CT



Relationships of Compassion: Jesus and Women

Join Sister Mary Ann on Zoom on on October 14 @ 1:00-3:00 pm, for this free program rescheduled from the summer. Please sign up again, even if you previously registered in the summer. To register go to: https:// www.ourladyofcalvary.net/event/relationshipsof-compassion-jesus-and-women/

> Visit: ourladyofcalvary.net for all of their upcoming events/retreats.

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Tom Hegna, CLU, ChFC, CASL, is an award-winning author, speaker and economist. He is an industry leader and is considered by many as "The Retirement Income Expert." Tom has presented at over 5,000 seminars, helping seniors and baby boomers build lasting retirement plans. You're invited to join our webinar where Tom will share his 7 steps to a secure retirement. Register today to reserve your spot. <u>http://KoFCNewEngland.2.vu/Hegna</u> Tuesday Evening October 13 at 7:00 P.M.

Human Trafficking and COVID 19: A Dangerous Combination Thursday, October 15, 2020, 7–8 pm

The novel coronavirus pandemic has impacted nearly every aspect of society. In particular, it has aided in the rise of sex trafficking on national and global levels. Victims are being exploited through the internet, gaming platforms, web cams, and chat rooms. What is happening in CT? What can be done to protect our children? Tammy M. Sneed, the Director of Connecticut's Human Anti-trafficking Response Team for DCF, will share some insights on how the pandemic is affecting human trafficking in CT and the nation. Annmarie Boulay, co-founder of The Underground, will share some of the challenges faced by survivors and how the Underground is assisting them during this time.

This event is co-sponsored by The Underground CT and The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford. Advanced Registration is required:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Yrhd8RyMRfWOnRuoYEa5RQ? utm_source=September+2020+Newsletter&utm_campaign=ENews+2015.09.15&utm _medium=email

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information

COVID-19 RESOURCES: VISIT: www.archdioceseofhartford.org/coronavirus for all Archdiocesan pandemic related updates

Please visit St. Ann's website: www.stannavon.org Look under the "COVID-19" tab for updates and spiritual enrichment ideas for adults, children & families.

Check out St. Ann's YouTube Channel! There is a link on our website or you can visit us & subscribe at:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCQb8GEZT_REAvzOGVM4_9UA?view_as=subscriber



Mass: If you are unable to attend Mass here are some options to watch at home

- The Office of Radio and Television of the Archdiocese of Hartford broadcasts Mass every day at 10:00am on WCCT. Channel 11 on our local cable. It is celebrated by one of our own Archdiocesan priests in the ORTV studio.
- Bishop Robert Barron: "Word on Fire" Daily Mass webpage: www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/
- EWTN, either on your TV or online at: www.ewtn.com