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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.

Church of Saint Ann

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PENTEGOST SUNDAY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming." - Jn 16:13

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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:

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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

May 23, 2021

Pentecost

Sunday



MONDAY, May 24

9:00 Special Intentions

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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

This Week at St. Ann

MONDAY, May 24

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church Lectio Divina, Live!: 7:15pm via Zoom*

TUESDAY, May 25

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom The Power of Positivity Presentation: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall & Zoom

WEDNESDAY, May 26

Wednesday Morning Study Group: 9:30am in Father Bennett Hall Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom * 33 Days to Morning Glory : 7pm in Activity Room (& via Zoom*)

THURSDAY, May 27 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, May 28 Lectio Divina, Livel: 9:45am via Zoom*

SATURDAY, May 29

SUNDAY, May 30 Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am via Zoom*

- Face masks & social distancing required -

* Zoom Instructions are on our website, under the COVID-19 tab.

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The Francine M. Sider Memorial Scholarship

Fr. McHugh is delighted to announce the Francine M. Sider Memorial Scholarship which is available to St. Ann 8th Graders that will be entering a Catholic high school in Fall 2021.

The application is available on our webpage under the "Resources" tab. You can also stop by or call the Parish Office for a copy.

Don't delay as the deadline is June 4, 2021!

If you have any questions please contact Jane Ellen Peregrin at: jep325@hotmail.com.

on Earth, requested by Judith Stafford & David Woolley

TUESDAY, May 25

9:00

WEDNESDAY, May 26

9:00 Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy, requested by the Parish of St. Ann

For Divine Peace, Divine Love and Divine Will

THURSDAY, May 27

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, May 28

9:00 Charles and Pauline Allen, requested by Kenna Daly

SATURDAY, May 29

4:00 In celebration of the Ordination of Fr. McHugh, requested by the Parish of St. Ann

SUNDAY, May 30

- 7:30 Special Intentions
- 9:30 Charles Allen, requested by the Cody Family
- 11:00 Edwin Cruz, requested by Eileen & Julius Comia







St. Ann Graduate Blessing

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021 7:00 PM Outside, in Front

OF THE CHURCH

Please join us for the St. Ann Graduate Blessing! We welcome all High School Seniors and their family & friends.

Please bring lawn chairs if you wish to be seated.

The Holy Eucharist DID γου KNOW?

The Blessed Mother conceived the Infant Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is also by the power of the Holy Spirit that our priests are able to consecrate the bread and wine at Mass into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. Therefore through the Holy Spirit, the priests give us the Holy Eucharist.

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. This "Spiritus Sanctus" is the Love between the Heavenly Father and His Beloved Son, Jesus. The Father is the Creator. The Son is the Redeemer. The Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier. This Third Divine Person is the one who enables the sanctification of our souls. He does this in the most perfect way by enabling the priest to give us Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

<u>Reflection:</u> Spend some time on Pentecost Sunday thanking the Holy Spirit for His great gifts of grace, which make us holy. Especially thank Him for making the Holy Eucharist possible from the very first Mass on Holy Thursday to the current Mass we are attending today.

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



Unemployment Support 3-5pm 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.

For more information: BrianJud@comcast.net. Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/3671572517 * (Zoom tutorial on our website under the Covid-19 tab)

Upcoming discussion topics:

May 26: Tips for telephone interviewing June 2: No meeting June 9: Open discussion June 19: Zoom interviewing techniques June 23: Open discussion The Power of Positivity:

Turning OBSTACLES into Opportanities

Finding Fulfillment in Life's Journey...

Presentation by professional consultant Chip Janiszewski Tuesday, May 25 at 7pm In Fr. Bennett Hall AND via Zoom

<u>CHOOSE</u> to look at life's challenges as God's invitation to growth... <u>RESPOND</u> to those challenges guided by your POSITIVE MIND-SET, a MUST for identifying new opportunities for a fulfilling life...

This interactive session will provide you with tools and take-aways for developing and maintaining a Positive Mindset—and practical examples for applying it—to turn obstacles into opportunities personally, professionally, spiritually...

RSVP by May 21 to ames.distefano@gmail.com







Faith Formation Registration 2021-2022

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!! - Electronic Registration and Payment form all in one!! The link to the online registration form to enroll your children in Faith Formation 2021-2022 can be found by selecting "Registration Info..." under the Faith

Formation tab on our website stannavon.org. *The direct link to the online registration is: osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/faith-formation-registration-2021-2022*

Please register by July 1st, 2021 to guarantee a spot for your children in class.

Please do not hold up your family's registration because of financial issues. We are happy to make arrangements that work for your family. All information is confidential. Please contact our Registrar, Jennifer Soucy, with any questions at: jennifer.soucy@stannavon.com or 860-673-9857, ext. 227.

PENTECOS SUNDAY

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 5/16/21: \$4,834.75 Online Giving (May 12-19, 2021): \$2,967.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *none*





God Has a Personal Message for You!

Join us for the popular *Lectio Divina* way of praying scripture, where you listen for what

God is saying to you in the Gospel for the coming Sunday. It's also a great way to connect with others, and engage more fully in Mass. Friendly groups meet via Zoom Sundays at 10:30am, Mondays at 7:15pm, and Fridays at 9:45am. Newcomers welcome!

Honor a Veteran with an Engraved Paver at Veterans Memorial Way



We are once again taking orders for engraved pavers at our beautiful

Veterans Memorial Way at St. Ann Cemetery! Each paver purchased will be engraved with a veteran's name and information regarding their service. Pavers may honor veterans who are living or deceased. If you are purchasing a brick in honor of a deceased veteran, it is not required that they are buried at St. Ann's Cemetery. Order forms are available through the Parish Office or you can download and print on our website: stannavon.org/veterans-memorial-way-at-st-ann-cemetery.

Collection for Shelters

Thanks so much to everyone who has continued to support ImmaCare shelter throughout these difficult times. Meals have been delivered and supplies dropped off throughout the pandemic, thanks to the generosity of the St. Ann community.

There will be another big "parking lot collection" on Friday, May 28th from 3:30-5pm in the St. Ann parking lot. Some of the items collected will go to Prudence Crandall shelter for women/ children and the rest to ImmaCare. For safety reasons, everything has to be new, and in original packaging. Both shelters need so much but here is a list of the items that are top requests. If you wish to make a money donation it will be gladly accepted..

Questions? Please email kfinocchio@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for your support!

<u> 9tems Needed:</u>

Gift cards/ grocery/ Walmart/ Target Children's Spring/Summer clothes Twin and full sheet sets Towels (all sizes) Socks T-shirts (Medium through XXX-Large) Boxer Briefs (Medium through XXX-Large) Sweatpants (all sizes) Soap Shampoo Deodorant (men and women) Toothpaste Toothbrushes Razors Mouthwash Lotion Hand Sanitizer



MAY 23, 2021 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

You Don't Have What It Takes - but You Will

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: *Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.*

We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide. *-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

The phrase "being filled with the Holy Spirit" may summon forth images that are a bit too intense for some folks. They may conclude that when one is filled with the Holy Spirit that they immediately begin speaking in tongues, loudly praise God, sing alleluia from roof tops, and do other demonstrative things. In reality, being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It is the Holy Spirit that draws us together as a community of faith, inspires us with wisdom and right judgment, and turns us from the darkness of sin to the virtues that bring life. We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. The Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church, guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced human beings God made us to be. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts! ©LPi

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.Against such there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23)

Gospel:

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." (Jn 15:27, 16:13)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 23, 2021

Sunday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or JI 3:1-5/ Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 <i>Extended Vigil:</i> Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/ Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/ Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 <i>Day:</i> Acts 2:1-11/ Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/ Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday:	Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/ Mk 10:32-45
Thursday:	Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52
Friday:	Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Mk 11:11-26
Saturday:	Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33
Next Sunday:	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/ Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run- of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so. ©LPi

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Reaching Out, Healing Together **2021 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Offered by: The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry, Archdiocese of Hartford

Did you know? . . . The Archdiocesan Social Justice Office has been doing a year-long series on the US Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter against racism "Opening Wide Our Hearts"? Recordings can be found at their website: http:// www.catholicsocialjustice.org/open-wide-our-hearts.html

Have you read? . . . The US Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter against racism called "Open Wide Our Hearts"? You can find it at https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-lifeanddignity/racism/upload/open-wide-our-hearts.pdf

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at

"Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you." Invite God into your marriage on the next English Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on:

Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24 Thursdays/Mondays Jul 8-29

QUILTS2HEAL

will hold a sew/quilt sandwiching day

MONDAY, May 24, 2021 9:30-3:00 in Fr. Bennett Hall. No sewing experience needed

We will be ironing, and do LOTS of pinning of quilt tops and backs and "sandwiching" these together. Quilts are created for those in need of comfort, and for local veterans.

Contact Paula DeSilva quilts2heal@comcast.net, 860.306.7000 or Letha Kunkel lethakunkel@gmail.com

Come for an hour or stav for the day. Many caring hands needed.



See Quilts2Heal.org to see some of our more than 1.500 completed guilts. Thank you!

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<u>How it works:</u>

- 1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
- 2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
- 3. Select "St Anns Church of Avon" as your charity
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app



