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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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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." - Mk 14:24

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

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

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

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon

June 6, 2021

The Most

Holy Body and

Blood of Christ



MONDAY, June 7 9:00 **Special Intentions**

TUESDAY, June 8 9:00 **Special Intentions**

WEDNESDAY, June 9 9:00 **Special Intentions**

THURSDAY, June 10

9:00 In Celebration of the Ordination of Fr Cheah, requested by the Parish of St. Ann

FRIDAY, June 11

9:00 William Sharp, requested by Norby and Suzanne Williamson

SATURDAY. June 12

4:00 Charlie Allen, Sr., requested by the St. Ann MMP Cenacle members

SUNDAY, June 13

- 7:30 **Special Intentions**
- 9:30 Dan Scapellati, requested by Guy and Jane Ellen Peregrin
- 11:00 **Special Intentions**







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.



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, June 7

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, June 8

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, June 9

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, June 10

FRIDAY, June 11

Lectio Divina, Live !: 9:45am via Zoom Outdoor Recitation of the Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 3:15pm in front of statue of the Sacred Heart (inside the church if raining)

SATURDAY, June 12

SUNDAY, June 13

Lectio Divina, Live !: 10:30am via Zoom Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church

Join us for an Divine Mercy for the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Since the next day is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary we will invoke her most powerful intercession.

Friday, June 11th at 3:15pm

Friday, June 11th is the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The "Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group" invites parishioners to join them on Friday, June 11th at 3:15 p.m. for the Recitation of the Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Jesus's Compassionate Heart burns with love for you. Let' offer our heartfelt prayers to prove our love for Him. We will meet outside in the parking lot in front of the Statue of the Sacred Heart or in the church if it is raining. If you prefer to sit, please also bring a lawn chair. Also, please bring a mask with in case we need to go into the church. Thank you so much!

Outdoor Recitation of the Rosary and Chaplet of the



Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church



St. Thomas Aquinas is one of the greatest and most brilliant minds in the roster of the saints. He was chosen to write the liturgy for the Feast of Corpus Christi, the feast we celebrate today. When he finished writing his treatise about the Holy Eucharist in his "Summa Theologia", he was upset. He felt that he had not done justice to the subject. So he took his manuscript and placed it in front of the tabernacle and asked for God's help. In prayer he heard a voice say, "You have written well of me, Thomas. What would you have as a reward?" The saint replied, "Only YOU, Lord."

<u>Reflection:</u> St. Thomas understood that to possess the Divine intimacy of God, is to possess heaven. It is to possess everything. Each of us is so deeply loved by God that we too are called to possess God in the sublime intimacy of the Holy Eucharist. After reception of Holy Communion, we are literally in Christ's heavenly embrace. Are we aware of this, as we return to our pews to pray with recollection? As St. Augustine commented in his "Confessions", "You were with me, Lord, but I was not with you."

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:

June 9: Open discussion June 19: Zoom interviewing techniques June 23: Open discussion June 30: How to handle tough interview questions

Prayer Shawl Ministry

June 14th Meeting is CANCELLED



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume in September.

> Have a wonderful Summer!

It's Food Pantry Garden Time!



Enjoy the outdoors and do something for others - join the Food Pantry Garden team! Help us when you can, with planting, watering, weeding and harvesting. All ages and abilities can participate, and families are especially welcome!



To sign up, email: leo.distefano@comcast.net

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! For registration details and inspiring testimonials, visit: <u>https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live</u>

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 5/30/21: \$4,635.00 Online Giving (May 26, June 2, 2021): \$3,623.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Parish Cemetery

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



June 13, 2021 2:30 - 3:30pm

Please join us for this powerful devotion!

Stop & Shop/Simsbury Bloomin' For Cood to benefit the St. Ann Food Pantry Carden!

For the month of June 2021, the **Church of Saint Ann Food Pantry Garden has been selected to receive a \$1 donation** for every \$9.99 *Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet* with the red circle sticker (*pictured above*) sold at the store located at 498 Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury.

Shroud of Turn Exhibit Fr. Bennett Hall Saturday, June 5th: before & after 4pm Mass, until 6pm Sunday, June 6th: after the 7:30am Mass until 2pm

The Shroud of Turin has long been venerated by the faithful and is believed by many to be the burial cloth of Jesus of Nazareth. The Shroud is one of the most scientifically studied religious icons in history. As science has progressed, so has the speculation on how the image of the crucified man of the Shroud was made.



After decades of exhaustive and medical, historical and scientific research, the Center for the Study of the Passion of the Christ and the Holy Shroud has developed a moving and informative mobile exhibit on the Shroud of Turin.

The centerpiece is a full length canvas replica of the Shroud made by the Shroud of Turin Education and Research Association, Inc.

In addition, the mobile exhibit contains a large crucified corpus showing the wounds of Christ corresponding to the passion narrative in the Gospel accounts and the wounds shown on the Shroud. The exhibit contains over 31 popup display banners detailing the history and science of the Shroud.

JUNE 6, 2021 – THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

We Can Prepare the Upper Room

We all know that person, don't we? Hey, maybe we've even been that person.

"I have a great relationship with God, but I don't go to church regularly. God and I are on good terms. I can talk to Him just fine on my own."

There isn't anything false in these statements. It's important to have an intimate, even conversational prayer relationship with God. But the problem with this attitude is that it implies that churches don't matter. Community worship doesn't matter. Today, we are reminded exactly why that is so untrue. Why we need our parishes, our priests, and each other.

The Body and Blood of Christ — that's what it's all about. If it's not about that, it's not about anything. If we don't have the Eucharist, we're just like the ancient priests, making sacrifices that don't have the power to redeem anybody.

Where do we receive the Body and Blood of Christ? For most of us, it's in our parishes. The altar of sacrifice is also the table we gather in front of, as a family, to become one with Christ in the truest and realest way possible, recreating the scene in the Upper Room over and over again every time Mass is celebrated.

The disciples were commissioned by Christ to prepare the Upper Room for the Last Supper. How can we take up that work ourselves? How can we strengthen the bonds in our spiritual family? How can we serve our parish, always remembering that the table is not meant to be set only for two? -Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

As we gather today to reaffirm our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we are reminded that **we** are also the Body of Christ. The mission of the Gospel calls us to be Christ for others. There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost and feeling lonely, marginalized and oppressed, victimized and abused. Every time we receive the Body (and Blood) of Christ, we are asked to become what we eat. Are we willing to step aside from our preoccupations and concerns so that we can be Christ for others? The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us. In r eceiving this transforming presence of Christ, we can truly effect change in the lives of those we meet. We can show them God's unconditional, ever-present love and the beauty that can come from loving others. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go. ©LPi

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his." (Ex 24:8)

Psalm:

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps 116) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. (Heb 9:14)

Gospel:

He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." (Mk 14:24)

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of June 6, 2021

Sunday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/ Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Monday:	2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9]/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 [135a]/ Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/ Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/ls 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/ Jn 19:31-37
Saturday:	2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday:	Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/ Mk 4:26-34

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, "the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist." What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God's love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us." Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God's unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.

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Reaching Out, Healing Together 2021 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

It is fundamental that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the catholic ministries and programs as indicated in the 2021 Appeal literature, which can be found at: https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/.

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That, according to the Bureau of Justice, 17% of human Did you know? . . . trafficking victims in the US are Asian? Watch the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry's The Asian American Experience at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTvWn68Jr3s

That the National Congress of American Indians found that an Did you know? estimated 40% of women who are victims of sex trafficking identify as American Indian, Alaska Native, or First Nations? Watch the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry webinar on Race & Human trafficking: https://youtu.be/GtyqC5-s2dM

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 https://wwmectw.org/.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is the most precious gift that God has given to each one of us. Allow God to give you grace in abundance and transform your marriage relationship. Sign up today for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Thursdays/ Mondays Jul 8-29

Save a life. Contact Congress.

WHAT

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

HOW

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century

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WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS?

Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

TAKE ACTION

Sign the petition to Congress at NoTaxpayerAbortion.com!

New in the Amazon app

Sign up to generate donations while you shop, at no extra cost

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Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "St Anns Church of Avon" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

<u>How it works:</u>

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



