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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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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. - Mk 6:7

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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

MMP Cenacle: Mondays at 7:15pm

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

Holy Hour: Thursdays at 12noon

July 11, 2021



MONDAY, July 12 9:00 Peter Pavlik, requested by the family

TUESDAY, July 13 9:00 John "Jack" Murphy, requested by his family

WEDNESDAY, July 14 9:00 In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

THURSDAY, July 15 9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, July 16 9:00 Matthew Byron, requested by the family

SATURDAY, July 17 4:00 Pauline Innarelli, requested by a friend

SUNDAY, July 18

- 7:30 Edwin Lysak, requested by Marcia Lysak
- 9:30 Elizabeth Basil, requested by
- Leo and Ann DiStefano

11:00 Special Intentions

To schedule Mass Intentions, please call or email Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or kris.martino@stannavon.com.





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, July 12

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!: not meeting this summer, will resume in Fall

TUESDAY, July 13

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, July 14

Wednesday Morning Study Group: 9:30am in the Activity Room Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom

THURSDAY, July 15

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, July 16 Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, July 17

SUNDAY, July 18 Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am via Zoom

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Hyde Saves Lives!

Please respond to EWTN Pro Life Weekly's Call to Action to ask Congress/your Representative to protect the Hyde Amendment. You can do this by going to:

https://sba-list.quorum.us/campaign/33455/

Once there you can either use their link to Facebook OR just fill in your name, email and address which will do this for you!

You can also follow the instructions below to sign a petition to 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.

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!

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WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 7/4/21: \$9,816.10 Online Giving (June 30,-July 7 2021): \$3,933.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: monthly and also one for the Mission Cooperative Appeal



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

The source of our Life, Faith, Charity and Virtue are all contained in the Holy Eucharist. Why? Simply because CHRIST is the source of all that is good, true, pure and beautiful.

St. Peter Julian Eymard stated, "Let us never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life."

<u>Reflection:</u> The evils, turmoil, injustices, violence and ugliness which permeate our world can trace their roots back to a lack of love, reverence, prayer and respect for God. As our society embraces a more pagan lifestyle, the only sure source of recourse can be found in a return to the worship of God. God does not need our worship, but we humans certainly need to worship Him. And knowing this, Jesus is there waiting for us in the tabernacle of every Catholic Church and in every Communion Host.

> What is the name of the holy sacrament that is for people who are in danger of dying or have a serious illness? (answer on Bulletin Board page)

- A. Holy Orders
- B. Sacrament of Reconciliation
- C. Anointing of the Sick
- D. Penance

Unemployment Support

3-5pm Wednesdays via Zoom

A weekly Q&A meeting with a discussion of a job-search topic of interest to attendees. 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)

Looking for Things to Do with the Kids this Summer? Why Not Volunteer to Help with the Food Pantry Garden!





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, and Fridays at 9:45am. Newcomers welcome!

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

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:

What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful ©LPi



GOOD SUMMER READ!

Founder of the world's largest gang-intervention and rehabilitation program, Fr. Greg shakes up our ideas about God as he gently and humorously leads us through stories about finding kinship with others and peace within ourselves. Be surprised and inspired!

> *For questions/RSVP/Zoom link: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

Books available via smile.amazon.com (designate "St. Anns Church of Avon" as your preferred charity) or at bookstores.

JULY 11, 2021 - 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

What We Carry from Town to Town

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been — whether it's a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of July 11, 2021

14 or 1:3-10/
–11:1
1:20-24
-27
/Mt 11:28-30
8 [13]/
12:14-21
6:30-34
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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel." (Am 12:15)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. (Eph 1:3-4)

Gospel:

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. (Mk 6:7)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

God calls us to bring His Word to all corners of the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives: our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the wisdom of the world as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one on one, face to face. When the rubber meets the road and the message is challenging, rejection is quite possible. That's the litmus test for whether we're really doing what we have been asked.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take. ©LPi

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"The ABCs of Annulment" Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield

Father Thomas Walsh, Pastor of Saint Augustine Parish, 10 Campbell Ave, Hartford, Connecticut, in collaboration with Father George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield. Connecticut. will host "The ABCs of Annulment" on Saturday of September 18th, from 10 am to 12:00 pm, in the Church Hall at the address above.

Updates of the process initiated by Pope Francis as well as those made in the Archdiocese of Hartford will be presented by Br. Larry Lussier CSC in English, while Deacon Ramon Rosado will deliver the presentation in Spanish.

Follow-up Annulment Workshops to help participants write their applications will be held at the same address on Saturday September 25th and October 2nd and 9th, from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Deacon George Frederick and Jim Tottenham, members of the Annulment Team, will join Br. Larry and Deacon Rosado for the Workshops.

The "ABCs of Annulment" event is open to all at no cost. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. No registration is required. For further information call Br. Larry @ 475-221-8464 or email him at brolarlus300@gmail.com.

Catholic Trivia answer: C

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