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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

He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. - Mk 6:31b-32

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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 18, 2021







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 1

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 20

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, July 21

Wednesday Morning Study Group: will resume August 18th Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom

THURSDAY, July 22

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, July 23 Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, July 24

SUNDAY, July 25 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.

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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!

MONDAY, July 19 9:00 James Coleman Snyder, Jr., requested by Dianne Simpson

TUESDAY, July 20 9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, July 21 9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, July 22 9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, July 23

9:00 Harold Schenk (40th Ann), requested by the Bruno Family

SATURDAY, July 24 4:00 Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy

SUNDAY, July 25

- 7:30 Oscar Maillet, requested by Ida & the Maillet Family
- **9:30** Theresa Palmer, requested by the morning coffee group
- 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.



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 7/11/21: \$5,977.00 Online Giving (July 7-14, 2021): \$3,112.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Parish Special Needs



The Holy Eucharist *DID YOU KNOW*?

"Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for 20 centuries." So wrote St. Josemaria Escriva . Christ desires, longs for and waits for each of us to receive Him worthily and lovingly with reverence and devotion. St. Theresa of Calcutta used to equate Christ's final words on the Cross of "I thirst", as the thirst that He has for each soul to know, love and adore Him. We cannot quench that thirst more intimately in life than in our reception of the Holy Eucharist.

<u>Reflection:</u> Jesus told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, "I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament." Upon receiving Holy Communion recall with humility that you have the Living God within you. Do you also thirst for union with Him ?



-St. Lawrence of Brindisi

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)



Thank you to our loving friends from Church of Saint Ann - Avon, CT. for these incredibly soft & beautiful baby & lap blankets. They are sure to provide comfort!



Do You Know Anyone Who Could Use the Comfort of a Prayer Shawl?



St. Ann's Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls available! If you know of someone who is going through an illness or time of need and feel a prayer shawl will lift their spirits or provide comfort, please contact Tina Dibble, 860-674-1541, to pick one up. In addition, we might also have a few lap robes, which are ideally suited for someone who is wheelchair bound.

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: https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live AUTHOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER TATTOOS ON THE HEART

BARKING TO THE CHOIR THE POWER OF RADICAL KINSHIP



GREGORY BOYLE

Book discussions open to all!

WED. Aug 25 7pm, via *Zoom

THURS. Aug 26 7pm, Activity Rm

CHURCH OF ST ANN 2021

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.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

Answer:

As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.



Faith Formation Registration 2021-2022

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!! - Electronic Registration and Payment form all in one!! The link to the electronic 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 electronic registration is:* osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/faith-formation-registration-2021-2022

Faith education is an important part of your child's religious education and classes will be starting in the fall, whether online or in-person. Church of St. Ann is dedicated to continuing the education of our youth. They are the future of our Church! Please register as soon as possible 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.

JULY 18, 2021 – 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Steward's Work Is Never Done

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of July 18, 2021

Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
Monday:	Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/
	Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/
	Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. (Jer 23:3)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:13)

Gospel:

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. (Mk 6:34)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

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Place: Trinita Retreat Center, 595 Town Hill Road, New Hartford, CT Price: \$300.00 per student

Call Trinita @ 860-379-4329 or email trinita@charter.net for more information or to register

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/.

Jesus said, "Come away and rest awhile".

Give your marriage new life by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

"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 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.

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