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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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Rev. John W. McHugh, Ph.D., Pastor www.stannavon.org

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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

July 25, 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 26

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 27

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, July 8

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

THURSDAY, July 29

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, July 30 Lectio Divina, Live !: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, July 31

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SUNDAY, August 1 Lectio Divina, Live !: 10:30am via Zoom

CALLING ALL KIDS Pre-K through Grade 4

Details

- \$25 per camper
- 1 session per camper
- limited to 30 campers each session
- includes games, Bible story, craft and more!
- <u>Registration via website opens:</u> Monday, July 26th at 10am www.stannavon.org/information-1 (refresh page after 10am to activate the link)

St. Ann's Fun Day August 25/26 10am-12:15pm



For more information and registration link go to: www.stannavon.org/information-1

Fr. Joseph W. McKiernan requested by John and Maria Manning

9:00

MONDAY, July 26

TUESDAY, July 27 9:00 Manuel Henares, requested by John and Jean Henares

WEDNESDAY, July 28

For the recovery of Diane Pealor (Living), 9:00 requested by her cousins

THURSDAY, July 29

9:00 Diane Goffe, requested by the family

FRIDAY, July 30

9:00 Marie LaChance (2nd Ann.) requested by the family

SATURDAY, July 31

4:00 Angelo "Bob" Galiette (3rd Ann.), requested by his family

SUNDAY, August 1

- Janice Lonabaugh, requested by 7:30 Ida & the Maillet Family
- 9:30 Michael D. Gentile, requested by Lisa and Jim Samia
- 11:00 Camille and Peter Angelina and Michael Nay, requested by the family

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 7/18/21: \$6,779.00 Online Giving (July, 14-21, 2021): \$2,887.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *none*



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Are you aware of the fact that at every Mass we are in the presence of saints and angels who are united with us in the Heavenly Liturgy of worship, praise and thanksgiving to God? (CCC 1326)

As a result, when we participate in the Mass and receive Holy Communion, we become connected to the entire Mystical Body of Christ. This Mystical Body includes the Church Militant (those of us living), the Church Suffering (those departed souls in Purgatory) and the Church triumphant (those in Heaven).

<u>Reflection:</u> By each reception of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament we participate more perfectly in the Heavenly Liturgy and are able to intercede for our loved ones in the Mystical Body of Christ. By doing so we are able to perfect God's Divine Plan for peace and salvation. In this way we each play an important part in God's plans for humanity.



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.

Unemployment Support 3-5nm



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 *

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



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.



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 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.

WE ARE CONSIDERING HOMESCHOOLING OUR CHILDREN. DOES THIS PRESENT A PROBLEM WHEN IT IS TIME FOR THEM TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS? WHAT MUST WE DO?

Homeschooling is legal in all fifty states and like other types of education, has its advantages and its drawbacks. There are many factors to consider. and each family has to decide what the best way to educate its children is. With religious education.

many dioceses have a formal policy that outlines procedures and expectations, some of which

include more than just academic information. Call the religious education office to find out what they

In general, though, an appointment with your parish priest to discuss your situation is the

best first step. An opportunity to discuss what

is available, what the expectations are for each sacrament, and how you can best prepare your

child helps make your time of preparation more effective. The priest can direct you to good catechetical materials, parent information classes

are for your area.

and other choices and possibilities for your child. All parents need to be part of their child's religious education, taking a lead in instilling the values and beliefs of their faith.

Communication and information helps us all to teach and preach the Gospel as Jesus did.





Exploring a relationship with God through the Catholic faith could help. We'd love to talk with you about it in person or via Zoom. No pressure, just friendly, open conversation, one-on-one.

> Contact: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

St. Ann, patroness of our parish, pray for us.



JULY 25, 2021 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/ Jn 6:1-15
Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/
	Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/
	Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/
	Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17,
	20-24/Jn 6:24-35

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over." (2 Kgs 4:43)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

One body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all. (Eph 4:4-6)

Gospel:

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. (Jn 6:11)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God's agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy's few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that's amazing! ©I Pi

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

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Which was Jesus' first public miracle? (answer on at bottom of page)

- A. Feeding the 5,000
- B. Healing of the lepers
- C. Walking on water
- D. Turning water into wine

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Jesus said, "Come away and rest awhile".

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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 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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