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BAPTISMS:

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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.



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

August 1, 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, August 2

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, August 3

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, August 4

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

THURSDAY, August 5

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 6 Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, August 7

SUNDAY, August 8 Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am via Zoom



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St. Ann's Fun Day August 25/26

August 25/26 10am-12:15pm



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

MONDAY, August 2 9:00 Theresa Palmer, requested by

John and Alice Kuzia

TUESDAY, August 3 9:00 Francis Mukuka, requested by a friend

WEDNESDAY, August 4

9:00 For Vocations and our Priests, requested by the Bondhus Family

THURSDAY, August 5 9:00 Marion Motta, requested by a friend

FRIDAY, August 6 9:00 Robert "Jake" Banfield, requested by Ron and Dorothy Miller

SATURDAY, August 7 4:00 Earl Schoen, requested by the Pizzuti Family

SUNDAY, August 8

- **7:30** Claude Maillet, requested by Ida & the Maillet Family
- 9:30 Theresa Palmer, requested by a friend
- **11:00** Lazara Luis and Robert Mansfield, requested by their family

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

> Are you hungry for meaning. purpose & community or simply looking for something more in your life?

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

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)

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 7/25/21: \$3881.94 Online Giving (July, 21-28, 2021): \$3,032.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *none*



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.

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 *

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

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.

His face shone like the sun, and his clothes become as whilte as the light.

MATTHEW 17:2



Upon entering the Church are you aware of the angels who are present to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 335) teaches us that at each Mass we participate with angels to adore the Blessed Trinity.

One of the titles of the Holy Eucharist is "the Bread of angels". Yet several saints have said that if angels could be jealous of men, they would be so because we can receive the Blessed Sacrament and they cannot. So the above title refers to the fact that upon reception of the Holy Eucharist, we can emulate the holiness of angels since Jesus fills us with an abundance of His grace and a share in His Divine Life.

<u>Reflection:</u> When we are sinners, how can we fulfill the command of Jesus to "be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect"? It is possible only because of the Holy Eucharist, where Jesus transforms us into Himself. In the Blessed Sacrament we become "one body and one spirit in Christ." (1 Cor. 12: 12-13)

Archdiocese of Hartford's Annual Marriage Anniversary Celebration

marriage anniversary celebration

ALL THOSE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD WHO OBSERVED OR WILL BE OBSERVING 25th, 50th, 60th, AND OTHER SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN EITHER 2020 OR 2021 ARE INVITED TO JOIN ARCHBISHOP BLAIR FOR THIS SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY MASS

THE MASS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021 BEGINNING AT 2:00 PM

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH IN HARTFORD

couples can register to attend online at bit.ly/aohmarriagemass



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.

Church Envelope Users:

Thank you for continuing to support the Church of Saint Ann during these challenging times. Your help is invaluable and deeply appreciated! When getting your envelope/s ready, *please remember to write the amount you're enclosing in the provided space on your church envelope/s*. This will help us keep as close to accurate record of your donations come tax time when you are able to request a record of your contributions. You may also want to consider Online Giving as it is very flexible - find out more on our website!

KIDS CORNER

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

FOOD THIRSTY MIRACLE	MANNA FAITH BREAD	LIFE HUNGRY COMES
fodo	<u>f_o_o_d</u>	
mricael		
mnana		
berad		
lfie		
cmose		
hnurgy		
fatih		
thritys		

AUGUST 1, 2021 – 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Practicing Graciousness in the Desert

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

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
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/
	Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/
	Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/
	Mk 9:2-10
Saturday:	Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30-5:2/
,	Jn 6:41-51

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus I will test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." (Ex 16:4)

Psalm:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

... be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. (Eph 4:23-24)

Gospel:

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (Jn 6:35)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

When we lose our ability to trust, we become afraid. When we are afraid, we may begin to grumble and question whether where we are is where we need to be. For us who have faith, we even question whether God is who God says He is. Trust is so important to our success on our journey. Often, the road of our lives can become a bit treacherous. We may find ourselves feeling more unsettled than comfortable and less fulfilled than we would like to be. As much as we try, the pieces of our puzzle don't quite fit together as they ought. We wonder if we will ever experience happiness again. Then, something reminds us that God is very much present in this mess we call life. God is still bringing hope out of despair and life out of death. After all, God is the true bread that comes down from heaven to give life. All that is necessary is for us to trust in this truth, even when we may be lacking in some of life's essentials. The God who gives life is the same God who sustains it. He is also the same God who assures us that we will not perish.

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

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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 is the living bread. Put God in your marriage. Look on the Worldwide Marriage Encounter website for the next experience near you.

St. Mary's School is looking to hire a full-time Middle School teacher of English Language Arts and Literature. If interested please email Mrs. Williamson at: mwilliamson@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net

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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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