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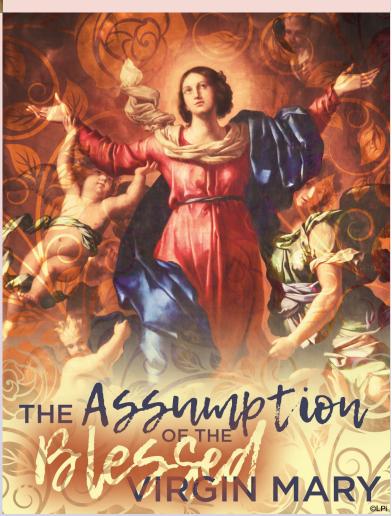
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BULLETIN DEADLINE & INSERTS

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



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MONDAY, August 16

9:00 Jolley, Jacob and Mercy, requested by

Binoy Joseph

TUESDAY, August 17

9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, August 18

9:00 Dan Scapellati, requested by

Brian and Ann Beloin and Family

THURSDAY, August 19

9:00 Elizabeth Desmond Godbout (12th Ann.)

requested by the Godbout Family

FRIDAY, August 20

9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, August 21

4:00 Derek Stockwell (4th Ann.), requested by

the family

SUNDAY, August 22

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 Lorraine Wilson, requested by

the Connors Family

11:00 Robert Flinchbaugh, requested by

Bill and Janet Newman

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



THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

The Feast of the Assumption falls on a Sunday this year.

The Feast will be celebrated at all Masses this weekend.



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 16

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 17

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, August 18

Wednesday Morning Study Group: will resume August 18th

Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom

THURSDAY, August 19

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church **St. Ann Cares Meeting:** 7pm in Room 2

FRIDAY, August 20

Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, August 21

SUNDAY, August 22

Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am via Zoom

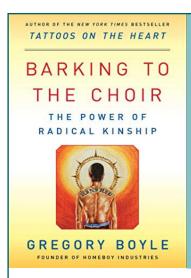
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Delta variant, Archbishop Blair
recommends that everyone
resumes wearing a mask,
regardless of their
vaccination status.
Thank you!

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WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 8/8/21: \$3,956.72 Online Giving (Aug.4-11, 2021): \$3,858.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *Monthly*



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.

CALLING ALL KIDS



Pre-K through Grade 4

St. Ann's Fun Day

Details

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

August 25/26 10am-12:15pm



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



St. Ann Cares

St. Ann Cares is meeting to plan for it's *Day of Caring* in September.
If you would like to join us, we meet Thursdays at 7:00 pm in Room 2.
Questions? Contact
Steve Rose at 860-250-5355 or sjrose1088@gmail.com

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: <u>https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live</u>



"O Lord, You are as truly present under the sacramental species as You are in heaven at the right hand of the Father. Because I have and possess this great wonder, I do not long for, want, or desire any other." St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi, a Carmelite mystic, wrote this as a confirmation of her living faith in the true Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Reflection: Do you believe that Christ is truly present in the Holy Eucharist? This is a profoundly personal question. It is a question that Jesus asks you each time you approach Him to receive Holy Communion. What is your answer? Do you have or lack a living faith? Do you believe Jesus when He revealed the gift of Himself as "the Living Bread" to His disciples? Or like some of His disciples, do you turn away and leave Him?





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 - some grades are almost filled!

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.

Archdiocese of Hartford's Annual Marriage Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 2:00pm Cathedral of Saint Joseph/Hartford

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





SAVE THE DATE!

Where do we come from and where are we going? These questions are DECISIVE for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfillment.

Join *Christopher West* and *Mike Mangione* on October 1st as they creatively weave together dynamic presentations with live music, movie clips, YouTube videos, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instill in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive...

Tickets are available in the parish offices.

Call Ann DiStefano for more information: 860-673-9858. x.228

AUGUST 15, 2021 — THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

WWMD?

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example? -Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 15, 2021

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/ Sunday:

1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/

Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/

Mt 19:16-22

Jas 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30 Tuesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16 Wednesday:

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14 Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/

Mt 22:34-40

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12 Saturday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, Next Sunday:

22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Monday:

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (Rev 12:1)

Psalm:

The gueen takes her place at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Ps 45)

Second Reading:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor 15:20)

"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name." (Lk 1:48-49)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better and the trust that we have in mom's comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment and her intercession and example inspires us to pick ourselves up when we fall. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given as we persevere even in the midst of life's challenges and failures. **©LPi**

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence. anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need. **©LPi**

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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.

"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 Span-

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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