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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.

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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:

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

9:00

August 22, 2021



21st Sunday in **Ordinary Time**



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 23

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 24

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, August 25

St. Ann Fun Day: 10am-12:15pm on front lawn registration required Wednesday Morning Study Group: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom Barking to the Choir Book Discussion: 7pm via Zoom

THURSDAY, August 26

St. Ann Fun Day: 10am-12:15pm on front lawn, registration required Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Barking to the Choir Book Discussion: postponed due to COVID increases

FRIDAY, August 27 Lectio Divina, Livel: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, August 28

SUNDAY, August 29 Lectio Divina, Live !: 10:30am via Zoom

Volunteer Catechists Needed for

Faith Formation: Grades 3 and 5

Go make disciples and teach them everything that I have commanded you. -Matthew 28:19-20

It is through caring, sharing and praying that our community has grown in love and support of one another. The success of our religious education program depends on the dedicated individuals in our parish willing to share their time, talents and faith with the future church, our parish children.

For more information, contact Valerie St. Jean, Director of Religious Education, K-8. 860-673—9858 x.223 or email: valerie.stjean@stannavon.com





St. Ann Cares September Day of Caring Postponed

Due to increased COVID concerns, and the difficulty of organizing the project at this time of year we will be postponing our September Day of Caring. We will try to get together again to start planning some time in the new year!

TUESDAY, August 24

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MONDAY, August 23

William Weldon, requested by the family 9:00

Mark Weber, Davis, Ann & Stanly, requested by

WEDNESDAY, August 25

9:00 Michael Sumers, requested by Roseanne Harutunian

THURSDAY, August 26 9:00 Charles Regan (1st Ann.), requested by Pat Ryan

FRIDAY, August 27 9:00 Bruce Levy, requested by Alicia Carmona

SATURDAY, August 28

4:00 **Paul J. Murphy,** requested by the Greving Family

SUNDAY, August 29

- 7:30 **Special Intentions**
- 9:30 Margaret Maynard, requested by Charlene Bleakley and Gary Maynard
- 11:00 Fermin Alambra, requested by John and Jean Henares

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 8/15/21: \$7,089.03 Online Giving (Aug.11-18, 2021): \$2,902.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *none*

Adult Faith Formation Survey: TELL US YOUR PREFERENCES, PLEASE

The Adult Enrichment team has two great programs beginning mid September, which we want to offer at your convenience. Please help us schedule them by taking our 1-minute survey at: <u>https://forms.gle/6Vr7hrXZvqQhoEZV9</u>



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 on 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 *



TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS COLLECTION

Now through September 18/19

The leaves will soon be turning, air chilling, and school buses rolling ... it's time for our annual Tools for Schools Collection, which will run through September 8/19. This collection is of great assistance to the Catholic Worker House, Hartford refugee families and the Avon Food Pantry families. Any/all NEW school supplies are welcomed. Backpacks are especially needed. Please place the items in the area marked "Tools for Schools" in the Gathering Space or bring down to church offices below Fr. Bennett Hall. May you be blessed for your generosity!

Please consider these suggested items: *Backpacks * Calculators * Notebooks *Pencils * Dictionaries * Rulers * Pencil sharpeners * Pens

* Notebooks/paper * Markers etc.



CALLING ALL KIDS Pre-K through Grade 4 Pre-K through Grade 4 St. Ann's Fun Dag August 25/26 10am-12:75pm \$25 per camper 1 session per camper limited to 30 campers each session includes games, Bible story, craft and more! Registration via website opens: Max day, July 20th at 40 are

Monday, July 26th at 10am www.stannavon.org/information-1 (refresh page after 10am to activate the link) For more information and registration link go to: www.stannavon.org/information-1

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 * Newcomers welcome Sundays at 10:30am, and Fridays at 9:45am. For registration details and inspiringtestimonials, visit: https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live



In the Holy Eucharist Christ wishes to share the Divine Life of the Blessed Trinity with the world of believers. He wishes to feed and nourish His people in a transforming union of Divine love. The graces given to us are not only meant for our personal sanctification, but are given so that we may go out and transform the world as lay people. This is our task.

Reflection: How does your intimate encounter with Christ in the Holy Eucharist change you? As a result, how do you take the treasures of grace and share them with those whom you meet in everyday life? To do so, is to be a Eucharistic people. To do so is to live the Eucharist!



MADE FOR MORE

OCTOBER 1, 2021 7:00 - 9:30PM SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH M4MCT.EVENTBRITE.COM

Usher Assistance Needed!

We are currently in need of some usher assistance, either as:

- a permanent usher (where you will be installed as a member and scheduled)
- alternatively, as a volunteer, on an as-needed basis during a Mass you are attending. If you are able to help pass the baskets at a Mass you are attending, please mention that to the usher at the door.

If you can help out in any way, please contact Joe Savage, our Usher Ministry Leader at 860-306-8788 or email at: jpsavidge@aol.com.



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)

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

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

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 22, 2021 - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Submission as Stewardship.

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23		
·	[9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69		
Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt		
23:13-22			
Tuesday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51		
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32		
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51		
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13		
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30		
Next Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/		
	Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23		

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." (Jos 24:18)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Eph 5:32)

Gospel:

Simon Peter answered him, "Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship.

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

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33 Day Consecration Journey September 4 - October 7

Child Consecration



Join Archbishop Blair and Shepherds of the Archdiocese of Hartford for a Consecration to Jesus through Mary. We will be using the book, *Child Consecration: To Jesus through Mary* - *Following in the Spirit of St. Therese, the Little Flower.* Participants may follow along with the book and with a nightly premiered video recording of an Archdiocesan Shepherd leading us in reading, prayer, and reflection.

What?	Who?	Where?	
Consecration = to entrust one's life to Christ through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother Mary	Archdiocese of Hartford including: Parishes Prayer Groups Schools Faith Formation Programs Shepherds Families Adults and Children	Visit: childconsecration.com for more information and a link to watch the videos as they premiere each day of the Consecration	
A Consecration Journey	We have a Heavenly Mother who wishes to help us to find the straight path to Her SonThis Consecration Journey is the request we make to Our Blessed Mother for such assistance. - Dr. Blythe Kaufman		
grow in holiness	build a stronger prayer life	strengthen our faith together	

From the Archdiocese... 33 Day Consecration to Jesus through Mary

All parishioners of the Archdiocese of Hartford are invited to join Archbishop Blair, and other Shepherds throughout the Archdiocese in making a Consecration to Jesus through Mary this Fall (September 4-October 7). We will be using the book *Child Consecration: To Jesus through Mary— Following in the Spirit of St.* Thérèse, *the Little Flower.* The book approaches the Consecration through the spirituality of St. Thérèse and is ideal for adults and children (for parents whose children and grandchildren cannot participate in the Consecration journey). Each day of the Consecration participants may follow along with the book and with a nightly premiered video recording of an Archdiocesan Shepherd leading us in reading, prayer and reflection. Books are available through EWTN Religious Catalogue or St. Anthony Bookstore in Orange, CT.

To learn more about the Consecration journey visit childconsecration.com



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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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