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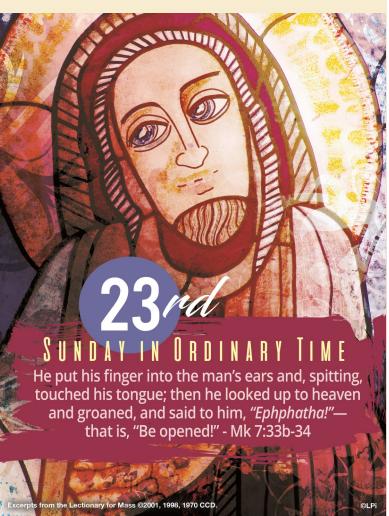
#### **MARRIAGES**

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



23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, September 6 9:00 Special Intentions

**TUESDAY, September 7** 

9:00 Frank & Angie Scalzo, requested by

the Pizutti Family

WEDNESDAY, September 8

**9:00 Lorraine Wilson,** requested by

Dick and Lorraine ZuWallack

THURSDAY, September 9

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, September 10 9:00 Special Intentions

**SATURDAY, September 11** 

4:00 Nikodem Smolinski & Andrew Sopelak,

requested by the Sopelak Family

SUNDAY, September 12

**7:30** Frank Verano, requested by the Glynn Family

9:30 Special Intentions

**11:00** Marie Welsh, requested by Cindy Rourke & family

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

# 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





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, September 6

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, September 7**

Walking with Purpose: 10am -via Zoom

#### WEDNESDAY, September 8

Wednesday Morning Study Group: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom

#### THURSDAY, September 9

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

#### FRIDAY, September 10

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

#### SATURDAY, September 11

#### **SUNDAY, September 12**

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



# TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS COLLECTION

### **Continues 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:

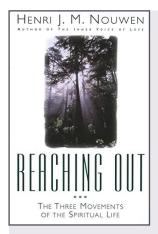
\*Backpacks \* Calculators \* Notebooks \*Pencils \* Dictionaries \* Rulers \* Pencil sharpeners \* Pens



#### **WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME**

Weekly Collection for 8/29/21: \$5,252.14 Online Giving (Aug.25-Sept.1. 2021): \$3,511.50

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



Join us for a 4-week study of the perfect book for our times!

Tuesdays: 9:30am in person 7pm in person & 7pm via Zoom

**Begins September 14th!** 

How well do you love? Come see how understanding our struggles helps us love God, self and others better. Learn to move from Isolation to Solitude; from Hostility to Hospitality; from Illusion to Prayer. Register by September 8th with Ann DiStefano (ann.distefano@stannavon.com).

More information on our website: www.stannavon.org/book-discussions-1





### Ladies, Your Lifestyle of Health and Holiness Ownaits!

Come Back to Community as We Explore Gods Wisdom For managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness.

Join Us for our Walking With Purpose Bible Study "Keeping in Balance: Creating Order Within"

<u>Choose Either:</u> Tuesday Mornings at 10:15 via Zoom or Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm in Person in Fr. Bennett Hall We begin the week of 9/28 & 9/29



# Join us for a fascinating study of the Gospel of Matthew!

See who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today. Thursdays at 7pm either in person OR via Zoom, beginning September 23rd. Fee is \$38.

Register with Ann DiStefano by September 15th.

ann.distefano@stannavon.com

#### Pilgrim Statue of "Our Lady of Fatima Returns to St. Ann From 2pm on Sat., October 9th through 4pm on Sun., October10th

We are privileged and thankful to once again have the pilgrim statue of "Our Lady of Fatima" at our church of St. Ann's beginning at 2 pm October 9 through 4pm, October 10, 2021. This is one of four statues commissioned by Lucia, one of the three children which the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to in the apparitions at Fatima Portugal. This particular statue has traveled the world for the last 70 years, and last year was at the United Nations, as well as in Asia, Europe and South America, and many countries in between. The Pilgrim Statue will start in Father Bennett hall and be processed into the

main church for the 4 pm mass on October 9th, and remain through all masses on October 10th.

The custodian, Judith Studer, will talk about the statue and her experiences as custodian, following each of masses, in addition, after each mass, we will have the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Please be sure to mark your calendars for this blessed event, and bring your friends and family.

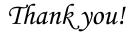


### **Usher Assistance Needed!**

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

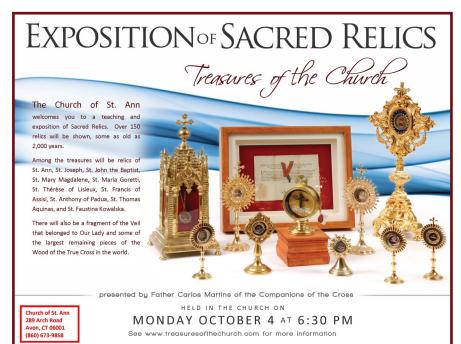
- a permanent usher (where you will be installed as a member and scheduled)
- alternatively, as a volunteer, on an as-needed basis during a Mass you are attending. If you are able to help pass the baskets at a Mass you are attending, please mention that to the usher at the

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.













St. Jean Vianney, the Cure of Ars, the patron saint of parish priests, knew the power of prayer before the tabernacle. When he first arrived in Ars after the French Revolution, his parish was in ruins. Hardly anyone attended Mass. He began to rebuild the faith of his people by first spending long hours in adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Within a few years, his sanctity had spread throughout France and he spent 18 hours a day hearing confessions. So many came to Ars that the French railroad had to build tracks to bring the pilgrims to his Church. During his priesthood it is estimated that 250,000 people were converted because of his faithful witness and his love of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Reflection: St. Jean Vianney understood the power of the Holy Eucharist. He understood the power of prayer. When we kneel in humble adoration of Our Lord after reception of the Holy Eucharist, do we also understand that our prayers are intimately heard by Jesus? St. Jean Vianney wrote, "I often think that when we come to adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we should obtain everything we want, if we would ask for it with a very lively faith and a very pure heart."



## **Tickets On Sale Now!**

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

#### SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

#### **Choosing Deafness**

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just find. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

#### WEEKLY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18

-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49 Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

#### **Psalm**

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146) Or Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

#### Gospel

"He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

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# INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith. But we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can't wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well.

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

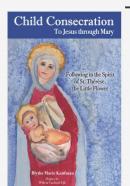
If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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### 33 Day Consecration Journey

September 4 - October 7



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.

Consecration = to entrust one's life to Christ through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother Mary

#### Who?

Archdiocese of Hartford including: Faith Formation Programs
Shepherds

Adults and Children

#### Where?

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 Son ...This 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, consider naming them to be included in your 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

IF YOU WANT

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)



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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



St. Patrick Church Farmington, CT Centennial Celebration 1921 - 2021

Sunday, September 19, 2021 4:00 to 7:00 pm Farmington Gardens 999 Farmington Ave. Farmington Food - Music - Cash Bar Raffle Ticket Price \$50

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