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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.

Church of Saint Ann

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Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - Mk 8:34b

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

September 12, 2021



MONDAY, September 13 9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, September 14 9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, September 15 9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, September 16 9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, September 17 9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, September 18

4:00 Clifford Koch, requested by Dick and Lorraine ZuWallack

SUNDAY, September 19

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 Special Intentions

11:00 Fr. William (Bill) McCarthy, requested by Paul and Constance

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 13

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 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

TUESDAY, September 14

"Reaching Out" Book Study: 9am in the Activity Room "Reaching Out" Book Study: 7pm in the Activity Room, also via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, September 15

Wednesday Morning Study Group: 9:30am in the Activity Room Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, September 16 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, September 17 Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, September 18

SUNDAY, September 19 Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am via Zoom



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 9/5/21: \$5,061.00 Online Giving (Sept. 1-8, 2021): \$4,211.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *monthly*



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

Tuesdays: Activity Room 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



For more information, check our website:

www.stannavon.org/bible-studies-1

A 24-Part Bible Study Featuring Jeff Cavins

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. <u>ann.distefano@stannavon.com</u>





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

Are you searching for Peace, Meaning & Belonging?

A relationship with God through the Catholic Church can give you that, and more.

We'd love to talk with you about it in person, or by phone. No pressure; just friendly, open conversation, one-on-one.

Contact: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

Church of St. Ann + Avon, CT

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.







October 23, 2021 St. Ann's Clothing Sale

Sponsored by the St. Ann Scholarship Committee All proceeds go towards partial scholarships to deserving urban students attending local Catholic High Schools



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. Thank you!



EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS Treasures of the Church

The Church of St. Ann welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some as old as 2,000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Ann, St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

There will also be a fragment of the Veil that belonged to Our Lady and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross in the world.



presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross HELD IN THE CHURCH ON



MONDAY OCTOBER 4 AT 6:30 PM See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more Information



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Blessed Carlos Acutis, the 15 year old, first Millennial to be beatified by the Church, had a passionate love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. After receiving his First Holy Communion, he recognized that Jesus was truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. He said, "To be always united to Jesus is my program of life." Wise beyond his years, he also stated, "The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Christ."

<u>Reflection:</u> As Catholic Christians do we recognize the importance of the Holy Eucharist in our life? Blessed Carlos couldn't understand why there were crowds at concerts and games, but not before Jesus in the tabernacle. He said, "Find God and you will find the meaning of life." He also said, "The real battle is with ourselves."

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of September 12, 2021

| 18/Mk 8:27-35 |
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| o]/Lk 7:1-10 |
|]/Phil 2:6-11/ |
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| 7 or Lk 2:33-35 |
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| 4:3/Mk 9:30-37 |
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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:8)

Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? (Jas 2:14)

Gospel:

And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." (Mk 8:29)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see. ©I Pi

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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QUILTS2HEAL

will hold a sew/quilt sandwiching day

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 9:30am - 3:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall. No sewing experience needed

Lots of tasks as we create quilts for those impacted by floods, fire, tornadoes, hurricanes and personal loss. QUILTS2HEAL was established the night of the Sandy Hook tragedy. Since 2012, volunteers have created over 1,900 quilts to comfort and heal those in need.

Contact Letha Kunkel <u>lethakunkel@gmail.com</u> or Paula DeSilva <u>Quilts2Heal@comcast.net</u> Come for an hour or stay for the day. Many caring hands needed.



Due to the increase in the covid Delta variant, please wear your mask indoors to protect yourself and others.

See <u>Quilts2Heal.org</u> to see some of our more than 1,500 completed quilts. Thank you!



MADE FOR MORE

OCTOBER 1, 2021

7:00 - 9:30PM

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH M4MCT.EVENTBRITE.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: <u>bit.ly/aohmarriagemass</u>)

marriage anniversary celebration

ALL THOSE IN THE ARCHDIOCESS OF HARTFORD WHO OBSERVED OR WILL BE OBSERVING 236, 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



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



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