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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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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "Whoever receives one child such as this in

my name, receives me." - Mk 9:37a

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Excerpts from the Lectiona

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 19, 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, September 20

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 21

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

WEDNESDAY, September 22

Nicene Creed: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom

THURSDAY, September 23

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church "Matthew" Bible Study: 7pm in the Activity Room and via Zoom

FRIDAY, September 24 Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, September 25

SUNDAY, September 26 Lectio Divina, Live !: 10:30am via Zoom

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EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

Schools)
September 25/26, 2021
The HOPES Collection benefits th

The HOPES Collection benefits the Catholic elementary schools of the Archdiocese by providing our schools with individual HOPES Grants. These grants help fund vital advances in technology, safety and the marketing and promotion of Catholic schools. Please help us continue to provide a culture of faith and academic excellence to elementary school students by contributing to the 2021 Catholic elementary school HOPES Collection next weekend, September 25/26, 2021.

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HOPES Collection

(Help Our Parish Elementary Schools)

Thank you for your support!

MONDAY, September 20 9:00 Kazimierz Kosakowski, requested by

the Osiecki Family

TUESDAY, September 21 9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, September 22 9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, September 23 9:00 Francis Aiello (5th Ann.), requested by the family

FRIDAY, September 24

9:00 Margaret Cunningham, requested by Lenora Severni and Terry Pendergast

SATURDAY, September 25

4:00 Clifford Koch, requested by Russell and Diane Koch

SUNDAY, September 26

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exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some as old as

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

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.

Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

- 7:30 Dan Scapellati, requested by the Mooney Family
- **9:30** Kelly Lappin, requested by Lou and Eileen Del Prete
- **11:00 Cheryl Silansky,** requested by Paul and Constance



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presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross

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HELD IN THE CHURCH ON MONDAY OCTOBER 4 AT 6:30 PM See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more information

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 9/12/21: \$5,021.29 Online Giving (Sept. 8-14, 2021): \$2,805.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Catholic Elementary Schools



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

Pilgrim Statue of "Our Lady of Fatima Returns to St. Ann From 2pm on Sat., October 9th through 4pm on Sun., October 10th

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.





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

The King and His Kingdom



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>

WORD ON FIRE "THE NICENE CREED"

By Bishop Robert Barron

"Christianity has, from the beginning, been massively interested in laying out its beliefs clearly, succinctly, and articulately." Bishop Barron

This is a beautiful 6 part program which explains in depth the origin and meaning of the words in the Creed which we say each Sunday at Mass.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 9:30AM – 11:00AM in Father Bennett Hall September 22nd – November 3rd (no class Oct. 20th) No registration – Just drop in for any or all sessions!



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The Holy Eucharist DID γου ΚΝΟW?

This coming week we celebrate the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross. It was upon that cross that Our Lord poured forth His blood so that we might have eternal life in Heaven. During this week we should recall this quote from St. Catherine of Siena. "Your Blood was shed, O Christ, by the fire of love." We cannot begin to comprehend the depth of Divine Love, which prompted Jesus to embrace His cross on Calvary. Even now we cannot comprehend the depth of His love, when He gives us His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.

Reflection: St. Teresa of Calcutta stated, "When we look upon the Cross, we know how much Jesus loved us then. When we look upon the Blessed Sacrament, we know how much He loves us now." On Calvary Jesus was offered on the Cross in a bloody manner to forgive our sins. He is offered at every Mass in an un-bloody manner. Are you aware that you are at the foot of the cross at every Mass you attend?

Save the Date! October 23, 2021 St. Ann's Clothing Sale

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

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line. -*Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/
	Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him. (Wis 2:20)

Psalm:

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

Second Reading:

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

Gospel:

"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." (Mk 9:31)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self -advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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Tickets on Sale after all Masses at St. Ann This Weekend, September 18/19!

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.

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

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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



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Worldwide Marriage

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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/.

"The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart." Fill your hearts with joy be learning how to love your spouse to the fullest on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

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