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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

October 3, 2021



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, October 4 9:00 Peter Pavlik (14th Ann.), requested by the family

TUESDAY, October 5 9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, October 6

9:00 Charlotte Hoppe, requested by the Bristol Old Tyme Fiddlers Club

THURSDAY, October 7 9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, October 8 9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, October 9

4:00 Robert Simon (3rd Ann.), requested by Dr. Mary Simon

SUNDAY, October 10

- 7:30 Douglas and Mildred Gould, requested by Joan & Mike Gould
- **9:30** Douglas Blood (15th Ann.), requested by Anita and Dick Sullivan
- **11:00** Maria Xuan Ha Nguyen (5th Ann.), requested by the family

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call or email Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or kris.martino@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, October 4

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church Exposition of Sacred Relics: 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2 MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church Lectio Divina, Live!: not meeting this summer, will resume in Fall

TUESDAY, October 5

"Reaching Out" Book Study: 9am in the Activity Room*"Keeping in Balance"* Women's Study: 10:15am via Zoom*"Reaching Out"* Book Study: 7pm in the Activity Room, also via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, October 6

Nicene Creed: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom "Keeping in Balance" Women's Study: 7pm in Fr. Bennet Hall

THURSDAY, October 7

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

FRIDAY, October 8

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

SATURDAY, October 9 Pilgrim Statue of "Our Lady of Fatima": in church starting at 4pm Mass

SUNDAY, October 10

Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am via Zoom Pilgrim Statue of "Our Lady of Fatima": in church through 11am Mass





The Annual Collection provides funds for small capital and maintenance projects. If you did not receive Father McHugh's letter in the mail, please pick one up on your way out of church. The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Thank you!

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 9/25/21: \$6,047.25 Online Giving (Sept. 22-29, 2021): \$3,393.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *monthly*

Ladies, your lifestyle of health and holiness awaits!

Come back to community as we explore God's wisdom for managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness.

"Keeping in Balance: Creating Order Within" a 22-lesson women's study from *Walking With Purpose*



Begins. Are tired of projecting an image of "perfect"Sept 28. Can't find enough time to give to loved ones&. Have unrealistic expectations of yourself & others. Need help setting healthy boundaries. Have trouble making God your highest priority

DETAILS: Pat Wall, wallspk@aol.com (Wed group) Colleen Waterbury, mcwaterbu@comcast.net (Tues group)

Imma(are Shelter Update



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>

St. and s. YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling All Teens!

Our Youth Ministry Program will be starting up soon and we are looking for members! Open to all Confirmed youth of St. Ann who wish to further their Faith journey and enjoy time with their peers!

Email: rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com

Thank you to all who have asked when St .Ann's will again be bringing meals to ImmaCare shelter. Also a huge thanks to those who have said that they are " on-board" as soon as needed !

After so many changes we had decided to start serving again in the Fall. We toured the beautifully renovated shelter and felt confident that we'd be back in the regular routine. But then the Covid-19 numbers went up and the shelter had to continue to limit the number of men served and we no longer felt comfortable serving, especially since we so often bring school kids .

Starting Oct 21 we will be dropping off the usual delicious home made food and the supplies from St. Ann's the 3rd Thursday of every month. We won't serve but most importantly we know the guests will have a good meal. We will contact " the regulars " and hope to hear from new people interested in helping provide food. The number allowed at shelter still has to be smaller but we are hoping to always be able to also provide water, food, and supplies for the people served by the ImmaCare outreach.

Thanks for continuing to support and to remember these people who have had such a difficult time. And, our best wishes for all of you.



7pm in Room 2

All are welcome! We can also help teach you to knit! For more information call Tina: 860-674-1541

Exposition of Sacred Relics This Monday, October 4th 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

EXPOSITIONOF SACRED RELICS Treasures of the Church The Church of St. Ann comes you to a teaching and osition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 elics will be shown, some as old a: 2 000 м ng the treasures will be re St. Ann, St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Maria Goretti St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Francis o Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thoma: Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska There will also be a fragment of the Vei that belonged to Our Lady and some o the largest remaining pieces of th Wood of the True Cross in the world. Carlos Martins of the Companions of presented by Father HELD IN THE CHURCH ON MONDAY OCTOBER 4 AT 6:30 PM

Pilgrim Statue of "Our Lady of Fatima" Returns to St. Ann: NEXT WEEKEND!

suresofthechurch com for more in

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.





St. Ann's Clothing Sale

Fr. Bennett Hall & Parking Lot



Donate:

all children's clothing, all outerwear, jeans, sweaters, casual clothing, and activewear for men or women, jewelry, purses, scarves

Shop: Saturday, October 23 9am - 2pm

All Day Blowout Pricing Masks & Social Distancing Required

Volunteer:

Any help is appreciated! Tues., Wed., or Thurs., October 19-21 9:30am - 4pm

CONTACT:

Meg Kundahl at 860-521-1051or mkfk@sbcglobal.net

Supporting Scholarships for urban students

The HolyEucharistDID YOU KNOW?

"Christus nobis-cum; state!" ("Christ is with us: stand firm!") This was written on the doors of the Christians in Antioch during the reign of the Roman Emperor Justinian in 527 AD. At that time the city was being violently shaken by earth quakes. History indicates that the houses which bore this inscription remained standing.

As we see our world repeatedly shaken and things rapidly changing, this is a good statement to remember. In a progressively more pagan world, our one sure means of perseverance amid life's tribulations is our faithful adherence to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. In the Holy Eucharist we find our strength and consolation. Our Savior faithfully remains with us in each tabernacle at all times.

Reflection: What is our zeal and fervor toward Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? We are penetrated by the presence of God when we receive Holy Communion. How open are we to this reality? Father Lukas Etlin, O.S.B. comments that "Our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is a reliable barometer of our whole spiritual life."

OCTOBER 3, 2021 - 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Therein lies the ... rib

"If I were God..." is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. "Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again." But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of October 3, 2021

Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/
-	Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
Monday:	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	JI 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	JI 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/
	Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh. (Gn 2:24)

Psalm:

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. (Heb 2:11)

Gospel:

"Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." (Mk 10:9)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

"What God has joined together." We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God's power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

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