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BAPTISMS:

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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# **28***th* Streat in Ordinary Time

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27

### 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 10, 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.

#### **MONDAY, October 11** 9:00 Barbara Martino (month's mind), requested by

Kris, Ethan, Hope Dee and Wes

**TUESDAY, October 12** 9:00 **Special Intentions** 

WEDNESDAY, October 13 9:00 **Phyllis Folia,** requested by the family

### **THURSDAY**, October 14

9:00 Martin E. Pariseault (21st Ann), requested by his wife

FRIDAY, October 15 **Special Intentions** 9:00

### SATURDAY, October 16

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

### SUNDAY. October 17

- 7:30 **Special Intentions**
- 9:30 Thomas and Ella Heavren, requested by Tom and Pat Heavren
- 11:00 Raymond Teodosio, requested by Brian, Donna and Jack McDermott

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

### This Week at St. Ann

### **MONDAY, October 11**

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 at this time, will resume later

### **TUESDAY, October 12**

"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 Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

### WEDNESDAY, October 13

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 14

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

FRIDAY, October 15 Lectio Divina, Live !: 9:45am via Zoom

### SATURDAY, October 16

SUNDAY, October 17 Lectio Divina, Live !: 10:30am via Zoom

# **Pilgrim Statue of "Our Lady of Fatima" Returns to St. Ann: THIS WEEKEND!**

### From 2pm on Sat., October 9<sup>th</sup> through 4pm on Sun., October 10<sup>th</sup>

Come see 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.





We are very grateful for the generosity shown by those who have already contributed towards our 2021 Annual Parish Collection. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. *Every gift is welcomed and* sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

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### WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 10/3/21: \$4,802.00 Online Giving (Sept. 29-Oct.6, 2021): \$3,648.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *none* 

### 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*



Sept 29 • Have trouble making God your highest priority DETAILS: Pat Wall, wallspk@aol.com (Wed group)

Colleen Waterbury, mcwaterbu@comcast.net (Tues group)

ImmaCare 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 serviing, 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.



### 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?

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of our Guardian Angels. St. Gregory the Great wrote. "The Heavens open and multitudes of angels assist at the Holy Mass."

Your guardian angel is given to you as your companion in life. The angel's task is to guard you, guide you, protect you, inspire you, and to bring you safely home to Heaven. Your guardian angel constantly beholds the face of God and can therefore intercede for you. Also your angel brings your prayers and offerings to place before God's throne. The angels are present and attend every Holy Mass with you. They adore, praise and glorify God beside you as you pray.

**Reflection:** Imagine the joy of your guardian angel to be beside you during Holy Mass. Furthermore, reflect on their joy as you are able to receive Jesus in Holy Communion..... something which they are unable to do since they are pure spirit and do not have a body. We are blessed to have an angel guide and even more blessed to be able to receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion. Receiving the Eucharist is a grace which we have and which even the angels are unable to receive.



# Monday Night Lectio Divina is Back!

Join Jim Serruta in person (Room 3) or via Zoom Mondays at 7:15pm and discover God's personal message to you in the Sunday Gospel reading. To register, contact <u>iserruta@gmail.com</u>.

Our other Lectio Divina groups are welcoming new members as well:

<u>Sunday 10:45am Group, via Zoom:</u> Contact chip@chipj.com <u>Friday, 9:45am Group, via Zoom:</u> Contact ann.distefano@stannavon.com



The hunt will kick off on October 22nd! Gather for prizes and refreshments at our parish socials on Nov. 13th &14th.

Form a team with family or friends and get ready for some fun! All ages welcome! More details to come...

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### OCTOBER 10, 2021 – 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP** Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

#### If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: *Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.* 

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

### WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of October 10, 2021

| Sunday:      | Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/ |
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|              | Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27                                |
| Monday:      | Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32       |
| Tuesday:     | Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41            |
| Wednesday:   | Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46          |
| Thursday:    | Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54       |
| Friday:      | Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7           |
| Saturday:    | Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12  |
| Next Sunday: | Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/ |
|              | Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45                                |

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her. (Wis 7:7-8)

#### Psalm:

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Ps 90)

#### Second Reading:

No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account. (Heb 4:13)

#### Gospel:

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." (Mk 10:21)

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### **INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** Live the Liturgy

Presumption can be a great sin. We can easily convince ourselves that as long as we do the bare minimum or master the basics, it is sufficient. Love doesn't operate this way. If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to get expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing and in following a voice other than our own. This is what those who are truly in pursuit of wisdom come to realize. Just like any human relationship worth achieving reveals, we never reach a plateau in following the Gospel or growing in wisdom and holiness. Wisdom is the rudder that guides us through all of life's attractions and options. It alone determines what is worth pursuing and what must be left behind. That is why those who are only concerned about checking the boxes and doing the least amount possible often walk away sad when offered God's gift of life eternal. They are not truly in love.

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION** Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

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# Pregnancy Loss and Infertility Mass

Join St. Mary Parish on Friday, October 15 (National Pregnancy and Early Infant Loss Awareness Day) at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph Church in New Haven (129 Edwards St) for a special Mass for Pregnancy Loss and Infertility. This Mass is open to all who have experienced infertility or pregnancy and early infant loss of any kind, as well as loved ones and those who wish to support them. Fr. John Paul Walker, OP will be celebrant and the Mass will include a candle lighting ceremony, with resources available after Mass. St. Joseph Church has a free parking lot, and masks are required per the City of New Haven. If you can't join us, know of our support and prayers!

# St. Paul Catholic High School ...

has announced its open house campus tour dates for this Fall. If you or someone you know has a prospective student looking to attend St. Paul in the 2022 or 2023 school years this is the open house you'll want to visit. All tours are by appointment and each family will take a guided tour around our campus building. St. Paul is taking all safety precautions for these in-person tours. Come with your mask and we will keep socially distant! Visit spchs.com/openhouse to register for an appointment time on Saturday, October 16 or November 20 with appointments beginning at 10:00am. Also, St. Paul Catholic High School has scheduled two Placement Exam dates for prospective grade 9 and grade 10 students. The Placement Exam is a standardized test that incoming students take which evaluates their performance levels in math, language and reading. This exam will be held at the school on Saturday, November 6 and Saturday, December 11 both beginning at 8:00am. To register, visit spchs.com/placementexam.



10/16 - Kids Day 11-2 Games, Crafts, Hayrides, Firetruck (raindate 10/17 12-2) 10/23 + 10/30 - More Activities TBD

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