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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.

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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:45

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 17, 2021



MONDAY, October 18 9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, October 19 9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, October 20 9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, October 21 9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, October 22 9:00 Jayne Bozzuto, requested by

friends of the family

SATURDAY, October 23

4:00 Jack Kevin O'Leary, requested by his loving family

SUNDAY, October 24

- **7:30 Tony Trouern-Trend (1st Ann.),** requested by *his brother, John*
- 9:30 Benito O. Chapa, Sr., requested by the LaVia Family
- **11:00** Josefa and Antony Poprawa, requested by the Osiecki 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 18

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!: 7:15pm in Room 3 & via Zoom

TUESDAY, October 19

Clothing Sale Donation Drop Offs: 9:30am—4pm in Fr. Bennett Hall "Keeping in Balance" Women's Study: 10:15am via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, October 20

Clothing Sale Donation Drop Offs: 9:30am—4pm in Fr. Bennett Hall Nicene Creed: no class this week Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom "Keeping in Balance" Women's Study: 7pm in Fr. Bennet Hall

THURSDAY, October 21

Clothing Sale Donation Drop Offs: 9:30am—4pm in Fr. Bennett Hall Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church "Matthew" Bible Study: 7pm in the Activity Room and via Zoom

FRIDAY, October 22

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

SATURDAY, October 23

Clothing Sale: 9am—2pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, October 24

Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am via Zoom Divine Mercy Holy Hour: 2:30pm in the church

St. Ann's 2021 Clothing Sale

Donate

all children's clothing, all outerwear, jeans, sweaters, casual clothing, activewear, jewelry, purses, scarves

Donation Dates

Tues - Thurs, October 19-21 9:30am - 4pm



Saturday, October 23, 2021 9am - 2pm

Sale Date

Volunteer

Any help is appreciated! Contact: Meg at mkfk@sbcglobal.net

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 10/10/21: \$6,191.66 Online Giving (Oct.6-13, 2021): \$2,933.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Propagation of the Faith

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*



Have trouble making God your highest priority

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



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:

Sunday 10:45am Group, via Zoom: Contact chip@chipj.com <u>Friday, 9:45am Group, via Zoom:</u> Contact ann.distefano@stannavon.com St. Ann Treasure Hunt KIDS - ADULTS! October 22 - November 8



Register via <u>stannavon.org/st-ann-treasure-hunt</u>, either solo or as a team with family/friends! Beginning Oct 22nd, pick up your Treasure Hunt Clue List in the Gathering Space.

Follow the clues to surprising places inside and outside our church, and around town. Take pictures of yourself in front of our treasures, and submit by Nov 8th.

Gather for prizes & refreshments in Fr. Bennett Hall after 4pm Mass on November 13th and after 11am Mass on November 14th. Sponsored by the St. Ann PEP (Parish Engagement Process) Team



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>

For more information, please check our website: Www.stannavon.org/bible-studies-1 AUTHOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER TATTOOS ON THE HEART

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IN PERSON BOOK DISCUSSION

Tues, Nov 2, 7pm Activity Rm

beneath side wing of church

RSVP to Mary Healey maryfromavon@gmail.com, 860-673-5296

CHURCH OF ST ANN 2021

GOOD SUMMER READ!

Founder of the world's largest gang-intervention and rehabilitation program, Fr. Greg shakes up our ideas about God as he gently and humorously leads us through stories about finding kinship with others and peace within ourselves. Be surprised and inspired!

> *For questions/RSVP/Zoom link: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

Books available via smile.amazon.com (designate "St. Anns Church of Avon" as your preferred charity) or at bookstores.

Stop & Shop/Simsbury Bloomin' For Good to benefit the



St. Ann Food Pantry Garden!

For the month of October 2021, the **Church of Saint Ann Food Pantry Garden has been selected to receive a \$1 donation** for every \$9.99 *Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet* with the red circle sticker (*pictured above*) sold at the store located at 498 Bushy Hill Rd, Simsbury.



Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Next Sunday, October 24, 2021 2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

The recitation of the rosary will follow to honor Our Lady for the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Please join us for these powerful devotions. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue from 4 pm on Sunday October 24th until Monday, October 25th at 8 am for the 40 Days for Life Campaign.

Please sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space if you would like to adore Our Lord during these hours.

Annual Parish Collection Church of Saint Ann

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.



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

"You are one with Jesus as the body is one with the head. You must then have one breath with Him, one soul, one life, one will, one mind, one heart. And He must be your breath, heart, love, life, your all. Through the Holy Eucharist these gifts, which are given to you by God, are brought to perfection." St. John Eudes

<u>Reflection:</u> St. John Eudes had a great love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. During this month of the Holy Rosary, let us remember that Our Lady always leads us to her Divine Son. It is in the Blessed Sacrament that we find the Living, Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our Lady, mother of the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us. Obtain for us the grace to love Jesus more each time we receive Him in Holy Communion.

OCTOBER 17, 2021 – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of October 17, 2021

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
Monday:	2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/
	Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday:	Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life. (Is 53:10)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. (Heb 4:16)

Gospel:

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mk 10:45)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

It's the positions of power and great authority that people often admire. We equate success with six figure incomes, high positions, management, and influence. We even go above and beyond to find favor with our bosses so that we can get a little extra recognition and maybe the next promotion when it comes up. This is the way of the world. Those who have their values set on earthly things are going to work by earthly rules. We forget that it doesn't work that way in the Kingdom of God. Success is measured not from the place of status, influence, or prestige but from the place of humility, service, and sacrifice. The authority that one hopes to achieve is not an authority over others but an authority that comes from wisdom and developing one's relationship with God. Jesus flips the tables on our priorities. Even the first disciples had a tough time understanding this. They really thought that they would somehow receive a privilege or bonus from being faithful. We often operate under that same illusion. ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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

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