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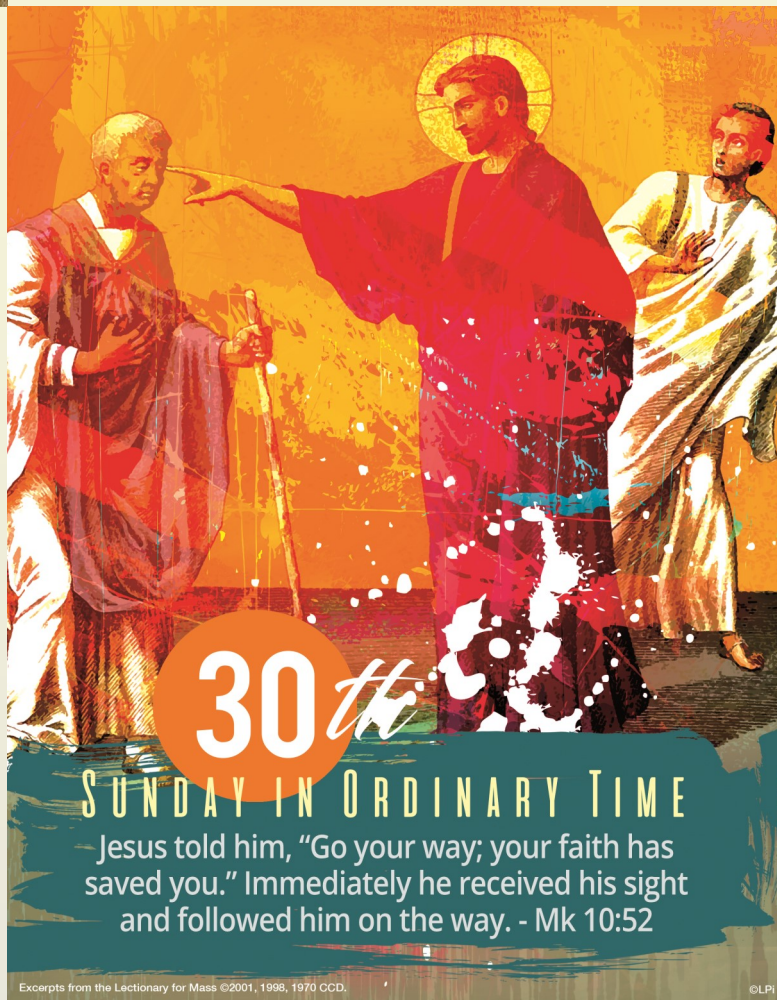
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Please set the date with the priest or deacon at least six months prior to the wedding. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

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.



30th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:52

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MASS SCHEDULE:

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

MASS INTENTIONS



**30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, October 25

9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, October 26

9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, October 27

9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, October 28

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, October 29

9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, October 30

**4:00 Kevin D. Henry, requested by
the Gaborit Family**

SUNDAY, October 31

7:30 Special Intentions

**9:30 Barbara Martino, requested by
the St. Ann Social Justice Committee**

**11:00 Divine Peace, Divine Will and Divine Love
on Earth, requested by Judith Stafford and
David Woolley**

WELCOME!



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 25

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 26

"Keeping in Balance" Women's Study: 10:15am via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, October 27

Nicene Creed: 9:30am in Activity Room for this week

Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom

"Keeping in Balance" Women's Study: 7pm in Fr. Bennet Hall

THURSDAY, October 28

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

"Matthew" Bible Study: 7pm in the Activity Room and via Zoom

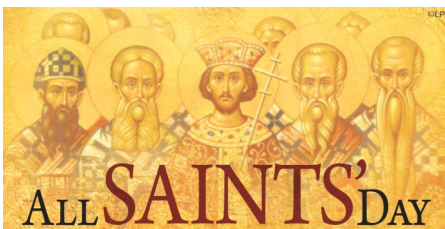
FRIDAY, October 29

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

SATURDAY, October 30

SUNDAY, October 31

Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am via Zoom



All Saints Day, is Monday, November 1, 2021

It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

The All Saints Day Mass will take place at our 9:00am Mass.

The Bereavement Committee of Saint Ann

*Invites you to a special Mass at which we will
remember those persons who's funerals took place
at St. Ann's in the past year.*

**This Mass will be celebrated on
Sunday, October 31, 2021
11:00 am
at the Church of Saint Ann**



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 10/17/21: \$5,805.05

Online Giving (Oct.13-20, 2021): \$2,855.50

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:

Catholic Worker House

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*



Choose:
**Tuesdays,
10:15 AM
via Zoom**
OR
**Wednesdays
7pm in
FB Hall**

Begins
Sept 28
&
Sept 29

Try *Keeping in Balance* if you...

- Are tired of projecting an image of "perfect"
- 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

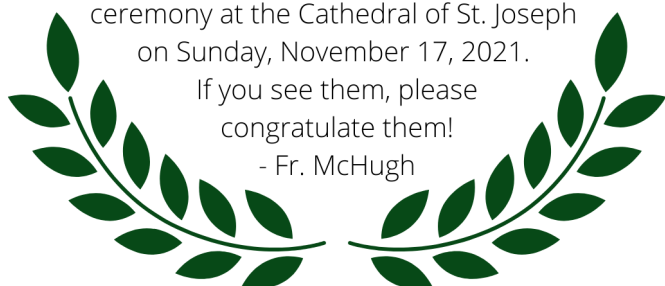
DETAILS: Pat Wall, wallspk@aol.com (Wed group)
Colleen Waterbury, mewaterbu@comcast.net (Tues group)

Congratulations

Congratulations to **John and Alice Kuzia**, this year's recipients of the St. Joseph's Medal. This medal was awarded to John and Alice for their faithful and dedicated service to the parish of St. Ann and to the Archdiocese of Hartford. The medal was awarded to them by Archbishop Blair in an Archdiocesan ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on Sunday, November 17, 2021.

If you see them, please
congratulate them!

- Fr. McHugh



St. Ann Treasure Hunt

KIDS - ADULTS!

October 22 - November 8



Register via stannavon.org/st-ann-treasure-hunt, 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

Prize Donations Needed!

We are collecting \$25 gift cards from local restaurants and attractions (anything you think kids or adults would like!) for the Scavenger Hunt prize table. Please drop off to the Parish Office by November 7. For more information, please contact Erin Kretz, erinlkretz@gmail.com.

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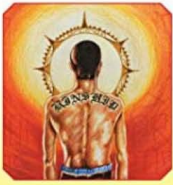
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DISCUSSION**

Tues, Nov 2, 7pm
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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.

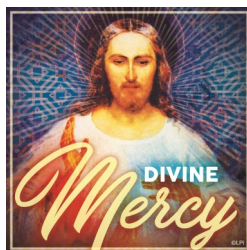
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to benefit the
St. Ann Food Pantry
Garden!



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



This 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?*

What is your friendship like with God? The Incarnation is the opening up of God's Heart, which invites us to intimacy with Him. A deep friendship, a close relationship is what Christ desires of us. This profound friendship is most perfectly accomplished through the Holy Eucharist. It is in Holy Communion that Christ gives Himself totally to each of us in a personal and intimate way.

REFLECTION: A friendship with Jesus is the friendship which will last for all eternity. Why not consider cultivating that loving bond with Our Savior at every opportunity when we encounter Him in the Blessed Sacrament? The Holy Eucharist is the Lord Jesus, Himself.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Giving as God Does

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we're afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God's readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we're not really afraid that God can't do something. We know He can do anything. What we're afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn't so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn't what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don't want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God's generosity is always reckless, and it's always perfect.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
 Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst. (Jer 31:8)

Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

Second Reading:

No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. (Heb 5:4)

Gospel:

The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." (Mk 10:46-52)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." These words of St. Augustine are timeless. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong. There is only one way to satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. When we seek God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, we will cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" We will instinctively know that it is only our Divine Master who can restore our sight and heal us. The blind man fell in love with Jesus, embarked upon this life-saving adventure to reach him and achieved a goal many have only remotely thought possible. This is mercy in action. No matter how far we stray or how blind we become God patiently waits to console us, guide us, and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him with all our heart. ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation. ©LPi

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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 or visit them at <https://wmectw.org/>.

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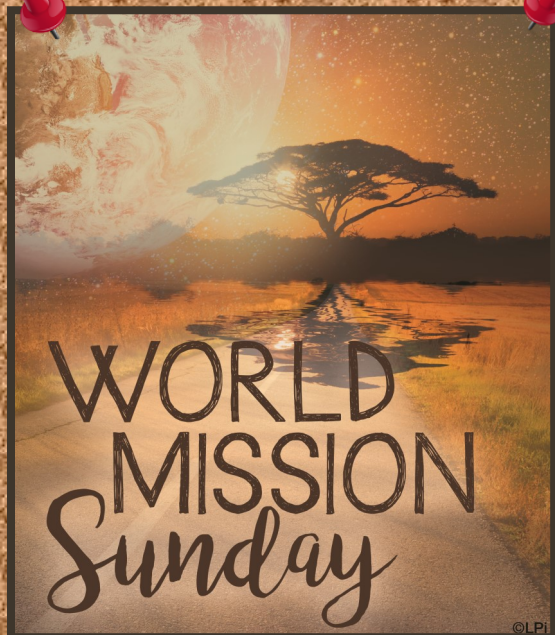
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For many of us Catholic women it is very difficult to find true friends who are rooted deep in their faith. For most of us we feel alone in a world we do not belong. At times we may meet fellow Christians, but it can be difficult for them to understand our struggle as the doctrines we share are for the most part different. If you are in between the ages of 20-40 years of age and a female I would like to invite you to *Young Catholic Women of Connecticut* Facebook page. Here we offer a space in where we can go deep in our faith while supporting other sisters through personal struggles. Here we help each other through spiritual deserts, parenting and so much more. We teach and help others know their Catholic faith and live in the beauty of the living Christ we receive every Sunday at mass. If you are interested in joining us in our spiritual journey, please feel free to reach out to us on our site which is mentioned below. Please also feel free to reach out to the group admin as well. Have a blessed day!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/35378969023355/>

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