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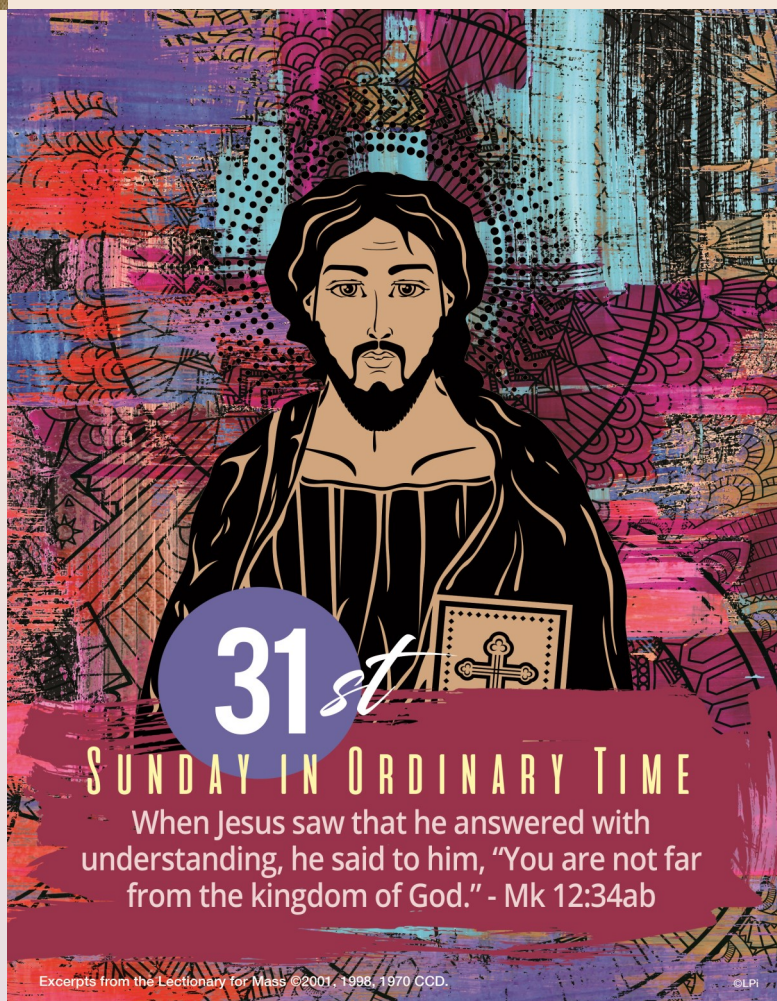
MARRIAGES

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.



SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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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

**31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

MONDAY, November 1

9:00 William Weldon, *requested by the family*

TUESDAY, November 2

9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, November 3

9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, November 4

9:00 Divine Peace, Divine Will and Divine Love
on Earth, *requested by Judith Stafford and
David Woolley*

FRIDAY, November 5

9:00 Richard Cialfi, *requested by
the St. Ann Adult Altar Servers*

SATURDAY, November 6

4:00 Henry Hojnowski, *requested by
Russell and Diane Koch*

SUNDAY, November 7

7:30 Rose and John King, *requested by the family*

9:30 For the deceased members of the
Prince Thomas of Savoy Men's and
Women's Societies

11:00 Special Intentions

*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 worshipping with us and we
hope to see you again.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

MONDAY, November 1

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church

Lectio Divina, Live!: 7:15pm in Room 3 & via Zoom

TUESDAY, November 2

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

"Barking to the Choir" Book Discussion: 7pm in the Activity Room

WEDNESDAY, November 3

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, November 4

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

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

FRIDAY, November 5

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

SATURDAY, November 6

SUNDAY, November 7

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



Monday, November 1, 2021

*Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.
The All Saints Mass will be celebrated
at our 9am Mass.*

All Souls Day *Tuesday, November 2nd*

The Feast of All Souls is a wonderful Catholic tradition whereby prayers are offered for the departed souls who have made such a wonderful impact in our lives. If you use our envelope system, an envelope for All Souls is included in the packet you received in the mail. You are able to write down the names of those you would like to remember. Additional All Souls envelopes are available in the pews by early November. They can be dropped in any collection basket and will be placed on the altar throughout the month of November.



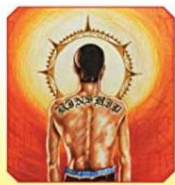
WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 10/24/21: will be reported later
 Online Giving (Oct.20-27, 2021): will be reported later
 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none

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Tues, Nov 2, 7pm
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860-673-5296

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

Turkey Express

Weekend of November 20/21, 2021
at Church of Saint Ann

Saturday: 3:30-5pm * Sunday: 7am-12:30pm
Look for the truck labeled "Turkey Express"



Please consider donating the following Thanksgiving dinner items for our Avon and Hartford neighbors:

1. Gift Cards to Stop & Shop or Big Y
2. Frozen Turkeys (Chickens are okay too)

Suggested Fixings:
 stuffing mix, jellied cranberry sauce, fresh or canned vegetables, rice, small bag of potatoes &/or sweet potatoes, butter, cheddar cheese, fresh or canned fruit, juice, dinner rolls, brownie/cake mixes, frosting, gravy, mayonnaise...

**Our Parish Goal is 220 Turkeys
and Lots of Fixings!**

Thank you for your generosity and
have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sponsored by our
Social Justice Committee
"Together We Serve All God's People"



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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Come be a part of our ministry!

**Upcoming Meeting: Monday, November 1
at 7-8:30pm in Room 2**



All are welcome...including brand new knitters!

For more information call
Tina: 860-674-1541

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**

**This
Sunday!**



Knights of Columbus



Annual Pie Sale

Our Knights of Columbus will be in the Gathering Space taking orders for the annual Pie Sale after all Masses on the weekends of Nov. 6/7 and 13/14.

The pies are \$10 each and choices will be:

Pumpkin
Apple
Very-Berry
Peach-Praline

Pies will be available for pick-up on the weekend of Nov. 20/21 after all masses. Thanks for your support!



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.*

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No pressure; just friendly, open conversation, one-on-one.

Contact: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

Church of St. Ann + Avon, CT



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

"God shapes the world by prayer. The more prayer there is in the world the better the world will be and the mightier the forces will be against evil." St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

REFLECTION: The Holy Mass is the most powerful prayer. It is the preeminent prayer of the Catholic Church. No other church possesses the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ, offered for our redemption to the Heavenly Father at each Mass. Cultivate a love for this sublime gift. Only we as Catholic Christians possess this treasure beyond measure. We should never take the Holy Eucharist for granted.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Daily Examen of Stewardship

"Stewardship" can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term "stewardship" from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. "Here's Father asking for more money," they groan inwardly, "Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards."

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn't say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the "Daily Examen" — a pious devotion wherein, at day's end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God's will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?

What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him?

To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me?

Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength." (Dt 6:5)

Psalms:

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading:

But Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him. (Heb 7:24-25)

Gospel:

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." (Mk 12:34)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

"Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" This ancient prayer has been found on the lips of many of God's devoted servants throughout history. In its simplicity it reminds us of a timeless truth we often forget. We often worship other gods rather than the One true God and find all of our relationships distorted as a result. This One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is important that we remind ourselves often of God's primary place in our lives, lest we get distracted and sidetracked. But there is one more important piece that Jesus insists belongs with this. We must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. God's presence within each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This is at the heart of God's kingdom.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

THE BULLETIN BOARD



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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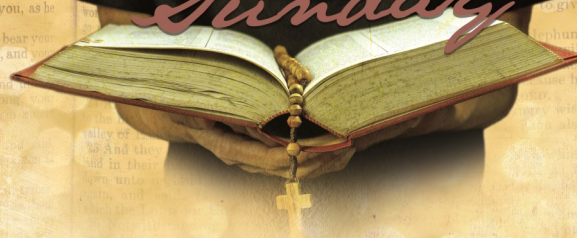
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PRIESTHOOD Sunday



Whenever we interact with our priests, do we see them as human and frail like the rest of humanity? Or on the other hand, do we see them as supermen, able to withstand all the stresses and strains of being human?

I hope you see your priest as very human. Quite possibly, even more human than most of us. Why? Because they not only have their own struggles being human, but they accompany us in our humanness too.

Therefore, this Priesthood Sunday, turn the tables. Attempt to be the listener to the human side of your priest. Do not automatically tell him your troubles; begin by asking him what is going on in his life. Thank him warmly for giving up so much to spend his life in service to others. Try it. You might be surprised to find out your priest is just like you!

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