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BAPTISMS: Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

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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.

Church of Saint Ann

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UNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:43

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

November 7, 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.

This Week at St. Ann

MONDAY, November 8

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, November 9

"Keeping in Balance" Women's Study: 10:15am via Zoom Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, November 10

The Lives of Great Christians Series: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall Unemployment Support: 3-5pm -via Zoom "Keeping in Balance" Women's Study: 7pm in Fr. Bennet Hall

<u>THURSDAY, November 11</u> Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church "Matthew" Bible Study: 7pm in the Activity Room and via Zoom

FRIDAY, November 12 Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, November 13 Treasure Hunt Social: after the 4pm Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall

<u>SUNDAY, November 14</u> Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am via Zoom Treasure Hunt Social: after the 11am Mass in Fr. Bennett Hall

MONDAY, November 8

9:00 Richard Cialfi, requested by Sandy and Nelson Bondhus

TUESDAY, November 9 9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, November 10

9:00 Brenda Ann Daley Kozuch, requested by Karen Daley Hull and William M. Daley & family

THURSDAY, November 119:00 Yvo Lobo, requested by the Lobo Family

FRIDAY, November 12 9:00 George Droste, requested by the family

SATURDAY, November 134:00 Natalie Nicole, requested by her family

SUNDAY, November 14

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 Domenic Zacchio, requested by his family

11:00 Theresa Ann Fischer, requested by the Saxe 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.

Knights of Columbus Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Orders can be placed after Masses on November 6/7 and 13/14. Pick up pies after Masses the weekend of November 20/21.

Still only \$10 each our locally sourced pies are made just for you! Apple * Peach Praline * Pumpkin * Very Berry

All proceeds benefit St. Ann's ministries and charities within our local community!

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Online Giving (Oct.20-Oct.27, 2021): \$3,087.50 Online Giving (Oct.27-Nov.3, 2021): \$3,508.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *monthly*



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

Our parish-wide Treasure Hunt finishes this weekend, so get your clue sheet in the Gathering Space and join in the fun! ALL parishioners are invited to attend one of our parish socials NEXT WEEKEND after Saturday's 4pm Mass OR Sunday's 11am Mass. There will be refreshments, a Treasure Hunt slide show, and prize drawings for the participants. After so much time apart, it's wonderful to have this opportunity to socialize together. We hope you can JOIN US next Saturday or Sunday!

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 November7. For more information, please contact Erin Kretz, <u>erinlkretz@gmail.com</u>.

Are you searching for Peace, Meaning & Belonging?

A relationship with God through the Catholic Church can give you that, and more.

We'd love to talk with you about it in person, or by phone. No pressure; just friendly, open conversation, one-on-one.

Contact: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

Church of St. Ann + Avon, CT



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.

Donate online via our website: www.stannavon.com Pledge forms available in Parish Office or on our website.

Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated!

Thank you.

AN INSPIRING NEW SERIES ON WEDNESDAYS 9:30 am Fr. Bennett Hall

Taken from <u>The Great Courses</u> program, "THE LIVES OF GREAT CHRISTIANS" and from <u>Bishop Barron's Word On Fire</u> program, "PIVOTAL PLAYERS," this series offers an interesting look at the lives of a few important Saints. The focus is on the way they lived their lives, providing us with insights on how to become a better Christian.

 NOVEMBER 10:
 What Makes a Great Christian? (30 minutes)

 St. Paul and the First Christian Missionaries (30 minutes)

 NOVEMBER 17:
 St. Augustine

 St. Patrick and the Conversion of Ireland

DECEMBER 1: St. Francis of Assisi St. Clare of Assisi

The Lives of Great Christians

DECEMBER 8:

St. Catherine of Siena (1 hour)

DECEMBER 15:

St. John Henry Newman (1 hour)

NO NEED TO REGISTER DROP IN FOR JUST ONE OR FOR ALL SESSIONS For questions call Janet Newman 860-573-3446 or email: wjnewman@sbcglobal.net



Prayer for Veterans...

Heavenly Father, on this day, help us remember those who gave of themselves to keep us safe and secure. Enkindle in our consciences a desire to serve those who served their country selflessly. Give us the grace to aid those who have given aid and protection to us and others, both here and overseas. Let us never forget the causes for which they fought or the bravery they showed on the battlefield. May we be always be mindful of those who paid the price for our freedom, just as your Son gave his life to free us from the bondage of sin. Amen.



The Catholic Church teaches that each time a person receives Holy Communion worthily, their ability to enjoy the Beatific Vision of the Blessed Trinity in heaven is increased. To receive the Blessed Sacrament worthily, we must be in the state of grace. That means that we have no serious (mortal) sin still present on our soul. Jesus gives us the gift of the Sacrament of Penance in His Mercy. By means of this Sacrament, we have the opportunity to have sins forgiven including all serious sins.

Reflection: The grace of a good confession is a grace given for our salvation. Our salvation is found in Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross. By pouring out His life and giving us His Body and Blood on Calvary, Christ opens for us the gates of heaven. The Holy Eucharist is that very same Body and Blood given for us with total love. By partaking worthily of Holy Communion, the treasures of heaven are fully open to us. Our degree of holiness in heaven depends upon our depth of love. The surest way to grow in that love is to receive the Holy Eucharist worthily. There is no greater grace that Jesus can give to us. As St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "The Eucharist <u>is</u> Jesus HIMSELF."

NOVEMBER 7, 2021 – 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Look

Have you ever made the mistake of telling your spouse that you're out of something — only to see them respond with The Look? Then you realize it: of course, he or she knows you're out of butter. They knew it before a butter shortage was even a blip on your radar.

We might go to the fridge and lament the complete lack of ketchup. Then someone moves a couple items and show us the ketchup that so savagely eluded us just moments before.

Sometimes, we all have "the look" when dealing with God. We tell Him our stores are empty. "I'm out, God! I can't do any more! Can't give any more. Can't take any more. It's all gone." But we forget: God is the keeper of our stores. He is the one who fills them, and the one who watches as they empty.

See, we don't know how much we are capable of loving. We don't know how much we are capable of serving. We don't know how much we are capable of hoping. We see everything with spouse eyes. Only our Creator truly knows the limits of His creation.

Do you ever make the mistake of telling God "I'm done"? Be careful the next time you do. Chances are, He's far from finished working.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of November 7, 2021

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
Monday:	Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/ Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah. (1 Kgs 17:15-16)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146) or: Alleluia

Second Reading:

But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. (Heb 9:26)

Gospel:

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." (Mk 12:43-44)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

It all really boils down to a matter of the heart, and actions do speak louder than words. We cannot hide from the truth. A problem with religion is that it is possible for someone to make everything appear to be right when actually it is not. We can say all of the right prayers, perform all of the proscribed rituals, claim that we adhere to orthodox doctrines and still lead a distorted, empty and sometimes pitiful life. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even the noblest looking actions can amount to nothing. It is no wonder, then, that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus. While it may not always appear to be the case, God has a special care and regard for those who depend upon him in times of trouble and want. Only the person who is truly poor is the only one who can see this. Because of a lack of trust, the one who has much is afraid to take a risk and sees only what they possess as their only security.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

We invite you to join us for our second "drive thru" version of our beloved House of Bread tradition, the 36th Annual Hunger Banguet! Please join us on Wednesday. November 17, 2021 between 11:30am and 1:00 pm in the parking lot across from St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St., Hartford. Meals will include a bowl of soup, a 40th Anniversary mug, and additional goodies as we raise money to benefit our programs. The cost is \$30 per person. Those planning on stopping by to pick up meals can RSVP at info@hobread.org. More information is available at www.hobread.org. We hope you can join us!

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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