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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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#### 860-673-9858

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[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me."

In 21:19b

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:**

EAST

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

MONDAY, May 2

**TUESDAY**, May 3

WEDNESDAY, May 4

**THURSDAY, May 5** 

FRIDAY, May 6

SATURDAY, May 7

SUNDAY, May 8

9:00

9:00

9:00

9:00

9:00

4:00

7:30

9:30

11:00

May 1, 2022

Easter

Edward Stodolski, requested by Ewa Sulewski

Mieczyslaw & Janusz Kobylinski, requested by

Richard A. St. Jean, Sr., requested by

Rob and Valerie St. Jean

Rosanne Harutunian

Michael Sumers, requested by

Manda Koch, requested by

Russell and Diane Koch



Ewa Sulewski



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, May 2

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm, in church (all are welcome!) Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall Lectio Divina, Live !: 7:15pm in Room 3 (no Zoom)

#### TUESDAY, May 3

#### WEDNESDAY, May 4

Wednesday Study Group: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall Mary Bible Study: 7pm in Activity Room

#### THURSDAY, May 5

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Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

FRIDAY, May 6

SATURDAY, May 7 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

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

For all Mothers, Living and Deceased

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## Come be a part of our ministry!

#### Upcoming Meeting: Monday, May 2nd 7-8:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

All are welcome ... including brand new knitters! For more information call Tina: 860-674-1541

# St. Ann Cares Day of Caring May 14, 2022

Our annual Day of Caring on Saturday, May 14th is fast approaching. We will be doing the usual painting, carpentry, and landscaping. All skill levels are needed.

#### SIGN UP IN GATHERING SPACE AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND, April 30/May 1

Contact Steve Rose with any questions or sign-up information at sirose1088@gmail.com or 860-250-5355.



## For Divine Peace, Divine Love & Divine Will on Earth, requested by Kathryn Woolley and family

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

SUNDAY, May 8 Lectio Divina, Livel: 10:30am via Zoom

### WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 4/24/22: \$6,878.55 Online Giving (Apr. 20-27, 2022): \$2,836.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Helping Haitian Children



### Join One of Our New Faith Studies

(First-timers welcome!)

# "*Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*" video series by Dr. Ted Sri

Explore the Biblical roots of our beliefs about Mary the Mother of Jesus; filmed in the Holy Land. Wednesdays: 7-8:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall (4/20: Activity Rm) April 20-June 8 Fee: \$28 RSVP by April 14 to Eileen - <u>ecdimauro@yahoo.com</u> or Sue Ollestad (860)424-7637

#### "Reaching Out" by Henri Nouwen, Book Study

In this perfect book for our times, see how understanding our struggles helps us to love God, self and others better. Thursdays, 9:30-10:30am in Room 3 April 28-May 19 Fee: \$15 (books provided) Leader: Terry Pendergast, terry@frankpendergastinc.com RSVP by April 21 to: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

# **SAVE THE DATE!**

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Forming Together Forming Disciples for Faith and Justice September 17, 2022 - Omni Hotel, New Haven Center for Catholic Education and Formation / The Office for Catholic Second Human Content of The Office for Catholic Second Human Content of The Office for Catholic



# Little Lambs

Little Lambs will be meeting at the 9:30am Mass again on all Sundays in May. All children are welcome to join us for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Father will call them up after the Opening Prayer.

No need to sign up ahead. Older siblings and Caregivers welcome too.

Any questions, please call: Colleen Waterbury: mcwaterbu@comcast.net Heather Hoffman: heather-hoffman@sbcglobal.net

# Perennial Plant Sale



Saturday, May 14, 2022 8 a.m. to Noon St. Ann's Parking Lot

# Plant Donations Needed!

As the weather grows warmer and you start to work in your yards this spring, please consider sharing some of your perennials that are ready for dividing. Also, any plants, such as tulips and daffodils, that you received for Easter and don't plan to put in your own flower beds would be appreciated. In addition to plants, we are seeking donations of small, gently used gardening accessories (e.g, tools, flower pots, statuary).

Donations may be dropped off in the parking lot (West Avon Rd. side, under tree) on:

Thursday, May 12, from 8:30-10am & 5-7pm Friday, May 13, from 8:30-10am & 1-2pm

#### Please IDENTIFY plants (name, color, sun/shade)



If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Jean Frey at (860) 673-1949. We would be happy to have new volunteers join us!

The proceeds from the sale will benefit the Social Outreach Scholarship Program, which supports deserving urban students with partial tuition to local Catholic high schools.

#### Registration: 2022-2023 Religious Education School Year

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!! Electronic Registration and Payment form all in one!! Please see the link below to use the electronic registration form to enroll your children in Faith Formation 2022-2023. Faith education is an



important part of your child's religious education and classes will be starting in the fall. Church of St. Ann is dedicated to continuing the education of our youth. They are the future of our Church. Please register by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to guarantee a spot for your children in class. Please do not hold up your family's registration because of financial issues. We are happy to make arrangements that work for your family. All information is confidential. Please contact, Jennifer Soucy, Registrar, with any questions.

**To Register:** Links are on our website at www.stannavon.org. **Direct Registration Link:** <u>https://www.osvhub.com/stannavon/</u><u>forms/faith-formation-registration-2022-2023</u>

#### **Tuition:** \$85

Sacramental Fees: 1<sup>st</sup> Communion - \$85 Confirmation - \$50 (Just those entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade) Catechist Children: Discounted Tuition -\$25 plus any Sacramental Fee

#### We are always looking for Catechists!

Please reach out to Valerie St. Jean, K-8, Valerie.stjean@stannavon.com Or Rosemary Neamtz, Confirmation (9-10), rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com if you would like to volunteer.



We are once again taking orders for engraved pavers at our beautiful Veterans Memorial Way at St. Ann Cemetery! Each paver purchased will be engraved with a veteran's name and information regarding their service. Pavers may honor veterans who are living or deceased. If you are purchasing a brick in honor of a deceased veteran, it is not required that they are buried at St. Ann's Cemetery. Order forms can be found in the Gathering Space &/or the Parish Office. You can also download a form from our website; look for the Veteran's Memorial under the "Resources" tab. HONOR A VETERAN WITH AN ENGRAVED PAVER AT VETERANS MEMORIAL WAY



# PETER: CORNERSTONE OF CATHOLICISM



Presented through FORMED, Dr. Tim Gray brings together, in 10 episodes, Biblical accounts, historical evidence, church teaching, classical art and personal insights which give a fresh and in-depth perspective on Simon Peter that is informative and relevant to our lives.

## WEDNESDAYS at 9:30am STARTING MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> Father Bemett Hall Study Guide \$10.00

To register, call Janet Newman at 860-573-3446 or email: wjnewman@sbcglobal.net





"Do you love Me?" This is the question which Jesus posses three times to Peter in today's Gospel. (John 21:1-14) This same question is posed to us by Our Lord when we receive Him in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus confided to St. Faustina, the saint of Divine Mercy, that people are distracted from His Presence in Holy Communion. They ignore Him and think of other things.

<u>Reflection:</u> How do we prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion? Do we recognize Him in the Sacred Host? Do we speak to Him as our dearest friend, and as our Lord and God? How many times does our soul whisper intimately to Jesus, "Yes Lord, You know that I love You."

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

#### Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that - the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

#### WEEKLY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of May 1, 2022

Sunday:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/ Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/ Jn 10:27-30

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

"We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." (Acts 5:32)

#### Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30) Or Alleluia.

#### Second Reading:

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." (Rev 5:12)

#### Gospel:

Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. (Jn 21:13)

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

What prevents us from seeing the Lord? We are not used to seeing Jesus in the ordinary, everyday events of our lives. We expect some kind of startling, extraordinary revelation to occur that definitely and unmistakably sends a signal that God wants our attention. We don't expect a visit from Jesus while we are having breakfast, doing the dishes, running after the kids, negotiating a deal at work, or taking a shower! Sometimes when God simply stands on the shore of our lives casually looking for us, we don't recognize him. Did we ever stop and think that God is really and truly interested in the routine, run of the mill events of our lives? So, "what did you do today?" God may ask. Maybe we don't think that God is concerned about such things, or we are so consumed with life's demands that we give it little if any thought. Perhaps we are determined to achieve our own success, desire to control things ourselves or not really sure what God cares about. God is there. One day, out of the blue, God will get our attention and ask, "Do you love me?" ©LPi

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Could it be that God's image has become so soiled and distorted that it is hard for us to see it? Our self-serving agendas have done a great job twisting God's image into what profits us. We want our agenda to be God's agenda and use prayer as the convincing leverage we need. Worse still, our success and egocentric agenda often erases God's image completely, replacing it with our own. St. Oscar Romero instructs us that the Son of Man "dies on the cross to cleanse God's image, which is soiled in today's humanity, a humanity so enslaved, so selfish, so sinful." Striving to preserve control of our destinies at all costs, we fail to see the risen suffering servant, the Christ, standing right beside us.

Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross and was raised from the dead, corrects our soiled image of God. He shows us God as God is, not who we want to make God to be. God is the God of the poor, the weak, and the marginalized. He is the God who tenderly caresses us when we are suffering and hurting, assuring us that all will be safe and well. He is the God of equity, peace, justice, and compassion who wants happiness for each of His children, desiring their wellbeing and success. God goes where men and women are afraid to go, sitting with the lost, the broken, and the sorrowing. St. Oscar Romero challenges us to illuminate with "Christ's light ... even the most hideous caverns of the human person: torture, jail, plunder, want, chronic illness. The oppressed must be saved." The resurrection calls us to be God's microphone, a messenger, and a prophet (St. Oscar Romero).

Using eyes that see beyond the limited constructs and desires of our world, we can see the true and real Jesus standing before us, calling us to transformation and change. Asking us more than once, "do you love me?" We are beckoned to give an answer. Answering in the affirmative, it is now our task to feed the sheep and the lambs who belong to God. In short, equipped with the power of the resurrection and a corrected image of God our task is to make things better, brighter, holier, more life-giving, and just for all of God's children. Considering our choices, our interactions, our philosophies, and aspirations, how can we do this? ©LPi

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SUPPORT OUR PARISH BY GIVING ONLINE TODAY www.stannavon.org/online-giving 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL HOUSE OF BREAD COLLECTION for this men's shelter!!! The Collection Bin will be in the church atrium from Sunday May 1 through Sunday, May 15.

The House of Bread of Bread The House of Bread provides urban ministry to the economically disadvantaged in the Hartford area. Compassion, dignity and respect are characteristics of our services to the hungry, homeless and needy population

Anything you can do is appreciated!

Regested Items: -plain toothpaste -toothbrushes -unscented deodorant -Men's socks

If you have any questions, please contact Jacob Dording at <u>jjdord1104@gmail.com</u>. THANK YOU!

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please consider prayerfully supporting the many "Good Works" of the Archdiocese. Every gift will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at: https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



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