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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.

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JNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28b

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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

MONDAY, May 9

TUESDAY, May 10

WEDNESDAY, May 11

Marion

THURSDAY, May 12

FRIDAY, May 13

SATURDAY, May 14

SUNDAY, May 15

9:00

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4:00

7:30

9:30

11:00

May 8, 2022



Ewa Sulewski

Richard Cialfi, requested by his wife, Dottie

Daniel Wojciechowski, requested by

Enrico Spalvieri (2nd Ann.), requested by

on Earth, requested by James Woolley

St. Ann MMP Cenacle

the Ligato Family

the Del Prete Family

For Divine Peace, Divine Love and Divine Will

Klaus Joeckel, requested by members of the

Josephine & Joseph Scafidi, requested by

Nina Printy, requested by the Yu Family

Molly and Tommy Moran, requested by

Kurt Wirth, requested by a friend

4th Sunday of Easter



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 9

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 10

Social Justice Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, May 11

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

THURSDAY, May 12

Plant Sale Donation Drop-Off: 8:30-10am, 5-7pm in the parking lot "Reaching Out" Book Study: 9:30am in Room 3 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Saint Ann Cares Ministry Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

FRIDAY, May 13

Plant Sale Donation Drop-Off: 8:30-10am, 1-2pm in the parking lot Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, May 14

Perennial Plant Sale: 8am - 12 noon in the St. Ann parking lot Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, May 15

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

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What are You Enjoying

If you haven't signed up yet, please visit our parish website - stannavon.org – and click the FORMED box on the home page for the 'how to's'. We'd love to hear YOUR recommendations for what you're loving on FORMED. *Please email them to Ann at ann.distefano@stannavon.com.*

St. Ann Cares Day of Caring May 14, 2022

Come join St. Ann Cares on Saturday, May 14th for a fun day. We will be painting, landscaping and minor carpentry. Even if you haven't signed up and have a few hours to share, please come. We will meet in the church parking lot at 7am and carpool to the site.

Contact Steve Rose with any questions 860-250-5355 or <u>sjrose1088@gmail.com</u>



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 5/1/22: \$6,162.00 Online Giving (Apr. 27-May 4, 2022): \$3,718.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Catholic Communications Campaian



Join One of Our New Faith Studies

(First-timers welcome!)

<u>"Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother"</u> 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 - ecdimauro@yahoo.com 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



The Holy Eucharist DID γΟU KNOW?

We should be ever mindful of the love that unites the Sacred Heart of Jesus, alive in the Eucharist, with the Immaculate Heart of His Blessed Mother. Above all, it is Mary's primary task to lead us to her Divine Son. She does this consistently. Let's examine the Marian Apparitions of Fatima, whose anniversary we celebrate on May 13th of this coming week.

Before Our Lady appeared to the three shepherd children, an angel appeared to them in preparation for her coming. The angel brought the Holy Eucharist to them. Prostrating himself before the Chalice and Host, which were suspended in the air, the angel taught the children this prayer. "My God, my God, I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament."

<u>Reflection:</u> It is no coincidence that the first apparition of Fatima took place on May 13th. This date is the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. Our Blessed Mother instilled a great love and devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to the three little Fatima visionaries. And like the devoted Mother that she is, she will do the very same thing for us as well, if we cultivate a love of Our Lady and her holy rosary.



Perennial Plant Sale

Saturday, May 14, 2022 8 a.m. to 12 noon St. Ann's Parking Lot

Plant Donations Needed!

Please come to shop and support the Social Outreach Scholarship Program. A variety of plants will be offered, and knowledgeable gardeners will be available to assist you in making your selection. The scholarship program supports deserving urban students by providing partial tuition to area Catholic high schools.

Payment: Cash/Check Only!

If you are donating plants or small, gently used gardening accessories, please drop them 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.

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.



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!

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 1st, 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: 1st Communion - \$85 Confirmation - \$50 (Just those entering 9th 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



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WEDNESDAYS at 9:30am STARTING MAY 4TH Father Bennett Hall Study Guide \$10.00

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



plessing of mothers

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love-mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

God our heavenly Father, you give to each the ability to share your generative love. Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love and bring forth life through their willingness to risk bringing new life into this world. Help us to show them our gratitude for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love. May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them his unfailing love. We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother. Amen.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Reluctant Sheep

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as "sheep" if we think they haven't sufficiently questioned authority or if they're too willing to go along with someone else's plan. We say someone has "the wool over their eyes" if they aren't willing to see what we think is very obvious. "A wolf in sheep's clothing" is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you've really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it's no wonder that nobody *wants* to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can't protect themselves. They're vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we're shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don't have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God *is* trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: *You don't have to do this on your own.*

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate. - *Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 8, 2022

Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/ Jn 10:27-30
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
Next Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/
	Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

For so the Lord has commanded us,

"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth." (Act 13:47)

Psalm:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100) Or Alleluia. Second Reading:

For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water. (Rev 7:17)

Gospel:

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." (Jn 10:27-28)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Do we hear and follow? Before we can welcome Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God's voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive in order to hear it. It comes through the beauty of creation, the warmth and energy of love, the gift of compassion both received and given, the sacred miracle of life, and the orderly and purposeful design of things and in the truth found in God's commandments. Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for His direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow Him. We are easily misled and there are many convincing "shepherds." Only one is Good. It is only the Good Shepherd who can lead us away from the evils that can hurt us and bring us to the good. We may not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe. **CLPi**

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start." (Pope Francis) We have a difficult time figuring out what is true and best for us. There are many voices talking and so many trying to get our attention. We wrongly convince ourselves that the true voice is the voice of progress, the one that speaks of contemporary wants and desires, enticing us with the latest trends and causes. We are taught, by listening to the voices around us, that truth is found in feelings and thought, and ideals must match current and popular human wants. Because we feel a particular way it must be true. Then, we find a shepherd who empathizes with us and affirms us. We follow that voice even though listening to that voice will render us powerless and lead us to harm. There are many with me in this procession to this pasture. I must be on the right path and listening to the right voice.

We are very confused. What can keep us safe and from harm? Where do we go to find life, love, and happiness? Jesus tells us that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The only way to get to Truth, who is God, is through him. There is no other way. The Church, the gate around God's pasture of life, is charged with the mission of directing us where God desires that we go. In the midst of all of the conflicting voices around us, the voice of truth is often muffled in all of the noise, but it beckons us to a life of virtue and grace. Helping us understand who we are and where we have to be, it discerns the voice of God, providing us with the safety net we need to stay straight on our path to life eternal.

We have to trust the voice of God, the true Shepherd, even when it does not mirror what we want and what others may believe. Faith goes way beyond feeling and involves a radical trust in Someone who can lead us and form us. At day's end, if we do not know to find our way home, we will be truly lost. ©LPi

THE BULLETIN BOARD



Can You Help St. Ann Cares 5 by Donating Snacks & Water Bottles for the Volunteers?

St. Ann's Cares is doing their annual project on Sat May 14th in Hartford. If anyone is able to donate individual chip bags, individual wrapped snacks or bottled water please leave in Father Bennett Hall kitchen **labeled "St Ann's Cares**" by Fri., May 13th. Questions please contact Barbara Glaude 860-690-0512 or <u>barbaraglaude@qmail.com</u>

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help to those in need! Together, we can and do make a profound difference in the lives of many individuals and families, in a way that exceeds anything we could hope to achieve on our own. Please consider supporting this important initiative. Every gift makes a difference. Organizations such as **the Avon Food Pantry** right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local neighbors.

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