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BAPTISMS:

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.

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SUNDAY OF EASTER "I give you a new commandment: love one

another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

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

May 15 2022



5th 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 16

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm, in church (all are welcome!)

Lectio Divina, Live !: 7:15pm in Room 3 (no Zoom)

TUESDAY, May 17

WEDNESDAY, May 18

Wednesday Bible Study Group: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall Mary Bible Study: 7pm in Activity Room Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

THURSDAY, May 19

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

SATURDAY, May 21 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, May 22

Lectio Divina, Livel: 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Next Sunday, May 22, 2022 2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Following the Holy Hour there will be a May Crowning and recitation of the Rosary to honor Our Blessed Mother. Please join us for these powerful devotions!

What are You Enjoying on FORMED.org?

Fr. McHugh has graciously given every parish family the gift of a subscription to FORMED.org, a wonderful website that is like a "Catholic Netflix/YouTube" channel. It features thousands of videos, faith studies, movies, podcasts, eBooks, audio books, cartoons and more, for people of all ages. We have been getting great feedback on what parishioners are enjoying on FORMED! To read these tips, visit https://stannavon.org/our-recommendations.

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.

MONDAY, May 16

9:00 For Divine Peace, Divine Love and Divine Will on Earth, requested by James Woolley

TUESDAY, May 17 9:00 Albert & Gilbert Lozier, requested by Doris and Lionel Cyr

WEDNESDAY, May 18

9:00 For Divine Peace, Divine Love and Divine Will on Earth, requested by Kathryn Woolley & family

THURSDAY, May 19

9:00 For Divine Peace, Divine Love and Divine Will on Earth, requested by Kathryn Woolley & family

FRIDAY, May 20

9:00 Dr. & Mrs. Charles Zmijeski, requested by Barbara and Gino Calderone

SATURDAY, May 21

4:00 Lewis Affelder (5th Ann.), requested by the family

SUNDAY, May 22

7:30 Linda & Salvatore Bonini, requested by the family

- **9:30** Keiran Manning, requested by Lou and Eileen Del Prete
- **11:00** Daniel Maulucci, requested by the Calcagni Family

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 5/8/22: \$4,429.00 Online Giving (May 4-11, 2022): \$2,845.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *monthly*



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



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!



The Holy Eucharist DID γΟU KNOW?

We have a reading at Mass this weekend from the Book of Revelation (21:1-5a). St. John hears a loud voice proclaim, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be His people and God himself will always be with them as their God."

<u>Reflection</u>: The above verse is confirmed throughout the world in every Catholic Church. God is truly dwelling with us in each tabernacle by His living Presence, the Holy Eucharist. Not only is He present in our tabernacles, but He desires to be present in each of our souls when we receive Him in Holy Communion. What an extraordinary gift we posses as Catholic Christians! It will take us all eternity to thank Him for our reception of just one Holy Communion.



God Has a Personal Message For You!

Join us for the popular *Lectio Divina* way of praying scripture, where you listen for what God is saying to you in the Gospel for the coming Sunday. It's also a great way to connect with others, and engage more fully in Mass.

Friendly groups meet via Zoom & in person. Newcomers welcome!

Sundays at 10:30am both in Room 3 & via Zoom Mondays at 7:15pm in Room 3 Fridays at 9:45am via Zoom

For registration details and inspiringtestimonials, visit: <u>https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live</u>

2ND ANNUAL HOUSE OF BREAD COLLECTION

The Collection Bin will be in the Gathering Space from:

Sunday, May 15th - Sunday, May 22nd

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.



Requested Items:

plain toothpaste * toothbrushes unscented deodorant * men's socks Anything you can do will be appreciated!

If you have any questions, please contact Jacob Dording at jjdord1104@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!



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:** https://www.osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/faith-formation-registration-2022-2023

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

We are always looking for Catechists!

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



Honor a Veteran with an Engraved Paver at Veterans Memorial Way

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 are available in the parish office or download and print on our website: stannavon.org/veterans-memorial-way-at-st-ann-cemetery



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.



MAY 15, 2022 - 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Loving as New Creations

"There's something different about you."

Think about the times in your life when this has been said to you. Maybe it was after someone complimented you on a job well done, and you realized that you were walking through life with a little more confidence. Maybe it was after meeting someone special, as you carried the glow of that relationship wherever you went. Chances are, if someone has noticed something different about you, it's because, inwardly, you've been changed by the loving or respectful actions of another person.

Love, you see, can make us into new creations. From the love of God flows the grace to tackle any challenge, including the biggest challenge of all: loving each other well. Christ knows what a big request this is. He was human, too. He came and lived among us. He knew intimately what it was to love people in the chaos of their own flaws. He knew what he was asking of us when he said, "As I have loved you, so you should also love one another."

In essence, this is the call to stewardship: loving as Christ loves, amidst the messiness of everyday reality. Loving with accountability, challenging ourselves and our brothers and sisters to be faithful even when it is hard. Loving with an unflinching sense of hospitality that welcomes even those we do not agree with or understand. Loving with gratitude, giving thanks for the great variety of ways that Christ can make himself known to us through others.

It isn't easy — we all know that. But if we ask God for the grace to remain steadfast in this greatest commandment, we will be given what we need to live as new creations. - *Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 15, 2022

Sundays:	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/ Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/
	Jn 14:23-29

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

They called the church together and reported what God had done with them. (Acts 14:27)

Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 146) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." (Rev 21:4)

Gospel:

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually LOVING each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again. ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

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HEALING WEEKEND

Beginning Experience of CT invites all men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a marriage through death, divorce, or separation.

June 3 – 5, 2022 Location: Lourdes of Litchfield _{Litchfield, CT}

For more information or reservations: 860-993-5469 info@beginningexperiencect.org





Your gift today will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications and religious supplies. These items will all be immediately distributed, and <u>100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people.</u> *Join us today in supporting the Ukraine Solidarity Fund!* To make your donation by credit card, please visit: www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html f you wish to make a payment by check, please make your check out to

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Ladies Tea Party

"For ladies who love life" Let us come together in fellowship

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 1:00PM AT THE FRANCISCAN CENTER 31 OAK STREET, WINSTED

Special Guest Speaker Lynn Reynolds Executive Director of Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center

Menu: Tea, coffee, sandwiches, quiche, pastries, desserts

RSVP by 6/1 to Melanie Boucino mboucino@stjoseph-winsted.org or 860.379.3369

Goodwill Offering Appreciated



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 located** right here in our own town/church received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program which serves our local neighbors.

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