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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

289 Arch Road \* Avon, Connecticut \* 06001

# 860-673-9858

Rev. John W. McHugh, Ph.D., Pastor www.stannavon.org

MASS SCHEDULE: <u>CONFESSIONS:</u>

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[Jesus] answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of

God." - Lk 9:60

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 - Friday: 9:00 am

Sunday Vigil (Saturday): 4:00 pm

**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:30 and 11:00am

> First Friday: 9:00 am

June 26, 2022







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.

(all are welcome!)

# This Week at St. Ann

#### MONDAY, June 27

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm, in church

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

## TUESDAY, June 28

## WEDNESDAY, June 29

<u>THURSDAY, June 30</u> Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Consecration of Jesus through Mary: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

FRIDAY, July 1 Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, July 2 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, July 3 Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom

This Weekend, June 25-26 2022 Missionary Cooperative Appeal Bishop Thomas Eusebios Diocese of Parassala, India

This weekend we welcome Bishop Thomas Eusebios, from the Diocese of Parassala, India for our 2022 Missionary Cooperative Appeal. The diocese in Parassala is only four years old and it is purely a mission diocese. Most of the people in his diocese are daily laborers, from the lowest economic class of society. They were also some of the most affected by Covid-19 in India and the aftermath looks to last a long time. The diocese did its best to help the people by providing food kits and other forms of support but much is needed.

The gifts that are received through this mission appeal will be used to help rehabilitate the families in the Parassala diocese that were most affected by the pandemic.

Please welcome Bishop Eusebios and consider helping the people of his diocese!



# MONDAY, June 27

**9:00** Sister Agnes Virginia Manning, requested by John and Maria Manning

TUESDAY, June 28 9:00 John Winchester, requested by his children

#### WEDNESDAY, June 29

9:00 Thomas Penzone, requested by Roseanne Harutunian

## THURSDAY, June 30

**9:00** Scott Cunningham (month's mind), requested by John McCluskey, Sr.

## FRIDAY, July 1

**9:00** Charles Vuono, requested by the Bondhus Family

## SATURDAY, July 2

**4:00** Robert "Jake" Banfield (1st Ann.), requested by Dr. Mary Simon

## SUNDAY, July 3

- 7:30 Selma Gage, requested by Mosen Khoshneviss
- **9:30** Diane Fanelli McCue, requested by a friend
- **11:00** In celebration of the birthdays of Mary, Justina and Mirek, *requested by the family*



# WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 6/19/22: \$5,644.94 Online Giving (June 15-22, 2022): \$2,733.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *none* 

# Announcing this year's Good Summer Read!



Questions: ann.distefano@stannavon.com



# 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 Fridays at 9:45am via Zoom

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

# St. and a YOUTH MINISTRY

# Calling All <u>Confirmed</u> St. Ann Teens!

If you like hanging out with friends in a casual, friendly environment why not consider furthering your faith journey with us! We are always looking for new teens to join our Youth Ministry. Our next event is a Summer picnic which will take place in late summer (stay tuned for more information).

If you're interested in joining us, or would just like more information, just contact Mrs. Neamtz:

Email: rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com



# St Ann's Food Pantry Garden

If you are interested in helping in the garden this summer please contact Leo DiStefano:

leo.distefano@comcast.net

# Want to get closer to Jesus? Ask His Mother!

Join us Thursday nights beginning June 9 from 7 - 8:15pm as we follow the 33 day St. Louis de Montfort method of prayer and mediation in a consecration to Jesus through Mary. We will meet each Thursday through July 14th and culminating in a consecration at Mass on The Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16.

The program is outlined in a book titled: "*Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary*", published by Tan books (ISBN978-1-5051-1298-6). The cost is \$16.95, but the first ten participants joining will get the book from us for free. We hope to see you there.

# GREAT TIMES FILLED WITH FUN AND FAITH WERE HAD AT OUR ROCKY RAILROAD SUMMER BIBLE CAMP!





# 2022-23 Faith Formation Registration

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 spat for your children in class. 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: www.stannavon.org/k-10-registration Direct Registration Link:

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

 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!

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



# The Holy Eucharist DID γου κΝοψ?

Did you know that the word "Communion" comes from the Latin word "communio", which means "to be in union with".

In today's Mass readings we meet several people whom Jesus encounters in His ministry. He invites them to follow Him, but each one poses an excuse as to why they cannot do so. (Luke 9:51-62) Jesus is seeking those who wish to be in union with Him by following His teachings.

Reflection: Are you a "would be" follower of Jesus? The Church uses the word "Communion" because "by this Sacrament we unite ourselves to Christ, who makes us sharers in His Body and Blood to form a single body." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1331) By means of this Sacrament we become true followers of Christ. In the Holy Eucharist we are "united to the Heart of Jesus, are strengthened to live our lives, long for eternal life and are united to Our Lady and the saints in Heaven. (CCC 1419) By our saying "Yes" to follow Christ, the gifts of Holy Communion are opened like a treasure chest of grace before us.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Monday, June 27, 2022 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

All are welcome! We can also help you learn to knit! For more information call Tina: 860-674-1541



# JUNE 26, 2022 – 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

#### Guided by the spirit

There will always be something behind us and before us. Time moves on and the world continues to rotate. Will we miss that which exists right before our eyes because they are shut while we are consumed by the past or worried about the future?

When we go about whatever work God has set for us this day, large or small, we cannot get it done if we are looking behind us. Being mindful means to live for the present. It sounds like the simplest thing in the world, but we forget it (I forget it at least once every day). We must be guided by the Spirit.

What I'm talking about here is a radical abandonment of ourselves to God — over, and over, and over again. We cannot put our hand to the plough, while our eyes are looking backward at what is left behind. We cannot turn back if we are to move forward.

When we take up the yoke of stewardship, we will never be able to bear it if we rely on our own strength. When we put our hands to the plough, we will never get the job done if we look backwards at our own track record for inspiration. There is no inspiration there. Let the dead bury their dead.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## WEEKLY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of June 26, 2022

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/
-	Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
Monday:	Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/
	Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
	Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
	2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Thursday:	Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/
	Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant. (1 Kgs 19:21)

#### Psalm:

You are my inheritance, O Lord. (Ps 16)

#### Second Reading:

For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters. (Gal 5:13)

#### Gospel:

As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." (Lk 9:57)

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

God calls us in the midst of ordinary things. Often only looking for God in the dramatic, spectacular, the ritual or the sacred places, we miss that He is walking beside us. Every moment of every day, in every circumstance and experience, God is calling to us, "Follow me." Sometimes, we are too distracted to hear this call. Other times, we would rather ignore it or pretend it wasn't heard. God, however, is very persistent. Whether we fine tune our hearing to receive this invitation now or when we close our eyes in death, we need to make a choice. The choice involves leaving some things behind and moving forward, taking risks. Choosing to keep focused and single-minded, the lens we then use to see our world and one another is God's, not our own. Life is no longer about what is important or matters to me but what matters to God. We acquire a new filter and are asked to use that filter to make choices, establish priorities, and determine what direction we will take, and how to love. Once we accept God's invitation, we cannot keep looking back to what was left behind, only forward to the surprises yet to come. **©LPi** 

# **GOSPEL MEDITATION** Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

And to another he said, "Follow me." In every moment of every day, in every circumstance and experience, God is calling us. We can easily get distracted and not hear it or simply ignore it, pretending it wasn't even heard. When we do hear it and favorably respond, there are some conditions that must be met. Jesus makes it clear that once we say yes to his invitation, we must stay focused and forge ahead. We cannot keep looking behind or worry about unfinished business. There are some tasks, and discipleship is one, that require our full devotion.

There are many "masters" vying for our attention. We need something or someone to give us direction. Human nature requires it. Our motives and actions reveal what has our allegiance. It is tempting to give ourselves to masters that lure us with intriguing promises. When given the choice between a "master" that promises worldly success, abundant wealth, status, privilege, and security versus a "master" that asks for self-sacrifice, hardship, suffering, ridicule, and death, to whom do we go? While the promise of immediate pleasure is enticing, there is always a catch. For all that secular masters can promise, they always keep us looking behind, checking on ourselves, second guessing choices, calculating options, and being slaves to excessive worry. Our guard can never come down. Only one master really promises life: Jesus Christ. Hearing his call, we either trust him or we don't.

Saying yes to following Christ does come with a risk. But it also comes with the brightness of future hopes and dreams. There is no need to keep looking behind. Sins are forgiven and regrets serve no effective purpose. God is not there. He's moved beyond all that stuff. God is in the today and the tomorrow and what he can continually do with our daily affirmation to follow Him. All we need to do is be obedient. St. Gianna Molla is credited with saying, "The stillness of prayer is the most essential condition for fruitful action. Before all else, the disciple kneels down." Begin with prayer. We will not only hear God's call but find the courage to trust that He will guide us where we need to be. God uses us in the most ordinary of ways through the simple daily expression of our lives.

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