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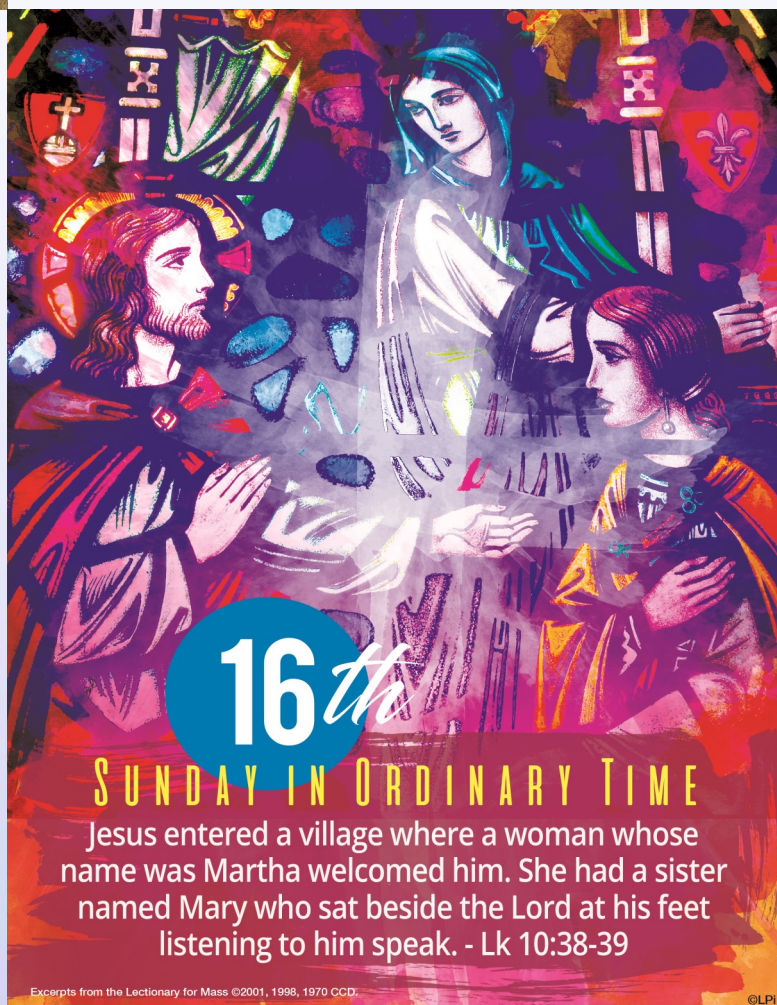
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Also, please contact the office to obtain permission to insert fliers into the weekly bulletin.



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

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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

MASS INTENTIONS



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, July 18

9:00 Charles Deye, requested by his family

TUESDAY, July 19

9:00 Edwin Lysak, requested by the family

WEDNESDAY, July 20

9:00 David Miller, requested by
Ron and Dorothy Miller

THURSDAY, July 21

9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, July 22

9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, July 23

4:00 Donald Sopelak, requested by the St. Ann
Eucharistic Ministers

SUNDAY, July 24

7:30 Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy, requested by
Requested by the Parish of St. Ann

9:30 Michael D. Gentile, requested by
Mr. and Mrs. James A. Samia

11:00 Alan Roy (1st Ann.), requested by
His wife, Anne and daughter, Carolyn

WELCOME!



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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

MONDAY, July 18

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

TUESDAY, July 19

WEDNESDAY, July 20

THURSDAY, July 21

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, July 22

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

SATURDAY, July 23

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, July 24

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



Fr. Alphonso Fontana Named the New Pastor of St. Ann.

Fr. Fontana is currently the pastor at St. Francis de Sales in Bristol. This parish was created when the Bristol parishes of St. Anthony of Padua and, ironically, St. Ann merged. He had been the pastor at St. Anthony since 2007. He begins his new ministry with us on September 1st. I was lucky enough to meet him briefly when Fr. McHugh was showing him around St. Ann; and I recently reached out to find out a little more about him that I could share with our parishioners. So let's meet our incoming pastor...

Fr. Fontana is 58 years old. He grew up in Enfield and was a student at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield from 1989-1992, after which Archbishop Cronin had him spend time at Mount St. Mary in Emmitsburg, MD. He was ordained on May 31, 1997 and he just celebrated his 25th Anniversary!

He shared that his father was born in Sicily and that his mother, also Sicilian, was born in Enfield, CT. They met in Connecticut while his father was visiting, were married in Sicily, and eventually settled back in Enfield. His father was a shoemaker and also did repairs so Fr. Fontana feels blessed that he can say he followed in his father's footsteps because they were both in the business of fixing souls (soles). While he did lose his father a while ago he thankfully gets to spend time with his mother every week who still lives in Enfield. He also has 2 brothers and a sister, all still residing in Connecticut.

Since we know Fr. McHugh loves to golf, I asked Fr. Fontana if he had any hobbies. He mentioned that he tried golf but it just wasn't for him. What he does enjoy and considers his hobby, is cooking...and that if he wasn't a priest he might have pursued being a chef. He also likes being active and going to the gym. Lastly, Father Fontana won't be coming to Avon alone because accompanying him will be his English Labrador Retriever named Bocce, who sounds like a big love-bug.

Let's all enjoy and cherish our last month and a half with Fr. McHugh as pastor, and get ready to welcome Fr. Fontana to our St. Ann family in September!

Oh, and "split loyalties" fans rejoice, Father Al is a Patriots and Yankees fan!

Kris Martino, Parish Office

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 7/10/22: \$5,594.00

Online Giving (July 6,-13 2022): \$2,498.50

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *Parish Special Needs*

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. Classes are filling up, please register your children as soon as possible! 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
(link to online registration is on this page)

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!

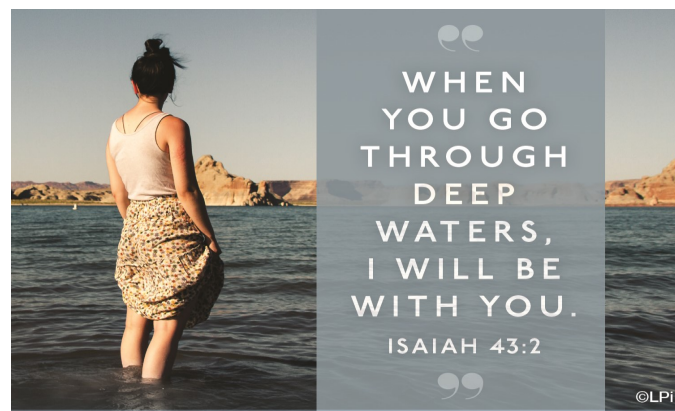
If you would like to volunteer, please contact: Valerie St. Jean, K-8, valerie.stjean@stannavon.com or Rosemary Neamtz, Confirmation (9-10), rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com



GOT PEANUT BUTTER ?

We are collecting peanut butter for children in Haiti. Please leave donations in the labeled bucket in the Gathering Space.

Thank you in advance for your donations. They are greatly needed and sincerely appreciated!



St. Ann's YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling All Confirmed 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



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:
<https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live>



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

What did St. Ignatius of Loyola mean when he wrote, "Blood of Christ, inebriate me."? Perhaps he meant some of the following things? It is the Blood of Jesus which fills us with Peace. It is the Blood of Jesus which intoxicates the soul with Joy. It is the Blood of Jesus which allows us to overflow with Divine graces. It is the Blood of Jesus which compenetrates us with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is the Blood of Jesus which is the pledge and promise of Eternal Life. It is the Blood of Jesus which will enable us one day to enjoy the glories of Heaven. It is the blood of Jesus which will make us saints.

Reflection: Why not spend some quiet time this week in prayer to meditate upon the words of St. Ignatius. Think of the love which Christ offers to us in the Holy Eucharist. Are we cognizant of these precious gifts of grace? Are we thankful? Do we recognize Who it is, who is truly present to us in the little consecrated Host?



Archbishop Leonard P. Blair

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(Through 6/17/2022)

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Be Ready for God to “Stop By”

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called “stopping by.” They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. “I was just in the neighborhood,” they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

“Crazy,” you might exclaim. “People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope with the uncertainty?” Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to be a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of July 17, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

“Please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree.” (Gn 18:3-4)

Psalms:

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

Second Reading:

In accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones. (Col 1:25-26)

Gospel:

“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part.” (Luke 10:41-42)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

We become a welcoming person when we can step aside from our own needs and desires to create space for someone else. Welcoming involves a quality of listening and presence that communicates to another person that what they are sharing and who they are have importance. When we shift attention and focus from ourselves and direct it toward someone else, positive things can happen. When someone knows that their story matters, it can be life changing and life-giving. Hospitality brings forth life and celebrates relationships. Whether we are actively tending to the business of serving the needs of others or opening ourselves to listening to their story, devotion and attentiveness are friends of love. Becoming anxious and preoccupied with one's personal agenda leaves no room for the creative, nurturing and spontaneous power of God's love.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

“Our families need to ask for the gift of the Spirit! Through prayer, even in the busiest times, we give time back to God, we find the peace that comes from appreciating the important things, and we encounter the joy of God's unexpected gifts. Through daily prayer may our homes become, like the house of Martha and Mary, places where Jesus always finds a warm welcome (Pope Francis).” While it is necessary to attend to the details of hospitality, learning how to be present to people, experiences, and God is sometimes more important. Creating homes that are welcoming environments requires not only organization and structure but members who truly enjoy being there and celebrating life with one another.

Details can often get the best of us. While attending to details is important to success, our obsession with them can be problematic. Whether wanting to make a good impression, fear of failure, insecurity, or emotional immaturity, throwing ourselves into the “details” of hospitality can distract us from being present to those we want to serve. Conversely, focusing exclusively on being present without any attention to detail also sets our attempts at hospitality up for disaster! We need a balance of both. But creating a truly welcoming space in our homes and within ourselves requires still more.

We have to be empty of ourselves. Becoming a welcoming, hospitable person is not possible in someone focused on their own needs and desires. If the one we serve is the one who looks back at us in the mirror, then there is no space for anyone else. While Martha and Mary had different ideas of what it means to serve, they both had the inner space and freedom to do so. They were detached from themselves. Detachment becomes the challenge to hospitality and creating a God-centered, open-hearted space in our lives. When we impulsively act out of our personal agendas, violence, abuse, pride, greed, lust, power, control, passion, and self-aggrandizement encroach upon the space needed to be present to another human being. Not only can others not find a home in us, but even God cannot find a home in us!

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

Franciscan Golf Classic

The 26th Annual Franciscan Golf Classic Monday, August 15, 2022, Tunxis Country Club, Farmington, Connecticut.

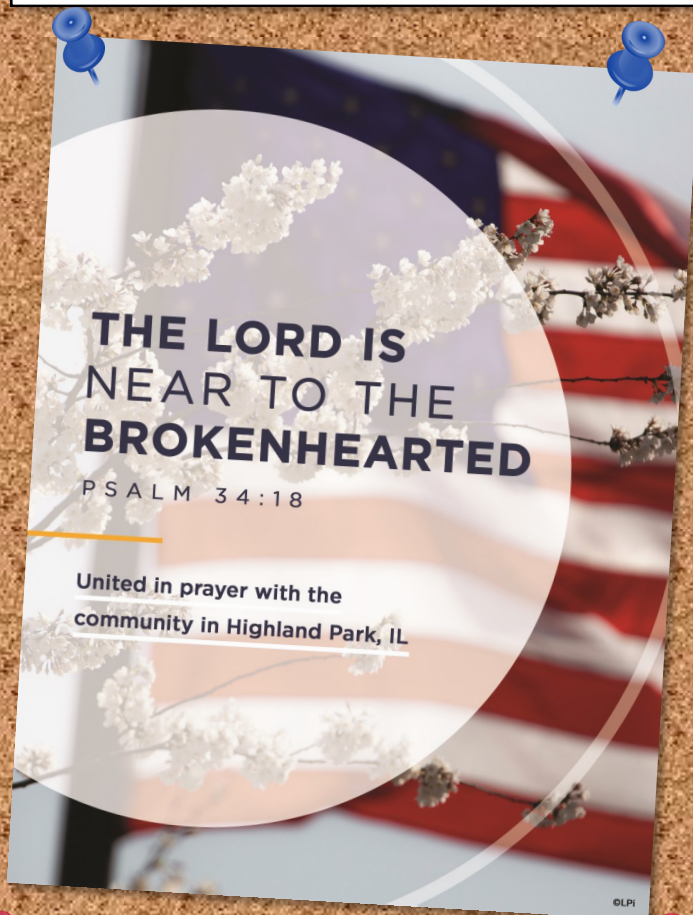
The day includes 18 holes of golf, lunch on the course, an outdoor dinner, and 4 chances to Win a Hole In One:

- \$15,000 in cash
- 2023 Hyundai Elantra
- Trip for two St. Andrews, Scotland
- Trip for two Pinehurst Resort, NC

This yearly event benefits the counseling and educational programs of the *Franciscan Life Center* and care of the sick and end of life care services of Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care.

Join us!

Cost to play \$185/person. Sponsorship opportunities available. Call 203-237-8084 or visit flcenter.org for more information.



Knights of Columbus UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND

Your gift today will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications and religious supplies. These items will all be immediately distributed, and

100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people.

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Retrouvaille

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples with difficulties in their marriage.

Visit the website: <http://helpourmarriage.org>

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