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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.

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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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MASS SCHEDULE:

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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

July 24, 2022



MONDAY, July 25 9:00 Special Intentions

TUESDAY, July 26 9:00 Fr. Joseph McKiernan, requested by John & Maria Manning

WEDNESDAY, July 27 9:00 Tracy Freehart Miller, requested by Ron and Dorothy Miller

THURSDAY, July 289:00 Daniel Maulucci, requested by Joseph Calcagni

FRIDAY, July 29 9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, July 30 4:00 Special Intentions

SUNDAY, July 31

- 7:30 Special Intentions
- **9:30** Angelo J. "Bob" Galiette (4th Ann), requested by his family
- **11:00** Lazara Luis (5th Ann), requested by her daughter and grandchildren



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, July 25 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church

TUESDAY, July 26

WEDNESDAY, July 27

THURSDAY, July 28 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, July 29 Lectio Divina, Livel: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, July 30 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, July 31 Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom



Save the Date

Come and wish Fr. McHugh well upon his well deserved retirement at an



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 7/17/22: \$5,533.38 Online Giving (July 13-20 2022): \$2,778.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *none*



Our parish has been blessed with an influx of teens wishing to enter our **Confirmation Program.** Therefore we are in **dire need of several more catechists**. Experience is not required. This is an easy, engaging and spiritually rewarding program. I urge you all to please consider helping the teens of our parish on their faith journey.

If you can help, or would just like more information, please contact Rosemary Neamtz at 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: <u>https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live</u>

St. Ann, patroness of our parish, pray for us.



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



"Once you understand the Eucharist, you can never leave the Church. Not because the Church won't let you, but because your heart won't let you." (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

<u>Reflection:</u> These are the words of a person who has grasped with profound insight the greatness of the Holy Eucharist. She has truly begun to understand Who it is and Whom we possess and encounter with each reception of Holy Communion.

This is a good opportunity for each Catholic Christian to examine his or her conscience regarding the importance which we place on our relationship with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Our eternity depends on it.



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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:	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 contact: Valerie St. Jean, K-8, valerie.stjean@stannavon.com or Rosemary Neamtz, Confirmation (9-10), rosemary.neamtz@stannavon.com



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL

Have you heard someone talk about the Bible and wondered what Catholics have to say about it? Have you ever wanted to join in a conversation about the Bible but felt unprepared? Would you like to understand God's Word more fully? If your response to any of these questions is "yes," then the Catholic Biblical School might be for you.

The New England Catholic Biblical School provides an opportunity for adults to come to **know, love and live scripture** through an in-depth Bible study from a Catholic perspective. Through weekly classes students grow in an understanding of God's word and what it can mean in their daily lives. Graduates of the program tell us that attending the Catholic Biblical School has been one of the best experiences of their lives!

With CBS, you have the opportunity to study the entire Bible in four years, via virtual and in-person instruction. The classes balance small group discussions with presentations by professional Catholic teachers, as well as prayer related to the Bible lesson for each week. Whether or not you have ever studied the Bible before, please consider this exciting program. Enrollment information can be found at <u>https://www.catholicedaohct.org/catholic-biblical-school/about</u>

St. Ann's has several CBS graduates. If you'd like to speak with one of them, please contact Ann in our Adult Faith Formation office – <u>ann.distefano@stannavon.com</u>.

JULY 24, 2022 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

When I Called, You Answered

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. *He's got this,* we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He *is* going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive. - *Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of July 24, 2022

 Sunday:
 Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

 Monday:
 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

 Tuesday:
 Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

 Wednesday:
 Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46

 Thursday:
 Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

 Friday:
 Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

 Saturday:
 Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

 Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it." (Gn 18:32)

Psalm:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

He brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions. (Col 2:13)

Gospel:

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Lk 11:9-10)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Ultimately, what does God promise to give us when we pray? The short answer to that question is God. God promises to give Himself to us in prayer. Prayer is about union with God, not receiving favors. When God comes to us in prayer, His presence comes with faith, hope, and love. When we find these virtues enhanced and nurtured, we know that our prayer has been heard and answered. When we seek out, listen to, and live by these virtues we find ourselves led back to God and more united with the Divine Presence. We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. That's what makes Jesus' prayer, the Our Father, so perfect. It celebrates a deepening intimate relationship of trust between our Creator and us. When we persistently cry out for God in love, how can that prayer go unanswered? ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.

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