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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.



19th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." - Lk 12:37

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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



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, August 8

9:00 Richard Kondzielaski, requested by
Ron & Dorothy Miller

TUESDAY, August 9

9:00 Leo Losier, requested by Doris & Lionel Cyr

WEDNESDAY, August 10

9:00 Marie Cheah, requested by the family

THURSDAY, August 11

9:00 John Bruno, requested by the Bruno Family

FRIDAY, August 12

9:00 In celebration of the 52nd wedding anniversary
of Sandra and Nelson Bondhus (LIVING)

SATURDAY, August 13

4:00 In Thanksgiving for the life of Don, requested by
Sophie

SUNDAY, August 14

7:30 Special Intentions

9:30 George "Mike" Martin, Jr., requested by
The Basta Family

11:00 Lois Winchester, requested by her children

To schedule a Mass Intention, please call or email
Kris in the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 or
kris.martino@stannavon.com.



MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022

The Feast of the Assumption is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year and will be celebrated at our regular 9:00am daily Mass on Monday, August 15th.



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, August 8

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

TUESDAY, August 9

WEDNESDAY, August 10

THURSDAY, August 11

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, August 12

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

SATURDAY, August 13

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

SUNDAY, August 14

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



Tools for Schools Collection Through September 10/11

The leaves will soon be turning, air chilling, and school buses rolling... it's time for our annual Tools for Schools Collection, which will run through September 10/11. This collection is of great assistance to the Catholic Worker House, Hartford refugee families and the Avon Food Pantry families. Any/all NEW school supplies are welcomed. Backpacks are especially needed. Please place the items in the area marked "Tools for Schools" in the Gathering Space or bring down to church offices below Fr. Bennett Hall. May you be blessed for your generosity!

Please consider these suggested items:

- *Backpacks * Calculators * Notebooks
- *Pencils * Dictionaries * Rulers *
- Pencil sharpeners * Pens
- * Notebook paper * Markers etc.





All are welcome to join us at Father McHugh's

Retirement Open House

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022

3:00 -5:00 PM

FR. BENNETT HALL

Come and wish Father the best upon his well deserved retirement!

RSVP BY 8/19/22

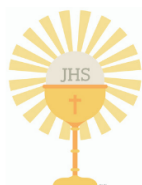
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with number of adults & children attending
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with number of adults & children attending



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 7/31/22: \$3,619.84
Online Giving (July 27-Aug. 3, 2022): \$3,357.50
Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

This week's theme: Miracles of Conversion

"It is the destiny of every consecrated Host to melt with love on a human heart." This tender quote was made by St. Jean Vianney, the Cure of Ars. He is the patron saint of parish priests, who spent hours of prayer in front of Jesus in the tabernacle. By doing so, he was able to convert tens of thousands of people after the French Revolution had tried to destroy their Faith. He was so successful that the French railroad system had to install tracks to take the flood of pilgrims directly to him in Ars.

Reflection: What is the condition of our heart as we receive the Blessed Sacrament? Are we ready to embrace Jesus, as He wishes to "melt with love" within us? He offers us an unimaginable abundance of graces. If St. Jean Vianney was gifted with the grace of converting thousands, what will Our Lord not do for those who also love Him and spend time with Him in adoration?

What We're Watching on FORMED:

Summer can be a great time to step back and take a fresh look at your job/career path. Here's a helpful interview on FORMED.org with accomplished author Patrick Lencioni (*The Five Dysfunctions of a Team, The Six Types of Working Genius*), on how to find more joy in your job by tapping into your natural genius. For more suggestions for great content on FORMED, visit : www.stannavon.org/our-recommendations



**Want more joy in your job?
Tap into your natural genius.
Chris Stefanick Show on
FORMED**

"I talk about joy a lot. But I know there's one place where it's really hard to keep up your joy sometimes: at work. If you feel like you have to find your true joy outside of work, you're not alone. People go to work every day, but their jobs stress them out and leave them exhausted. So this week...watch.formed.org"

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/want-more-joy-in-your-career-tap-into-your-natural-genius-chris-stefanick-sh>



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!

Announcing this year's Good Summer Read!

"THE STRANGER IN THE LIFEBOAT"

BY MITCH ALBOM



If you have any questions or would like more information on how to purchase this book, please contact Ann DiStefano at: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

We will gather for discussion on Wednesday, Aug. 31st, 7pm in the Activity Room



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>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Caught in the Rising Action

Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. I'm not talking about the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. I'm talking about the movies that you found had a profound impact on you or made you go "Hmmm."

I'm willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere.

We're attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We're captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never come. Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting — and enduring.

We know the ending to our story, but we don't know when it's coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we're waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 7, 2022

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

For when you punished our adversaries, in this you glorified us whom you had summoned. (Wis 18:8)

Psalms:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God. (Heb 11:10)

Gospel:

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." (Lk 12:40)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

The fruits of our labors are not always seen in our lifetimes. Faith is not conditional on seeing results. Faith is a radical trust in what is unseen. It requires vigilance and self-investment. It requires our attention even when our efforts don't bear fruit or are unappreciated or unrecognized. A person who is open to accepting God's presence, however it comes, and is willing to share the love received with others is a true inspiration. Good works will flow from this vigilant depth of faith. It will be directed where it is most needed and detached from the need for recognition or gratitude. Faith exercised in secret is the most profound expression of faith and a testament of true love for our Creator. No one needs to know the humility, generosity, and goodness of our hearts, only God. Standing erect and watchful, we are prepared to receive the gift of Divine Love and freely share it with others, without recognition or self-benefit.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, "Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do." Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another's efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation?

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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.

Do you know anyone who might be called to
...Priesthood? ...Married Life? ... Single Life?

Perhaps your brother, son, nephew, grandson, a colleague
or maybe it is YOU!!!

An invitation to all men - Teens to 40ish



Discernment Night at the Basilica

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and learn about their journey



**Thursday, 11 August 2022 from 6pm
in the Church Hall**

(74 W. Main Street, Waterbury CT 06702)

with food, drinks and camaraderie!

To ensure we have sufficient seating, food and drink,
please respond by **Mon, 8 Aug 2022**
events@waterburybasilica.org or scan QR code provided



Not Catholic?

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Perhaps it's the **peace, purpose, and
belonging** that come via a relationship with
Jesus Christ, through the Catholic Faith.

If you'd like to explore the goodness, beauty and truth of
the faith Jesus founded, we'd love to introduce you.

No commitments; just friendly, open conversation.

Contact Ann in the Adult Ed Office: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

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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For information: call confidentially 1-800-470-2230 or
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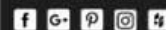
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