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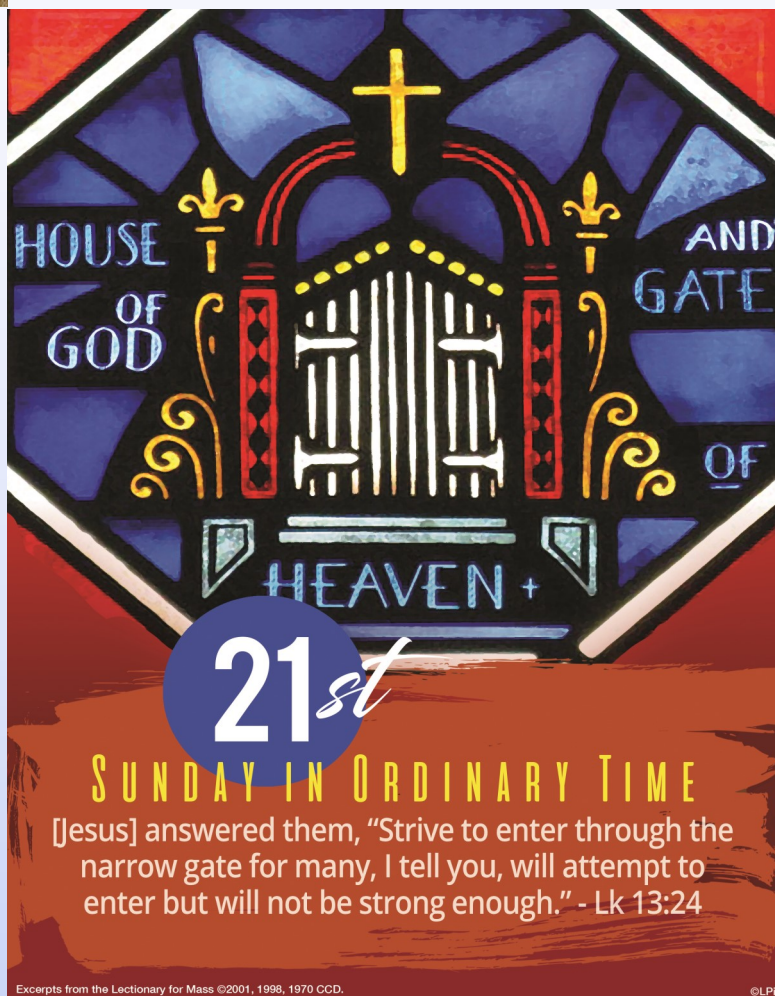
## MARRIAGES

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.



## 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

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## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MONDAY, August 22

9:00 Brenda Ann Daley Kozuch, requested by the Daley Family

### TUESDAY, August 23

9:00 Special Intention (Living), requested by Maria Burgio

### WEDNESDAY, August 24

9:00 Michael Sumers, requested by Rosanne Harutunian

### THURSDAY, August 25

9:00 Fermin Alambra, requested by John and Jean Henares

### FRIDAY, August 26

9:00 Charles Regan (2nd Ann.), requested by the Ryan Family

### SATURDAY, August 27

4:00 Teresa Lopez, requested by her husband

### SUNDAY, August 28

7:30 For the intentions of Laurie Mecca (Living), requested by the Kayan Family  
 9:30 In gratitude for Fr. McHugh's many years of devoted ministry here at the parish of St. Ann  
 11:00 Robert Mansfield, requested by his children



## 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  
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 \* Notebook paper \* Markers etc.



# 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, August 22

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

### TUESDAY, August 23

### WEDNESDAY, August 24

### THURSDAY, August 25

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

### FRIDAY, August 26

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

### SATURDAY, August 27

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

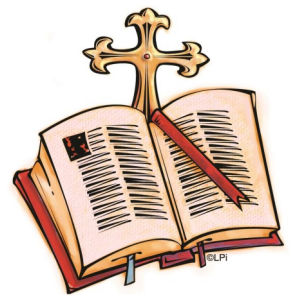
### SUNDAY, August 28

Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom  
 Open House for Fr. McHugh: 3-5pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

## ROMANS: The Gospel of Salvation

St. Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the time it was written. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins,

(Ascension Press) provide an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand the overarching theme of Romans—salvation. This presentation will help you to make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law, and justification. Above all, it will help you to enter into a more meaningful relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.



**This 8-week program will start on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in Father Bennett Hall**

Group discussion is based on questions in the workbook and is followed by a 30-minute video. Purchase of the workbook (\$25) also registers you to view any of the sessions online should you miss a session.

For more information or to register please call Janet Newman at 860-676-0037 or via email at [wjnewman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wjnewman@sbcglobal.net).





Please join us at Father McHugh's

RETIREMENT

Open House

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH

Fr. Bennett Hall

3:00 - 5:00 PM

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Join us for the popular *Lectio Divina* way of praying scripture,  
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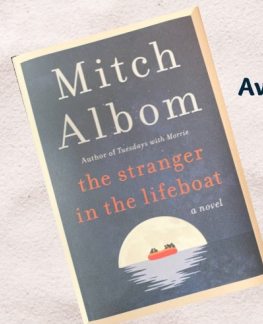
**Sundays at 10:30am both in Room 3 & via Zoom  
Fridays at 9:45am via Zoom**

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**RSVP by Aug 26:**

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## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**Weekly Collection for 8/14/22:** \$5,045.64  
**Online Giving (Aug. 10-17, 2022):** \$2,655.50  
**Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:** *Monthly*



## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

**This week's theme: The Easy Way to Heaven**

Here are some insightful words to ponder from Pope St. Pius X, "The surest, shortest, easiest way to Heaven is the Eucharist."

**Reflection:** What would prompt Pope St. Pius X to make this statement? Perhaps because the Eucharist is "The Sacrament of sacraments". How can this be? Because the Holy Eucharist contains the whole Christ. i.e. The Holy Eucharist is Christ. Let us not take this Sacrament for granted. With what reverence and gratitude should we receive the Blessed Sacrament! Let us be aware that we have the living, loving, all powerful God within us. Holiness is to be in union with God. There is no surer path to holiness and to heaven than to receive the living God.

## 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](http://www.stannavon.org/our-recommendations)



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## Not Catholic? Feel like something's missing?

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](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com)



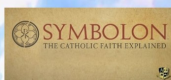
## Got Peanut Butter ?

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

## STEP BY STEP:

**A Guided Journey Through the Catholic Faith**



Catholicism is so broad and deep, it can be a challenge to navigate. Let us guide you "Step by Step" through the high points of our faith, via the engaging video series, *Symbolon*, from FORMED.org

**WHO:** Anyone who wants to better understand what Catholics believe, and why we gather, pray, celebrate and serve the way we do; from cradle Catholics to seekers curious about the Faith.

**WHEN:** Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm, Sept 20-Nov 22

**WHERE:** Fr. Bennett Hall

**HOST:** Andrea Pizzuti

**COST:** \$20 (for printed materials)

**RSVP:** By Sept 13 via <https://www.osvhub.com/stannavon/forms/step-by-step-2022>

For more info and a video preview, visit [stannavon.org/step-by-step](http://stannavon.org/step-by-step)





## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### Chancing the Narrow Gate

From doctors to counselors, anthropologists to schoolteachers, it seems like everyone has their own parenting style to peddle, guaranteeing it will result in a happy and well-adjusted kid.

You've got "gentle parenting," predicated on respect for the child's feelings and needs. You've got "attachment parenting," based on the belief that kids need time to adjust to being outside of the womb. You've got "free-range parenting," where self-sufficiency reigns supreme.

But of all the parenting approaches I've come across, I've never encountered a philosophy that rejects discipline altogether. There are lots of conflicting opinions on how best to administer that discipline, but I've never heard any parent or parenting "expert" worth their salt say that a mother or father should completely ignore misbehavior that threatens the well-being of the child himself.

Discipline is in our human DNA. Consider for a moment what the world would look like if it came to be filled with people who had never been taught to reflect on their life challenges. People who bristled at the suggestion of personal growth.

And yet we become this way with God. Even the most "devout" among us shy away from occasions of divine constructive criticism. We avoid confession and forego daily examinations of conscience. We keep things superficial in our prayer life, avoiding depth of heart and real intimacy with God, afraid of what He will speak to us.

But when we do this, we rob ourselves of an opportunity to rely on God's fatherly strength, to rest in His mercy, to fill ourselves up with His goodness. We're putting up our hands, saying: "No thanks, Father, I'm good. You can keep your discipline. You can keep your grace."

When we do this, we are making a beeline for the "narrow gate," sure of our own strength and ability to pass through it. All I can say is this, proceed at your own peril. Are you so sure of yourself?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of August 21, 2022

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30  
 Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22  
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26  
 Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51  
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30  
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/  
 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations as an offering to the LORD. (Is 66:20)

### Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117) Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

"My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines." (Heb 12:5-6)

### Gospel:

And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. (Lk 13:29)

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## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Discipline is necessary for us to focus our attention and develop and refine our skills. A disciplined person has integrity and can make difficult but necessary choices. Most people do not like discipline, especially children. When we have to rise above our impulses and desires and do something challenging, it can appear as a punishment. The struggles of living a good and effective Christian life, especially when we actively choose virtue over vice, are allowed by God and necessary for reaching spiritual maturity. God invites us to share in His Kingdom. Hearing and accepting that invitation requires an active, conscious decision on our part. Reforming our lives and changing how we do things does not come easily. But it is precisely what is necessary for us to enter through the narrow gate that leads to life. Discipline is essential if we are going to discover our desire for union with our Creator and live in God's house. In this way, we will not risk finding the door locked when we need it to be open.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The serious disciple knows the necessity and value of discipline. Thinking of discipline as something punitive in nature, we underscore its place in our spiritual lives. Discipline is really about a radical trust in God and his guidance. "When you are conducted by a guide who takes you through an unknown country at night across fields where there are no tracks, by his own skill, asking no advice from anyone, giving no inkling of his plans, what choice do you have but to give yourself completely to his guidance? If you are convinced that he is a good guide, you must have faith in him and abandon yourself to his care (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)."

If someone wants to be physically fit, they readily find a competent trainer who sets them on a rigorous schedule. Determined to reach their goals, they sacrifice personal pleasure and trust in his guidance. Why should it be any different with God? In order to remain true to the way Jesus places before us, we have to listen, learn, and be willing to change. Falling in love with God and maintaining that relationship requires an investment of time, energy, and hard work. Putting personal preferences aside in pursuit of the Gospel and giving proper attention to our spiritual lives is challenging work. At first, "all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it (Hebrews)."

"What God does is essentially good. It does not need to be reformed or controlled...If you would live according to the Gospels, give yourself completely and simply to the action of God (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." Submission to the holy will of God is not a submission to a set of pre-ordained set of circumstances. Rather, it is an abandonment and trust in God's creative, life-giving, and salvific power. God brings light out of darkness and life out of death. Nurturing this bond of trust and seeking God in all things creates an intimate and particular relationship and bond between our Creator and us. When He comes, there will be no issue with us recognizing Him or Him recognizing us. We will have met before.

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## Dreaming Together

Forming Disciples for Faith and Justice

**September 17, 2022 at the Omni New Haven**

**Keynote Speaker: Rev. James Martin**

The Center for Catholic Education & Formation and the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford will sponsor a joint conference on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at the Omni New Haven at Yale. The theme, Dreaming Together: Forming Disciples for Faith and Justice takes its name from "Let us Dream" by Pope Francis, who encourages us to dream of a better future. The conference will include educational and practical pieces on faith formation topics such as lifelong formation, parent and family engagement, social justice issues, and Catholic social teaching. Attendees will gain skills in integrating social ministry and Catholic social teaching into classroom, parish, and family life.

Father James Martin, SJ will provide the keynote address. The address will emphasize the need to re-ground ourselves in why we do the work that we do. This conference will also include three (3) break-out sessions with a choice of 24 workshops, lunch and exhibits. Simultaneous translation will be available for the keynote and limited number of workshops will be offered in Spanish.

For more information visit [www.CatholicEdaoht.org](http://www.CatholicEdaoht.org).

Registration will open in July.

Early Bird Prices and Financial Aid Available

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