



# Church of Saint Ann

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## BAPTISMS:

Registered parishioners call the Parish Office

## 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.

## FOR FR. McHUGH Upon his Retirement

May the road rise  
to meet you,  
May the wind be always  
at your back,  
May the sun shine  
warm upon your face,  
and the rain fall soft  
upon your fields,  
and until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the  
hollow of His hand

- Irish Blessing



## 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



## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MONDAY, August 29

9:00 Charles Deye, *requested by his children*

### TUESDAY, August 30

9:00 James Cunningham, *requested by Henrietta Angelina*

### WEDNESDAY, August 31

9:00 With best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement for Fr. McHugh, *requested by the Parish of St. Ann*

### THURSDAY, September 1

9:00 Evelyn Mauro, *requested by the Bruno Family*

### FRIDAY, September 2

9:00 Margaret Bruno, *requested by the Bruno Family*

### SATURDAY, September 3

4:00 Mary Hojnowski, *requested by Russell and Diane Koch*

### SUNDAY, September 4

7:30 Stefania Osiecki, *requested by the Osiecki Family*  
 9:30 Bruce Livingston Clark (3rd Ann.), *requested by his loving wife and family*  
 11:00 In celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Robert & Beatrice Ouimette, *requested by the Campanelli Family*



## 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.



# 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 29

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

### TUESDAY, August 30

### WEDNESDAY, August 31

Summer Book Discussion: 7pm in the Activity Room

### THURSDAY, September 1

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

### FRIDAY, September 2

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

### SATURDAY, September 3

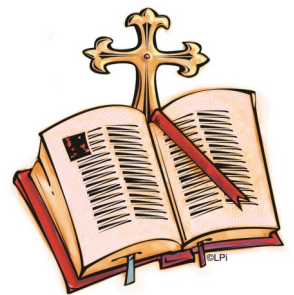
Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

### SUNDAY, September 4

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

## 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).



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## **ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom**

The Acts of the Apostles is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom is a Bible Study that traces how the gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. It shows how the struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today.

St. Ann's will begin a 20 week Bible study; ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom. Participants will meet weekly to view an engaging video presentation followed by a group discussion

### **WHEN:**

On Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Starting September 15, 2022

### **WHERE:**

In person in Father Bennett Hall or on Zoom

\*We will take a break for the holidays.

### **QUESTIONS?**

Contact Eileen DiMauro (facilitator):  
[ecdimauro@yahoo.com](mailto:ecdimauro@yahoo.com)

### **TO REGISTER:**

Contact Ann Distefano: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com)

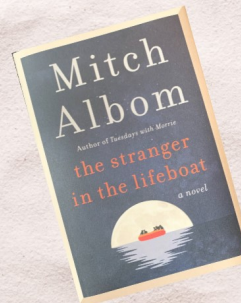
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**RETIREMENT**  
*Open House*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH**  
Fr. Bennett Hall  
**3:00 - 5:00 PM**

**There's Still Time to Read our  
"Good Summer Read" Book!**

**"THE STRANGER IN THE LIFEBOAT"**  
**BY MITCH ALBOM**



**JOIN US FOR DISCUSSION**

**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>

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 8/21/22: \$4,825.00  
Online Giving (Aug. 17-24, 2022): \$2,676.50  
Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

### This week's theme: Christ's Humility and Ours

Today's Gospel is from Luke 14: 1, 7-14, which is the parable about taking the lowest place at a banquet.

Our Lord teaches us firsthand about the great virtue of humility, when He deigns to come to us at the consecration in the form of the little white consecrated Host. Can we for one moment plumb the depths of the perfection of the humility of Jesus? We are privileged to approach our Lord, extend our hands and receive Him into our very beings.

**Reflection:** By the profound example of His humility, Christ requires us to embrace this supreme virtue more perfectly. Only by generously giving of ourselves to others can we emulate the gift which Jesus gives to us with each reception of Himself in the Blessed Sacrament. "The gift you have been given, give as a gift." (Matthew 10:8) Let us die to self, so that others can live more fully in Christ's love.

### 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)



## "Curious About Catholicism?" Meetups

Bring a friend, enjoy a drink, and chat about exploring the Catholic faith, in a relaxed atmosphere.

### STOP BY:

Tuesday, Sept 20th  
10-11am  
The Coffee Trade, Avon  
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Thurs, Sept 29,  
5:30-7pm  
Seasons Bar  
Avon Old Farms Hotel



**Hosts:** St. Ann's RCIA Team

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



## Help Wanted: Grade 3 and 4 Catechists

Do you enjoy the company and energy of children?

Are you looking to grow in your faith?

Do you have a loving heart that is open to God?

If so, then this is the role for you! No experience necessary. Training and support are provided.

Classes begin Sept 18<sup>th</sup> DON'T Delay!

Contact Valerie St. Jean, Director Religious Education

Grades K-8

860-673-9858 x223

email: [valerie.stjean@stannavon.com](mailto:valerie.stjean@stannavon.com)



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### Humility and Stewardship

Some people have “the rich relation” in their family tree. Aunt Cindy, who is always traveling somewhere new and exciting. Cousin Richard and his lake house. Your sister and brother-in-law who buy a new car every year.

Oftentimes these relatives take great happiness in sharing their wealth. You can usually count on an exotic gift from Aunt Cindy’s latest adventure or an invitation to go out on Richard’s pontoon boat at the end of the summer.

Yet sometimes, that person wants something in return. Not money, of course, but something else. Attention. Flattery. Gratitude. Cindy wants you to ask her where she got the priceless artifact in Istanbul, so she can talk about the many antiques dealers she visited. Richard wants you to ask about his new boat, so he can talk about how well business has been this year. Maybe the person just wants to know you like the gift or that the experience offered is pleasing to you.

This is a natural inclination that we all possess. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be the person people count on. There is nothing wrong with wanting to offer worthy gifts. There is nothing wrong with hoping that maybe, just a little, we might be appreciated.

What matters is the spirit we carry within our hearts when we do it. What matters is our destination as we approach that proverbial table. Are we headed for the place of honor, expecting it to be waiting for us? Or are we making our way to the lowest place, simply thankful to be invited to the meal?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of August 28, 2022

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  
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mk 6:17-29  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11  
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5  
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/  
Lk 14:25-33

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. (Sir 7:18)

### Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor. (Ps 68)

### Second Reading:

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God. (Heb 12:22)

### Gospel:

“For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Lk 14:11)

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## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

“Humble yourself the more, the greater you are.” These words from Sirach are packed with wisdom. Who we become, and the success we achieve, is due not only to our own merits but also to God’s grace. Without God, we cease to be. This is a simple fact. If we ever feel entitled to honor, superior treatment, or privileges, then we are deluding ourselves. The person who truly understands and is responsible for their well-being and success will quickly become a servant of others. We tend to forget how important service is. Being generous and kind, especially to those who cannot repay us, is the hallmark of the Christian life. Are we willing to put ourselves last? An easy way to seek an answer is to determine how much value you place on sitting in the seat you occupy today or the space you choose to park your car. Would you offer these to someone else?

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

People who are concerned with their own advancement and agenda have little room for anyone else. With an almost addictive pursuit of esteem and acknowledgment from others, they become little more than entitled embodiments of the vice of pride. Public humiliation or embarrassment can hit them hard. While avoiding humiliation and embarrassment may be advantageous to obtaining worldly success, they are much less desirable motivations for entering the Kingdom of God. Avoiding embarrassment is a self-serving motivation. Pride and all of its manifestations have no place on God’s agenda, neither do worldly success and fulfillment. In fact, we have been clearly told that if we love our lives, we will lose them. Therefore, if you really want to find your true station in life, learn to give yourself away.

While this may sound foolish to secular ears, it actually makes perfect sense. God, who is love, makes each of us in His image. Love, and therefore God, is in our DNA. That being the case, love is never love if it is kept to oneself or hoarded. Love needs to be shared and given away. Therefore, it is the only proper motivation for entering the Kingdom of God. The door to happiness is only opened when we realize that all we are and all we have is due only to God’s grace. Without God we are nothing.

Love is the remedy for pride and protects us from ourselves. God asks us to be humble. Only when we are free from the traps of pride and arrogance that we can begin to follow the path to true humility. Only one who is humble can rightly love and be of service to God. “God makes use only of the humble as his instruments (Jean-Pierre de Caussade).” The humble one does not need others to give them worth and value. Their self-esteem comes from the much more secure foundation of God. Only those who are entirely free can give themselves freely to others. Love must always be our motivation for doing all things. Be content that God has invited you to the banquet of life. Concern yourself with accepting the invitation, and don’t worry about where you will sit.

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(In 55:3 NABRE)



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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.CatholicEdaohct.org](http://www.CatholicEdaohct.org).

Registration will open in July.

Early Bird Prices and Financial Aid Available

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