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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.

Church of Saint Ann

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Reverend Alphonso Fontana, Pastor

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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

September 4, 2022



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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, September 5

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: not meeting this week

TUESDAY, September 6

WEDNESDAY, September 7

THURSDAY, September 8 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

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

SATURDAY, September 10 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, September 11 Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom



MONDAY, September 5 9:00 Caroline LaMonica, requested by

Paul and Constance Rotondo

TUESDAY, September 6 9:00 John T. LaVia (2nd Ann.), requested by Jo LaVia and family

WEDNESDAY, September 7 9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, September 89:00 Dave Matthes, requested by Ann and family

FRIDAY, September 9 9:00 Grace Meyers, requested by the family

SATURDAY, September 10 4:00 Rosemarie Simon, requested by Pat Wall

SUNDAY, September 11

- 7:30 Paul Haas, requested by Pat Wall
- **9:30** Barbara Martino (1st Ann.), requested by the family
- **11:00** Arthur Hennig, requested by the Spina Family

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



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.



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Questions? Contact: COLLEEN WATERBURY (203)913-8764 OR PAT WALL (860)508-0947

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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

TO REGISTER:

Contact Ann Distefano: ann.distefano@stannavon.com

Annual Parish Collection Church of Saint Ann

Every parish family should have received a letter from Father McHugh this past week inviting their financial participate in our 2022 Parish Annual Collection. The collection if successful will provide funding for the roof replacement of the Parish Wing. The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Thank you!

R O M A N S: 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 14th 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 <u>wjnewman@sbcglobal.net</u>.



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>

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 8/28/22: \$5,797.00 Online Giving (Aug. 24-31, 2022): \$2,571.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *none*



This week's theme: The tender graces of the Eucharist

"If I can give you any advice, I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus. We must pray to Jesus to give us that tenderness of the Eucharist." St. Teresa of Calcutta

<u>Reflection</u>: In today's Gospel Luke 14:25-33 we see Jesus using the image of constructing a tower and the calculations that are needed to accomplish the task. This is a symbol of how we need to prepare to accomplish the task of following Jesus in our lives.

Where can we find the riches of grace, which will enable us to do this? St. Teresa's quote above answers that question: It is in the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. To live the Gospel, we must have a true tenderness of heart towards others. Recently Father McHugh gave a homily at daily Mass. He described the Christian Faith as being "an interior Faith from the heart". i.e. What pours out from our hearts generates our actions. As Blessed Pope Paul VI commented, "Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the LIVING HEART of each of our parishes." Currently we especially need to recognize that Christ is truly present to us in the tabernacle to teach us love, kindness , compassion and tenderness of heart to all whom we meet each day.

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 Thurs, Sept 29, 5:30-7pm Seasons Bar Avon Old Farms Hotel



Hosts: St. Ann's RCIA Team



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 18th DON'T Delay!

Contact Valerie St. Jean, Director Religious Education Grades K-8 860-673-9858 x223 email: valerie.stjean@stannavon.com

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Where's the Sacrifice?

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to want to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marguee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. *Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me*?

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of September 4, 2022

Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/
	Lk 14:25-33
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
	or 1:18-23
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/
	Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? (Wis 9:13)

Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge. (Ps 90)

Second Reading:

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother. (Phmn 9:15-16)

Gospel:

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Lk 14:33)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

"Stand up straight and don't slouch!" Many a child has heard these words bellowed from their mother's lips. We need the perspective of others to help us understand when we are not walking as straight as we could be. God sends us the Holy Spirit to correct and guide us so that our paths through life can be straight. Without this assistance, how we see and understand ourselves and the world around us is incomplete. We will also lack the virtue of fortitude. It takes courage to listen to the Holy Spirit and devote ourselves to the task of discipleship. We have to put aside things that the world says are necessary and follow a path placed before us by Jesus Christ. Jesus is asking us to follow him. We must consider what we have to do to be free enough to do so. God needs us to show the world a complete picture of what life is meant to be, correct its vision and tell it to stand up straight! ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things! ©LPi



VOLVNTEERS NEEDED

THE BULLETIN BOARD



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

St. Catherine of Siena (W. Simsbury) is looking for some skilled tradesmen or skilled DIYers to help with their project at Base Camp for Veterans in Chaplin, CT. They are looking for 6-8 volunteers who can help with drywall, electrical, plumbing or trim carpentry. The work will be done October 1st and/or October 8th. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact: txlone@cox.net.



"Pay attention and come to me; listen, that you may have life."

Each day we let either the world or God's Word shape our life. Who is influencing your life?

Whose voice are you allowing to shape who you are?

Join the Archdiocese of Hartford Catholic Biblical School to make sure Jesus is your greatest influencer. Enrollment in online and in-person classes is open until August 31, 2022. Please call (860) 242-5573 for more information or visit our website https://www.catholicedaohct.org/catholic-biblical-school/prospective-students to apply

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Forming Disciples for Faith and Justice

September 17, 2022 at the Omni New Haven Keynote Speaker: Rev. James Martin

EXPLOYED SPEAKE: Rev. James Martin The Center for Catholic Education & Formation and the Office for Catholic Social Justice Minis-try of the Archdiocese of Hartford will sponsor a joint conference on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at the Ornni New Haven at Yale. The therme, Dreaming Together: Forming Disciples for Faith and Justice takes its name from "Let us Dream" by Pope Francis, who encourages us for 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 Ife. 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. Registration will open in July. Early Bird Prices and Financial Aid Available

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