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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

UNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." - Lk 15:7b

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

9:00

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9:00

4:00

7:30

9:30

11:00

September 11, 2022



John Kondzielaski, requested by

Frank & Angie Scalzo, requested by

Nikodem Smolinski and Andrew Sopelak,

requested by Sophie Sopelak and family

For the intentions of the Pinzino Family

Eleanor Pendergast, requested by

Teresa Sammataro, requested by

Joanne Tousignant, requested by

Mary Pierni, requested by Kenna Daly

In celebration of the 60th Wedding anniversary

of Robert & Beatrice Ouimette, requested by

the Waterbury Family

the Waterbury Family

the Campanelli Family

the Ligato Family

(LIVING), requested by the Wojewoda Family

Ron and Dorothy Miller

the Pizzuti Family

WEDNESDAY, September 14

THURSDAY, September 15

FRIDAY, September 16

SATURDAY, September 17

SUNDAY, September 18

MONDAY, September 12

TUESDAY, September 13





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 12

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

TUESDAY, September 13

WWP Reclaiming Friendship: 10:15am via Zoom Step by Step: 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall Social Outreach Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, September 14

Romans Bible Study: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall WWP Reclaiming Friendship: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, September 15 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Acts Bible Study: 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall and via Zoom

FRIDAY, September 16 Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, September 17 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, September 18 Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom

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Attention Women of St. Ann - This is a special invitation for you!



What: The Annual Women's Themed Retreat titled "A Missing Peace"

Where: Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford, CT

When: There are six weekends from October 2022 - June 2023 (refer to Parish website; click Ministries tab then Women's Retreats in the drop down) for further information.

*I understand some of you have the desire to go on a retreat but are unable to make a weekend commitment. Therefore, please join me on October 1, 2022 for the "Saturday Only" portion of the fall Women's Retreat titled "A Missing Peace". This is a great opportunity for spiritual renewal and rest for a day!

If you are interested in attending on October 1st please contact me for further details. I would love to see you there.

Peace,

Eileen DiMauro (ecdimauro@yahoo.com), Holy Family Women's Retreat Promoter

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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women Refuel and refresh | Learn more about God

Reclaiming Friendship: God's Plan for Deep Connection is a six-lesson Bible study from Walking with Purpose. Explore what it takes to stay close to friends for the long hau, what to look for in a friend, and how to navigate toxic relationships.

Let God reshape how you see and experience intentional relationships, and become a woman who is capable of the lifelong bond of true friendship.

OFFERING TWO SESSIONS STARTING 9/13&14 THROUGH 10/25&26 TUES 10:15 AM VIA ZOOM WED 7:00PM IN FATHER BENNETT HALL COST: \$22

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 inviting to help support 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 Mondays at 7:15pm in Rm 3 and 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 9/4/22: \$5869.00 Online Giving (Aug. 31-Sept. 7, 2022): \$3,427.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *monthly*



The HolyEucharistDID ΥΟU ΚΝΟΨ?

We are all familiar with the parable of the Lost Son in today's Gospel. (Luke 15: 1-32)

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could reach out and touch each lost soul with Divine grace and cause them to return to the arms of Our Loving Heavenly Father?

<u>Reflection</u>: Are you aware that Jesus made such a promise to St. Faustina, as recorded in her writings, "The Diary of Saint Faustina"? He promised that for **every hour** a person spends in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, He would give **a grace to EACH SOUL in the WORLD**!

Pope St. John Paul II confirms this outpouring of Christ's Mercy in the Holy Eucharist. He wrote, "Anyone who prays to the Savior (before the Blessed Sacrament) draws the whole world with hm and raises it to God." When was the last time that you stopped in for a visit to Jesus Eucharistic present to us and for us in the tabernacle of every Catholic church?

<u>STEP BY STEP:</u>



"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 4 and 5 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 11, 2022 – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Rise, and Go to Your Father

"If you pull into my driveway and honk, you better be dropping off a package, because you're sure not picking anything up."

I first read these words in the pages of W. Bruce Cameron's "8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter," (that's Rule No. 5, by the way).

There's a certain respect that is shown by someone who takes the time to come to the door, ring the bell and wait to be greeted. Being willing to go through the niceties for the sake of appearances is a small act of deference on the part of the person doing the picking-up, even if it's not for a date. Without it, the whole scenario becomes entitled.

I want you to think of something that you want or need, but do not have. Is it peace? Is it financial stability? Is it strength? Is it friendship?

The brother of the prodigal son had a lot of unexpressed desires. He sees his brother heaped with gifts and favors, feasting on the fattened calf, and he is enraged. *I haven't been given half of that,* he thinks, *and I've worked so hard.*

But for all his faithfulness, one has to wonder — did this son ever simply ask for what he needed? Did he get out of the car, so to speak, and ring the bell? Or did he sit in the driveway leaning on the horn?

God wants us to come before Him. He wants us to ask. He wants us to be like Moses — sure enough of our Father's indulgence to boldly ask for it. Think again about what you need but do not have, and ask yourself: Have I approached the door and rung the bell? - *Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of September 11, 2022

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
Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27
	or Lk 2:33-35
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people. (Ex 32:14)

Psalm:

I will rise and go to my father. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Tm 1:15)

Gospel:

"I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." (Lk 15:7)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

It is easy to worship things other than God. Our perception of reality gets distorted as well as our understanding of truth. Ideologies and theories that find a popular reception are extolled when they are simply lies. Human beings easily get lost. God came to us in the person of Jesus Christ to rescue us from our sins and keep us where we need to be. But we have to realize that we are living in darkness before we can ask for light. We have to recognize that we are lost so that we can desire to be found. And, we have to know that we have sinned so that we can repent. God always patiently waits. God is delighted when one of His children chooses life over death and runs toward His unconditional Mercy. Let's not be so stubborn and stiff-necked that we fail to recognize that we may have wandered into the wrong pasture. ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of "who is God" and foolishly believe some of God's job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It's a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

"Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaveture)." One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God's power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm's way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God's wide-open arms waiting to receive us. "Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure)."

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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.



Please remember to leave any donations of backpacks and school supplies in the Gathering Space this Weekend. Thank you for your Continued generosity to this collection!





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

Reynote Speaker: Rev. James Martin The Center for Catholic Education & Formation and the Office for Catholic Social Justice Minis-try of the Archolicoses 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 Fäth 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 practicel 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 triree (3) preak-out sessions with a choice of 24 workshops, butch and exhibits our value leads 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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St. Mary's School

St. Mary's School in Simsbury is seeking an Office Administrator with a strong focus on educational technology skills in an elementary school setting. This is a year round full time position .

If interested, please contact Mrs. Williamson at 860-658-9412 or mwilliamson@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net

Fr. Cheah Has a New Book Coming Out!



Anti-Asian Racism Myths, Stereotypes, and Catholic Social Teaching

Pre-order now on Amazon

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 helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples with difficulties in their marriage.

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