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BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

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Please call the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221 Please schedule marriage dates at least 6 months ahead. 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

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Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if

someone should rise from the dead." - Lk 16:31

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

9:00

9:00

9:00

9:00

9:00

4:00

7:30

9:30

11:00

September 25, 2022



Charles Deye, requested by his family

Fred Bielefeld, requested by the family

Deo Moninga, requested by Colleen Waterbury

Barbara Jean Primeau, requested by the family

James Francis Manning II, requested by

Ryan Rogers (2nd Ann.) requested by

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

Raymond Teodosio requested by

Donald Sopelak, requested by

Lorraine and Christian Stepien

MONDAY, September 26

TUESDAY, September 27

WEDNESDAY, September 28

THURSDAY, September 29

FRIDAY, September 30

SATURDAY. October 1

SUNDAY, October 2

Donna McDermott

Special Intentions

the family

John and Maria Manning

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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 worshiping with us and we hope to see you again.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

MONDAY, September 26

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

TUESDAY, September 27

WWP Reclaiming Friendship: 10:15am via Zoom Step by Step: 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

WEDNESDAY, September 28

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

THURSDAY, September 29

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Acts Bible Study: 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall and via Zoom

FRIDAY, September 30 Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, October 1 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, October 2 Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom

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



Annual Parish Collection Church of Saint Ann

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many of our parish households to our 2022 Annual Parish Collection. Every gift is welcomed and sincerely appreciated. We hope that all parish families will participate in order for this essential collection to be a success. If you need a pledge card, please contact the Parish Office. You may also make an online donation on our website: www.stannavon.org. (Look right under the "Welcome" message on our home page.) Thank you!

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

"Curious About Catholicism?" Meetups

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

STOP BY:

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







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 9/18/22: \$4,282.00 Online Giving (Sept. 14-21, 2022): \$2,526.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *none*



This week's theme:

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The Importance of Receiving Holy Communion

There are two different saints quoted here this week. St. Teresa of Calcutta taught, "We must not separate ourselves from The Eucharist. The moment we do so, something shatters." St. John Vianney penned, "Not to go to Communion is like someone dying of thirst beside a spring."

<u>Reflection:</u> Both saints are emphasizing the tremendous value of the worthy reception of Jesus in Holy Communion. What is "shattering" is the precious, loving bond of grace between us and our Loving God. We spiritually die by choosing to live apart from God, when we chose serious sin. To receive Jesus worthily, we must be in the state of grace with no serious, mortal sin unconfessed. When was the last time you received the sacrament of penance? Why not come home to the loving embrace of Jesus, who is passionately longing for you to return to Him?



ARCHDIOCSE OF HARTFORD MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, October 16th at 2:00pm Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford, CT

All those in the Archdiocese of Hartford who are observing 25th, 50th, 60th, and other special wedding anniversaries in 2022 are invited to join Archbishop Blair for this special anniversary Mass.

Couples can register to attend online at: archdioceseofhartford.org/marriagemass

If you do not have internet access, please call Kris in the Parish Office and I can register you over the phone. 860-673-9858, ext. 221

ST. ANN'S ANNUAL CLOTHING SALE

Save the Date: Saturday, October 29, 2022 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Donation Dates: Tuesday-Thursday, Oct. 25-27 9:30 am - 4:00 pm Accepting gently

used: Children's clothing, Outerwear, Jeans, sweaters, casual clothing, Activewear for men and women, Jewelry, purses, scarves

Proceeds benefit the St. Ann Scholarship Fund



Pope Francis said this about the international emergency of migrants: "A change of attitude towards migrants and refugees is needed on the part of everyone, moving away from attitudes of defensiveness and fear, indifference and marginalization, all typical of a throwaway culture, towards attitudes based on a culture of encounter, the only culture capable of building a better, more just and fraternal world."

The plight of migrants is not just a national concern but also an international concern. As we mark National Migration Week here in the US, let us begin to realize that we all need to open our hearts and doors to those who leave their homes in search of a better life. Let us pray this prayer of the Holy Father from his Message for the 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees:

Dear migrants and refugees! You have a special place in the heart of the Church, and you help her to enlarge her heart and to manifest her motherhood towards the entire human family. Do not lose your faith and hope! Let us think of the Holy Family during the flight in Egypt: Just as the maternal heart of the Blessed Virgin and the kind heart of Saint Joseph kept alive the confidence that God would never abandon them, so in you may the same hope in the Lord never be wanting. -LPi

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 – 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Competing Like a Steward

Picture it: family game night. What are you playing? Monopoly? Clue? Chess? Poker?

Whatever your game of choice, I'll bet the night is a lot more fun when everyone tries their best to win. Sure, no one likes an obnoxiously competitive opponent — but if we're being honest with ourselves, it's actually more annoying to face off with someone who just doesn't care. A little competition gives the activity a pulse. It keeps everyone interested. It speaks to the worthiness of the endeavor.

We are told to "compete well for the faith." These are confusing words, perhaps, since cutthroat competition doesn't jive with the spiritual ideals of submission and humility. So why is God asking this of us? He isn't setting up some kind of cosmic contest to reward the smartest, strongest, and fastest among us with His mercy and grace.

Competition doesn't have to mean aggressive self-interest. It doesn't have to mean ferocity and lack of principle. Competition can — and should — mean witness. Think of the Olympics. There's a competition that isn't a conquest or a performance but rather a testimony — a feat of strength! A celebration of ability, hard work, and effort. Does anything glorify God more than that?

Let's strive to be competitive, but with the competitive nature of an everyday steward: that which seeks the good of all running the race.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of September 25, 2022

Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Monday:	Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/
	Jn 1:47-51
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/
	Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday:	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revely shall be done away with. (1 Kgs 19:7)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Tm 6:13-14)

Gospel:

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented." (Lk 16:25)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

We can be blindly arrogant and selfish. For some, the lens through which we view life is the lens of self-benefit. Having this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no genuine concern. Being self-sufficient and resilient, we can wonder if all of this "God-talk" is for real. If we believe we are solely responsible for our destiny and well-being, what place is there for God? Tangible faith requires an actual change of heart, a conversion. It involves walking a courageous journey of transformation that consists of a shift in priorities and focus. Humility becomes the order of the day. An authentic loving relationship with God blossoms within a person's soul. God becomes an ever-faithful companion. Whether this faith is stumbled upon because of messages heard from prophets in our midst or from someone coming back from the dead, the journey is the same. Faith has to be owned and become something permanent. If we are unwilling to lose the arrogance, any truth-filled message will fall on deaf ears.

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Regardless of how the message of faith is received, a total conversion of mind and heart is needed for it to take root and have meaning. It is easy to become complacent and comfortable with all that life can afford us. Life can become "all about me," preserving my livelihood and protecting my securities. Often, this drive can become so strong that we eagerly strive to protect our self-interests at the expense of others. Other people are necessary only to the extent that they are "useful" to us and profitable.

Merriam-Webster defines entitlement as "the belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges." In a world that pretends to offer us so many necessities, this is perhaps the greatest contemporary sin. When we feel "entitled" to something, even if it is perceived necessary, our relationships can get skewed. Unless we adopt a global vision of entitlement wherein everyone is entitled to the same things, we risk becoming extremely self-focused and selfish. All we care about is defending our rights and protecting our turf. This impulse can be so strong that we pursue it even at the expense of another. Is this what God intends for his children?

Holding on to this myopic vision, the plight and station of others are off our radar and of no real concern to us. Relying on our own merits and becoming resilient to life's challenges, we replace the true and real God with the one we created ourselves. Jesus and the prophets before him have consistently reminded us of the dangers of wealth, ignoring the poor and the needy, and becoming too fiercely independent and arrogant. Yet, we conduct our lives as if that message has never been preached. We give our faith a nod and never consider for a moment that we may be wrong in terms of what we see as important. "The things that we love tell us what we are (attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas)." Ponder those words a bit and remember that when we leave this world and go to the next one, what we loved here is what we will look for there. What we sought here may not be there. -LPi

THE BULLETIN BOARD





SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE TO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Sign Our Petition

Recently, a disturbing video laced with anti-Catholic sentiments emerged out of Greenwich, CT. It serves as a warning sign that our culture is heading backwards instead of forward on religious tolerance.

In the video, a public elementary school assistant principal in Greenwich says that he does not hire Catholics because they may be too conservative in their beliefs. They may have been "brainwashed" by their church.

Go to www.ctcatholicsunite.org, or scan the QR code below, to watch the video, read more on the issue and sign the petition.



The Connecticut Catholic Conference is the p blic policy and advocacy office of the Catholic bishops of Connecticut



ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER MARY!

The Enculturated Motherhood of Mary of the Americas and All

Nations. Principal Celebrant: His Excellency Bishop Juan Miguel Betancourt SEMV, Auxiliary Bishop of Hartford

Concelebrate Rev. Alexander Avendaño. María Reina de la Paz Parish

Popular devotion to a cultural sharing of nations in the Kingdom of God.

When: Saturday,

October 8th. All parishes are invited! Time: 6:00 PM. Host parish: Maria Reina de la Paz, Hartford. 494 New Britain Av. Hartford Ct. 06106

JOIN US:

- Every country should bring: Bring the image of Virgin/advocation.
- Bring your flag.
- Wear your flag's traditional colors. Wear your traditional dress.
- Let us enjoy our traditional food.



Irish Singing Priest Britain's Got Talent & Dancing with the **Stars Sensation**

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM

St. Mary Star of the Sea Church ~ Unionville CT Advance Purchase Tickets: \$30 each (cash or check) Only Connecticut Appearance ~ General Seating Contact Mary Hagadorn at (774) 249-4508

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