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**BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:** 

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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# SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do."" - Lk 17:10b

## 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:**

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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

October 2, 2022



27th 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, October 3

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

#### TUESDAY, October 4

WWP Reclaiming Friendship: 10:15am via Zoom Step by Step: 6:00pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

#### WEDNESDAY, October 5

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

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

FRIDAY, October 7 Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

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

SUNDAY, October 9 Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom

# Food Collection Next Weekend

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October 8/9

Pick up grocery bag in Gathering Space this weekend. Drop food off next weekend in the Gathering Space. Donations will be going to the Avon Food Pantry, and Catholic Worker House in Hartford

#### MONDAY, October 3 9:00 Grace Vuono, requested by the Bondhus Family

TUESDAY, October 4

9:00 Norman MacDonald, requested by Mel & Mark Hamel

WEDNESDAY, October 5 9:00 Laurie Mecca, requested by Mel & Mark Hamel

- THURSDAY, October 6
- 9:00 Norman MacDonald, requested by Jack and Victoria Hamel

FRIDAY, October 7 9:00 Laurie Mecca, requested by Jack and Victoria Hamel

SATURDAY, October 8 4:00 Catherine Picard, requested by Corrine Hann

#### SUNDAY, October 9

- 7:30 Joseph Faillace, requested by Mike and Joan Gould
- 9:30 Douglas Blood, requested by Anita and Dick Sullivan
- **11:00** Stesania Osiecki, requested by the Sutter Family

# Prayer Shawl Ministry

# Monday, October 3, 2022 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

All are welcome! We can also help you learn to knit! For more information call Tina: 860-674-1541

Come be a part of our ministry!



DONATIONS



# Annual Parish Collection Church of Saint Ann

Every parish household is asked to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to assist the parish in funding our 2022 Annual Collection project the re-roofing of the Parish Wing. Please complete your gift card and return it to the parish office today or go online at www.stannavon.org to support this critical mission. 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







# 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 9/25/22: \$3,552.36 Online Giving (Sept.21-28, 2022): \$2,910.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *Monthly* 



This week's theme: Holy Communion: The Source of Our Goodness

We celebrate the Feast Day of St. Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy, this coming week on October 5<sup>th</sup>. She had a great devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Faustina attributed everything that was good in her soul to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. She wrote in her diary, "Whatever is good within me is because of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

**Reflection:** Reflect upon the last words of today's Gospel from Luke 17:10, "So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say 'We are worthless slaves; we have only done what we ought to have done." We can appreciate why St. Faustina attributed everything positive and good to Jesus Eucharistic. Because of the Incarnation an abundance of grace flows to us. Whatever we accomplish as followers of Christ is due to that grace. It is God's grace which enables us to live our lives and become Christ to others.



# 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

## Help us keep our records up to date!

If you have recently moved, changed your email address or had a phone number change (maybe you dropped your landline and/or added a phone number), please call the parish office or email: kris.martino@stannavon.com. Thank you!

### OCTOBER 2, 2022 – 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP** Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

#### Be Careful What You Wish For

You've probably heard the phrase "Be careful what you wish for." In my experience, it's not often utilized with a lot of charity. You usually hear it said as a warning. The unspoken sentiment behind it is this: You're not as strong as you think you are.

As Christians we shouldn't be surprised to look ourselves in the mirror and own that reality. We are not as strong as we may think. We are time and time again shocked and dismayed by our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own short-comings.

Should we be careful what we wish for? The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, and He told them it would take work. It would take suffering. It would take patience. But He didn't say it was impossible.

As everyday stewards, we need to continue wishing recklessly. Ask God for anything and everything, come to Him with all your needs. Beg Him for grace without limit.

When we hear God's voice, it does not always say what we want to hear. But it always speaks the perfect truth. If it tells us of a hardship that we think we cannot bear, let us take solace in the knowledge that we are the stewards — not the landlord.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

#### WEEKLY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of October 2, 2022

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
Monday:	Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hab 2:4)

#### Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

#### Second Reading:

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord. (2 Tm 1:7-8)

#### Gospel:

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Lk 17: 6)

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#### **INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK** Live the Liturgy

Why does God allow evil and suffering to occur? Looking around at what is happening in the world, it is tempting to get angry with God for not actively intervening. Jesus walked among the suffering and evil of his day. While he healed some things, he simply sat with the sinner, challenged the leaders, and spoke against injustice. Jesus spoke of God's kingdom and his vision for humanity. But he made it very clear that it is our responsibility to realize this vision. The disciples saw how Jesus lived and dealt with the day's circumstances. They wanted that same faith and determination. They wanted his fortitude and courage. Mostly, they wanted Jesus' confidence and patience that God's vision would someday be fulfilled. In the meantime, waiting in joyful hope, we become servants who do what is necessary: love, repent of our sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. Willingly giving witness to our faith, we expect nothing in return.

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#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION** Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As adults, unless we are dealing with children, "obedience" is not a word we typically like to hear. It often brings connotations of military protocols, deference to superiors at work, or conforming to laws and practices. In a culture that has learned to challenge authority, being obedient is understood more as something I "have" to do, not "want" to do. Do you ever see merit in wanting to be obedient? Encouraged to develop independent, self-sufficient egos and personas, we learn to focus on our own wills and merits as we strive for success and achieve a sense of well-being. Giving ourselves over to the will of another, especially when done blindly, can sometimes carry more risk than we are willing to take. Also, blindly following orders without any deference to ethics or morality can lead to atrocious crimes and violence against humanity.

St. Ignatius of Loyola states, "There are three sorts of obedience; the first, obedience when a strict obligation is imposed upon us, and this is good; the second when the simple word of the superior, without any strict command, suffices for us, and this is better; the third, when a thing is done without waiting for an express command, from a knowledge that it will be pleasing to the superior, and this is the best of all." St. Ignatius sees obedience as an act of love. When the person we are obeying genuinely has our best interest in mind, acting themselves with love and integrity, then what St. Ignatius says makes excellent sense. When mutual trust and a bond of love and respect are present, obedience can lead to freedom and truth.

We ask God to increase our faith. In other words, increase our trust that God knows best how to live and act in this world. We desire the same confidence, determination, and patience Jesus had that the fulfillment of God's vision would one day come. Nurturing a deep love of God and trusting in his providence, we obediently do what we know is pleasing to God: love, repent of sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight in justice. As we willingly give witness to our faith, we do only what we are obliged to do, expecting nothing in return. Spared from the task of having to figure it all out for ourselves, we discover freedom. -LPi

## THE BULLETIN BOARD

RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN CONNECTICUT.



# 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 blic policy and advocacy office of the Catholic bishops of Connecticut

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### **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

Concele brate Rev. Alexander Avendaño. María Reina de la Paz Patish

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.



# Broadway To the Met **\*\*FREE!\*\* HAITI CONCERT** Oct. 2, 2022, 2PM

#### St. Thomas the Apostle Church 872 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT

Critically acclaimed soprano. Rochelle Bard, her sister Nicole Lian. extraordinary tenor Daniel Juárez, our own cantors, featuring Jessica Rost and Jude Reagan, and our exceptional CHOIR. The concert will be a mix of Broadway and favorite Opera moments, including Hail Holy Queen from Sister Act and Nessun Dorma!

Wine and cheese reception will follow! 🝷 🏓

FREE WILL DONATION will benefit Haiti, through the impeccable local charity- MATH, Medical Aid to Haiti



### St. Paul Catholic High School has announced its open house campus tour dates for this Fall.

If you or someone you know has a prospective student looking to attend St. Paul in the 2022 or 2023 school years this is the open house you'll want to visit. All tours are by appointment and each family will take a guided tour around our campus building.

Visit spchs.com/openhouse to register for an appointment time on Saturday, October 22 or November 19 with appointments beginning at 10:00am.

Also, St. Paul Catholic High School has scheduled two Placement Exam dates for prospective grade 9 and grade 10 students. The Placement Exam is a standardized test that incoming students take which evaluates their performance levels in math, language and reading. This exam will be held at the school on Saturday, November 5 and Saturday, December 10 both beginning at 8:00am. To register, visit spchs.com/placementexam.



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