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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

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:17-18

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

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9:00

4:00

7:30

9:30

11:00

October 9, 2022



Dr. Mary Simon

the Pizzuti Family

Larisa Paschuk, requested by

Frank Scalzo, Jr., requested by

Phyllis Folia, requested by the family

Richard Cialfi (1st Ann.), requested by

Thomas & Ella Heavren, requested by

Barbara Presnick, requested by

his wife Dottie and family

Special Intentions

Tom and Pat Heavren

Ron and Gerry Weaver

Martin E. Pariseault (22nd Ann.), requested by

Joane and Roman Fedorciw

Robert C. Simon (4th Ann.), requested by

MONDAY, October 10

TUESDAY, October 11

WEDNESDAY, October 12

THURSDAY, October 13

his wife

SATURDAY, October 15

SUNDAY, October 16

FRIDAY, October 14





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 10

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, October 11

WWP Reclaiming Friendship: 10:15am via Zoom Step by Step: 6:00pm in Fr. Bennett Hall Social Outreach Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, October 12

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

THURSDAY, October 13 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

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

FRIDAY, October 14 Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, October 15 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, October 16 Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom

Eucharistic Ministers

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

kris.martino@stannavon.com.

Please note that all Eucharistic Ministers are asked to immediately resume the pre-Covid routine for the weekend Masses. Kindly arrive 15 minutes before Mass to greet those arriving for Mass; process in with the Priest and lastly hand out bulletins at the close of Mass. The person assigned to the side should greet and hand out bulletins on the side. Thank you as always.

Food Collection This Weekend

October 8/9

Don't forget to drop off your food donations this weekend in the Gathering Space. Donations will be going to the Avon Food Pantry, and Catholic Worker House in Hartford

DONATIONS

ImmaCare Shelter Update and Meal Donation Schedule

ImmaCare shelter has continued to offer accessible shelter and housing services despite the many obstacles Covid put in it's way. While many times the men had to leave the shelter for isolated rooms because of major outbreaks, most of the time the shelter operation continued, although looking quite different as volunteers serving was now not allowed. Because of the generosity of this parish and the kindness of those who have cooked or donated for years, and the new people who heard about ImmaCare and offered whatever was needed, we were never in a position to not honor our commitment to bring a homecooked, nutritious meal monthly. Supplemented by needed supplies, our support was deeply appreciated by staff, guests, and those of us who promised then prayed - way in advance.

We are now starting another shelter season of honoring a commitment Father McCarthy made 35 years ago when this Hartford church basement shelter struggled to feed people and began calling the suburban churches and he responded "Yes-St. Ann will help". We will not serve but will deliver plentiful, nutritious and delicious meals. With less men because of Covid restrictions, we will also bring much needed food and supplies, much of what will go on the Outreach Van to be distributed to those who for so many reasons, choose to stay outdoors until the weather is life-threatening. We have also begun delivering much needed supplies to the Prudence Crandall Center which is a shelter for women and children who are survivors of domestic violence. Their needs are many and they have been appreciative of the support St. Ann's offered over the past year.

We will be going the 3rd Thursday of every month beginning with Oct. 20 and continuing at least through May.

If you have already contacted us, I will be emailing you and it will be so good to be back in touch. If you want to be added to the list and are willing to cook or donate a needed item (ie. coffee, water, juice boxes, or a surprise "item of the month!" - just let me know! Our thanks in advance for all you have done in the past, and all that can be done this year.

Please contact Kfinocchio@gmail.com with any questions or to help.



Annual Parish Collection Church of Saint Ann

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our Parish Annual Collection. If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your gift card, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is welcome and sincerely appreciated. 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. Pledge forms can also be obtained in the Parish Office. Thank you!

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

My Dear Children, "Pray, Pray, Pray" We are engaged in a Battle of Good versus Evil - A Culture of Death versus a Culture of Life. Our Blessed Mother has given us the greatest weapon for this time "The Rosary" and asks us to pray. She will help us if we storm Heaven with our prayers.



Please join us on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th at 12 noon at the West Avon Road Entrance to the Church Parking Lot. We will unite our prayers with 20,000 Fatima Prayer Groups praying together across America.

"It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Please bring your rosary and pray in Celebration of all Life from conception to natural death, for our country to once again be one Nation under God not just for some but for all of God's children, and for Love to overcome hatred, violence, and division. Remember Our Lady's words, "Finally, My Immaculate Heart will triumph." "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." Pope Pius IX

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 10/2/22: \$5,727.40 Online Giving (Sept.28-Oct. 5, 2022): \$3,539.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *none*



This week's theme: Profound Appreciation

The familiar story in today's Gospel of Jesus healing the ten lepers (Luke 17: 11-19) gives us an insight into how profoundly thankful we should be for all our blessings. And as Catholic Christians we should be especially thankful for the Holy Eucharist. Just as one leper returned to give praise, honor, worship and thanksgiving to Jesus for having healed him, so should we too do the same.

Reflection: The story is told of Bishop Sheen's travels with a Protestant Minister on a bus. As they passed a Catholic Church, Bishop Sheen made the sign of the Cross. The Minister asked him why. Bishop Sheen explained that the Church's tabernacle contained the Living Presence of Jesus. The Minister responded, "If I believed what you believe, I would enter that church, prostrate myself and never stop adoring Christ." What is your response after your reception of Holy Communion, since Jesus has just come to dwell within your very being with His healing, merciful, loving graces?



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 9, 2022 – 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Zeal of the Convert

When you work in the Church, professionally or on a volunteer basis, you become familiar with the phenomenon known as "the zeal of the recent convert."

Sometimes, it really seems that the newly baptized are just stronger Catholics than the cradle Catholics. They smile more at Mass. They are awestruck by the Eucharist. They come out of the confessional beaming.

It's not that they are naive. It's not that they are in some honeymoon phase of religion, living outside of reality. It's simply that they remember. They remember what it felt like before the Eucharist or before Confession. They recall before the sacraments and the oil and the grace and the relief. It was more recent for them than for some of us older Catholics — especially those of us who were baptized as infants.

Let's ask ourselves: Have we become too comfortable? Do we receive God's grace with expectation instead of surprise? Have we ceased to marvel and wonder at the goodness of God? If the answer is a resounding yes, don't despair. Look at the Gospel — a literal nine times out of ten, God goes un-thanked and un-noticed.

So many of us have forgotten, or never understood, what it meant when the leprosy was washed from our souls. But when we remind ourselves, we become more keenly aware of the extraordinariness of the gift we have received.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of October 9, 2022

Sunday:	2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a
	and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday:	Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/
	Lk 18:1-8

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Naaman returned with his whole retinue to the man of God. On his arrival he stood before Elisha and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel. (2 Kgs 5:15)

Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)

Second Reading:

If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. (2 Tm 2:11-12)

Gospel:

"Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" (Lk 17:17-18)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Expressing gratitude is a sign of a loving heart. When we have received a gracious gesture, the appreciation experienced forms a bond between the giver and receiver. This can only happen when abundance and kind gestures are seen as gifts and not something to which we are entitled. The power of gratitude is more profound when we realize all that we are and all we are given do not have a human source but are of God. Walking around believing that our glass is only half full leaves us always wanting more. We are never satisfied. We become nothing more than entitled pursuers of whatever we can get. Instead, the one who is eager to count their blessings and appreciate the wonder and beauty of the gift of life itself is at peace. Before they take another step or venture off on another journey, they bow in gratitude to the presence of God himself. They are most keenly aware that all would cease to be without God.

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Ten lepers were cured. Only one returned to give thanks. When we fall victim to entitlement, we diminish our capacity to love. Never satisfied, we walk around with outstretched arms, eagerly searching for the next thing we want so that we can acquire it ourselves. Very rarely do entitled hands hold anything to freely give away to others. Entitled hands also find it challenging to reach toward heaven in a gesture of gratitude and praise. We are often more obsessed with celebrating our victories, securing our assets, safeguarding our futures, and stacking the deck of life in our favor rather than relishing and absorbing the gift of the moment and blessings received.

Entitled people find it difficult to pray properly. When the subject of our prayer is mostly about our needs and wants, we are falling into the trap of deception. We foolishly try to convince God that our tiny worlds are of greater importance than His. In ancient times, people would offer sacrifices to "the gods" to secure protection and favors. Our God desires mercy, not sacrifice, because He is about love and justice, not simply meeting our agendas. Every breath is a gift. Prayer, which is a celebration of that gift, acknowledges the Giver. Prayer strengthens the bond between Giver and receiver, creating a deepening awareness that nothing I am or anything I have can exist apart from His Divine Will. It also reminds us that we have done nothing to merit the unconditional love and mercy God showers upon us. Prayer is not just about getting what I need but celebrating who I am.

For St. Therese of Lisieux prayer is "a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." When our hearts "surge" toward God, we rush to the Source of our restoration and wholeness, knowing our longing for God's Divine embrace. Prayer is a response to God's graciousness with an act of gratitude returned by us. In prayer, we gaze upon each other in that sacred space where I give myself to God as He is, and God gives Himself to me as I am. We cannot take another step without saying thank you. -LPi

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Save the Date! Northwest Catholic High School is hosting a Fall Festival Open House on October 23, 2022. This is open to any student who is currently in middle school or considering transferring. The Open House will be held on campus from 1-3pm. You will have the opportunity to learn more about our academics, arts, and athletics by meeting directly with faculty members. Stop by our Cupcake Truck! Students are welcome to apply by taking the entrance exam on November 5, 2022. Please visit northwestcatholic.org to register.

All Souls' Morning of Reflection **Trinita Retreat Center**

Wednesday November 2, 2022, 10:00am – 11:30pm

We will gather in prayer and share stories to remember those we love. Pictures are most welcome! Refreshments will be served.

Free Will Offering For more information or to register contact Trinita Retreat Center at 860-379-4329 or trinita@charter.net



The Story of New Horizon's Village

A Historic Quest for Independent Living







Join us at the Unionville Museum for the opening reception of the NHV exhibit! Light refreshments to follow October 14, 2022 at 11:00am 15 School St, Unionville, CT 06085

The exhibit will run from October 14th - November 20th.

Lourdes in Litchfield's Annual Tag Sale The Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield's semi-annual Tag Sale will be held in Pilgrim Hall, located on the Shrine grounds, 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield, Thursday, October 20th to Saturday, October 22nd , 9:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday, October 23rd 11:30am to

Donations will be accepted on Tuesday, October 18th and Wednesday, October 19th only from 9:00 to 4:00. Please note: NO upholstered furniture, mattresses or box springs, computers, monitors or paint will be accepted. For further information, call 860-567-1041 or email: lourdesshrinect@gmail.com.

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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