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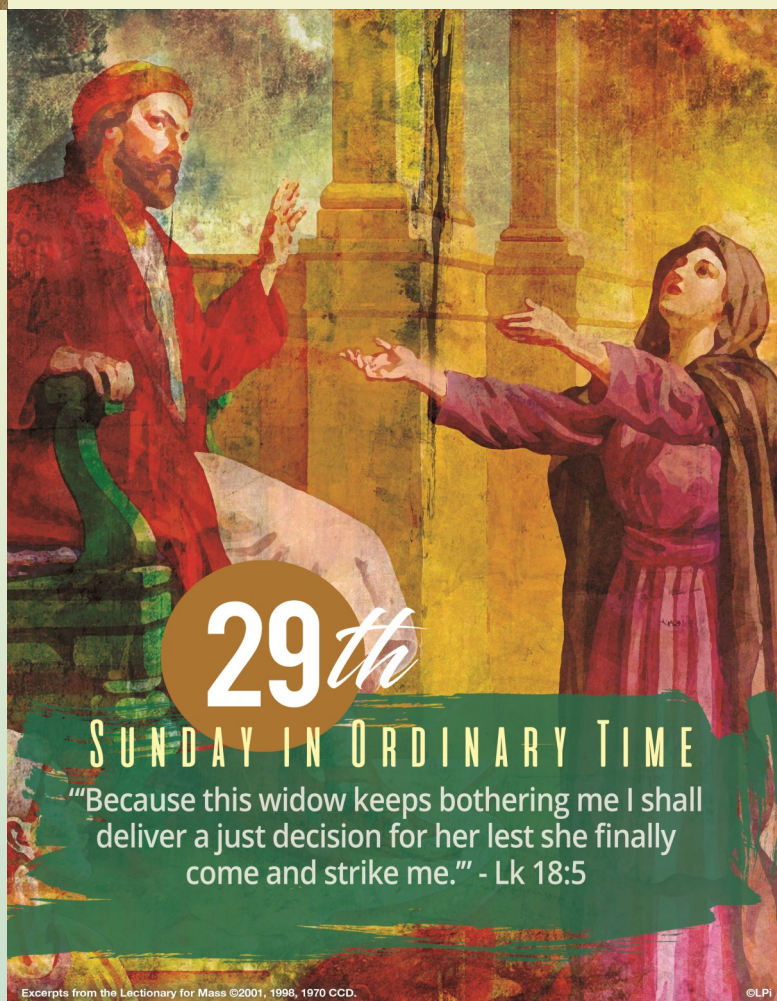
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29<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me." - Lk 18:5

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## 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

## 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.



## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MONDAY, October 17

9:00 Filomena and Dominic Pizzuti, requested by  
The Pizzuti Family

### TUESDAY, October 18

9:00 Special Intentions

### WEDNESDAY, October 19

9:00 Thomas Hanny, requested by  
Claudine Meaney and Jean Mix

### THURSDAY, October 20

9:00 Special Intentions

### FRIDAY, October 21

9:00 Special Intentions

### SATURDAY, October 22

4:00 Ann Tromza, requested by Mary Jane Jeter

### SUNDAY, October 23

7:30 For the intentions of Dena DeVenney (Living)

9:30 John Saimininkas (1st Ann.), requested by  
his daughter and family

11:00 Ralph DeMartino, requested by  
Lou and Eileen Del Prete

## PRO-LIFE MINISTRY



**Sign up for Prayer Vigil  
and Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament**

Sunday, October 30th a peaceful prayer vigil will take place outside the Planned Parenthood in Elmwood/West Hartford. Our parish will cover the hours of 6am - 6pm.

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St. Ann's Parish is again taking part in the 40 Days for Life Campaign sponsored by the Archdiocese. There are two parts to this peaceful and prayerful mission. *We will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, Nov. 6th following the Divine Mercy Holy Hour and continuing until 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 7th.*

**PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE POSTERS IN THE GATHERING SPACE.** We must have 2 adorers for each hour.

*Thank you in advance for your support with our parish's Pro-Life Mission.*

# 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, October 17

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 9:30-10:30am in the church

**MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group:** 7:15pm in the church (all welcome)

**Family Ministry Advisory Board Mtg:** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall & Zoom

**Lectio Divina:** 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

### TUESDAY, October 18

**WWP Reclaiming Friendship:** 10:15am via Zoom

**Step by Step:** 6:00pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

### WEDNESDAY, October 19

**Romans Bible Study:** 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall

**Knights of Columbus:** 7pm in Room 2

**WWP Reclaiming Friendship:** 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

### THURSDAY, October 20

**Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

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

### FRIDAY, October 21

**Lectio Divina, Live!:** 9:45am via Zoom

### SATURDAY, October 22

**Men's Breakfast Group:** 8:00 am in Room 3

### SUNDAY, October 23

**Lectio Divina, Live!:** 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom

# Welcome Father Al !

Let's give a warm St. Ann welcome to our new pastor, Fr. Alphonso Fontana!

## Parish Social following all Masses on Sunday, October 30th

### Enjoy:

- Mingling with Father Al
- Tasty refreshments
- Activities for the kids

### Hosted by:

- Prayer Shawl Ministry (7:30 am Mass)
- Parish Council (9:30am Mass)
- Men of St. Ann (11am Mass)



## 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 its 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 home-cooked, 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](mailto:Kfinocchio@gmail.com) with any questions or to help.



## Annual Parish Collection

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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](http://www.stannavon.org) to support this critical mission. Pledge forms can also be obtained in the Parish Office. Thank you!

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## 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:  
<https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live>



## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

**Weekly Collection for 10/9/22:** \$4,620.04

**Online Giving (Oct. 5-12, 2022):** \$2,743.50

**Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:**

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## The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

**This week's theme: Prayer and Faith in the Holy Eucharist**

Jesus exhorts us in the Gospel this week not to lose Faith and to continue to pray always. (Luke 18:1-8). Our Lord closes this parable of the widow and the unjust judge with the words, "And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?" Such a sad statement!

**Reflection:** We know that the Pew Pole has documented that only 30% of Catholics believe in the true Presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Some do not understand that the Mass is the most intense encounter between us and Our Lord that is possible this side of heaven. Some have never developed a personal relationship with Christ. To do this, prayer is needed. How important is prayer to you? St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "Love to pray. Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself."

## Family Ministry Kickoff Meeting!

Calling adults of all ages who are interested in seeing St. Ann's young families thrive. Come to our kickoff meeting of the NEW Family Ministry Advisory Board **Monday, Oct 17 at 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall, and via Zoom.**

Let's talk about:

- What a Family Ministry might look like
- What families need most from the Church of St. Ann
- What to offer families to foster participation at Mass/ Youth Faith Formation

### RSVP

to Valerie: [Valerie.stjean@stannavon.com](mailto:Valerie.stjean@stannavon.com) (ext. 223)

or Ann: [ann.distefano@stannavon.com](mailto:ann.distefano@stannavon.com) (ext. 228)

or call 860-673-9858.



**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.**



## 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*



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### Sparking Holiness

As the seasons change, a lot of us like to clean out our homes and unload some of the junk we've acquired over the summer. One trendy approach to decluttering is the Marie Kondo method, named after the author who popularized it. Overly simplified, it's a process that compels you to go through your closets, your garage, your basement — all the places you collect the dreaded "stuff." As you do so, you hold up the items and ask yourself: "Does it spark joy?"

It's a question that is bold in its simplicity. In answering, you're supposed to go with your gut. If it's a quick "Yes, it sparks joy," the item should be kept. If the answer is no, it gets tossed.

There are people in life who will support our efforts to do God's will. There are those who will, as Paul says, "convince, reprimand, (and) encourage," unafraid of the reaction we give them. There are those who will shore up our defenses when the battle goes longer than we thought.

The same goes for hobbies and pastimes. There are those that will ennoble our minds and bring us closer to God. And there are also those that will drain our funds and our free time, with nothing to show for it.

During these autumn months, don't just declutter your basement in preparation for the hauling out of the Christmas ornaments. Take stock of the people and pursuits that make up your life. With each one, ask yourself: "Does it spark holiness?"

If the answer is yes, thank God that our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. If the answer is no, maybe it's time to declutter.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Readings for the week of October 16, 2022

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  
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21  
Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9  
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48  
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53  
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59  
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9  
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading:

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight. (Ex 17:11)

### Psalm:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121)

### Second Reading:

So that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work. (2 Tm 3:17)

### Gospel:

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" (Lk 18:7)

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## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

Does God finally answer our persistent prayers to stop us from bothering Him? The thought that persistent prayer can be disturbing or upsetting to God does not ring true with the images of God as compassionate, understanding, merciful, and loving that our tradition conveys. Yet, Jesus tells his disciples to "pray always without becoming weary." Maybe the type of prayer necessary to endure the trials of discipleship and the challenges and criticisms of Christian teaching goes beyond words. We need to tend to the realities of human life. The persistent prayer of which Jesus speaks is the prayer of the heart. This contemplative, silent, loving prayer gives us the vision to see God in all things, especially in each human soul. Desiring God alone and not only what we want God to do for us places this love relationship foremost in our minds, hearts, and souls. As we breathe in and exhale out, the Divine Life flows. This alone can provide the strength of endurance to confront anything contrary to the truth of faith. ©LPi

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Brendan wouldn't stop. He continued nagging his mom to let him have a little more time with his phone. He knew the rules but wanted to finish a game and text a few more friends. He begged, had a temper tantrum, pleaded, screamed, pouted, and used every means he could think of to get Mom to change her mind. Mom had a busy day and was tired. At first, she held her ground. Then, her son's persistence got the best of her, and she caved. "Brendan, you can have 30 more minutes and no more!" she retorted. Brendan's determination paid off. He won.

Is this how it works with God too? If we want something enough and feel it is our due, does our persistence allow us to eventually get our way? Judging God by human standards, it would seem so. But is this the way God works? It gets a bit confusing when Jesus tells his disciples to "pray always without becoming weary" and then further tells them how God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night." If we catch God at the right time, when he's having a weak moment, then our tenacity ought to pay off. What we want, we will get. Really? Sadly, the way many approach prayer suggests that this is precisely how it goes.

Good parents set boundaries and offer proper discipline. They learn the art of being steadfast when presented with determined minds and wills. They know what is best and, at times, have to say "no." God is always there with His full attention and unconditional love showering itself upon us. God also knows what is best. And, as with any good parent, the one constant that is always available and never withheld is love. We can be as persistent and determined as we want if what we are seeking is God's love. We are never a bother and requests for God's love are never denied. This is the prayer of the heart. Desiring God alone and not only what we want God to do for us places this love relationship foremost in our minds, hearts, and souls. God is never bothered by this prayer. As we breathe in and exhale out, the Divine Life freely flows.

-LPi



## THE BULLETIN BOARD



**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](http://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.

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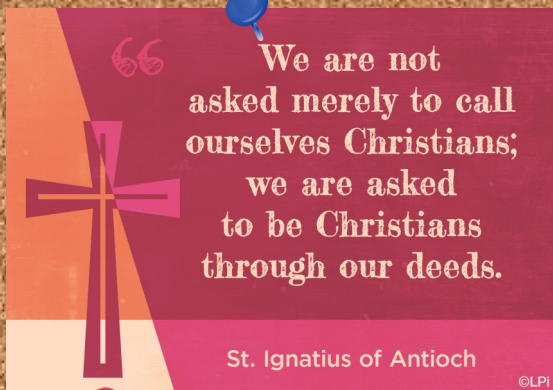
### Christmas Silk Floral Workshop Trinita Retreat Center

**Thursday, November 10, 2022  
6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Join Lisa Valentine, Floral Designer, as we repurpose your existing holiday wreaths and centerpieces or make something brand new! All supplies included.  
**Thursday November 10, 2022, 6:30pm-8:30pm**

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### 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](http://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](http://spchs.com/placementexam).

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:30am to 2:00pm.

Donations will be accepted on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lourdesshrinect@gmail.com).



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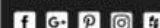
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