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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

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me

a sinner." - Lk 18:13

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

October 23, 2022



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, October 24 9:00 Danielle Hamley, requested by the Downey family

5.00 Damene Hamley, requested by the Downey Junny

TUESDAY, October 25 9:00 For the intentions of the parishioners of St. Ann

WEDNESDAY, October 26 9:00 For the intentions of the parishioners of St. Ann

THURSDAY, October 27 9:00 For the intentions of the parishioners of St. Ann

FRIDAY, October 28 9:00 For the intentions of the parishioners of St. Ann

SATURDAY, October 29 4:00 Arthur Hennig, requested by the Spina Family

SUNDAY, October 30

- 7:30 For the intentions of the parishioners of St. Ann
- **9:30** Grace Meyers, requested by the family
- **11:00** Dr. Brendan Fox, requested by Bill and Janet Newman



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 24

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 25

Clothing Donation Drop Off: 9:30am - 4pm in Fr. Bennett Hall WWP Reclaiming Friendship: 10:15am via Zoom Step by Step: 6:00pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

WEDNESDAY, October 26

Clothing Donation Drop Off: 9:30am - 4pm in Fr. Bennett Hall Romans Bible Study: not meeting this week WWP Reclaiming Friendship: 7pm in Activity Room

THURSDAY, October 27

Clothing Donation Drop Off: 9:30am - 4pm in Fr. Bennett Hall Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Acts Bible Study: 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall and via Zoom

FRIDAY, October 28

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

SATURDAY, October 29

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3 Annual Clothing Sale: 9am—2pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

SUNDAY, October 30

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Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom Parish Social to Welcome Fr. Al: after all Masses in Fr. Bennett Hall

ST. ANN'S ANNUAL CLOTHING SALE

<u>Sale Date:</u> 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

Father Fontana will be celebrating the live television Mass on Monday, November 7th at 10:00am. The television Mass is broadcast on Comcast - WCCT-TV & My TV 1059.



Next Weekend: Collection for the Families of the Slain Bristol Officers

The **Knights of Columbus** will be taking up a collection next weekend after all Masses for the families of Sgt. Dustin DeMonte and Officer Alex Hamzy – the Bristol police officers who tragically lost their lives in the line of duty on October 12, 2022.

A special fund has been established by Conor Hogan, VP, Bristol Police Benevolent Association. All monies collected will go the families of these two heroes. It is our duty to help the families of those who protect us. We ask that you keep Officer Hamzy, Sgt. DeMonte and their families in your prayers.

The next time you see an Officer on patrol – tell them Thank You.



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Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God

Join us for **Touching the Divine** to explore the qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality.



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



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With much gratitude and pleasure, the Social Outreach Committee reports the following successful collections:

The Peanut Butter Campaign for Haiti shipped 380 jars of peanut butter that were used in sandwiches to feed children in Carrefour throughout the summer. Your generous response made this protein food available to children who are suffering due to the current humanitarian crisis in Haiti.

Back Pack and school supplies provided much needed supplies to 62 children in Avon and the Catholic Worker House in Hartford. All ages of students benefitted from this collection.

Last week's parish wide food collection brought in much needed food for our Avon Pantry and neighbors around the Catholic Worker House in Hartford. Shelves in both places are filled with needed nonperishable food.

Our clients in Avon, many of whom are single seniors, were grateful for the expanded choice of food.

In November we will sponsor 2 special events on the weekend of Nov. 19 & 20:

International Fair-Trade Bazaar in Father Bennet Hall and our annual Turkey and Fixing's Drive. More information will follow soon.

May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire your good works and love of neighbor within our Christian Faith. May the blessings of your generosity fill your hearts with joy.

Social Outreach Committee

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 10/16/22: \$4,312.85 Online Giving (Oct. 12-19, 2022): \$2,635.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection:

Catholic Worker House

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY



Sign up for Prayer Vigil and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

<u>Sunday, October 30th</u> 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 8am 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.



This week's theme: Bearing Good Fruit

Today's Gospel calls us to repentance and reminds us of the barren fig tree. (Luke 13: 1-9) Here we find a wonderful example of God's merciful patience with each of us. The Holy Spirit is the sanctifier of our souls. Have you ever considered how patient God is in working within each soul to bring us to salvation? In order to produce "good fruit", we need to become more Christlike. The Holy Eucharist was given to us by Our Lord to accomplish this transformation.

<u>Reflection</u>: St. Peter Julian Eymard wrote, "Jesus has prepared not just one Host, but one for everyday of our life. The Hosts are ready. Let us not forfeit even one of them." This saint understood the great value of Holy Communion. He knew that the principal fruit of receiving Holy Communion is our intimate union with Christ. Through this union Jesus enables us to produce the good fruits of a Christian life including the practice of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

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!

WHAT WE'RE ENJOYING ON FORMED.ORG

ALL ST. ANN PARISHIONERS have a FREE subscription to FORMED.org, the online streaming service with inspiring and entertaining faith-based content for ADULTS and CHIL-DREN. To access it, visit our website and click on the big green FORMED button, or go to <u>https://www.stannavon.org/formed</u>

With more than 4,000 videos, movies, podcasts, audiobooks, ebooks and more, there's so much to choose from. We'd love your recommendations for what you're enjoying on FORMED.org! Please contact

<u>ann.distefano@stannavon.com</u> to share your favorite picks. Click on "Check this Out on Formed" on the webpage to view suggestions.

This month, watch "The Catholic Take on Halloween." Find fascinating and surprising info on the origins of the holiday traditionally called "All Hallows' Eve", and why, thanks to Jesus, we don't need to fear death or the macabre <u>https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-catholic-take-on-halloween-remembering-the-dead-and-celebrating-the-saints</u>



Tuesday, November 1, 2022 Holy Day of Obligation

Masses will be at: 9:00 am, 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm

OCTOBER 23, 2022 - 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

More Than a Buzzword

If you roll your eyes at the mention of the term stewardship, it's probably because, in the modern Church, stewardship has become something of a corporate buzzword. It's often used interchangeably with the concepts of financial endowment and volunteerism.

What's wrong with supporting your parish monetarily? What's the issue with giving of your time in service and ministry? Nothing at all, in fact — we should all be doing more of these things.

But as we do them, we should be constantly asking ourselves the all-important questions: Why am I doing this? How am I doing this? For whom am I doing this?

A donation to the parish school is a great thing. But ideally, the donor would have made the gift regardless of the ability to name the school gym. A tireless volunteer who always finds time for her parish certainly glorifies God with her commitment. But hopefully, her commitment would be just as enthusiastic if she knew there was no prospect of being written up in the bulletin as Volunteer of the Month.

God knows no favorites. The prayer of the Pharisee in the temple did not justify him because the Pharisee didn't really mean it as a prayer. His intent wasn't to thank God, his intent was to draw attention to his gifts. God did not reject the Pharisee's fasting and his tithes, he rejected the spirit in which they were offered.

God desires to transform us — our hearts, our souls, our communities. When we give of ourselves — either through money or through time — he is honored by the act of giving, not the gift itself. We should never make the mistake of thinking that stewardship is "time, talent, and treasure." Stewardship is the spirit of offering these gifts freely. - *Tracy Earl Welliver, MT*

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of October 23, 2022

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
Monday:	Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Saturday:	Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday:	Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/
	2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds. (Sir 35:21)

Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. (2 Tm 4:8)

Gospel:

"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 18:14)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

To be humble means to see ourselves as we are. It comes with the recognition that we are never perfect, better than another, or free of sin. The humble person knows their faults and failings as well as their successes and triumphs. They also realize that they are nothing without God, especially God's mercy. The humble one knows who they are, who they can be, and how they have fallen short. Being desperately in love with God, they know how they have sometimes given in to their desires rather than God's will, almost with a sense of embarrassment. Being justified in our relationship with God is not about a list of the good things we do and the bad things we don't. We are vindicated when we realize how totally dependent we are upon God's gratuitous, abundant, and unconditional love. It is a gift we often take for granted and is often unappreciated.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There is a thing called "false piety." It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God's attention. Forming an exclusive "club," they divide things between "mine" and "yours" and "us" and "them." They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game's name.

The requirements for "club membership" are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of "status" or "salvation," they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to "my beliefs," "my parish," "my way of thinking," they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered "least" in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you're joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly "pious." They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It's only between you and God. It is nobody else's business. ©LPi

THE BULLETIN BOARD

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

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.

Free Will Offering

For more information or to register contact Trinita Retreat Center at 860-379-4329 or <u>trinita@charter.net</u>



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 <u>spchs.com/openhouse</u> to register for an appointment time on **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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