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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

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today l must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

Al llegar a ese lugar, Jesús levantó los ojos y le dijo: "Zaqueo, bájate pronto, porque hoy tengo que hospedarme en tu casa". El bajó enseguida y lo recibió muy contento. - Lc 19, 5-6

# **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

12:10

7:00

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11:00

October 30, 2022



Charles Deye, requested by his family

William Weldon (3rd Ann), requested by

For the deceased members of the Savidge and

Van Blerkom Families, requested by the family

Donald Sopelak, requested by Sophie Sopelak

James Cunningham, requested by

Henry Hojnowski, requested by

Joe Koe, requested by the Droste Family

of Savoy Mens' and Womens' Societies

James Powers, Sr. requested by

Paul and Constance Rotondo

For the deceased members of the Prince Thomas

Russell and Diane Koch

TUESDAY, November 1, All Saints Day, HO

**MONDAY, October 31** 

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**THURSDAY, November 3** 

**FRIDAY, November 4** 

SATURDAY, November 5

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his friend, Agata

**Special Intentions** 

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WEDNESDAY, November 2, All Souls

31st 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 31

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, November 1

WWP Touching the Divine: 10:15am via Zoom Step by Step: 6:00pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

#### WEDNESDAY, November 2

Romans Bible Study: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall WWP Touching the Divine: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

## THURSDAY, November 3

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

FRIDAY, November 4 Lectio Divina, Live!: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, November 5 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, November 6 Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom



**Tuesday, November 1, 2022** Holy Day of Obligation

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

# All Souls Day Wednesday, November 2nd

The Feast of All Souls is a wonderful Catholic tradition whereby prayers are offered for the departed souls who have made such a wonderful impact in our lives. If you use our envelope system, an envelope for All Souls is included in the packet you received in the mail. You are able to write down the names of those you would like to remember. Additional All Souls envelopes are available in the pews by early November. They can be dropped in any collection basket and will be placed on the altar throughout the month of November.



# The Bereavement Committee of Saint Ann

Invites you to a special Mass at which we will remember those persons who's funerals took place at St. Ann's in the past year.

Mass of Remembrance Sunday, November 6, 2022 9:30am Mass at the Church of Saint Ann



# Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Next Sunday, November 6th



# 2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Let's beg for God's Mercy and the outpouring of His Healing Love. Please join us for this powerful devotion.

# 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.



OFFERING TWO SESSIONS STARTING 11/1&2/2022 THROUGH 5/23&24/2023

TUES 10:15 VIA ZOOM WED 7:00 PM IN FATHER BENNETT HALL COST:\$42

Questions? Contact: COLLEEN WATERBURY (203)913-8764 OR PAT WALL (860)508-0947

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# Welcome Father Al!

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

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

#### Enjoy:

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

#### <u>Hosted by:</u>

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



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.

# HAPPY

# WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 10/23/22: \$4,647.05 Online Giving (Oct. 19-26, 2022): \$2,645.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Archdiocese for Military Services

# **PRO-LIFE MINISTRY**



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

This 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* <u>Sunday, Nov. 6th</u> *following the Divine Mercy Holy Hour and continuing until* 8am on <u>Monday, Nov. 7th</u>.

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.



# The Holy Eucharist DID γου ΚΝΟΨ?

#### This week's theme: The Precious Blood of Jesus and the Holy Souls in Purgatory

St. Gertrude the Great was given the following prayer by God in a mystical vision. She was told that it would release many souls from Purgatory. "Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with all of the Masses said throughout the world this day for the Holy Souls in Purgatory." Please note that it is the Blood of Christ and the Holy Mass, which is so efficacious that souls will be released from their suffering and

so efficacious that souls will be released from their suffering and gain the glory of heaven.

<u>Reflection</u>: This coming week on November 2<sup>nd</sup> we officially remember our dearly beloved departed family members and friends. We should strive to pray for them during Mass and ask that Our Lord's Most Precious Blood in the Holy Eucharist gain for them the joys of heaven.

# Knights of Columbus Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Orders can be placed: after Masses on November 5/6 and 12/13. Pick up pies after Masses the weekend of Nov. 19/20.

Still only \$10 each our locally sourced pies are made just for you! Apple \* Peach Praline \* Pumpkin \* Very Berry.

All proceeds benefit St. Ann's ministries and charities within our local community!

# **Got Teens or Young-Adults?**

The teenage and young adult years are full of decisionmaking moments large and small, whether regarding relationships, interests, college, careers, and more. Like all of us, if they want to have peace and clarity in the discernment process, they need God's help. If you're looking for ways to share support, we have three great books in the Adult Faith Formation Library to lend you, that you might recommend:



"Saying Yes: Discovering and Responding to God's Will in Your life"

by Albert Haase, OFM

# "How to Make Great Decisions"

by Fr. Mike Schmitz Video review of How to Make Great Decisions: https://youtu.be/YpDar5G9y1I





# "Pray, Decide, & Don't Worry: 5 Steps to Discerning God's Will"

by Bobby & Jackie Angel, with Fr. Mike Schmitz

Video teaser for Pray, Decide & Don't Worry: <u>https://youtu.be/IN8oRLL0Dal</u>

Contact me via <u>ann.distefano@stannavon.com</u> to get on the lending list.

# OCTOBER 30, 2022 - 31 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

#### Do We Watch Jesus from a Distance?

It seems to me that Zacchaeus may have gotten more than he bargained for when he scaled that sycamore tree.

We can only speculate as to what the original intentions of the wealthy tax collector were. We know he wanted to see Jesus, of course — but what does that mean? Was he simply curious about this famous and controversial man? Was he moved by what he heard of Jesus' teachings? Was he trying to catch a glimpse, or to get close?

Whatever his initial motivations, we can safely assume he did not expect Jesus to look up and say: "Get down. I am coming to your house today."

I often find myself taking the same posture as Zacchaeus in the tree. Perhaps I have a problem I'm wrestling with or a personal fault I need to overcome. At times I know I need to give of myself in ways that scare me. Whatever it is, I am watching Jesus from a distance. I am removed. Because I worry that when he gets close, he will get in my space. He will see whatever it is I don't want to deal with or tackle.

I need to remember that Jesus does not come to condemn, but to assist. It is God's desire to make us "worthy of His calling." To do that, He knows we need help. He knows we need Him in our space.

I'll say this for Zacchaeus — he was ready. He jumped right down, acknowledged what he had to be ashamed of, and vowed to do better. He brought Jesus home.

May we all have that same courage.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

# WEEKLY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of October 30, 2022

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
Monday:	Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday:	Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/
	Mt 11:25-30
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/
	2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook people's sins that they may repent. For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made. (Wis 11:23-24)

#### Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)

#### Second Reading:

We always pray for you, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thes 1:11-12)

#### Gospel:

"Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." (Lk 19:9-10)

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

God does not set things in motion or create something and then step back to attend to other matters. When God creates, God remains connected. God's continued and constant presence is necessary for everything we see to exist. Without God, life as we know it would cease. God's imperishable spirit is in all things! Being the author of love, God cannot despise or hate Himself. Therefore, God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. How can God be repulsed by the image of Himself reflected in a human soul? Jesus goes to the homes of sinners. His very presence there is enough to change even the most conflicted and self-serving of hearts. The soul who realizes its utter dependency upon God is a soul who knows salvation. The beginnings of salvation's blessings are discovered when we understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We find what our selfishness lost. ©I Pi

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

Barry had a life sentence in prison for doing unthinkable crimes. He would often remark to the chaplain that he was an atheist and could not bring himself to believe in any "god." When the chaplain asked why, Barry quickly retorted that the book of Genesis speaks of God creating everything and feeling very good about it. God's creation of people and things is beautiful. Barry continued, "If there is a God who creates something and likes what He makes and that God is good, then how could He have created someone as evil as me?" The chaplain fell silent as tears welled up in his eyes. "God loves you too, Barry. The stuff that you did is another matter. God puts His image and likeness in each one of us, in our souls. How can God not love himself?" God cannot despise or hate anything or anyone. He made you. Life hurt you. He is always about unconditional love and mercy. Barry found a glimmer of hope that day and was touched by love.

Zacchaeus met love incarnate in Jesus. He knew there was something special about him, and he had to see Jesus for himself. Realizing and knowing God's unconditional, penetrating love is a game-changer. Sinners don't repulse Jesus, he wants to eat with them! We can often find ourselves conflicted about how God sees us. We want to believe that He loves us, but other tapes playing in our heads convince us that this cannot be true. We carry our sins around like heavy sacks weighing on our shoulders. We are crippled.

God's divine blessing lives in each of our souls. It is our essential goodness, a free gift given to us by God. The beginnings of salvation's blessings are discovered when we begin to understand who God is, who we are, and how we are to act relative to our brothers and sisters. We become more focused and courageous, eager to gather up all of the fragments of our lives and become whole. Zacchaeus, after meeting Jesus, finally knew who he was. He saw his sins and his potential for goodness as a blest child of God. When we allow God to meet us and touch us in such a profound way, we find what our selfishness has lost. We are on the road to salvation.

# THE BULLETIN BOARD

# **Pre-Order Fr. Cheah's** New Book with 30% Discount!

Good News! Orbis Books has announced that Fr. Cheah's book will be released on December 7<sup>th</sup> and that, effective October 27<sup>th</sup>, pre-ordering his book from Orbis directly, using discount code "MAD" will receive 30% off – which amounts to about \$18 per book.

(Notice that to get the discount, it has to be ordered through Orbis Books, not Amazon.)



Widowed, Divorced or Separated?

Beginning Experience of Connecticut is offering a

Healing Weekend a program designed to help you along the road to recovery from one of life's most traumatic experiences.

> November 18 – 20, 2022 Our Lady of Calvary Farmington, CT



Reservations are required: Victoria at 860-993-5469 Info@BeginningExperiencect.org www.Beginningexperiencect.org

Message from the **Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference** The public policy office of the Catholic Bishops of Connecticut

# THINK PRAY )TF

This election will decide many issues of importance to Catholics and all people of faith.

The Election is November 8 - take the time to learn the issues, find out where the candidates stand on the issues,

reflect on what the Church teaches on the issues, and then be sure to vote.

Visit our website at thinkprayvote.org to learn about the Catholic perspective on the issues and the call to practice "Faithful Citizenship"

You may also scan the QR code below to access the website.



"Pay attention and come to me....." (Is 55:3 NABRE)

Each day we let either the world or God's Word shape our life.

Who is influencing your life?

Whose voice are you allowing to shape who you are?

The New England Catholic Biblical School offers accredited two year and four year certificates in Biblical Studies for adult learners and is now enrolling virtual and in-person classes for the 2023-24 academic year. Find out more at <u>www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org</u>, or contact us: catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org





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