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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 ORDINAR

"They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise." - Lk 20:36

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:

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

November 6, 2022



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, November 7 9:00 Elizabeth Farley, requested by the St. Jean Family

TUESDAY, November 8 9:00 Carolyn Calcagni, requested by the family

WEDNESDAY, November 9

9:00 Josephine & Carmelo Sammataro, requested by the Ligato Family

THURSDAY, November 10

9:00 John Murphy, requested by Jerry and Ann Rourke

FRIDAY, November 11

9:00 Special Intentions, requested by Lou and Eileen Del Prete

SATURDAY, November 12

4:00 Kenneth J. Montanye, Jr., requested by Francis and Carol Kiernan

SUNDAY, November 13

7:30 Rose and John King, requested by the family

- 9:30 Alex Hamzy, requested by Rob and Diane Earley
- **11:00** Madeline L. McCrorey, requested by Tom and Marilyn Lenihan



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, November 7

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, November 8

WWP Touching the Divine: 10:15am via Zoom Step by Step: 6:00pm in Fr. Bennett Hall Social Outreach Committee Meeting: 7pm in Room 2

WEDNESDAY, November 9

Romans Bible Study: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall WWP Touching the Divine: (Not meeting this week)

THURSDAY, November 10

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church Acts Bible Study: 6:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall and via Zoom Family Ministry Meeting: 7pm in the Activity Room

FRIDAY, November 11

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



Fr. Fontana's TV Mass will now be: Tuesday, November 29th. See you then! SATURDAY, November 12 Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3

SUNDAY, November 13

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

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



Divine Mercy Holy Hour

THIS Sunday, November 6th



2:30 - 3:30pm in the church

Let's beg for God's Mercy and the outpouring of His Healing Love.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

40 Days for Life Adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament**

The Church of St. Ann is again taking part in the 40 Days for Life Campaign sponsored by the Archdiocese. 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.

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

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



THANK YOU, VETERANS!

Please join us for this powerful devotion.

Knights of Columbus Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Orders can be placed: November 5/6 and 12/13. Pick up pies: Nov. 19/20 (after Masses in the Gathering Space)

Our locally sourced pies are made just for you! Apple * Peach Praline * Pumpkin * Very Berry \$15 per pie

For about 10 years we have been able to keep the price at \$10/pie but sadly we need to raise the price to \$15 this year. We hope you understand and that you will still support your Knights of Columbus.

Turkey Express

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



Weekend of November 19/20, 2022 at Church of Saint Ann

Saturday: 3:30-5pm * Sunday: 7am-12:30pm Look for the truck labeled "Turkey Express"

Please consider donating the following Thanksgiving dinner items for our Avon and Hartford neighbors:

1. Gift Cards to Stop & Shop or Big Y 2. Frozen Turkeys (Chickens/Hams are okay too) (under 20 lbs.)

Suggested Fixings:

stuffing mix, jellied cranberry sauce, fresh or canned vegetables, rice, bag of potatoes &/or sweet potatoes, butter, cheese, fresh or canned fruit, juice, dinner rolls, frosting, brownie/cake mixes, gravy, mayonnaise...

Our Parish Goal is 200 Turkeys and Lots of Fixings!

Thank you for your generosity and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sponsored by our Social Outreach Committee "Together We Serve All God's People"



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 10/30/22: \$4,437.00 Online Giving (Oct. 26-Nov. 2, 2022): \$3,241.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: *Monthly*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Come be a part of our ministry!

Upcoming Meeting: Monday, November 7th 7-8:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall



All are welcome... including brand new knitters! For more information call Tina: 860-674-1541



The Holy Eucharist DID γΟU ΚΝΟW?

This week's theme: The Eucharist and the Transcendent

Our Lord teaches us in today's Gospel that in Heaven we shall live "like angels" and "be children of God".

(Luke 20:27-38) Our Lord gives us the opportunity to worthily receive Him in the Blessed Sacrament so that we may already here on Earth share in "the foretaste and the promise of the Pascal Feast of Heaven." St Jean Vianney wrote that if "The angels could envy us one thing, it would be our ability to receive Jesus in Holy Communion."

<u>Reflection:</u> We should always keep in mind that there is a transcendent aspect present in the seven Sacraments. There is both the imminent and the transcendent present. In the Holy Eucharist the imminent is the Sacred, consecrated Host which we see, touch and consume. The transcendent is what lies beyond our senses in the spiritual realm yet is just as real. We should be open to an encounter with that transcendence. The spiritual intimacy and love which Christ offers us, when we are in union with Him after Holy Communion, has a heavenly aspect which can lead us to a more profound experience of the reality of the spiritual.

As Bishop Robert Barron stated, we should strive to, "Treasure the transcendent".



THANK YOU for your generosity

The Knights of Columbus Pius XII Council 4376 would to thank the parishioners of St. Ann's Church for their overwhelming support in

our fund drive for the Families of Sgt. Dustin DeMonte and Officer Alex Hamzy. Through their generosity, \$3,350.11 was raised at the Masses on Oct.29th/ 30th. All of the money raised was presented to Bristol Mayor Jeff Caggiano for the Police Heroes Fund this week.



INTERNATIONAL FAIR TRADE BAZAAR

Saturday, November 1910 AM to 5:30 PMSunday, November 209AM to 12:30 PM

FR. Bennett Hall Church of St. Ann 289 Arch Road, Avon

Shop fair trade products including coffee, chocolates, clothing, pottery, baskets, Christmas decorations, ornaments, and more!

Hosted by St. Ann's Social Outreach Committee

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 Thurs., Nov. 10th at 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall, & via Zoom.

RSVP: to Valerie: <u>Valerie.stjean@stannavon.com</u> (ext. 223) or Ann: <u>ann.distefano@stannavon.com</u> (ext. 228) or call 860-673-9858.



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!

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 – 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The God of the Living

"Sic transit gloria mundi," is what they used to say at papal coronations. "So passes earthly glory." Everything is fleeting. Nothing is here to stay. But in reality, some things are forever. Our actions on earth do have the potential to reverberate in eternity.

Everyday Stewardship is a lifestyle that embraces what will last. It is being aware of how our choices and our actions can be received by God, and through His grace, amplified to showcase His glory.

Your great-grandparents were married for 60 years. Maybe they shared the greatest love anyone in your family has ever seen, and maybe they raised up a whole family of kids. But they've been gone for a generation now, and no one living remembers the softness in their eyes when they looked at each other. And to read today's Gospel, you might even get the impression that their marriage was nothing more than an earthly whim. Gone. Fleeting. Temporal.

This week's readings invite us to contemplate the question: what exactly is immortal? What lasts beyond our earthly sojourn?

The seven brothers and their mothers whose martyrdom is told this weekend in Maccabees didn't die for the letter of the law, they died for the One who gave the law. In the same way, a marriage contract does not extend into eternity, but the fruits of a sacrificial love will live forever.

Good works, devotion, gratitude, selflessness, graciousness, accountability --these are all of God. He is not God of the dead; He is God of the living - and these are the things that last an eternity - Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of November 6, 2022

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
Monday:	Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/
	Jn 2:13-22
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying." (2 Mc 7:9)

Psalm:

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full. (Ps 17)

Second Reading:

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word. (2 Thes 2:16-17)

Gospel:

"And he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive" (Lk 20:38)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Every believer wonders about what the experience of heaven will be like. Popular images of people walking around in white robes, becoming like angels, and reunions with those who have gone before us all tickle human imagination. Jesus never got too specific about what heaven actually looks like. But he assures us that it exists and that all are alive in God. Clinging to the traditions of our faith, we persevere through life's challenges confident that God's promise of eternal life will come to be. We are told that we shall become like God and see God as He is. As God has made us, He also loves us and sustains us. Desiring to be with God above all other desires gives us the hope that when we close our eyes in death, we will fall into the arms of the One who will gently bring us where we need to be. Knowing ahead of time what we find when we arrive changes little.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Facing her 50th birthday and recently diagnosed with Type-2 Diabetes, Rebecca was at a crossroads. Realizing that she had neglected her health and fitness over the years and allowed herself to gain significant weight, she felt poorly about who she had become. While it was easier to give in to temptation and the gratification received from food, her family needed her, and she desired a long life. She had an image of the person she could become. She wanted to be more trim, focused, disciplined, and healthy. She liked what she saw in her mind and set out on a journey to create it. With great effort, she succeeded and accomplished her goals. When we have a goal ahead of us, we are more apt to do whatever is necessary to get it.

Is heaven a goal you want to achieve? Our popular images and metaphors to describe heaven can leave some people wondering if this is something they want for all eternity. Living like an angel, wearing white robes, meeting St. Peter, and reconnecting with loved ones are all welcome notions to some extent. But do they really inspire and captivate us enough to want to dramatically change how we live our lives? Heaven's reality is more profound than any human image or idea can fathom. Even though we believe in a bodily resurrection, heaven is more about attaining union with God. To achieve heaven is to attain eternal happiness and fulfill all desire. How do we awaken within us an ardent and passionate desire for heaven?

St. Isaac of Ninevah counsels, "Enter eagerly into the treasure house that lies within you, and so you will see the treasure house of heaven, for the two are one and the same, and there is but one single entry into them both. The ladder that leads to the kingdom is hidden with you, and is found in your own soul. Dive into yourself and in your soul you will discover the rungs by which to ascend." Our souls are made to be eternal. Once we discover our true selves and are captivated by the wonder of who we really are, we will unleash our unwavering desire for a lasting union with our Creator. Heaven is about who we are. "For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages." ©LPi

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 7th and that, effective October 27th, pre-ordering his book from Orbis directly, using discount code "MAD" will receive 30% off – which amounts to about \$18 per book.

offer only good in November

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

"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 www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org, or contact us: catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org



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

VOTE

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 perspect on the issues and the call to practice "Faithful Citizenship"

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



Healing Weekend

Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is inviting men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation to a 48 hour in-person retreat held at Our Lady of Calvary, Farmington, CT from November 18 to 20, 2022. For information or to register please call *Victoria at 860-993-5469*



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





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