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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

289 Arch Road \* Avon, Connecticut \* 06001 www.stannavon.org 860-673-9858

Reverend Alphonso Fontana, Pastor

## **SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed."

- Lk 21:<u>16-18</u>

## 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 13, 2022



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, November 14 9:00 Bruce Levy, requested by Alicia Carmona-Levy

TUESDAY, November 15 9:00 Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, November 16 9:00 Special Intentions

THURSDAY, November 17 9:00 Special Intentions

FRIDAY, November 18 9:00 Special Intentions

SATURDAY, November 19 4:00 Nancy Rotondo, requested by Paul and Constance Rotondo

#### SUNDAY, November 20

- 7:30 Special Intentions
- 9:30 Arthur Hennig, requested by the Spina Family
- **11:00** Joseph and Marie Joyce, requested by Tom and Pat Heavren

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



## 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:

 Gift Cards to Stop & Shop or Big Y
 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"





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 14

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church RCIA: 11am in Room 3 MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome) Lectio Divina: 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

### TUESDAY, November 15

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

### WEDNESDAY, November 16

Advent Reflection Series: 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall RCIA: 1pm in Room 3 WWP Touching the Divine: 7pm in Fr. Bennett Hall Knights of Columbus: 7pm in Room 2

#### THURSDAY, November 17

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

#### FRIDAY, November 18

Advent Reflection Series: 9:45am via Zoom

#### SATURDAY, November 19

Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3 International Bazaar: 10am-5:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

#### SUNDAY, November 20

Lectio Divina, Live!: 10:30am Room 3 and via Zoom International Bazaar: 9am- 12:30pm

## 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



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## 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.

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



Please join fellow parishioners and guests after all Masses this Sunday, November 13th, for coffee, refreshments and a children's activity.

Sponsored by our Adult Faith Formation.



# 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



## Are Your Children/Grandchildren away from the Church? Check this out on FORMED.org!

"If you're looking for support to deal with your children or grandchildren who are disengaged from the Church, I recommend the feature film "Restless Heart" on FORMED.org. It tells the amazing story of St. Monica and her wayward son, who became St. Augustine. It doesn't matter the century; we can have the same issues and she gives me strength, wisdom and hope." Submitted by St. Ann FORMED.org watcher, LW See our other FORMED.org favorites at <u>https://www.stannavon.org/our-recommendations</u>

To submit your recommendations, contact <u>ann.distefano@stannavon.com</u>

https://watch.formed.org/videos/restless-heart

## WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 11/6/22: \$5,232.50 Online Giving (Nov. 2-9, 2022): \$2,753.50 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Campaign for Human Development

Save the Pate!

Advent Evening with Noel Terranova of Holy Family Retreat Center:

## "Unpacking the figures of the Nativity"

You'll never look at a manger scene the same way again! **TUESDAY, DEC 6TH, 7-8:30PM, FR. BENNETT HALL** Refreshments & mingling, presentation, service activity

RSVP by Dec 1: ann.distefano@stannavon.com, 860-673-9858, x228





### This week's theme: The Eucharistic Prince of Peace

In today's Gospel from St. Luke 21:5-19 Jesus speaks of the end times. This is an appropriate reading since we are approaching the end of the liturgical year and begin to anticipate Advent later this month.

The prophetic words that Jesus speaks today can be very troubling. However, we should not give in to fear. As St. Padre Pio wrote, "Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone posses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace."

<u>Reflection:</u> To have true peace of heart, mind, body and soul is to possess an intimate personal relationship with Our Lord. We can find no easier pathway to peace than in the reverent reception of the truly present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ, which Jesus lovingly offers to us in His Blessed Sacrament. Advent Reflection Series Join us for our free Advent Reflection series, "Refreshing Our Christmas Traditions," featuring videos and discussion. (It's a busy time, so skip a session if you need to - videos available via FORMED.org) Change your mindset

and find the Advent blessings of peace, joy, hope, and love in ALL your activities this year!

- Sundays (Nov 27, Dec 4, Dec 11, Dec 18): 10:30am in Room 3 and via Zoom with Chip
- Mondays (Nov 28, Dec 5, Dec 12, Dec 19): 7:15pm in Room and via Zoom with Silvina
- Wednesdays (Nov 16, Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14): 9:30am in Fr. Bennett Hall with Andrea
- Fridays (Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 9, Dec 16): 9:45am via Zoom with Ann

**Register with Ann**: 860-673-9858, x 228 or ann.distefano@stannavon.com



A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.

POPE FRANCIS | CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

# 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!

## NOVEMBER 13, 2022 – 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

#### Eyes On Your Own Paper

"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place."

Looking at these words, I have to wonder. Am I reading the Bible or today's newspaper headline?

It's never easier to despair than when you glance up and take a good look at what's going on in the world: disasters, natural and contrived, wars, resentments, rivalries, and divisions. It is almost too much sometimes, isn't it? The twenty-four-hour news cycle doesn't help. Add social media and it's enough to push anyone into a nervous breakdown.

When you find yourself in this place of despair, remember Paul's admonishment in his letter to the Thessalonians. Work quietly and eat your own food.

It's not so different from the old "keep-your-eyes-on-your-own-paper" rule of the classroom. Poking our noses into other people's business, we may think we are getting a shortcut to the right answer, but we're really just getting distracted. When we become too preoccupied with events that we cannot control — whether they are happening in our neighborhood or half-a-world away — we are tempted to leave off the very specific work God has given us in our own lives. We are easily lured into anger, bitterness, and anxiety.

What is the work that God has called you to? Is it your career? Your family? Your community? What is your food — what nourishes you, sustains you, connects you to something real, powerful, and life-giving? This is what you should be concerned with. This is where your thoughts and your efforts should be.

Work quietly and eat your own food.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

## WEEKLY READINGS

#### Readings for the week of November 13, 2022

Sunday:	Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday:	2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays. (Mal 3:20)

#### Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. (Ps 98)

#### Second Reading:

We instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. (2 Thes 3:10)

#### Gospel:

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk 12:17-19)

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

Jesus assures us that the world, as we know it, will one day come to an end. When will this be? In one sense, having an answer to that question really does not matter. Faith is faith and either we have it or we do not. Secure in that faith, we know that when one thing ends, another begins. In the meantime, we are asked to persevere and remain strong through all of life's inevitable challenges and obstacles. What we see and experience as we journey to the day when all is one in Christ, may cause our faith to be shaken and tested. Trust and endurance are what are needed as world events unfold. Even though life can be uncertain and terrifying at times, faithful people will be protected. It does not matter what day or hour the end will come. We must remain ready and vigilant anyway. ©LPi

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

Many make it their life's ambition to determine precisely when the world will end. By reading the signs of the times, consulting scripture, or looking to prophetic predictions that are sometimes centuries old, they claim a certain credibility in being able to do so. Is all that necessary to know? Even when his disciples pointedly ask him this question, Jesus does not directly answer. While the end will inevitably come, Jesus points out that there is a lot we need to do first: remain faithful, face persecution, endure suffering, face wars and insurrections, and give testimony. Human beings tend to focus their energies on the wrong kingdom. Consumed with all of the things we have built and seeking to preserve them, we forget that we belong to a different kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

All of the "stuff" we have constructed will be taken away. All that will remain is God's kingdom. Which kingdom do we prefer? We answer that question by honestly looking at where we invest most of our time and energy. What matters to us as we embrace a new moment or day in our lives? If our relationship with God, the strength and integrity of our souls, and the steadfastness of our character are of utmost importance, then it matters little when the physical end will come. We will have what we need to persevere, endure, and confront whatever comes our way. Jesus cautions that we do not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed or overly terrified by the agonies and disappointments of the world. Although we may be apprehensive and uncertain when faced with complex challenges, God is with us. We will receive the inspiration we need to forge ahead.

God is a God of salvation and new beginnings. Whether we consider the daily unfolding of our earthly lives or our eternal ones to come, God never leaves us with dead ends. There is always hope, and there is always something new to come. As Julian of Norwich reminds us, "God made us, God loves us and God keeps us." This wisdom holds true whether life is stable and profitable or challenging and uncertain. If we remember this simple truth, we will be ready regardless of the day or the hour.

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## 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>. Pre-orders for *Anti-Asian Racism* can be placed with Orbis Books by calling with credit card: toll free 1- 800-258-5838 on Mon.- Fri from 8am - 4pm . Make sure you mention the promotion code "MAD" to get the 30% discount.

offer only good in November

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



## 10am-3pm

Little Sisters of the Poor will be accepting Gift Card Donations to purchase Turkeys & Hams that will be used for meals for our Residents for Thanksgiving. Sisters & Volunteers will be on hand to greet you at your car to accept your donations.

Also accepting candy!!

"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



All proceeds of a "free-will" offering will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, CT Chapter

Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 2:00 pm Church of Saint Mary Star of the Sea 145 Main Street, Unionville, CT

# St. Patrick Church Wine Tasting Event

St. Patrick in Farmington is hosting their Wine Tasting Event on Friday, November 18, 2022 from 6:30 to 9:30 PM at Farmington Gardens, 999 Farmington Avenue in Farmington. The cost is \$60.00 per person, it is guaranteed to be a lot of fun, there will be wine tasting, live and silent auction, wine pull, spin the wheel prizes! Tickets can be purchased online at <u>stpatsfarm.org</u> or by calling the Parish Office, 860-677-2639. All proceeds will help with the cost of our beautiful new addition.



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