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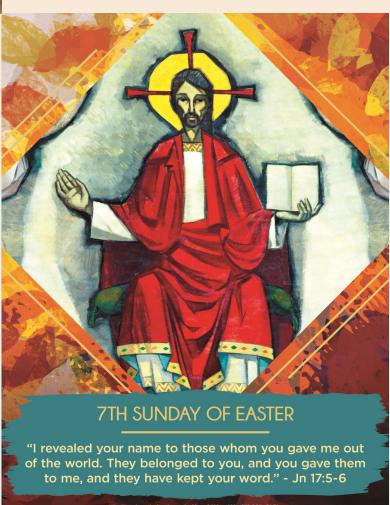
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Please call the Parish Office: 860-673-9858, ext. 221
Please schedule marriage dates at least 6 months ahead. Weddings cannot be scheduled after the Saturday evening Mass or on Sundays.

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.



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



7th Sunday of Easter

MONDAY, May 22

9:00 Dr. and Mrs. Charles Zmijeski, requested by Barbara and Gino Calderone

TUESDAY, May 23

9:00 Fausto Masdonati (7th Ann), requested by The Walmsley Family

WEDNESDAY, May 24

9:00 Carmela Gustafson, requested by the family

THURSDAY, May 25

9:00 Michael Mazgaj and John Chach, requested by his granddaughter

FRIDAY, May 26

9:00 Rev. Thomas E. McCarthy, requested by the Parish of St. Ann

SATURDAY, May 27

4:00 Frank Nascimbeni, requested by Ann and Brian Beloin

SUNDAY, May 28

7:30 For Divine Peace on Earth, requested by David Woolley

9:30 Christine Mary Pappalardo Greif (1st Ann.), requested by her husband and family

11:00 Michele Calandra, requested by the family

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

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 parish. You can do so by stopping by or calling the Parish Office (860-673-9858,ext.221).
You can also register online at: www.stannavon.org/register-at-st-ann 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, May 22

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, Live! 7:15pm in Room 3 and via Zoom

TUESDAY, May 23

WWP Touching the Divine: 10:15am via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, May 24

Philippians Bible Study: 9:30am in Fre. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, May 25

Spring Book Discussion: 9:30am in Room 3 **Holy Hour:** 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, May 26

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, May 27

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

SUNDAY, May 28

Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3 and via Zoom



Veritatem facientes in caritate

Divine Mercy Holy Hour



This Sunday,

May 21, 2023
2:30 - 3:30pm
in the church

Please join us to implore God's Mercy upon us and the whole world.

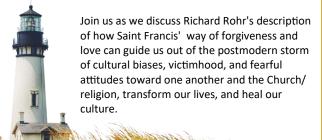


Spring Book Discussion

HOPE Against Darkness: The Transforming Vision of St. Francis in an Age of Anxiety

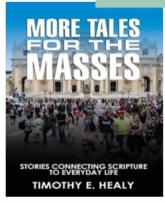
by Richard Rohr, OFM

Thursdays, May 18-June 15, 2023 9:30-11am, Room 3 Leader: Terry Pendergast Book Cost: \$12 RSVP by May 12: ann.distefano@stannavon.com





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Books can be purchased in the Parish Office, Domestic Monastery, Amazon or Barnes and Noble



Father Joseph
Robinson Cronin
Celebrates
25 years of Priesthood

The Parish of St. Ann sends congratulations to Father Joseph Robinson Cronin on his Twenty-fifth anniversary of Priesthood. Father Cronin is a native of Avon and a member of St. Ann Parish. He was ordained to the Priesthood on May 30, 1998. We thank Father Cronin for his service in the Lord and pray for many more years. Ad Multos Annos!

If you wish to personally congratulate Fr. Cronin, he can be reached at the following address:

Father Joseph Cronin, Pastor c/o St. Luke Catholic Parish 99 Bristol Street Southington, CT 06489





An Evening for Couples:
"The Power of Gratitude"

Includes dinner and childcare

Thurs, June 1, 2023, 5:30-7pm St. Ann Church, Fr. Bennett Hall

GRATITUDE IS POWERFUL. Studies show that grateful couples (and their children) are more: HEALTHY + HAPPY + SPIRITUAL + LOVING

In this program, facilitators Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Dir. of Family
Life for the Diocese of Norwich, and her husband, Pat will
introduce you to the 'whys and hows' of couples gratitude. You'll
also receive a take-home guide to start you on your way
to a more grateful relationship

Enjoy date night, dinner & childcare for the kids!



Cost: \$10 adults; \$5 children, RSVP by May 25, indicating ages of child(ren) requiring care ann.distefano@stannavon.com



WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 5/14/23: \$4,380.00 Helping Haitian Children: \$1,993.00

Votive Candles: \$218.75

Online Giving (May 10-17, 2023)

Weekly: \$2,878.50

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Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Monthly Collection



2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Please continue to pray for an increase of vocations especially in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

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All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



In today's gospel Jesus speaks of the glory of the Father who has glorified the Son. He also speaks of the glory, in which Jesus promises that we, as His followers, will also share.

(John 17: 1-11a)

Reflection: How is Christ glorified in us? When we are united to Christ through the outpouring of grace, which is given to us especially in the sacraments, we become sharers in the life of Jesus. One of the main purposes of receiving the Holy Eucharist is to become more Christ-like. If we are open in humility to the graces of this Sacrament, we should become more loving, more charitable, more selfless, more generous. One of the truths of the spiritual life is that if you are not growing in holiness, you are regressing. The ultimate objective of the sacraments is to make us saints.



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



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: Why Does the Church Have Different Liturgical Cycles?

Answer: While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in Sacrosanctum Concilium, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI. To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm

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May 21, 2023 - 7th Sunday of Easter

(Practicing) Catholic, Recognize Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments, by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Seeking Christ in One Another

The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one's bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone.

I'm sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord's Ascension, did all of the things we typically do at these functions. I'm sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed.

But we don't hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed — fervently, and together.

Saint John Paul II famously said that "it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you." And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship — but we are actually seeking God.

As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are *too* few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it.

But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. We would do better to follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us.

"Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks." — Psalm 27



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

When the world sees us, do they see to whom we belong? In what ways are we most manifestly Christian? In prayer, in service, in sacrifice? Whatever it is, let us devote ourselves to it with one accord, so that Jesus Christ may be glorified in all that we do.

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 21, 2023

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/

Mt 28:16-20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/ Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/

Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/ Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/

Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/

Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/

Jn 20:19-23

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Acts 1:14)

Psalm:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 51) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

<u>Gospel:</u>

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." (Jn 17:1)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by four creatures that make their way into Church art and architecture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of years ago.

Today's Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, poetic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: "I pray for them."

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And He's rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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