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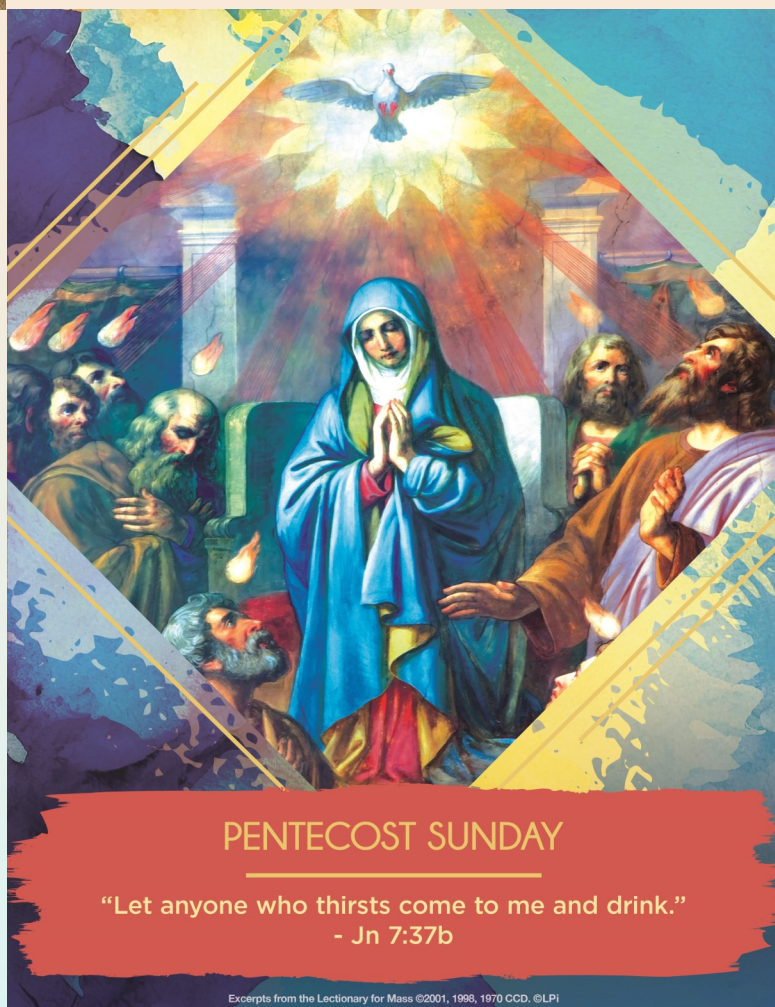
BAPTISM and MARRIAGES:

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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

"Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink."
- Jn 7:37b

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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

MASS INTENTIONS



Pentecost Sunday

MONDAY, May 29

9:00 **Raymond Griffin**, requested by the family

TUESDAY, May 30

9:00 **Arthur Hennig**, requested by the family

WEDNESDAY, May 31

9:00 In celebration of the 26th anniversary of
Fr. Fontana's Ordination, requested by the
parish of Saint Ann

THURSDAY, June 1

9:00 **Joyce Kelly**, requested by
Lou and Eileen Del Prete

FRIDAY, June 2

9:00 **Robert Lane**, requested by the Bruno Family

SATURDAY, June 3

4:00 **Alfred Koch**, requested by
Russell and Diane Koch

SUNDAY, June 4

7:30 **Dee Dee Sullivan**, requested by
Dick and Anita Sullivan

9:30 **Joseph Jamilkowski**, requested by
his wife, Eileen

11:00 For blessings upon our St. Ann graduates,
requested by the parish of Saint Ann

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 worshipping with us and we hope to see you again!

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN

MONDAY, May 29

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 9:30-10:30am in the church

MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: will return next week

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

TUESDAY, May 30

WWP Touching the Divine: 10:15am via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, May 31

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

THURSDAY, June 1

Spring Book Discussion: 9:30am in Room 3

Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Couples Evening: 5:30pm in Fr. Bennett Hall

FRIDAY, June 2

Lectio Divina: 9:45am via Zoom

SATURDAY, June 3

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

SUNDAY, June 4

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

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

May is Mother Mary's Month.

There is still time to honor the Mother of God by **taking a Baby Bottle or envelope for Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center** from the display in the Gathering Space at Church.

By doing so you are helping Two Hearts assist "Moms in Need". They desperately need your help due to the rising costs of diapers and especially infant formula.



Please return the Baby Bottles to the display by Sunday, June 11th. Envelopes can also be returned by the same date or mailed directly to Two Hearts. Pro-Life Ministry thanks you for your generous support to this worthy outreach.



St. Ann Graduate Blessing

Sunday, June 4, 2023

11:00 am Mass

All graduates, from preschool through college - and beyond - are invited to join us for a Mass with a special blessing of graduates on Sunday, June 4th, 2023 at 11:00am.



Spring Book Discussion

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

by Richard Rohr, OFM

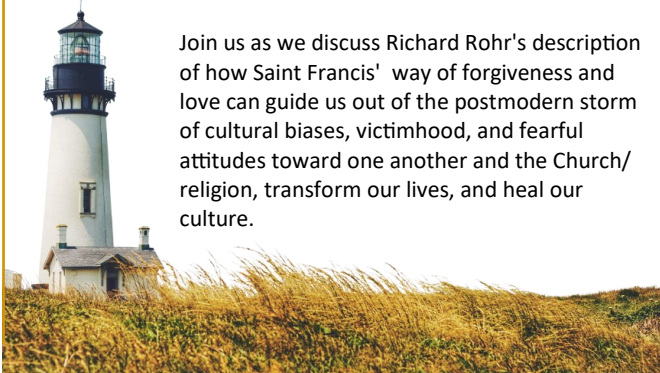
Thursdays, May 18-June 15, 2023
9:30-11am, Room 3

Leader: Terry Pendergast

Book Cost: \$12

RSVP by May 12:

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Join us as we discuss Richard Rohr's description of how Saint Francis' way of forgiveness and love can guide us out of the postmodern storm of cultural biases, victimhood, and fearful attitudes toward one another and the Church/ religion, transform our lives, and heal our culture.

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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
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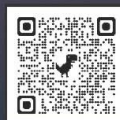
**An Evening for Couples:
"THE POWER OF GRATITUDE"**
Includes dinner and childcare

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,
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Weekly Collection for 5/21/23: \$4,658.98

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Online Giving (May 10-17, 2023)

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Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service to the Lord. Your gift helps to support those cultivating a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Annual Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our Faith.

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The Holy Eucharist DID YOU KNOW?

Today is the great Feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles and Mary in the form of wind and tongues of fire. (Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11)

One of the most beautiful passages referring to the Holy Spirit's indwelling in the soul was written by St. Magdalene de Pazzi, a 16th c Carmelite mystic. If you've ever had difficulty relating to the Holy Spirit, her insights should open your mind, heart and soul to His treasures of grace. (The full passage can be found in the Liturgy of the Hours on her feast day, May 25th.)

She begins by linking the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' Precious Blood in the Holy Eucharist. "You, the Word, are most wonderful, working through the Holy Spirit to fill the soul with yourself, so that it is joined to God, grasps God, tastes God and absorbs nothing but God. The Holy Spirit comes into the soul signed with the precious blood of the word and of the slain Lamb ... Just as two rushing rivers intermingle..., so the divine Spirit acts upon the soul and absorbs it. It flows into the soul so sweetly and imperceptibly that few esteem its greatness... Spirit of truth, you are the reward of the saints, comforter of souls, light in the darkness, riches to the poor, treasure to lovers, food for the hungry, comfort to those who are wandering; to sum up, you are the one in whom all treasures are contained."

Reflection: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Please take some time to prayerfully read and reflect upon the Pentecost SEQUENCE in today's Mass.



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.
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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>

Veteran Flags at St. Ann Cemetery



Flags are now up in the cemetery for Memorial Day. If your loved one is a veteran and a flag is missing, please contact Mike Gould, Cemetery Superintendent:
860-673-9858, x. 225



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

The Fame Communicated

"Fire! Fire! They're all gonna die! They're all gonna burn up!"

I had absolutely no hope of restoring order as I read the story of Pentecost with my young children last year. As soon as they glimpsed the tongues of fire hovering over the foreheads of the apostles, they were lost to giggles and shrieks. I sighed, sipped my coffee, and wondered resentfully why the Holy Spirit couldn't have chosen to be a dove on that particular day. Just a nice, peaceful dove.

I'll say this, though: the fire left an impression. It usually does, doesn't it? Fire consumes. It renews. It illuminates. It leaves you breathless with fear and awe. The memory and scent and impact of a flame lingers long after it is extinguished.

When I am trying to explain theology to my kids, I have an awful habit of overcomplicating things. I'd had a whole speech prepared for them about what the Holy Spirit is, but it went out the window as soon as they saw the flames. And you know what? It's probably for the best. They wouldn't have remembered that speech. The flames, though? The flames they remembered. The flame communicated.

As a result of Pentecost, the apostles suddenly had the ability to give the truth to foreigners. Aliens. People who were heretofore beyond their reach, isolated by language. The flame communicated.

God's sense of timing is impeccable, and His delivery is carefully crafted. And on Pentecost, the Holy Spirit did not descend as a dove or pour forth as water.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit burned.

"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." — Psalm 104



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Live the Liturgy

The disciples at Pentecost were given the grace to speak in the tongues of many nations. When we engage with those who do not believe, who disagree with us, are we speaking the right language? We have to use the words they are able to understand — not just the words we want to say.

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 28, 2023

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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/
Jn 3:16-18

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (2 Cor 12:13)

Gospel: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (Jn 20:21-22)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I hope you'll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it's not normal to have tongues of fire "part and come to rest" on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it's no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.

How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That's precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak!

— Father John Muir

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