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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.

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Reverend Alphonso Fontana, Pastor



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." - Mt 10:6-8

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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

MONDAY. June 19

TUESDAY, June 20

WEDNESDAY, June 21

THURSDAY. June 22

SATURDAY, June 24

SUNDAY, June 25

FRIDAY, June 23

9:00

9:00

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9:00

9:00

4:00

7:30

9:30

11:00

June 18, 2023



11th Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

Robert Johnson, requested by the Osiecki Family

Shawn Keifer, requested by her friends at St. Ann

For the deceased members of the Bondhus

Anne Affelder, requested by the Bondhus Family

Ben Flannery (40th Ann.), requested by his family

John Winchester, requested by his children

Family, requested by the Bondhus Family

Helen Roman, requested by Dottie Cialfi

For our special intentions, requested by

a couple who really believes

Dorothy LaRosa, requested by

her husband, Michael



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, June 19

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: Check with leader

BIBLE CAMP: Fr. Bennett Hall and all rooms

TUESDAY. June 20

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WEDNESDAY, June 21

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THURSDAY, June 22 **BIBLE CAMP:** Fr. Bennett Hall and all rooms Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

Bible Camp is June 19-23: the Hall & all rooms will be unavailable until June 24

FRIDAY, June 23

BIBLE CAMP CLEAN-UP: Fr. Bennett Hall and all rooms

SATURDAY, June 24 Men's Breakfast Group: Check with leader

SUNDAY, June 25 Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM

Fair Trade Marketplace Sale!

This Sunday, June 17/18

after all Masses

Gathering Space

Please join us to support farmers and artisans from developing countries. Your faithful support is always appreciated!

Coffee (Haiti) Woven crafts (Honduras & Guatemala) **Chocolates (Haiti)**

and more!





Has your child, or a child you know, missed celebrating the sacraments of Baptism, **Reconciliation or First Eucharist?** Rest assured; it is never too late!

This summer, St Ann's is offering a sacramental preparation program for children grade 3 - 8. This program is specially designed to teach children what they've missed, celebrate the sacrament(s) and prepare them to participate in our faith formation program, with their peers, September 2023.

For more information and to register, contact Valerie St. Jean, Director of K-8 Faith Formation valerie.stjean@stannavon.com 860-673-9858



9:30 am - 12:30 pm Registration is CLOSED

JOIN US FOR A 2-PART DISCUSSION SERIES

DEACON TIM'S NEW BOOK MORE TALES FROM THE MASSES AT ST. ANN CHURCH IN FR. BENNETT HALL



STORIES CONNECTING SCRIPTURE TO EVERYDAY LIFE TIMOTHY E. HEALY Stories Connecting Scripture To Everyday Life! If you enjoy Deacon Tim's homilies, you will definitely enjoy this book!

DATES: JUNE 28TH & JULY 12TH TIME: 9:30 AM TO 11:30 AM RSVP: andreapizzuti333@gmail.com

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



FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

Single fathers usually sit in the back row of their children's school performances. Fathers who are married usually sit as close to the front of the audiences, with their spouses. Why is this?

Well, we all know how important mothers are to the well-being of a family. However, we as a culture look at single fathers with a bit of suspicion. Fathers are as important as mothers are, but offer a different perspective on life and bring a much needed role in bringing up children. Let us welcome all fathers today to the front row of our lives and acknowledge how important they have been, and continue to be in our lives.

LET US PRAY...

Gracious God and Father, our first father, You are the One who has brought us to life in this world you created. You created us and everything around us. We turned away from you and only after disappointing you did we return your love.

Look with favor on our earthly fathers. They helped create us in your image. We have disappointed them, but have come to realize just how important they are to us.

Bless all our fathers, living and deceased, with comfort and health. We bring all their needs to you and ask for strength so they may live worthy lives.

We ask all this in the name of your Son, our model of what it means to reverence our fathers.

In Christ's name. Amen.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 6/11/23: \$5,133.57 Parish Cemetery: \$1,377.00 Votive Candles: \$198.07 Online Giving (June 7-14, 2023) Weekly: \$2,812.00 Parish Cemetery: \$50.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: Holy Father Peter's Pence



"You are dearer to me than all other people." (Exodus 32)

Reflection: Have you ever wondered why, when you enter a Catholic Church, that there is an innate sense that there is someone present there? That the church is not empty? This reflects the fact that there is a tabernacle in every Catholic Church and within that tabernacle, reposes the Blessed Sacrament, the LIVING Heart of our Catholic Faith. The Holy Eucharist would not be possible without the priesthood. No priests....no Eucharist! After you receive Our Lord in Holy Communion today, why not ask Him to bless us with many holy vocations.

IRA Charitable Rollover Do you have an IRA? Are you 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ or older?

Did you know you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution to the parish from your IRA? Church of St. Ann is a 501(c)(3) organization that is eligible to receive tax deductible contributions.

Benefits:

- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.
- Reduce your table income, even if ٠ you do not itemize deductions. Avoid taxes on transfers up to •



• Know you are contributing to a worthy cause.

How does it work?

- Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to the parish (we have a sample letter).
- Your IRA funds will be mailed directly to the parish.
- Let us know if the funds are for a specific purpose (i.e. Parish Annual Appeal, Weekly, Monthly, etc.)

*** Please consult your own tax advisor before engaging in any transaction. ***



We are once again taking orders for engraved pavers at our beautiful Veterans Memorial Way at St. Ann Cemetery! Each paver purchased will be engraved with a veteran's name and information regarding their service. Pavers may honor veterans who are living or deceased. If you are purchasing a brick in honor of a deceased veteran, it is not required that they are buried at St. Ann's Cemetery. Order forms can be obtained in the Parish Office. You can also download a form from our website; look for the Veteran's Memorial under the "Resources" tab.

HONOR A VETERAN WITH AN **ENGRAVED PAVER** AT VETERANS MEMORIAL WAY



Social Outreach Committee's ImmaCare Sheler Meals

As another year of preparing home cooked meals for the men at ImmaCare ends, we thank everyone for all their support. Throughout the 37 years of the St. Ann/ ImmaCare friendship there have been so many changes. Number of guests has fluctuated. When Covid hit, people serving went to dropping off food at the door. What has remained consistent is the dedication of the St. Ann parish whose support never wavered.

To those of you who cook or bake, thank you - your home cooked meals are legendary! Thanks to all who drop off all the supplies needed to make a meal complete. The donations for those who are sought out by the ImmaCare outreach van, people living under bridges or on the streets, has been so appreciated .

Looking forward to starting up again in September.

Have a blessed summer !

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JUNE 18, 2023 - 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

The Toy

What does it mean to be God's "special possession"? Our world is dominated by *things*, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being "possessed" by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like *they* possess *me*.

But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree, The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a whirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one.

So, what does it mean to be "possessed" by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld.

It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine." — Exodus 19:5



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK Live the Liturgy

Without cost we have received, without cost we are to give. Do we open our hearts to one another with the same reckless love and mercy that God opens His heart to us? How quickly the world could change if we did. ©LPi

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of June 18, 2023

Sunday:	Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8
Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/
,	1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
	14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Next Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/
,	Mt 10:26-33

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." (Ex 19:5-6)

Psalm:

We are his people: the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100)

Second Reading:

Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. (Rom 5:10)

Gospel:

Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. (Mt 10:1)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "**The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.**" Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees.

— Father John Muir

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