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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



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." - Mt 10:31-33

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

June 25, 2023



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 26

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: cancelled due to funeral MMP Cenacle-Rosary Prayer Group: 7:15pm in the church (all welcome)

TUESDAY, June 27

WEDNESDAY, June 28 Deacon Tim's Book Talk: 9:30 in Fr. Bennett Hall

THURSDAY, June 29 Holy Hour: 12 noon in the church

FRIDAY, 30

<u>SATURDAY, July 1</u> Men's Breakfast Group: 8:00 am in Room 3 Missionary Cooperative Appeal

SUNDAY, July 2 Lectio Divina: 10:30am in Room 3, and via ZOOM Mission Cooperative Appeal

> 2023 Missionary Cooperative Appeal Next Weekend - July 1/2 Featured This Year: Diocese of Sylhet Rev. Stanley Gomes



The purpose of the Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford is to show the Church's compassion for all spiritual and temporal needs of the world. We attempt to alleviate human suffering and promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ offering prayer, education, sacrifice, and financial support through these various appeals: Mission Co-Op, World Mission Sunday, Mission Childhood and St. Peter Apostle.

Please welcome Rev. Gomes and consider helping the people of the Sylhet Diocese!

The gifts that are received through this mission appeal will be used to help the families in the Sylhet diocese.

9:00 Kara Horvath, requested by Dick and Lorraine ZuWallack

MONDAY, June 26

 TUESDAY, June 27
9:00 Sister Agnes Virginia Manning, requested by John and Maria Manning

WEDNESDAY, June 28

9:00 William "Mr.Bill" Conran (1st Ann.), requested by his mom

THURSDAY, June 29

9:00 Thomas Penzone, requested by Rosanne Harutunian

FRIDAY, June 30

9:00 Joseph Enderle, requested by the Waterbury Family

SATURDAY, July 1 4:00 Charles Vuono, requested by the Bondhus Family

SUNDAY, July 2

- 7:30 Special Intentions
- 9:30 Joseph E. Enderle
- **11:00** Maria Consuegra, requested by her friends



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 <u>valerie.stjean@stannavon.com</u> 860-673-9858

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! If you enjoy Deacon Tim's homilies,

you will definitely enjoy

this book!

STORIES CONNECTING SCRIPTURE TIMOTHY E. HEALY

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,

IRA Charitable Rollover Do you have an IRA? Are you 70 ½ 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:

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• Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.

you do not itemize deductions.

- Reduce your table income, even if
- Avoid taxes on transfers up to \$100,000 from your IRA to the parisn.
- 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. ***



God Has a **Personal Message** For You!

Join us for the popular Lectio Divina way of praving 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

For registration details and inspiring testimonials, visit: https://www.stannavon.org/lectio-divina-live



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







These sobering words are taken from today's Gospel, "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both body and soul in hell." (Matthew 10:28)

Reflection: Are you planning for your future? Do you have savings for your children's college fund? Do you have a financial planner for your retirement? These are all prudent necessities.

According to the Gospel message today, Our Lord is also asking us to be prudent for our eternal future. So how is your spiritual bank account? Do you thank God for your blessings? Love your neighbor as yourself? Do you pass a Church and stop to visit Jesus in the tabernacle? How are your Beatitude deposits coming along? Do you pray daily? Say the rosary? Go to confession? Attend Mass as a #1 priority? ("Every Mass that we attend enriches the Divine Life within us." Father Joseph Wolfe, EWTN)

Our earthly future is limited in time, but OUR ETERNAL FUTURE remains FOREVER.

WEEKLY ORDINARY INCOME

Weekly Collection for 6/18/23: \$4,087.00 Monthly: \$1,614.50 Votive Candles: \$242.00 <u>Online Giving (June 14-21, 2023)</u> Weekly: \$2,937.00 Monthly: \$398.00 Next Weekend's 2nd Collection: none



St. Ann's Vacation Bible Camp Stellar: Shine Jesus' light was a huge success this year!

We hosted 104 campers and could not have done it with out the dedication and support of the following parishioners:

JeanM Mix, Jennifer Valentine, Colleen Waterbury, Heather Hoffman, Jennifer Okumura, Christa Titone, Kristen Milardo, Kristin Bittar, Anabela Agudelo, Julie Dombrowski, Kristin Pollack, Maya Parady, Cole Milardo, Kristen Marshall, Lisa Farrell, Lisa Adamski.

And our teen counselors who lead by example how to Shine the light of Jesus onto others:

Mia Agudelo Lila Agudelo Sofia Agudelo Lily Anderson Noelle Bittar Laurel Bittar Brooke Brady **Reese Brady** Ethan Errico Isabella Errico Jack Farrell Sofia Geddo Gianna Godbout Ella Godbout Drew Gray Joey Hoffman Charlie Hoffman

Brenna Kehn Molly Krenicky Emma Loparco Brendan Mahoney Colleen Mahoney Owenn McDermott-Karzian Hope Meaney Grace Merritt Ashley Morello Ali Nyberg Claudia Parady Madison Parrino Anthony Paslaukis Sarah Prado Brianna Russo Hannah Sieklucki **Ellie Smith**

Alexandra Tabora Anne Thomas Mia Titone Lauren Titone Colette Titone Christian Turner Dominic Turner Alissa Valentine Emma Wagner Maeve Walsh Callan Walsh Lauren White Julie White Bridget Zybowski Sebastian Lawton

Worship & Meditation: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Sing to the LORD. praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!" (Jer 20:13)

Psalm:

Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

Second Reading:

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ

overflow for the many. (Rom 5:15)

Gospel:

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." (Mt 10:28)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ promises to acknowledge us before his Father if we will acknowledge him. In what ways are we called to acknowledge Christ today? In what ways are we tempted to deny him, to distance ourselves from him? **©LPi**

Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, "Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." Fear. in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us? - Father John Muir ©LPi

Questions of the

Week **Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

First Reading:

We hear how the prophet Jeremiah turned to God when he felt alone and attacked. What do you need to pray to God for this week?

Second Reading:

Paul taught that through the grace of God, Christ reversed the sin of Adam, which brought death to all. When have you felt God's grace in your life?

Gospel:

Jesus encourages his disciples not to be afraid. What ae some fears you have that you could turn over to God? ©I Pi



(PRACTICING) By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Necklace

I have a necklace that originally belonged to my great-grandmother. I don't really know much about the man who gave it to her, most of those details have been lost to time. But I know that he wanted to marry her, and that she refused, and it had something to do with religion — ultimately, he did not share her faith. And while I've certainly seen many interfaith couples have loving and successful marriages, in this particular case, my great-grandmother discerned that this would not be one of those marriages.

Like I said, I don't have many details about this man, but I know that she felt she couldn't marry him because it might jeopardize the souls of her children, and therefore the souls of their children, and their children after them — me. She turned him down because of me. My great-grandmother never sold that

Readings for the Week of June 25, 2023

Sunday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday:

Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/ Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday:

Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/ Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday:

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 7:15-20

Thursday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/ Mt 16:13-19

Friday:

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/ Mt 8:1-4

Saturday:

Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

necklace, not even when the Great Depression further reduced her financial circumstances. She kept it, and she gave it to her daughter, who gave it to her daughter, who gave it to me. The necklace is always given with a warning: there is something worse than being poor, worse than being scared, worse even than being desperate. Worse than all of these things is separation from God.

When I wear this necklace, I think about my grandmother and this man she possibly loved a hundred years ago. I think of the many decisions we make every day - large and small, good and bad — that reverberate down through the generations in ways we cannot, at the time, imagine. I think of the God who knows every hair on my head.

"And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." Matthew 10:28

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A UNIQUE, UNIVERSALLY FUN, CATHOLIC THEATER ARTS CAMP: CLASP

(Catholic Literature & Arts Summer Program), Sun., Jul. 30 through Sat., Aug. 5, 2023. Seasoned educators, dedicated artists, and coaches share expertise and collaborate with the next generation

of actors, playwrights, directors, and artists. High School teens stretch their talents through activities of their choice: acting, dancing, vocals, and set design. Peers and professionals enlighten, educate, inspire, and share enthusiasm and desire for everyone to succeed, no matter previous experience or ability. The team's hard work and collaboration are realized at the end of the week in a public performance of an original musical on Sat., Aug. 5. Grow in artistry, personal identity, and faith in this empowering program. Kids aged 5 through 12 can join us for Jr. CLASP, 9 am-1 pm, Wed. Aug. 2, through Fri. Aug. 4 and Sat. Aug. 5, for the performance; camp & performance space located in Wappingers Falls, NY. Application and deposit must be received by Jul. 17, 2023; apply online: https://secure.ggiv.com/for/ capuchinyfm/event/860763/





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Middle School: 6th thru 8th Grade Full Time Humanities Teacher PreKindergarten (4's & young 5's): 2 Part Time Classroom Aides

Please contact Mrs. Kerri Work for more information: <u>kwork@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net</u>



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